



TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI: Biographical Information

Tom and Ray Magliozzi, the Peabody Award-winning hosts of **Car Talk** on **NPR**, are better known as “**Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers**” — taking their names from the clickety-clack sound made by aging autos. Tom and Ray dispense car advice in the accents of the tough East Cambridge neighborhood in which they grew up. Both are graduates of MIT.

In 1973, the brothers opened **Hacker’s Haven**, a do-it-yourself garage in Cambridge, MA, which provided rented space and tools for clients fixing their own cars. But as hippies turned into yuppies and car repair became more complicated, Hacker’s Haven became the **Good News Garage**, a conventional car repair service.

In 1977, Tom accepted an invitation to the studios of **WBUR** in Boston to discuss car repair, along with other area mechanics. When he was invited back the following week, he asked, “Can I bring my brother?” The Magliozzis were given their own weekly program, **Car Talk**, which soon attracted a large local following. Ten years later, in October 31, 1987, **Car Talk** premiered on **NPR**.

Now, **Car Talk** is heard each week by **3 million listeners** on over **600 public radio stations**. It’s also heard all over the globe via satellite, on commercial stations, and via the stations of Armed Forces Radio. **Car Talk’s podcast** consistently ranks as one of **iTune’s most popular**, with over **1 million downloads a month**, and growing!

Tom Magliozzi holds a doctorate in marketing and has taught at Boston and Suffolk Universities; he now runs his own consulting business. Ray Magliozzi is still at the Good News Garage. The brothers also produce **Click and Clack**, a **King Features Syndicate** newspaper column which appears in **over 330 newspapers**, and an award-winning website, **cartalk.com**, which attracts more than **100,000 unique visitors** per week.

Tom and Ray have partnered with **Chronicle Books** for a variety of projects, including the “**Car Talk Puzzler Deck**,” the “**Car Talk Road Trip Journal and Maintenance Log**,” a series of **Car Talk Page-a-Day Calendars**, and *Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk* a collection of the best of the **Car Talk** newspaper columns.



Tom and Ray's most recent books are *In Our Humble Opinion* and *A Haircut in Horsetown and Other Great Car Talk Puzzlers*. Their most recent albums include **"Field Guide to the North American Wacko," "Doesn't Anyone Screen These Calls?: Calls about Animals and Cars," "Maternal Combustion: Calls about Moms and Cars," "Born Not to Run: More Disrespectful Car Songs," "The Hatchback of Notre Dame: More Car Talk Classics," and "Car Talk Car Tunes: The Car Talk Compendium of Disrespectful Car Songs, Volume 1."**

In the spring of 2008, Tom and Ray hosted **"Car of the Future,"** on **PBS's NOVA** series. In the summer of 2008, their own weekly animated sitcom, *As the Wrench Turns*, debuted on **PBS**.

Car Talk is produced for **NPR** by **Dewey, Cheetham & Howe** and **WBUR** in Boston. For more information, call **Doug Berman** at **617.876.6632**.