

# Torbjörn's Mountain Victor



Torbjörn Writes...

I was always a petrol-head, but as life goes by with school, work, wife, kids, house - no time for the motors! Then, eventually, you get a chance, in my case after the divorce and a job opportunity in a country with high mountains and lovely winters – Switzerland.

I always kept an eye on what was available online, and of course a lot of lovely cars on offer like E-Type's and Corvette C1's, but moneywise out of my league. And I didn't want something that everyone had, like a Spitfire, but UK origin! Eventually, I discovered an advertisement of a 1960 Vauxhall Victor Super for a reasonable price.



I drove over to the seller, a well-known brit-car specialist here, to take a look. Lovely workshop, Jag's, Roll's, MG's all over the place.

I looked at the Victor on the lift, and after a test-drive, it was mine! Rust-free, never restored, original paint, freshly revised gear box and one official owner (except the workshop). I have the original papers of the first owner, born 1898!

I live in Laax, a ski-resort in the alps at 1100m, which, as I'll soon discover, is not the best place for "Voxi", as I call 'er. Up-down-up-down, originally 55 horses, now some dead, some in bad shape, but she always gets me home.



Photo by Susanne Rothmund

Sadly, I don't take her out as much as I should, only a couple of times a year. I've been considering selling 'er due to lack of real driving opportunities.

In-between, I've got myself a Daimler Sovereign 4.2 1975 for the passes.



The snowy photos are from April last year, as the pass Oberalp (2046m/6713ft) just reopened after the winter closure, and we made the short trip. We had a "garage breakfast" that Saturday, just below the pass and so I arrived 15 min. after the rest...

Voxi is made in Switzerland! Due to customs, GM assembled round about 330.000 cars of all flavours in Switzerland in-between mid 30's and the mid 70's.

The only lighthouse in the Alps stands at the source of the Rhine at 2,046 metres in the middle of the Swiss mountains. It is a replica of the one which once stood at the mouth of the Rhine into the sea in Hoek van Holland, Netherlands.

The photo below is our annual meet in Disentis, where about 250 vehicles attended, such as cars, motorcycles, tractors, and similar vehicles from all eras up to the year 2000, and some 1000 visitors.

She is also featured on Wikipedia as Swiss car, scroll down a bit:  
[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vauxhall\\_Victor](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vauxhall_Victor)

Happy motoring  
Torbjörn



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