



# Exhaust Whistle



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## August Meeting

Business dinner meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 6pm  
at Ranch House Makarios Family Restaurant  
2931 Columbiana Rd., Vestavia Hills, AL 35216



Welcome to James Wagon of Pelham AL, our newest member. He recently showed this beautiful Cadillac at the Grand National in Bettendorf, IA where it won a Senior Grand National.



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## *A Note From The*

# PRESIDENT

Oh, my goodness! Another busy month! 1,050.00 miles to Hamilton, NY, then 735 miles to Bettendorf, IA.

Both trips and shows were amazing. What a fantastic country we live in with beautiful scenery, amazing people and places. We got to do a few back roads on the way to Hamilton which is something we always enjoy. You get to see the true beauty of the countryside whether it is the rolling hills of New York, the farms of Pennsylvania or the corn fields in Illinois. And of course the main streets of the small towns with the courthouses and downtown squares of shops hold all kinds of interesting finds.

For those of you are interested in touring, there will be a Central Divisional Tour in Piqua, Ohio from September 13-16. The tour looks to have something for almost everyone to enjoy.

If you have never been to Hershey, PA to see the show and flea market, the deadline for the October show has been extended so you still have a chance to sign up. It is an amazing place to visit in its own right, but the show and flea market are absolutely an experience that you have to be there to understand. And, of course, the AACA Headquarters and AACA Library & Research Center are in Hershey. The AACA Library & Research Center is open and free to the public. You can call and initiate a research request, but it is so much better to visit in person. There will be a Library yard sale behind the Headquarters on Tuesday, Oct 3rd for anyone who needs to add to their personal reference library.

We will discuss at our meeting on Thursday what opportunities there are for us to get together and get the cars on the road. Please bring suggestions for what you would like to see the club to do.

If you can't come, please send me an email.  
Hope to see you Thursday!

*Vicki Bolton*



# *What Have You Been Up To?*

## Special Spring Nationals in Hamilton, New York

We took a couple of detours on the way to the show in Hamilton. We went by the Weavertown Coach Shop to drop off our Sears Auto Buggy for some work on the wood body and also on the leather.

We have been stopping by the Buggy Shop for a number of years and Mr. King is always welcoming and gracious. In the early years, the shop tools were run by a combination of air and belts. The shop now is a more modern shop and is run by batteries and air. The work they do is truly amazing.



Station where they work on the buggy wheels



New buggies ready for delivery



A wheel in progress



Left: Propane light used to be the only light in the shop. Right: Now there are also battery operated lights

From there we went to the parking lot of the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA to pick up the 1948 Crosley Convertible Sedan. We had just purchased this car and took it to Hamilton to be

entered in the show.



The latest addition to the collection, a 1948 Crosley convertible sedan



Crosley's seem to show up in the strangest places

Hamilton is a small college town named after Alexander Hamilton. It is home to Colgate University.

We actually got there a day earlier than expected so we had time to go exploring and went to the next town over, Cortland, to visit the Central NY Living History Center. The museum has many displays related to local and national events. Displays include tractors and cars. The museum also has an incredible display of Brockway Trucks.



Some of the smaller trucks on display



A great view of the big trucks from the second floor

The show was held on the grounds of the White Eagle Conference Center. It rained in the morning but cleared for the show. It was a very nice show and a good banquet.



Some of the beautiful cars at the show



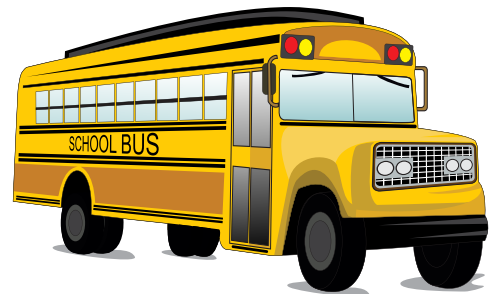
What a great way to close out the day! Friends gathered around the fire pit with s'mores. - Vicki



**REMINDER: If you haven't made a donation to the AAC Building Maintenance Fund yet, it's not too late.**

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*Schools are in session so please be careful on the roads, those children are our kids and grandkids.*

# HCCA Tour in Sylacauga - July 10-14

After racing from St. Augustine to Colorado Springs, then driving an antique car (41 Ford sedan) to South Dakota. I hadn't had enough of this hobby and leapt into the HCCA North Carolina Region tour in Sylacauga Alabama.

I just didn't have the energy or gumption to prep a Marmon for this tour and just chose to do the never-before-done act of showing up without a car and just



driving along in the modern. I'll admit, there's been a small inkling of regret, but it was the perfect way to handle a five day event that I was not prepared for.

We visited the Horseshoe Bend National Park, the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum, the Talladega Motor Speedway and International Motorsports Hall of Fame and go to the Barber's Museum in Leeds.

It's been really nice having Sally Barnett and James Meridith along for a couple days around cars while visiting with our best friends in the car hobby, Paul Ianuario, the irascible Stevie Wyatt, and many



others really make the HCCANCR a hoot to be with.

I've dropped a bunch of pics, but the ones of Paul's 1912 Hudson Model 33 "mile-a-minute" speedster, the first purpose built race car available to the American buying public from a manufacturer, while it sat in the winners circle of the Talladega Superspeedway amid the donut tracks of so many cars that followed in the path that the Hudson carved .....that was a moment,



and these pics don't do it justice, but i tried.

There was also a private collection of Ford's and a couple of amazing cars like the only model of the Hamblet Automobile ever made. It still retains its grace and beauty 114 years after she was made. It's a real privilege to see these super rare cars do what they were made to do. - Sam



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## Dixie Region Calendar

August 24 .....	Membership Meeting
September 28 .....	Membership Meeting
October 26 .....	Membership Meeting
November 16 (Third) .....	Membership Meeting
December 14 (Second) .....	Membership Meeting

## Dixie Region Classifieds

For sale: 1959 Morris Minor 2 door sedan. A solid and complete car that was daily driven in 2015-17, hasn't been touched since 2020. Will need tires and rubber for all glass. Questionable taste two tone beige and chocolate paint job and very incorrect but functional interior. Located near Huntsville, \$3000. Call or text Sam Barnett at 205-482-0165.

For sale : 1966 Jaguar Mark X. 4.2 with factory air. 305 Chevy engine, TH 400. Turns over easily. Hasn't run since 2016. Lots of extra parts. Solid car with decent interior, \$6500. Call James Meredith at 205-492-5546.

## Motors at The Museum

September 2, 2023 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST

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## A Note From The

# EDITOR

The hot weather should be breaking soon. The kids are back in school. We are ready to enjoy our cars in some cooler than 100 degree weather.

There are more than enough shows to attend in the next few months. Please take a minute and check the listings in the newsletter and on our Great Southern Region Website at [greatsouthern.aaca.com](http://greatsouthern.aaca.com).

We are still working on our new logo but we do have the website up and running. Our next adventure will be to get the facebook page for our region going.

Our club is growing! When you are out and about in your old cars take some membership applications with you.

When you sign someone up online with AACA, be sure to put your name and region in the memo section. AACA sends out a pin to those that get a new member. I have one for every year that I have been a member of AACA.

Here is to dreaming of cooler weather and many trips down the road in at least one of our cars.

*Charlotte Dahlenburg*



The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2023 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military.

These complimentary 2023 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.





# ACA Calendar

## September 14-16

**2023 AACA Special Central Divisional Tour** (Up to 1998)

Location: Piqua, Ohio. Sponsor: Southern Ohio Chapter

## September 25 - 29

**2023 AACA Western Divisional Tour** (Up to 1998)

Location: California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley Sponsor: AACA Santa Barbara Region

## October 3 - 6

**2023 Eastern Fall Nationals**

Location: Hershey, Pennsylvania Sponsor: AACA Hershey Region  
Flee market set-up is Monday (2nd); show date is Friday (6th)

## October 22-27

**2023 Revival AAA Glidden Tour** (Pre-1943)

Location: Thomasville, Georgia. Sponsor: VMCCA

## February 8-10

**2024 Annual Convention** Chantilly, VA

## March 17-23

**Founders Tour** (1932-1998)

Location: Louisiana Sponsor: Louisiana Region

## March 21-24

**Special Winter Nationals**

Location: Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Sponsor: Puerto Rico Region

## April 4-6

**Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals**

Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina. Sponsor: Hornets Nest Region

## June 20-22

**Eastern Spring Nationals**

Location: Saratoga Springs, NY. Sponsor: Saratoga Region

# Local Calendar

## Cruise Ins

**1st Tuesday** - 5-8pm Petro Bucksville 22526 Highway 216 McCalla

**Thursday Weekly** - 6-9pm VFW Post 6022, 7001 University Blvd E, Cottondale

**1st Saturday** - 8-11am Hoovers Tactical Firearms Cruise In 1561 Montgomery Hwy. Hoover. Hosted by Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club

**1st Saturday** - 3pm Jan - Mar 5pm Apr-Dec 202 South Gilmer Ave, Lanett, AL More info Billy Humphrey at mrmopar622@gmail.com. Free event

**First Saturday** - Cruising on the Square. 9-2pm. Downtown Jasper (April - Sept)

**2nd Saturday** - 5-8pm Apr-Oct Bee Line Highway Classics & Cruisers Railroad St, Hartselle

**2nd Saturday** - 6-9pm Apr-Oct Alabama Misfits Jack's Exit 267 off I-65 1195 Walker Chapel Rd, Flutondale

**2nd Saturday** - 8-11am - Magic City Octane. Saks Fifth Plaza 129 Summit Blvd, Birmingham

**3rd Saturday** - 6pm Tallassee Shopping Center 400 Gilmer Ave

**3rd Saturday** - 2-5pm Hooters Hwy 119 & Oak Mountain Park Road, Pelham

**3rd Saturday** - 3:30-8:30pm Home Depot 41310 US Hwy 280 Sylacauga

**3rd Saturday - 4:30-7:30pm** Home Depot 3784 US 431 Phenix City

**3rd Saturday** - 6-9pm Jack's Drive in Bluntsville (May-Aug)

**4th Saturday** - 5-9pm Pizza Bar 141 2nd St NW Carbon Hill

**4th Saturday** - 8-10:30am 1110 Sparkman St. NW Hartselle American Legion Post 52

**Saturday Weekly** 8:30-10:30 Shops of Colonnade 3418 Colonnade Pkwy, Birmingham

**3rd Sunday - 1-5pm** Casual Pint, 5541 Grove Blvd, Hoover

**Last Saturday - 5pm-?** 7900 Vaughn Rd at Taylor Rd Montgomery

## Shows

### August

**19 Indoor Vette Spectacular Car Show.** 9-2pm. Irondale Civic Center 3521 Ratclife Road. Pre-register at midalcorvette.com. Info at 205-368-1869

**19 All Wheels Cruise in.** 8am-1pm. Fulton Ave, Brantley (behind Brantly High School) \$20 reg. Trophies, awards, 50/50, door prizes, food, music, all rides welcome, vendors welcome. 100% profit helping the schools. Info 334.429.1688

**26 THA Honest Alex City Modern & Retro Car, Truck & Bike Show** 2593 US-280, Alaxander City, AL Info at 304-993-1318

**26 Car Show Jackson Thornton & Co.** 213 Tallapoosa St Montgomery. Reg 9 am Judging 11:00 Awards 11:30. \$20 registration. Proceeds go to St Jude. Info Jack 334-717-0775

**26 Tannehill VolksJam 2023** 9am-3pm Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park 12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla. Held at beautiful and historic Tannehill State Park. Awards given for Best ofs, Top 20 cars and some special awards. First 50 entries receive a goody bag. Camping is available on site through the park itself. A dinner cruise will be arranged for the Friday evening before the show.

**27 End of Summer Thrift Drift.** 8am-7pm. \$145 to drive. MidPond Race Complex 6230 Co Rd 26 Columbiana, AL 35051

### September

**2 Choccolocco Car Show at Wellborn Park.** 8-2pm \$20 for show vehicles, free to public. Open to all vehicles. Info Zachary 256-239-5269.

**9 Oars and Octane Car Show.** 10am -3pm. Gogue Performing Arts Center 910 South College Street, Auburn. \$20 reg. All cars are welcome. 12 Award categories, Food trucks, Crowd voting. Email support@oarsandoctane.com

**9 21st Annual Cars by the Creek.** 9am All vehicles welcome. Best Decade, Best of show, 50/50. Restored tractor show Register online carsbythecreek.com



- 16 Munford Veterans 2023 Car, Truck & Tractor Show** 9-2pm. 82 Railroad Street, Munford. Live Music, Crafts, Food Vendors, Door Prizes, 50/50. \$20 entry Fee. Proceeds go to Munford Veterans Park
- 16 Lakeside Custom Car, Truck and Bike Show** 9am Lakeside Park, 2801 Stemly Bridge Rd, Pell City AL. Live music, Car Show, Vendors, Food Trucks, Kids activities, 50/50, Raffles every hour. Battle of the Badges, Corn hole Tournament. Info 205-200-0359.
- 16 All Pontiac Models & Year Car Show** Goose Pond Park 906 7th St N, Clanton. AL 8-2. Food, Money Tree, 50/50, Live Auction Contact 334-646-0855
- 16 Harvest Car Show** 3pm, 6th Avenue Downtown Altoona. Free family event, Live Music, Food Trucks, Car competition
- 16 All Pontiac Models and Years Car Show.** Starts at 8 am. Goose Pond Park 906 7th St N. Clanton AL 35045 Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House. Info Wayne 334-646-0855
- 16 6th Annual Jack Day Car Show/ 20th Annual Jack Day Community Festival.** 9-2pm. Located at the practice field for Zion Chapel School. Info Jerry 334-464-0030
- 16 2nd Annual Car Show,** 9-2pm. Birmingham First Church of the Nazarene, 1998 Shades Crest Rd, Vestavia Hills. \$20 reg. 5 trophies, Free to public, Info 205-822-4520
- 23 49th Annual Mule Day Car & Bike Show.** 8-2pm. Winfield Middle School, 481 Apple Ave. Winfield. \$20 Reg. T-Shirt and 6pack DR Peper to first 100 reg. 50/50, Music, Parade, Festival, Vendors. Top 25 and Best of Shows. Mike 205-412-2558
- 23 Flomation Railroad Junction Day** Info at Glenn 251-867-4781
- 23 4th Annual Maxwell Exchange Car Truck & Bike Show.** 10am-2pm. Classic, Antique, Muscle, Kit All vehicles welcome. AAFES Parking Lot 355 South Kelly St. Bldg. 1090, Maxwell AFB. Contact Keigan 334-235-0699
- 24 3rd Annual Drive In Car Meet** 3-6pm 313 Valley Ave, Homewood at the Sonic
- 27 Wheels for the World Cruise-In Car Show** 4-6pm 2501 Mt. Olive Rd, Mt. Olive, AL. Free to public, Entrants receive one fee meal ticket. Awards, giveaways, concessions. Evangel

Mt Olive Church

- 30 The James Snow Memorial Car/Truck/Bike Show N Go.** No entry Fee. Start location of Memorial Autocade - Petro, 22526 Hwy 216, McCalla Contact: alabamashownshine@yahoo.com
- 30 Cars at the Cave 10am-3pm Gates open at 8am for registration. Rickwood Caverns State Park. General Admission \$3. Free registration for all vehicles. Park office 205-647-9692**
- 30 The Salvation Army Fall car & Truck Show.** 8am-12pm 114 N 11th Street, Gadsden. Reg \$20. Info 256-295-0812
- 30 Harpersville Day Cr Show** 8am-1pm In conjunction with Harpersville Day. \$10 entry fee at the gate. All proceeds to got to Mt. Zion Baptist Church

#### October

- 7 Hayden Day Car Show 9am-2pm.** Hayden Town Hall, Door prizes, Cash drawings, \$1000 money tree, 50/50. Reg. \$10. Info Alton 205.913.8932
- 7 Southeast Alabama Fall Automotive/Motorcycle Swap Meet & Cruise In.** 8am-12pm. USA Town Center Outlet, Opelika Info 334-750-1507
- 14 Immortal Riahs Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show.** 9am. Charles E Bailey Sportsplex, 1685 Acrean Rd, Aleander City. Registration at 256-537-1384
- 21 Odenville Car Show** 9am-2pm. St. Clair County High School, 16700 US 411, Odenville. 50/50 drawing, auction and hundreds of amazing vehicles PLUS more food, and more awards! Registration forms at <https://odenvillechamber.com/car-show/>
- 21 Cruisin the Square** 9am-2pm Downtown Jasper. Live entertainment. No registration fee Drawings and give aways Info Glenn 205-544-0844
- 28 TWCC 2nd Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show** 8-2pm 9310 Hwy. 69Nm Northport. Bring a toy for registration. Awards, door prizes, and food trucks.

#### November

- 3 McCalla Machines Vendor Fair and Car Meet** 11am-2pm. Petro Travel Center 22562 Hwy 216 McCalla. Info alabamashownshine@yahoo.com

## Do You Know About the Mileage Award Program?

*Reprinted from the Speedster*

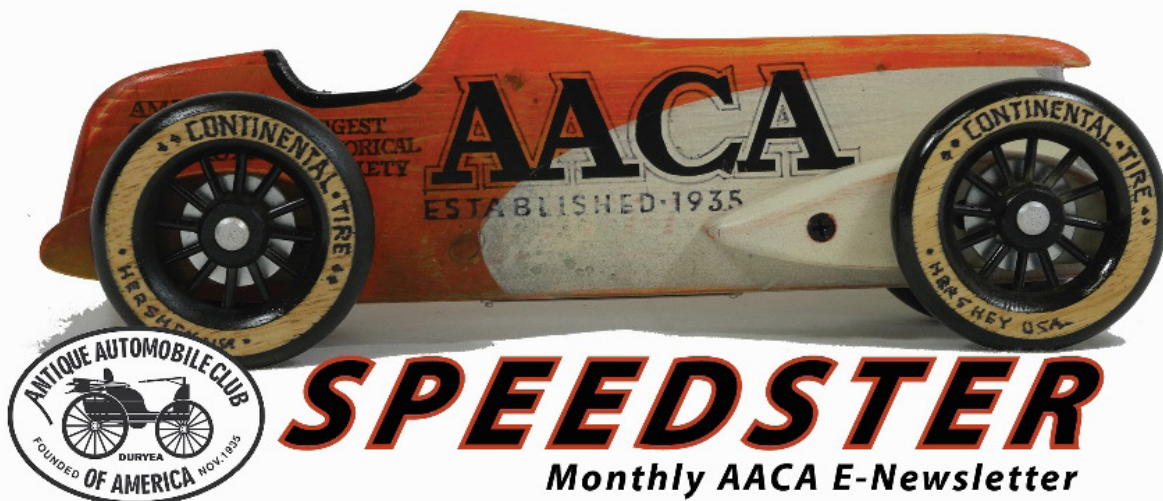
If you enjoy driving your antique vehicle, start your engine and get recognized for driving your AACA - approved vehicles throughout the calendar year with the Mileage Award Program (MAP). Participation is voluntary and tracking mileage is your responsibility.

Any time a vehicle is driven - anywhere for any reason - the mileage

counts towards the award level. Once you sign up, you will receive a badge and awards at 2,000 and 5,000 and each 5,000 mile increment thereafter. The cost to become a MAP member is a one-time fee of \$25.

Go to [http://www.aaca.org/images/pdf/AACA\\_Mileage\\_Award\\_Program\\_Application.pdf](http://www.aaca.org/images/pdf/AACA_Mileage_Award_Program_Application.pdf) for a Mileage Award Program application.





## Want a Car Sign for the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA?

Deadline to Order: September 6

Save on shipping for car signs for Hershey and pick up your sign on the show field at the AACA merchandise tent on Friday, October 6. ALL car sign requests received after Monday, August 21, for the Hershey show MUST be picked up on the show field. Any car sign requests requiring shipping received between August 21 and September 6 will NOT ship until Monday, October 9.

This is the only official AACA recommended car show sign and is intended for use at AACA events. The AACA car sign format, styled similarly to other Concours signs, when properly weighted or staked would limit potential damage to vehicles if bumped or blown. Signs are 16.5" tall and 12" wide and are made of hard plastic to withstand the elements. These signs are only available to AACA members and are custom created to tell your vehicle's story and history.

The signs cost \$45 plus shipping, and an image can be added to your sign for an additional \$5.

Please allow 4 weeks for the production of your sign from start to finish.

Contact Jon Curtis at AACA Headquarters if you would like to have a sign made: [jcurtis@aca.org](mailto:jcurtis@aca.org) or 717-534-1910.



Speedster articles courtesy of AACA

## July Meeting Minutes

No Monthly Meeting was held in July





# An Urban Legend

The year 1964 was something of a stellar year for Lee Iacocca. The primary thing responsible for such was the introduction of the 1964 Model Mustang. All 64.5 mustangs, if they can be called such, carry a 1965 VIN and no official Ford production number exist. Not for 64 or 65 or any combination of the same. I think Ford had prototypes produced as early as 1962 but I don't know if any of them were publicly driven.

Ford apparently now says the few 1964 1/2 were built prior to May 1, 1964 which supposedly total 101 cars. Any car people, especially Mustang aficionados, know there were Mustangs bought and sold prior to October 1, 1964. The question remains as to whether the Mustangs produced from day one of production, which I believe was April 17, 1964, as day one. One supposed reason for Lee Iacocca releasing the Mustang six months early was the rumor mill of his competitor, Chevrolet and the developing Camaro. Capital competition rules most all sales. Thus, a true 1964 1/2 does not exist, unless the production date is prior to May 1, 1964 - Ross Sloan

Reprinted from Mustangmaniac.org

## 50 Cool Mustang Facts

1. Ford Motor Co. built two mid engine Mustang-badged concept cars: the 1962 Mustang 1 and the 1968 Mach II.

2. After the Edsel flop, Ford formed a committee to create and review future products. It was called the Fairlane Committee because it met in the Fairlane Motel close to Ford's Dearborn, Mich., headquarters. The Mustang was the committee's first major hit.

3. Various names were evaluated before Mustang was chosen. At least two of the rejected names eventually appeared on Ford vehicles: Cougar and Torino. Frank Thomas, A J. Walter Thompson account executive who worked on the name research, once said Mustang rose to the top "because it had the excitement of wide open spaces and was American as all hell."

4. Gale Halderman's design that was selected as the basis of the production Mustang was originally called Cougar. Halderman and his boss, Joseph Oros, pushed hard for the Cougar name.

5. Buhlie Ford, a nephew of Henry Ford II, took a ride in an early Mustang convertible in the spring of 1964 and left the car in a downtown Detroit parking lot. The Detroit Free Press published photos of the car in what was considered a major scoop before the official unveiling.



6. On April 16, 1964, the day before its public unveiling in New York, Ford sponsored simultaneous programs on the three major TV networks as part of a national marketing blitz. The Mustang was seen by 29 million people during prime time. The next day, Mustang ads ran in more than 2,600 newspapers.

7. Ford took the Mustang on the road since many people could not see the car at its New York debut or at a dealership. The Mustang was put on display at 70 high-traffic metropolitan sites nationwide, 15 major airport terminals, in 100 Holiday Inns and on billboards in more than 170 markets.

8. In 1964, the Mustang's base price — \$2,368 — was featured prominently in the company's initial advertising. It was \$1,000 lower than that of the closest competition.

9. Ford originally forecast about 100,000 Mustang sales in the first year. More than 400,000 were sold.

10. Ford Division General Manager Lee Iacocca credited the Mustang's simultaneous appearance on the covers of Time and Newsweek in April 1964 with selling an extra 100,000 Mustangs.

11. Once the name was selected, the horse logo in the Mustang grille took on many forms, including what resembled a knight on a chessboard. Ford designers had the Mustang galloping to the right, similar to the way horses race on a track, and also moving left. Ultimately, Lee Iacocca said, "the Mustang is a wild horse, not a domesticated racer," and designer Gale Halderman felt the pony should always face left, the way designer Phil



Clark first drew it.

12. Just weeks before the car's debut, there were still Mustangs featuring the galloping horse badge in the grille facing right instead of left.

13. After the Mustang's debut at the New York World's Fair in April 1964, 124 journalists were the first to drive Mustangs as part of the Ford Mustang Road Rally from Westchester Country Club in suburban New York to Dearborn, with a stop at Niagara Falls along the way.

14. In addition to plants in Dearborn and Flat Rock, Mich., the Mustang has been built in San Jose, Calif., and Metuchen, N.J.

15. Ford sold a million Mustangs in the first 24 months after it went on sale — the fastest time for a new nameplate to produce that amount of sales volume.

16. In the 1960s, a limited number of Mustangs were produced at plants in Mexico and the Netherlands.

17. Approximately 250 right-hand-drive Mustangs were sold in Australia between 2001 and 2003. They were all converted in Australia by Tickford Vehicle Engineering under contract from Ford.

18. Mustang serial No. #001, a preproduction model used for a promotional tour and not meant to be sold, was inadvertently sold by a dealer to a Canadian airline pilot, Capt. Stanley Tucker. In March 1966, Ford traded the 1 millionth Mustang to Tucker in exchange for the first car.

19. The 2015 Mustang is the first to have independent rear suspension across the board, but not the first to have the technology. The SVT Cobra from 1999 to 2004 had an independent rear suspension, and in 1963, three first-generation Mustang prototypes were tested with an independent rear suspension system.

20. The 1974-78 Mustang II was considered by many to be an underperformer, but when it was launched, it offered performance comparable to the much larger and heavier 1971-73 models, despite having a smaller engine.

21. Between 1964 and 1978, the Mustang was sold in Germany through a limited number of Ford dealers and the U.S. military PX system as the Ford T5. The Mustang trademark in Germany at the time was owned by truckmaker Krupp.

22. More than 161,000 Mustangs — including T5s — have been sold outside North America, and there are nearly 100 owners' clubs overseas from New Zealand to Poland and from South Africa to Iceland.

23. The most valuable Mustang to sell at auction was a 1967 Shelby GT500 Super Snake, which went for \$1.3 million last May. The top 10 Mustangs sold at auction have fetched a combined total of nearly \$7.6 million.

24. Famed Italian designer Giorgetto. Guigiaro has created two Mustang-based concepts in his career. The 2007 Giugiaro Mustang is the better known. In 1965, when he was still working at the Bertone studio, Guigiaro designed the Bertone Mustang, which was commissioned by Automobile Quarterly.

25. At least three Mustang shooting brakes, or station wagons, have been designed in the Ford studio and made it at least as far as full-sized clay models — one was even a functional prototype — during the past 50 years.

26. At least one four-door Mustang sedan was created, in 1964, presumed to be a potential replacement for the Falcon.

27. A late pre-production black Mustang hardtop was customized for Henry Ford II and included a custom Lincoln leather interior and hand-painted pinstripes. Ford later gave the car to his driver, who kept it until he sold it to the current owner, a Farmington Hills, Mich., man who still owns it.

28. The first Mustang sold to a retail customer, Ford says, was purchased by Chicago schoolteacher Gail Brown on April 15, 1964, two days before the official on-sale date. Brown, who became Gail



*A 2010 photo of Gail Wise, the first known retail buyer of a Mustang, with her 1965 convertible bought in Chicago. She still owns it and it has been restored*

Wise when she married her husband, Tom, still owns the car.

29. The first turbocharged engine in a Mustang debuted in the 1979 model, a 2.3-liter with 132 hp, under far less stringent emissions standards than today. By 1985, the limited production, fuel-injected Mustang SVO was up to 205 hp. The 2015 Mustang with EcoBoost will have more than 305 hp and 300 pounds-feet of torque from the same displacement.

30. In 1989, Mustang nearly went front-wheel-drive with a coupe based on the Mazda MX-6. Late in the program, the decision was made to preserve the Mustang and redesign it on a rear-wheel-drive platform. The fwd coupe became the Probe, which lived only until 1997 before being replaced by the Mercury Cougar, which was discontinued in 2002.

31. The Mustang is one of fewer than 10 nameplates to survive in continuous production for more than 50 years without missing a model year.

32. Contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as a 1964½ Mustang. Starting from serial No. #001 — the car inadvertently sold to Stanley Tucker — all the cars produced had 1965 VIN codes. There is a gap of 80,000 to 100,000 in the 1965 VINs around June-July 1964 that coincides with the switch from a generator on the engines to an alternator. The gap is considered by many Mustang aficionados to be the dividing line between '64½ and '65 models.

33. Mustangs have appeared in films and on TV shows more than 3,300 times in the past 50 years, according to [mustangimdb.com](http://mustangimdb.com). The site was started by the founder of the Icelandic Mustang Club.

34. In 1968, Ford introduced the Mustang Cobra Jet, a factory-built turnkey drag-race car with 335 hp from a big-block V-8. At 662 hp, today's GT500 nearly doubles that while meeting modern emissions standards on the street.

35. In October 1965, Ford engineers sliced a 1966 Mustang into four sections and took it up on a passenger elevator to the 86th floor observation deck of New York's Empire State Building, where it was reassembled and placed on display.

36. The third-generation Mustang — the so-called fox body — was produced from the 1979 to the 1993 model year, the longest run of any Mustang. However, the only example from that generation that featured the pony badge on the exterior was the 1993 SVT Cobra, which had a small one placed in the grille. Other Mustangs of that generation featured a pony on the passenger side of the dashboard only.

37. Two teams of designers at Ford's Dearborn headquarters and a third from the Ford-owned Ghia studio in Italy began competing in 1975 to create the all-new third-generation Mustang that became the fox body Mustang.

38. "Thou shall never do a slantback front end." That was the house rule from Gene Bordinat, Ford's longtime head of design, as planning for the third-generation Mustang got under way in the mid-1970s. "Henry Ford II only wants vertical front ends, and



he'll show us the door if we ever try anything like" a slantback. The final design — championed by Jack Telnack, who had returned to Dearborn from a stint as head of design for Ford of Europe, resulted in a lean, 2,700-pound curb weight and improved outward visibility. The Mustang's new European-influenced shape was Ford's first serious stab at

reducing air resistance with the lowest drag coefficient on the road at the time — 0.44 for the fastback and 0.46 for the notchback.

39. The Mustang has served as official pace car of the Indianapolis 500 on three occasions — in 1964, 1979 and 1994. Benson Ford, grandson of Henry Ford, drove the Mustang pace car at the 1964 Indy 500. The Mustang served as official pace car of the Daytona 500 just once — in 2010.

40. Former President Bill Clinton owns a 1967 Mustang convertible — ice blue with a white interior. Clinton said it was the hardest thing to leave behind when he moved into the White House in 1993. In April 1994, during a celebration marking the 30th anniversary of the Mustang, Clinton drove the car briefly at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. Bill Dillard, then president of the Mustang Club of America, introduced him as "a rabid Mustanger like the rest of us."

41. Red has been the most popular exterior color on Mustang through the years, followed, in order, by blue, silver, white, black, green, brown and yellow. The 1967 Mustang was available in two shades of pink: dusk rose and Playboy pink.

42. While yellow has been the least favorite color over time, it has inspired deep passions among Mustang owners. The Yellow Mustang Registry, founded in 2001, is dedicated to owners and enthusiasts of yellow Mustangs. It has more than 8,932 members and 8,984 registered vehicles worldwide, and it has hosted more than 60 events since its founding. The yellow Mustangs in the registry range from early Springtime Yellow, offered in



1965 and 1966, to Zinc Yellow, introduced in 2000.

43. Black is the best-selling Mustang exterior paint color today, up 10 percent over the past decade, and it accounted for 28 percent of all 2013 Mustangs sold.

44. A removable hard top was planned on the redesigned 1994 Mustang — code-named SB95 — but costs and painting problems limited its application to just 1995 SVT Mustang Cobras, which were all black.

45. The Mustang has been honored with a U.S. postage stamp twice: in 1999 with a first-class stamp valued at 33 cents, and in 2013 when the 1967 Shelby GT-500 was featured as part of a set of stamps commemorating muscle cars.



46. Janine Bay was the first woman to serve as chief engineer for the Mustang. From 1994 to 1999, she was responsible for the design and development of the 1999 Mustang as well as the 1999 Cobra. She is the only female member of the Mustang Club of America's Hall of Fame.

47. The Mustang has more than 5 million Facebook fans, the most of any nameplate, Ford says.

48. Sam Pack, a car collector and north Texas Ford dealer, paid \$300,000 to secure the first retail production unit of the 2015 Mustang GT when it goes on sale this fall. He made the winning bid at Barrett-Jackson Auction Co.'s sale in Scottsdale, Ariz., in January as part of a charity drive.

49. At various times over the years, Ford has studied whether to build or support an official Mustang museum in the United States, only to conclude that such a project would not be financially feasible over time.

50. In the 1960s, Sonny and Cher had famed Los Angeles car customizer George Barris design for them his and her modified Mustangs that featured wild headlights, leopard-skin interiors and eye-popping colors. The pair sold in 2010 to a collector for \$137,000.

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## How Can My Car Be More Original? By Dave Bowman Vice President - Finance and Budget

AACA created the HPOF Class (Historical Preservation of Original Features) in 1988 and introduced the “survivor” car to the antique automobile hobby and suddenly having an original unrestored car adds value to it. One of the many reasons to preserve original cars is to document the actual factory construction of the car including paint, upholstery and mechanical parts as aides to restoration of the same or similar car. From these cars, we can document the size of the flake in a metallic paint or the stitching and seams used in the upholstery as well as the finish on the mechanical parts of the car.

The evaluation process for receiving a HPOF Certification is much the same as in class judging. Parts that wear can be replaced with new or rebuilt parts if they have the same appearance as the original part. These areas are the most common deductions in evaluating a HPOF car.



Correcting these items will improve the score of your car and many times makes the difference between receiving an Original Certification and a Repeat HPOF Certification. Common deductions which are easily corrected are:

- Incorrect hose clamps,
- Flex hoses instead of molded hoses,
- Incorrect battery (sealed battery rather than a battery with individual caps, carrying strap on the battery, a color other than that provided by the factory, etc.)
- Oil filter that is not a factory color.
- Replacement water pump left in raw cast metal rather than painted engine color,
- Aftermarket floor mats,
- Battery cables not in factory colors or with clamp on terminal ends or missing battery hold down,
- Incorrect radiator cap,
- Non-factory color distributor cap or wires,
- Non-matching headlights.
- Aftermarket sound equipment or speakers,
- Tires (size must be as supplied by the manufacturer)

Any unrestored car or motorcycle that is 25 years old or older is eligible to be entered in the HPOF classification for evaluation. The first time the vehicle is shown it is evaluated for the HPOF Award. Vehicles that receive their HPOF Certification are automatically considered for the highest level HPOF Original Award the next time it is shown. If it does not receive the Original Award, a Repeat HPOF Award is given as long as it still meets the requirements of the HPOF level. Repeat HPOF Original Awards are also given after receiving the HPOF Original Award. At a higher level, there are three HPOF National Awards given at the Annual Meeting. These awards are for HPOF - Motorcycles, HPOF – Through 1929 and HPOF – Post 1929. These awards are selected from all vehicles shown in the HPOF Class during the year.

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## A look back at the history of the future of cars

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### KITT and Knight Rider



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Long before people began cramming laptops and iPads into car dashboards, there was KITT — Knight Rider's autonomous supercar. Imbued with the cybernetic processor of a government mainframe, KITT was given the artificial intelligence needed to assist operator Michael Knight in fighting crime. The idea might have seemed far-fetched to some 1980s era viewers, but it's clear Knight Rider was on the right track.

After all, many of KITT's most impressive features are now commonplace in today's cars, including voice-recognition, GPS navigation, and in-car television. Even KITT's mythical cybernetic mainframe has modern-day counterpart; almost all vehicles built within the last two decades contain some sort of computer system inside, minus the sentience and genial personality.

Of course, for every practical technology embedded within KITT, there were also numerous superfluous features. Tear gas launchers, grappling hooks, and seat-ejection capabilities appeared throughout the series—features useful for fighting crime, but less so in day-to-day life. As far as safety is concerned, it's probably for the best that those aren't available options on your next vehicle.

### The Delorean DMC-12 of Back To The Future

There are few numbers that set a movie geek's heart a-flutter more than 88... miles per hour, that is. (A close second might be 1.21 gigawatts.) In fact, it's hard to forget that iconic scene from Robert Zemeckis' beloved Back to The Future trilogy in which the modified Delorean DMC-12 first speeds off through time, leaving a trail of fire in its wake.

But unlike other films, the futuristic Delorean was actually quite basic as far as features go—hardly the excessive, tech-laden vehicle seen in series' like Knight Rider. We're told the car relies on a device called a "flux





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capacitor” for its time-traveling activities, of course. But otherwise, there are no fancy screens or voice-activated navigation—just the raw power of time travel, and, in a later incarnation, flight.

Not that it matters, however; the DeLorean more than made up for any lack of superfluous features with its looks. This was a car that, at the time, seemed straight out of the next millennium, with everything from the gullwing doors to a fusion reactor contributing to the vehicle’s all-important futuristic aesthetic.

### Flying Taxis of The Fifth Element



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You’re not alone if certain automotive elements in Luc Besson’s 1997 sci-fi favorite seem familiar. After all, The Fifth Element’s flying vehicles bear a striking resemblance to those found in Ridley Scott’s cult classic, Blade Runner. However, despite these similarities, Besson portrays the reality of flying vehicles in a decidedly different light.

French artist and illustrator Jean-Claude Mézières was chosen in the early 1990s to design concept vehicles for the film. Besson was a huge fan of Mézières work on the long-running French science fiction comic Valérian et Laureline, and hoped the artist could accurately envision a

futuristic New York City. However, Besson was particularly impressed with Mézières’ rendering of flying taxis and police cars, and used these vehicles as the basis for his film.

Unlike Blade Runner, however, the cars on Besson’s Earth aren’t capable of driving. Even the atmosphere differs dramatically, with sprawling skyways of congested traffic. As for the car itself, we see all the hallmarks of a futuristic vehicle, from navigation to voice recognition. In Bruce Willis’ case, there’s even a system in place to track driving license demerit points—a feature some present-day drivers could no doubt use.

### Minority Report’s Mag-Lev



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It should come as no surprise that the film adaption of Philip K. Dick’s Minority Report was so well lauded upon its release. The goal for director Steven Spielberg was to create a feasible futuristic society grounded in the scientific and technological advancements of today—and in many ways, he succeeded.

Cars, for example, don’t fly. They still drive, and look like relatively normal vehicles—Tom Cruise’s concept car was designed by Lexus, in fact. But instead of wheels, the cars rely on magnetic levitation. Spielberg envisioned this as part of a “transportation system that [didn’t] emit toxins into the atmosphere.”

Highways, meanwhile, still exist, but cars can travel both vertically and horizontally now too. In fact, there is one dramatic scene in which we see Tom Cruise leap from car to car on what is essentially a waterfall highway. It’s a strange visual mashup of various futuristic predictions, harkening back to the days of sky-bound highways—but with a decidedly Spielberg twist.

It’s important to note that these vehicles aren’t 100 percent self-controlled, however. Artificial intelligence and remote control are clearly present, and especially evident when Tom Cruise is whisked away against his will on account of a “security lockdown”—until he escapes, that is.