

Mustang Turns 50 Years Old

One of the most celebrated cars in history, the Mustang, celebrates its 50th birthday in 2014. If you are a Mustang lover like I am, you will take the time to relish this milestone. My everyday summer car is a 1994 Mustang GT convertible that I have owned for almost 18 years. Congratulations to the Mustang and her loyal owners! Here's a link to a Jay Leno video celebrating 50 Years of Mustang:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBJODV_tyDA&feature=youtu.be



Before we complain too much about getting into a cold car, think about how it used to be...



Corvair crash

In mid-November, Pikes Peak Corvair Club member Steve Goodman had an unfortunate incident while driving to work in one of his favorite Corvairs. He wanted to let all of the PPCC folks know he was ok, so we're reprinting some of his notes:

"Hello fellow PPCC members: First off I am fine not injured. Car fared badly. The power train was pushed so far forward the shift tube is doubled up and the tunnel is deformed. The rear castings, distributor, and oil cooler are crushed. The bell housing is broken as well as the differential. The transmission is broken inside it is in neutral, but stuck in a gear. The top is bowed upward and with the passenger side windows up I can stick my hand between the glass and the roof rail inside the car. Both doors open but the door glass in the driver's side overlaps the quarter glass a full inch. The seat rails are still secure but the seat back is broken. Even the passenger side seat back is broken and I was alone in the car.

I was barely moving at the time of the crash, and the

Ford Fusion was going 70mph or more. There was a traffic mess in front of me and everyone was just inching along. I knew I was going to be hit hard. The Fusion was crushed almost to the windshield. Her air bag saved her. Thanks for the concern and notes I am fine. Best wishes to all, Steve."

This story was reprinted with permission from The Drip Line, the monthly newsletter for the Pikes Peak Corvair Club. I am certainly glad that Steve survived the crash in good health, even if his cherished Corvair didn't fare as well.



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Car of the Month

1963 Volkswagon / Jason Marks' first car



A little history: my parents had purchased a 1969 Chevelle SS 396 when my only sibling received his driver's license, 16 months before I turned 16. They figured he would drive the Chevelle for a year and a half, and by the time I got my license, he would have his own car, and the Chevelle

would pass to me. Another year and a half, I'd get my own car, and Dad would have a hobby car. Great plan, right? Eleven days after I turned 16, I got a speeding ticket in that Chevy. Plans changed, and Dad asked, "How about we look for that Bug you always wanted?"

My first car was a 1963 Volkswagen Bug. It belonged to a man who worked with my mother, and my parents were initially against me buying the car. After several months of searching for a Bug and finding nothing but tired and worn out "junkers", Dad caved in and we brought my 'new' car home.

We took the whole car apart. My parents figured that way we would know what was good and what was bad. Mom insisted on all new brakes, from the master cylinder to the shoes (whether it needed replacing or not). "Safety first!" I was so excited to pick the new paint color. Today, I might choose something a little tamer, but back then I chose Nassau Blue from the 1987 Corvette. Mom, ever the seamstress, whipped up new interior upholstery. Before I knew it, I was on the road.

Two weeks later, I was hit by a drunk driver in a lifted Nissan pickup truck. It totaled my little Bug, but I wasn't about to let the insurance company take it away. I took a settlement of just less than the total loss amount, and fixed the car. It would go on to be totaled (and repaired) two

more times. Ahh, teenagers...

Twenty-one years later, I still have the Bug. There are so many memories tied up in that little car. During my junior year in high school, there was a winter storm that was so bad classes should've been canceled. I passed many cars stuck along and in the road as I made my way to school that morning. My car was the only 2-wheel-drive vehicle in the high school parking lot.


Another time, there was a giant mud hole near the local McDonald's that the kids used to drive through. I would take the Bug through that muck with the rest of the off-roaders. Once, the water was so deep, we had to wait for the rear end to sink so the wheels would get traction. There were times we would just drive around "snow bashing". The car would go just about anywhere you wanted it to. The issue arose when snow packed inside the front tires. It became impossible to turn the wheels left or right. Lying in snow digging around the front tires was not fun.

Today, the Bug has a much simpler life. Of the many cars I now own, it's the only one that ALWAYS gets garaged. It doesn't see snow anymore, and definitely not mud holes or jeep trails. It is content spending the rest of its days on sunny weekend drives, show-and-shines, and hanging out with our friends at SACK!


Oh, and that Chevelle? It's still in my brother's garage.

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Our good friend Dick Adams is the one who got us involved with this worthy cause. We named our team, TEAM STAY SILLY, in his honor.

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L to R: Dick Thompson; (hidden behind Dick) Tom Kay; Dick's wife Candy; Greg Akiyama



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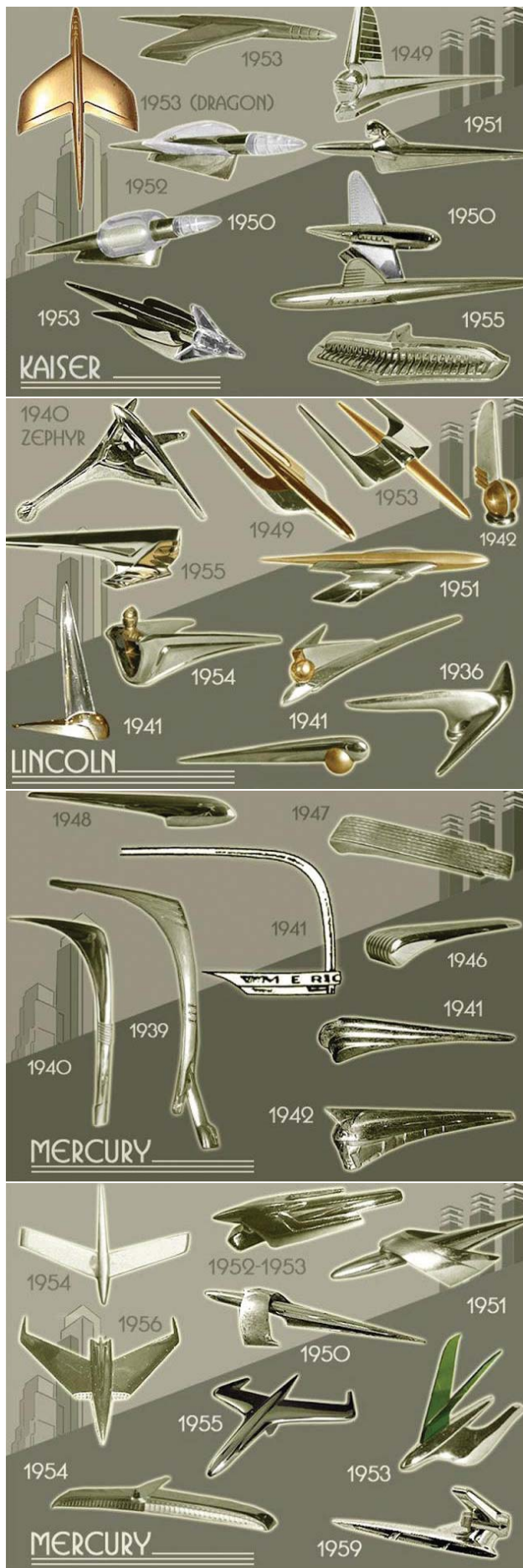
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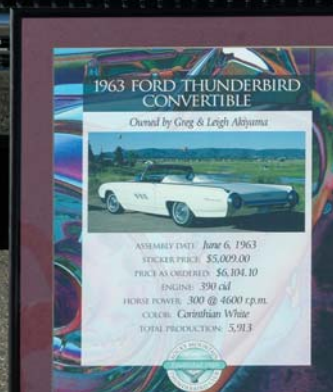
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