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Welcome to 85xr.com!

This website is an ongoing record of how I build and use my 1985 Merkur XR4Ti.Â

This car was purchased by my parents brand new in 1985, and was passed to me when I turned 15. It is really neat to know the entire history of the car. Most cars of its demographic (can car's have demographics?) have been passed through many hands and their complete history is most commonly unknown. When I turned 15 in 1995, I got this XR, and at that time I was a typical high schooler obsessed with boost. While the only performance mod I made at that time was a Superchip (255hp chip), I drove the car too hard with little respect for the engine. A few years later the engine gave up. Upon graduation from JMU in 2002, I located a house with a garage, move in, and began the top-to-bottom transformation that is outlined throughout this site.

My goal with this page is to document my projects and events so that the Merkur community can grow! Feel free to print whatever you need for your project. If it's something that required thought, a little credit would be appreciated. Enjoy!!