



## **Lincoln & Continental Owners Club hosts event at Landmark Lincoln Mercury**

In August, the club hosted a show at the Landmark Lincoln dealership in Englewood. This event was a long time in the making. The total display for the meet was 27 Lincolns, ranging in year of manufacture from 1937 to 2007...seventy years worth of Lincolns, and every one of them was a winner.

The Landmark Lincoln event was also held in conjunction with a fund raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For every test drive of a new Lincoln during the event, twenty dollars was donated toward the treatment of childhood cancer.

A big thanks goes out to Tom Daniels of the Landmark Lincoln Mercury dealership for setting up the event, donating the cash awards for the contest winners, and for providing the free BBQ lunch.





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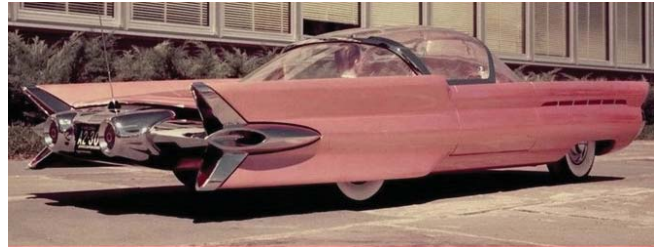
In the 1955 Chicago Extravaganza, Ford displayed their rear-engine concept car - the Mystere. Funnily, the shown model did not have an engine, but did display a host of new technologies that were uncommon in cars at the time, such as a control joystick between the front seats, allowing the car to be driven from either seat, a radiotelephone in a console between the two back seats, a pushbutton ignition switch, and even a television set behind the front seat.



The Diablo was born in a time of space exploration and fascination. It was designed with the feeling of an aero plane that was meant for the road. The car was so well-designed, it was tested and shown to have the lowest coefficient of drag ever seen on any car up to that time.



The General Motors Le Sabre was a 1951 concept car. Possibly the most important show car of the 1950s, it introduced aircraft-inspired design elements such as the wrap-around windshield and tail fins, which became common on automotive designs during the second half of the decade.



The La Tosca was actually designed as an educational project, meant to show young engineers how difficult it is to design a car, even for experienced car designers. The project actually took 4 times longer than projected but eventually paved the way for the 1958 Lincoln.



Designed by the legendary Harley Earl, the Cyclone was a testbed for futuristic styling and technology. It featured a radar operated crash avoidance system, with the radar sensors mounted in twin "nose-cones" on the front of the car. Of the Cyclone's stylistic features, the bubble top canopy was the most prominent. Silver coated for UV protection, the canopy automatically opened along with the sliding electrically operated doors. The canopy could also be stowed in the rear compartment, where it rested on a special air-bag base.



Ford's first "dream car", it served as a precursor to Ford's 60's designs and introduced new concept automotive technologies like a moisture-sensor that would automatically close the top roof hatch if it started raining.



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#### **Joie Chitwood 1956 Thrill Show video**

Chevrolet released video. Very interesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugfRYtEyWNc&feature=youtu.be>

#### **Crashed Collector Cars**

I published a story around these photos a while back. But, ouch, it still hurts to see them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0twHB76sEXo>

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- 1) Food-grade stainless steel makes up the DeLorean's body (SS304 to be exact). The same steel makes up beer kegs and restaurant counters.
- 2) If you've ever owned anything made of stainless steel you know how impossible it is to keep fingerprints off it. The owner's manual suggests using a Scotch-Brite pad and gasoline to clean the car.
- 3) Grumman Aerospace helped develop the doors of the DeLorean. A company that also helped develop things like Apollo Lunar Module and the F-14.
- 4) The "12" in DeLorean Motor Cars-12 was the intended price (\$12,000). The car ended up going for around \$25,000.
- 5) The DeLorean was intended to be an extremely safe vehicle. The company donated two prototypes to the NHTSA for airbag crash testing, but the results were far from good. One of the first names for the DeLorean was DSV, "DeLorean Safety Vehicle."
- 6) John Z. DeLorean worked for GM before starting his company. In the 1960s, he created some of their legendary cars like the GTO and the Firebird.
- 7) The DeLorean's main shape was penned by designer Giorgetto Giugiaro. Giugiaro also created cars like the BMW M1, Yugo, and the Lotus Esprit.
- 8) The DeLorean's chassis was engineered by Lotus' founder Colin Chapman.

- 9) The engine is a V6 developed by Peugeot, Renault, and Volvo.
- 10) There are four gold-plated DeLoreans. American Express made the first two 24k gold-plated cars as an ad campaign. The third made from spare parts of the first two and the fourth paid for by a private businessman.
- 11) When the DeLorean first came out it only had one option, an automatic transmission.
- 12) The DeLoreans were close to being produced in Puerto Rico until the British government put up \$120,000,000. The factory was built in Northern Ireland.
- 13) The collapse of DMC has a complicated ending. John Z. needed to raise around \$27 million to keep the company alive. In true '80s style, he got busted by the FBI agreeing to a \$25 million cocaine deal on video. DeLorean claimed entrapment and his lawyer proved it in court. He then claimed that GM was behind all of this as a personal vendetta against him.
- 14) When DMC finally folded a company known as Consolidated Stores Corporation bought all the remaining cars. Consolidated Stores Corporation is now known as Big Lots.
- 15) DeLorean's still exists today. A company conveniently named the DeLorean Motor Company of Texas bought up all the remaining parts of the original company.
- 16) Brand new DMC-12's are available for purchase today. Yes, BRAND NEW! The new DeLorean is made in Texas from original factory parts for around \$65k.
- 17) You can create the same "time machine" Marty drove for around \$30k. The only problem is that price doesn't include the base cost of the car.
- 18) The company had the stamping molds used to shape the doors dumped into the ocean. In 2000, photographs turned up of the molds finally putting all the rumors to rest.
- 19) DeLorean's finances took a dive after the fall of DMC and forced him to sell his 400+ acre New Jersey estate. Donald Trump snatched up the beautiful estate and quickly turned it into a golf club known as the Trump National Golf Club.



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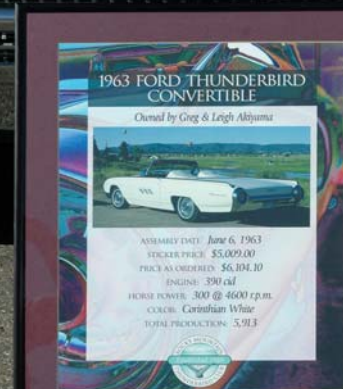
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