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A trio of Austrian iron horses

In the early 1960s the Austrian company Steyr-Daimler-Puch AG produced a light-weight (600 kg) cross-country (4wd, front and rear differential locks) called the Haflinger. It was marketed for military and civilian uses. It was powered by a thunderous 643 cc 2-cylinder engine putting out 28 hp.

At one time, this little pony held the world record for driving to the highest elevation of any motorized vehicle when a two-man expedition team from Innsbruck drove to 5,680m (18,460 ft) while exploring the Inca temples on the flanks of Mt. Llullaillaco, Chile.

The frame was also unique in that it was essentially a single tube down the

centre of the vehicle within which the drive shafts spun. The suspension was independent and the axles were of course, portal (spur gears on the out board ends) with front and rear lockers. The Haflinger shown here was purchased by Kristal Dale of Olympia Washington from: <http://www.expedition-imports.com/> located in Vallejo California in 2005. It is a 1963 700 AP-series I with the series II crawler gear. This provides a crawl ratio of 95:1 but that is a lot considering the 12" rims sport a tire diameter of about 23"! Kristal's Haflinger was originally purchased by the Swiss army as a reconnaissance and base-transport vehicle. Kristal bought it to use around the farm and have fun with.

In the early 1970s this Austrian company introduced a 'super' 4 wheel drive model called the Pinzgauer, named after another local horse breed. Like the Haflinger, it has center tube frame, independent suspension, portal axles and an air-cooled engine although the Pinz has a 4-cylinder 2.5-litre 90 hp engine and hydraulic actuated lockers. It was origi-

Below from left:

The orange 1973 Pinzgauer 710M shown here is owned by Hans Purdy of Tacoma, Washington, Kristal Dale's 1963 700 AP-series I Haflinger is at the centre while, Erik Purdon's 1973 Pinzgauer 712M 6x6 is at right.

