

LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
A DIVERSE GROUP DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION/PRESERVATION/ENJOYMENT OF OLD CARS



CLUTCH CHATTER



FROM As

VOLUME 24

ISSUE 8

AUGUST, 2021

TO Zs

ON THE INSIDE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
CALENDAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE CHAIRS
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
MEETING MINUTES
BY-GONE DAYS
CLUB INFORMATION
OBSERVATIONS
ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

AUG 6 - (Friday) Monthly meeting, 6:30 at Vinland Fairgrounds

SEP 2 - To Be Announced

OCT 3 - LRAACA Car Show

DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES

Just a friendly reminder - all items for our newsletter are due monthly by the 15th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We've had some down moments this month with the passing of Dean Weller and George and Marceil moving to Presbyterian Manor. For those of us who went to Dean's funeral it was certainly noted how his talent and love for cars were a large part of his life. It was an honor to be part of the honor guard for his internment and several of us honored him by driving our classics. It certainly was a sign that he inspired us with his passion and we certainly admired his unique ability to restore. Some of us attended George's sale and I think the word is out that the house sold that day also. It was sad to see the passing of a chapter in not only George and Marceil's life but our club also. If anyone is interested in receiving the baton of writing history briefs for the Clutch Chatter, please let me know. George gave me much of his material collected over the years and I have not taken the time to go through stuff yet but it would probably make some very interesting reading.

Daryl will be ordering plaques and the car show is underway. If any of you would like to distribute the flyers, please get with Daryl right away. Oct 3 is coming up fast and the change of venue could confuse folks.

(Continued on page 5)

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Margaret Barnes
(785) 594-6408
Vice President: Daryl Barnes
(785) 594-6408
Secretary: K. L. Homolka
(785) 865-8503
Treasurer: Pete Maxon
(785) 608-4222

2021 Board: Woody Woodring
(913) 796-6020
2022 Board: Darrell Workman
(785) 979-4562
2023 Board: Roscoe Yoder
(913) 710-7720

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Ross French - Aug 4
Charlie Eberhart - Aug 6
Bill McCollum - Aug 11
Ralph Reschke - Aug 27
Delores Todd - Aug 27

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Phyllis Cragg
August 4, 1973 - 48 years
Dave & Barbara Maycock
Aug 21, 1965 - 56 years

If we have missed anyone, it is because we do not have the information. Please ask K. L. Homolka for the "Information Form".

CLUTCH CHATTER is the official publication of the Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America. CLUTCH CHATTER is published each month and any reports, articles or pictures must be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be emailed to:

kstrunkguy@yahoo.com

Please use the above email as it goes directly to the Club's computer.

Shirley Cormack, Editor
715 Wellington Road
Lawrence, Ks 66049 (785) 841-6033

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2021

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes
SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson
SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell
TRAILER - Joe Arneson
SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock
CONTRIBUTIONS - Pete Maxon
HISTORIAN - Vacant
MEMBERSHIP - Margaret Barnes
PROGRAMS - Daryl Barnes
REFRESHMENTS - Daryl Barnes

LRAACA WEBSITE

Website: www.lawrenceregionaaca.com
Address: Lawrence Region AACA
P.O.Box 442006
Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: (785) 843-AACA or
(785) 842-7982
FAX: (785) 843-2222

Here you can find information on being a member, upcoming events & general information about the club.

ANTIQUe CARS HONORING DEAN WELLER



Photos furnished by Tony Mitchell

QUOTES TO HELP US GET THROUGH THESE TIMES

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
Just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

Love, not time, heals all wounds.

If you're being chased by a pack of taxidermists, do not play dead.

Anonymous

2021 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

August 13-14 - Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO, Poudre Valley Region, 970-897-2288 **MUST REGISTER BY JULY 31, 2021**

September 9-11 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville, SC, South Carolina Region 717-534-1910 **MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 9, 2021**

October 3 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS 785-843-2222

October 6-9 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region 717-566-7720 **MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 15, 2021**

October 14-16 - Chickasha Fall Swap Meet (any year vehicle) - Chickasha, OK

November 11-13 - Special Western Nationals, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix Region 602-999-6594

2022 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

February 10-12 - AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910

February 24-26 - AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL 717-534-1910

March 10-12 - Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas, NE 717-534-1910

March 18-19 - Chickasha, OK Pre-War Swap Meet, Grady Co. Fairgrounds

April 7-9 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, Hornets Nest Region 704-847-4215

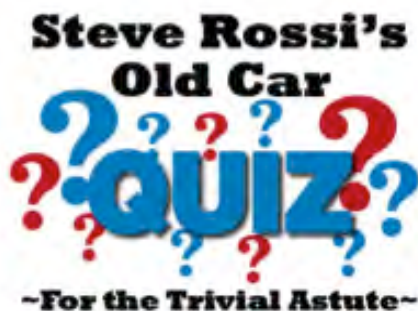
April 21-23 - Special Dual Nationals, San Juan, Puerto Rico **(RESCHEDULED)**

May 5-7 - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN 717-534-1910 (tentative date)

May 19-21 - Annual Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Region 618-363-6730

June 2-7 - Midwest Region, by Plain Ol' A's. Kansas City, MO

Copied with permission from AACA Speedster



QUESTION

What is "powder coating" and how does it differ from paint?

Answer on page 11

Copied with permission from the AACA Speedster

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 1)

Remember the next faux meeting will be at the Vinland Fair on August 6th, (FRIDAY). Drive your cars if possible, and the club will buy your meal. However, there will be no Chicken & Noodles this year but plenty of pie and entertainment.

Margaret

LAWRENCE AACA MEETING MINUTES

There are no official minutes for June or July as there were no official meetings. No attendance was taken at either of the following outings.

Brandon Woods Outing: Held June 18 with very good showing of club members and their cars (it felt good to get our cars out finally). We were served a nice meal and prizes were given out . Ralph Reschke won an ice cream maker, and Don Fornelli won a car detailing kit.

Dairy Queen Outing: Held July 2 attended by club members enjoying ice cream treats and fellowship.

President Barnes announced a reminder of the Vinland Fair on August 5-6-7. Our club night car show will be at the fair on August 6th, along with the August meeting on the 6th instead of Thursday, August 5th.

Reminder: The Club Car Show will be October 3 (Sunday). Meeting and plans for the car show will be coming soon.

Respectively submitted,

K. Homolka, Secretary

A FLY IN MY BEER

A millionaire, a hard hat, and a drunk were at a bar. When they get their beer, they notice a fly in each mug. The millionaire politely asks the bartender for another beer, then proceeds to sip it. The hard hat spills out just enough to get rid of the fly and quaffs the rest. It's now the drunk's turn. He sticks his hand into the beer, grabs the fly by the wings, and shouts "Spit it out! Spit it out!"

RSVP TO WEDDING INVITATION

So apparently RSVPing back to a wedding invite "maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the word laughter, the L comes first. The rest of the letters come aughter it.

TRIVIA QUESTION

What was the first car to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?

Answer on page 11

Copied with permission from The Generator

AHEAD OF THE CURVE: A LOOK AT AN AUTOMOTIVE MASCOT ACCESSORY DATALOG

By Matthew Hocker, Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator

At the AACA Library we are continuing to wade through the Free Library of Philadelphia's former Automobile Reference Collection (ARC), and the treasures keep on shining through. One of our latest projects is interfiling parts catalogs and assorted literature into our flat files. The flat files consist of material that doesn't fit within our main files arranged by make and model year -- you can find files on everything from engines and tires to stunt drivers and automotive-themed toys.

We even have files on automotive mascots, those unique adornments at the head of cars and trucks. Also known as hood ornaments, mascots began life as fancier alternatives to run-of-the-mill radiator caps. They were a means of personalizing one's car and represented a broad range of subjects, including people, animals, mythological creatures and aircraft. Some manufacturers made mascots with moving parts, and there were even examples made of glass like those from Lalique of France.

Major motor vehicle manufacturers took notice and began producing mascots for their own cars and trucks, with plenty of variation over time. A good example of this was Pontiac's Native American chief, which first appeared in 1926 as a highly detailed head. As cars became more streamlined in the 1930s, the chief followed suit by exchanging detail for a sleeker and more stylized look.

All of this mascot talk brings us to today's latest Philly ARC find ----- a 1935 automotive mascot & accessory catalog from S. Smith & Sons Ltd., of Great Britain. Inside, you will find mascots depicting military and civilian aircraft, complete with spinning propellers triggered by airflow. Animal mascots include greyhounds, a stag, and racing horses with mounted jockeys. Patriotic Brits also had the option of purchasing a flagstaff with the Union Jack.

Another mascot from the catalog worth noting is that of St. Christopher, the patron saint of travelers. One of the earliest appearances of St. Christopher as an automotive mascot was back in 1896 when Lord Montagu of Bealieu placed a small statuette of the saint on the dash of his Daimler. In addition to the mascot in its catalog Smith & Sons also advertised a line of St. Christopher medallions for cars. The Smith & Sons catalog will join in the ranks of our existing files on automotive mascots. To learn of the other material in our mascot files, write us or give us a call. We would love to hear from you!

(Continued on page 7)



S SMITH & SONS (MOTOR ACCESSORIES) LTD

MASCOTS



"JOY"
Type F.511
A charming and graceful Mascot suitable for any car.
Height 2 in.
Chromium Finish ... 45/-



"AU REVOIR"
Type F.508
A nice Mascot. Very neat and nicely posed.
Height 6 1/2 in.
Chromium Finish ... 37/6

We carry Large Stocks of all up-to-date designs in GLASS MASCOTS Illuminated and non-Illuminated.

ST. CHRISTOPHER



Type F.512
This Mascot is nicely finished, but very good detail. Very dignified and would always command attention.
Height 2 1/2 in.
Chromium or Oxidized Finish ... 49/6
Cheaper model in Oxidized Finish only ... 17/6

All designs stocked. Symbolic Figures, Animals, Birds, Acrobats, etc. St. Christopher Medallions. A most comprehensive range of Designs and Colourings.



SPEED NYMPH
A very popular Mascot which will enhance the appearance of any car. Made in two sizes.
Type F.456
Height 2 1/2 in.
Chromium Finish ... 37/6
Type F.447
Height 2 in.
Chromium Finish ... 47/6

EVERYTHING FOR THE MOTORIST

Page Two

S SMITH & SONS (MOTOR ACCESSORIES) LTD

MASCOTS



IBEX
Type F.484
Quite a Unique Style of Mascot. Particularly suitable for Sports Cars.
Length 6 1/2 in. Chromium Plated ... 50/-

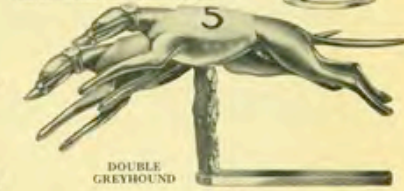
STANDING ABERDEEN TERRIER
Type F.479
Picked at random from our stock. We have every type of Dog in stock to select from.
Height 2 1/2 in.
Length 4 1/2 in.
Silver Plated ... 47/6
Chromium Plated ... 30/-



GREYHOUND
Type F.483
A Fine Speedy Model on Fabricated base. Supplied in two sizes.
Large Model, length 8 1/2 in. Chromium Plated 42/-
Type F.480
Small Model, length 7 in. Chromium Plated 30/-



SETTING ABERDEEN TERRIER
Type F.447
A very popular style and can be fitted to practically any Car. Beautifully chased. Height 4 1/2 in.
Silver Plated ... 47/6
Chromium Plated 50/-



DOUBLE GREYHOUND
Type F.489
A Mascot for the Greyhound enthusiast. Representing racing dogs with odds numbered and colored, taking hurdles.
Height 3 in. Length 6 1/2 in. Chromium Finish ... 77/6

EVERYTHING FOR THE MOTORIST

Page Three

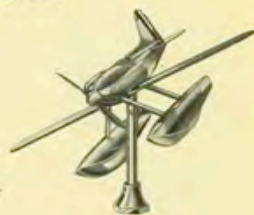
S SMITH & SONS (MOTOR ACCESSORIES) LTD

MASCOTS

New and Novel: Banks in the Car Turns. Very Realistic and Fascinating.
THE BANKING "SCHNEIDER" MACHINE
Type F.420
Height 2 1/2 in. Wing span 6 1/2 in.
Chromium Plated Finish. Painted Tail.
Price ... 47/6



THE SCHNEIDER
Type F.443
A very finely executed model of the Famous Trophy Machine.
Height 3 1/2 in. Wing span 6 1/2 in.
As illustrated ... 42/-
Type F.451
Cheaper Model, with less detail ... 37/6



THE GIPSY MOTH
Type F.452. Chromium Plated.
Height 2 in. Wing span 5 in. ... 30/-
Type F.453.
Height 2 1/2 in. Wing span 6 1/2 in. ... 45/-

PUSS MOTH MODEL ALSO STOCKED
Chromium Plated.
Type F.454. Small size. Wing span 5 1/2 in. ... 35/-
Type F.455. Large size. Wing span 8 in. ... 50/-

EVERYTHING FOR THE MOTORIST

Page Four

S SMITH & SONS (MOTOR ACCESSORIES) LTD

MASCOTS



THE "COMET"
This is a perfect reproduction of the record breaking Machine England to Australia 1934.
Type F.405
Wing Span 8 in. Chromium Finish. 39/6

All these machines are correctly detailed and proportioned. The propellers are bushed and revolve freely. Any machine painted and engraved to customers' requirements. Special machines made to order in a few days.



BULL DOG FIGHTER
Type F.458
A very handsome Mascot. Every detail is embodied. Very suitable for fitting to a high-class Sports Car.
Height 4 1/2 in. Wing span 8 1/2 in. Chromium Plated Finish ... 100/-
Type F.459
Bull Dog Fighter. Small Model. Wing Span 5 in. Silver Plated or Chromium ... 42/-



THE HAWKER FURY
Type F.460
A well-constructed Machine. Correct to scale. Fast Fighting Machine.
Height 4 1/2 in. Wing span 6 1/2 in. Chromium Finish ... 50/-

EVERYTHING FOR THE MOTORIST

Page Five

DEAN WELLER, SEPTEMBER 24, 1925 - JULY 2, 2021

Dean Weller, 95, of DeSoto passed away on July 2, 2021. A funeral service was held at DeSoto Baptist Church, 8655 Copeland Way, at 2:00 pm, Friday, July 9, 2021. Visitation preceded the service at 1:00 pm and burial was at the DeSoto Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to DeSoto Baptist Church in his memory. Condolences may be left at www.brucefuneralhome.com.

Dean was born in Mountain View, MO to Charles and Mae (Ellis) Weller. As a teen, he joined the Merchant Marines during WWII. When he came home from the war, he married Delores J. Allen in 1945. Dean built and operated a gas station in Mountain View and later moved to Oregon. The couple then moved to DeSoto, KS where Dean built the El Rancho Motel which they owned for 29 years. Dean also owned Weller Construction and built houses until he retired at age 52. He bought the old Ford building, known as "Grandpa's Garage" in DeSoto where he built antique cars piece by piece, including tooling the engine parts. He enjoyed meeting with fellow car enthusiasts weekly in his shop and periodically hosted hands-on seminars there. Dean was a member of "Plain Ol' A's Club" in Kansas City well as the Lawrence Region AACA Club in Lawrence, KS. He was a former member of Rotary and Oddfellows.

Dean was preceded in death by his wife Delores, his parents, siblings Fern Tate and Guy Richard Weller, grandchildren Greg Haynes, Chris Elliott, and Colby King. He is survived by children Shirley (Richard) Haynes, Wheatland, MO, Janet North (Larry), Spring Hill, KS and Deana Chance, DeSoto, Ks; grandchildren Matthew Haynes, Michael Haynes, Stacy Thomas, Kelly King, Corey King and Cody King, and a sister Alma Holden, Mountain View, MO. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ken Coleman of The Plain Ol' A's club, and Joyce Tweedy, editor of their club newsletter, shared the photo of Dean's "America's Sweetheart" which was built by Dean and the following poem written by Dean Weller.

*I want the old time noise,
It's music to my ears
The pounding, beating, banging
That I've heard throughout the years.
I want to hear the motors run
Vibrating these old time walls
And hear the happy horns again
But not those darn phone calls.
I still want to bend that metal
To shape another car.
And be in my own heaven
Where all my neat cars are.*

- Dean Weller

Dean donated America's Sweetheart to the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

There is a video about this car at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOXzO8Yq130>.
Copied with permission from The Plain Ol' A's club.



THE STUDEBAKER STORY

In 1852, Henry and Clem opened a small blacksmith and wagon building shop. They sold 3 wagons. In 1856, they built their first carriage and in 1857 had a big order from the US Government for 100 wagons for federal troops in Utah.

The Studebaker brothers: front row, Clem, Henry, J.M.; back row Peter and Jacob.

In 1858 a third brother, John Mohler (J. M.) joined the enterprise, investing \$8,000 capital for plant expansion, money he had earned building wheelbarrows and doing repair work for gold miners in Hangtown, CA. Soon, the Studebakers were doing so well in the wagon and carriage business they got their brother Peter to open a branch salesroom. In 1860, Peter returned to South Bend to become Studebaker's chief salesman.



The Studebakers made wagons for the Mormons in their trek to Salt Lake City and for many other emigrants to the West, as well as various farm wagons and carriages. During the Civil War, Studebaker built wagons, artillery carts and harness sets for the Union armies. Many of Gen. Lee's defeated troops, it was said, retreated from Gettysburg in captured Studebakers.

In 1870, the youngest brother, Jacob, joined the firm and four years later, Studebaker sales reached \$1 million and they asserted that it was turning out a vehicle every seven minutes. Studebaker eventually became the largest wagon manufacturer in the world. Always visionary, the Studebakers entered the auto industry as a body-maker in 1899, then introduced its first car, an electric runabout, in 1902, its first gasoline-powered auto in 1904. Studebaker was the only manufacturer to successfully switch from horse-drawn to gasoline powered vehicles. The company remained a family business until 1911 when it reorganized as Studebaker Corporation.



In 1916, Studebaker instituted the "Pay as you ride" slogan, and sold automobiles on time payments. The firm flourished until the 1930's when debts accrued. Then after World War II their defense contracts dried up and slumping post-war sales and questionable management policies led to the demise of the Studebaker Corp. in 1966. Thomas Edison, left, purchased a 1903 electric Studebaker, the second electric car produced by the Studebaker Corp.

Copied with permission by the Swigart Antique Auto Museum in Huntington, PA

THE 1908 STUDEBAKER ELECTRIC

The Studebaker Model "To & Fro" Carry-All, known as "Tommy"

This is one of two original vehicles to transport passengers through a 760-ft.-long, underground tunnel from the Old Senate Building to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. In 1908, the Government ordered two custom-built, storage-battery-powered coaches from the Studebaker Company, delivered in 1909, nicknamed "Peg" and "Tommy." This is "Tommy." "Peg," is in the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, IN, unrestored.

The cherry body seats twelve people, facing each other. If one driver was used, he changed seats to change direction. The original solid rubber tires were changed to pneumatic for comfort. The cost of each vehicle, with government discounts, in 1909 came to a total of \$2,691.00. The 12 six-volt batteries had a range of 85 miles. The two vehicles made an average of 225 trips each day, carrying 2,200 passengers.

"Peg" and "Tommy" served daily until 1912 when a new monorail system was installed. They were then used only during rush periods until they went into storage in 1916. In 1939 this original pair was sold at auction for \$35. "Tommy" was displayed at the New York World's Fair; Peg went directly to the Studebaker Museum and not restored.



"Tommy" in the Swigart Antique Auto Museum, Philadelphia, PA

Permission to copy by South Jersey Region AACA

RHYMING WORDS

COUGH - THROUGH ROUGH - THOUGH None of these words rhyme. But for some illogical reason, PONY and BOLOGNA do! English is weird.

From Grammarly Cards with permission

A LITTLE HUMOR MIKE AND WALT

Two 90 year old men, Mike and Walt, have been friends all their lives. When it's clear that Walt is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, "Walt, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favor, when you get to Heaven, some how you must let me know if there's football there." Walt looks up at Mike from his death bed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you." Shortly after that, Walt passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike...Mike" "Who is it?" asks Mike, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Mike -- it's me, Walt" Walt answered. Surprised, Mike replied, "You can't be Walt. He just died." "I'm tell you, it's me, Walt" insists the voice.

Not believing it, Mike says, "Walt! Where are you?" "In Heaven," replied Walt. "I have some really good news and a little bad news" Mike says, "Tell me the good news first." "Walt replies, "The good news is that there's football in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still it's always Spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic" says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" Walt replies, "You're on the team for this Saturday's match!"

Author Unknown

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION ON PAGE 5

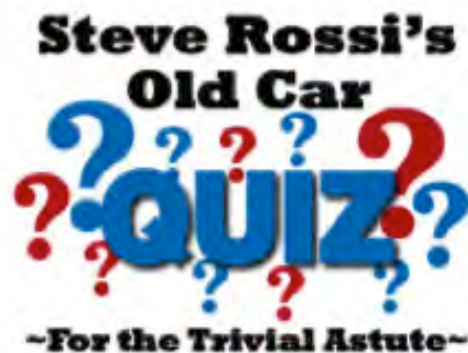
The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix had its radio antenna embedded in the windshield.
Copied with permission from The Generator

ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 4

Unlike paint which is a liquid coating that evaporates, dries and hardens, the powder which is applied electrostatically, is then cured by heat. Powder coating provides a thicker coating than paint and is known to be more rugged. And, it doesn't run or drip, and that's more environmentally friendly than paint.

In addition to auto parts, powder coating is routinely used in applications such as household appliances. According to Powder Coating Institute, "It's tough, it looks great, and it lasts a long, long time."

Copied with permission from AACA Speedster



CONCEPT CARS NEVER SEEN ON OUR STREETS



1958 FORD X-2000



1953 CADILLAC GHIA COUPE



1955 LINCOLN INDIANAPOLIS



1956 BUICK CENTURION II



195? MERCURY D524



1955 LINCOLN FUTURA



1952 CHRYSLER D'ELEGANCE



1951 BUICK LESABRE



1954 DeSOTO ADVENTURER II



1953 FORD X-100



1957 CHRYSLER DIABLO



1959 GM FIREBIRD III



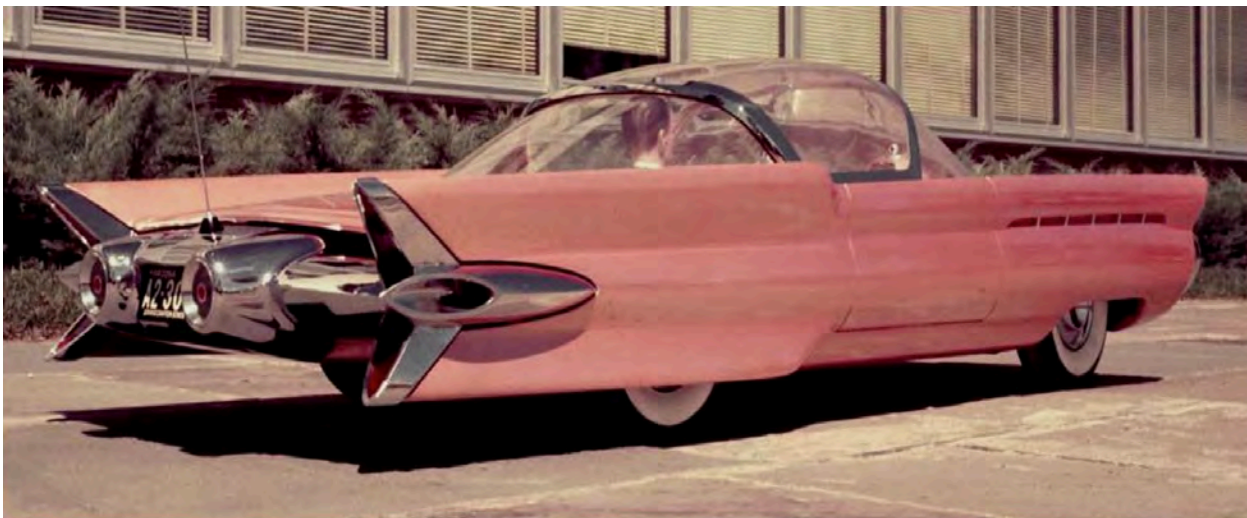
1954 OLDSMOBILE 88



1959 CADILLAC CYCLONE



1951 BUICK XP-300



1954 FORD LATOSCA



1956 OLDSMOBILE GOLDEN ROCKET



1956 PACKARD PREDICTOR



1956 PONTIAC CLUB DE MER



1955 FORD MYSTERE

Courtesy of Famous Insurance at <https://famousinsurance.com.au>

Whoever made these bar stools is a pure genius. I had to look twice 😂👏



Copied with permission from Gramma's Funnies

