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## Images from the 2017 Detroit Auto Show





*Let's go back in time...*

**1958 Chevrolet Brookwood**



**1949 Cadillac 62 Sedanet**



**1958 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special**



**1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible**



**1958 Dodge Custom Sierra**



**1959 Mercury 4 Door Hardtop**



**1951 Chevrolet Fleetline**



**1955 Oldsmobile Super 88**





## Car of the Month

### 1959 CADILLAC

Owned by John Evans



In the late nineties while driving home from work, I caught a glimpse of an older Cadillac sitting low on worn springs and looking very lonely on an Arvada suburb side street. With my interest peaked, I took the next available turn and circled the block to get a closer look. What soon came into focus was a 1959 Cadillac Sedan de Ville. I remember I spoke out loud saying "now wouldn't it be nice to see that car fixed up and running again!", "fixed up" being the operative words.

As a "CAR GUY", I made a few calls to fellow Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac and La Salle Club members, to try to get a sense of what I should be offering for a car needing paint, interior, dash, windshield, and who knew what else. In the meantime, I took my wife and daughter by to view the car and received mixed reviews. A week went by before I approached the owner, who made it very easy for me by exclaiming "How's \$2,500.00 sound?"..."

The sage advice from the club was "you're always better off buying the car already restored", so of course I ignored that advice. To make a long story short, it has been quite an adventure putting this fifties fossil back together, you might say equal pleasure and pain, but in the long run, when I get out on these Colorado roads, and those smiles and cell phones come out in appreciation of this one car parade, it was well worth the trouble.





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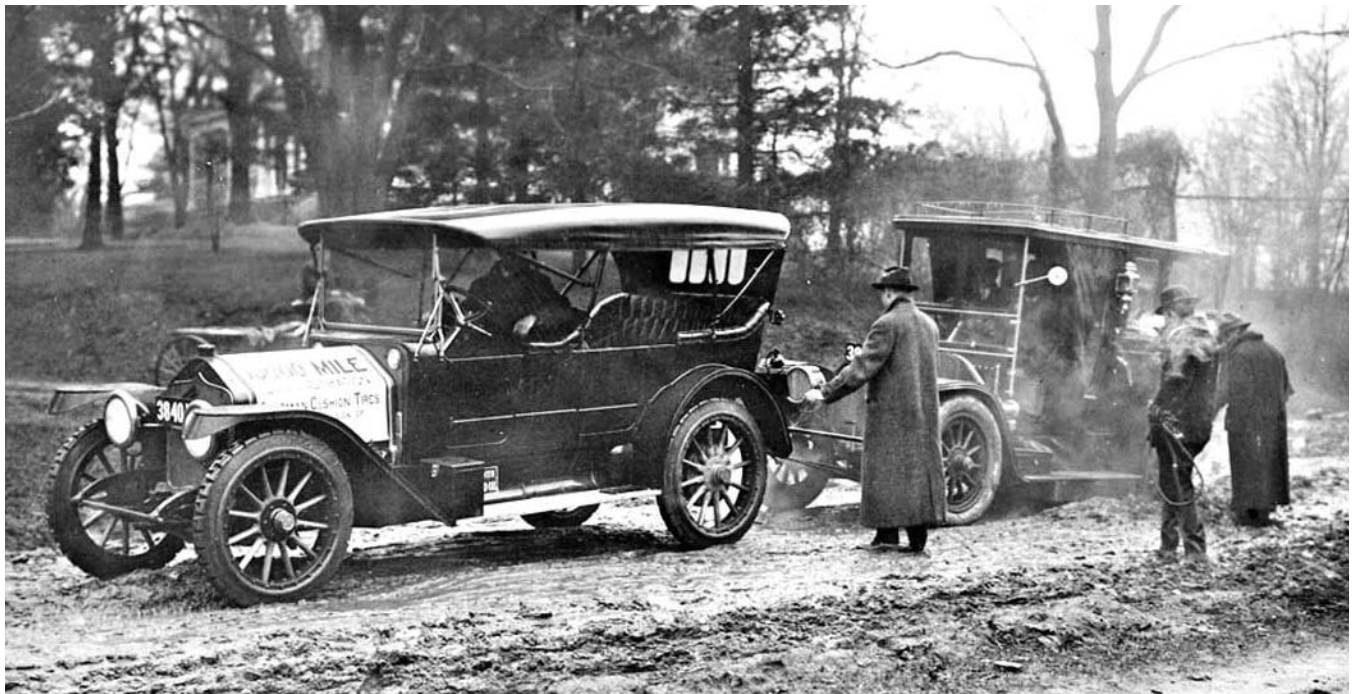
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By Jay Piersanti



## National Touring Car Saves the Day with Overman Tires

In the early-1900s tire development advanced at about the same pace as the automobile did and by the early teens, both had become quite reliable. The photo below shows a 1913 National Touring car constructed in Indianapolis, Indiana on a 10,000 tire test in New York of a set of unusual Overman Cushion Tread non-pneumatic tires while it was pulling a limousine out of a mud hole. The tires used a very aggressive tread and were fastened by bolts to a set special rims.



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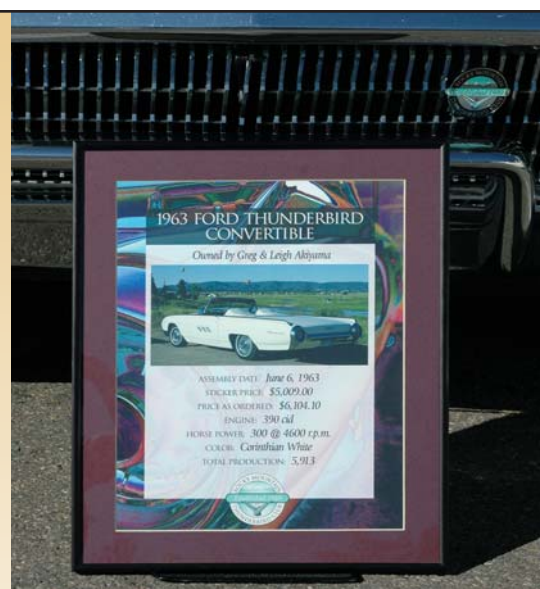
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