



NUTS & BOLTS

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Important message from the Prez

It's time to step up to the pump and show what VVSC members are made of because we are having our biggest car event of the year on November 5th. You need to register to be a part of the car show. Get a hold of Anthony Britnell for more details.

It looks like we are in line for part of the new building for a shop to start working in. It's not a home run yet so there will be a lot of work to do this coming year. I've come up with a couple of different layouts based on what we approved on our first building at 105th.

Looking forward to seeing you at our first club meeting 1 pm at Lakeview on Oct. 18th,

Tom LaVack



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Letters to the Editor

When I featured an article in the August issue on our then newest member Len Szymanski, I was asked why I didn't show his photo so he might be recognized. I later asked Len for a photo he agreed and for your viewing pleasure he also included more of his illustrations. See them later in this issue. Below is Len with his car in a less evolved state, and how it looks today.



I hope you enjoyed the 1938 Delahaye on the cover as much as I have enjoyed the many member submissions to the newsletter this month. Keep them coming as it makes building this newsletter less time consuming, thus freeing me up to look for cars to buy that I have no garage space for. Name that Engine is on hiatus this month but will return if there is interest in continuing it. In its place is the new "these are a few of my favorite links". Please send yours along to pass on. Next up: Anthony Britnell.

A LETTER FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Greetings,

As most of you are aware, our very first sanctioned car show is fast approaching, it is just a few short months away, which are going quickly.

Speaking as the clubs Event Chairman, I want to let you know that the “events committee” has worked very hard at trying to make this car show a success. We have contracted with several local businesses who believe in us and are now sponsors of our club. These sponsors have supported our club by donating money and prizes in a joint effort to make our car show a success. They are counting on us to have the “Sun Bowl” full of classic cars.

The purpose of this letter is to let everybody know that “it is now up to us, our club members”, to make this car show successful. In order for a car show to be successful, you need 3 three things:

*** SPONSORS**

*** VENDORS**

*** SHOW CARS**

We have the sponsors and vendors, but now we need the cars.

The “Sun Bowl” will hold approximately 200 show cars. We currently have 36 VVSC club member’s cars registered for the show. We have 10 non-club members registered.

This is your club and you should support it by registering your car now, not waiting till the last minute. We are starting this week to advertise to the public for non-club car owners to register their cars for our show. We will fill the “Sun Bowl” with cars! We certainly would like our own club members there to show that we are committed to making this show a success. If you wait till the last minute, you probably won’t be able to show your car.

I can say with certainty, that if this show is not a success the sponsors that we have obtained will not sponsor us in the future. That is why this car show is so important. We want to show everyone, including the RCSC, that we are a united, growing club in Sun City and that our club needs its own facility so that we can continue to grow and be of a benefit to our community.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony Britnell

Events Committee Chairman

Denny's Dragster

I built this little drag racer back in 1962...I was 19 at the time. I found an old rusty 1934 Ford truck in the weeds on a farm where I worked during the summers. The owner was happy to get rid of it as it had no real value, except to a young car enthusiast like me. I was enthralled by drag racing at the time. The sport was just beginning to really take off with the Super Stock cars, blown dragsters, etc. I envisioned building this dragster with a body over the rear tires...they called them "competition coupes" at the time. I was able to salvage the frame, front end, two of the wheels and the upper part of the truck's cab. I did most of the fab work during the winter in southwestern Michigan. It was cold and I had managed to find an old wood burning stove that I was able to drag into an old shed we had. The shed was barely big



enough for the frame to fit into and the walls were just boards with cracks and holes, certainly well ventilated! I didn't have much money to work with so I had to scrounge for everything I needed. My Dad was generous enough to help me buy a Miller welder...which, basically, enabled me to put the whole thing together...that and a powerful Craftsman ½" drill, which would spin you around in a heartbeat if you weren't careful. I was

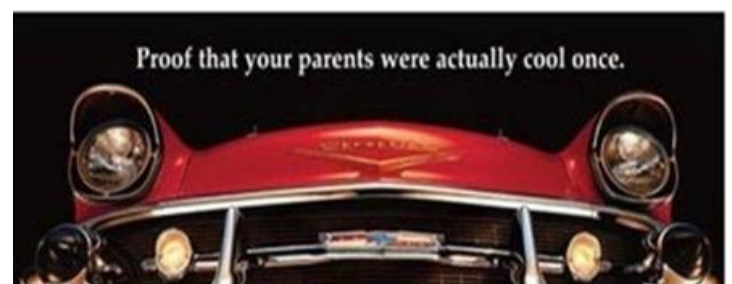
fortunate that the frame was in pretty decent shape. I cleaned it up, patched any weak areas and painted it with Rust-Oleum primer and black paint. I used the rear end and 3-speed transmission from a 49 Merc. I welded the rear end solid to the frame...didn't think I needed springs for a drag race car. I managed to find a 283 Chevy engine in a local salvage yard, hoping that it would run okay, as I couldn't afford to rebuild or modify it. The drive train was the engine, the transmission, just the u-joint and the differential...that combination dictated where I positioned the motor mounts. I didn't want to deal with a starter so I welded a push-bar in the rear...most dragsters were push-started in those days...it looked cool. I did have a battery but just for the ignition system. I don't remember where or how I got the two four barrel set up...that was basically the only "high-performance" modification on the engine.



Submitted by Denny Ahrend

These are actual billboards in
Detroit, Michigan put up by GM.
This is definitely cool.

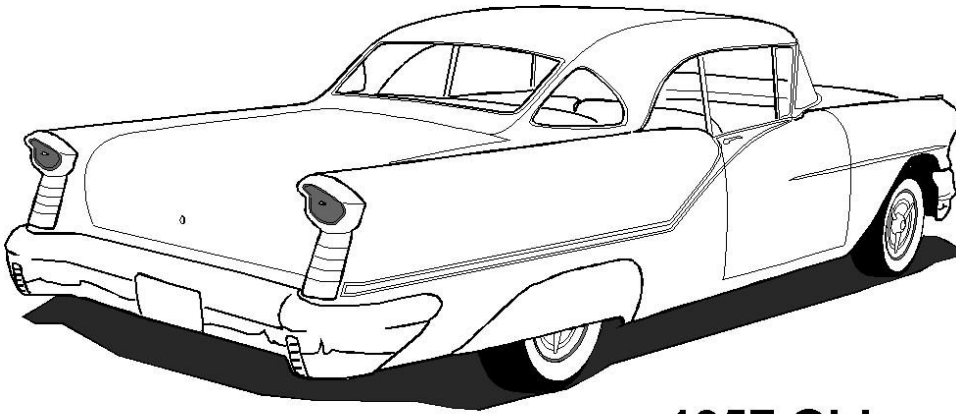
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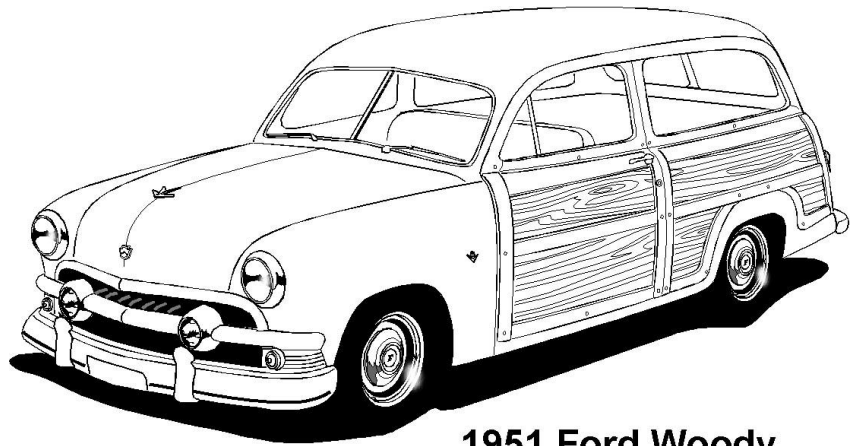
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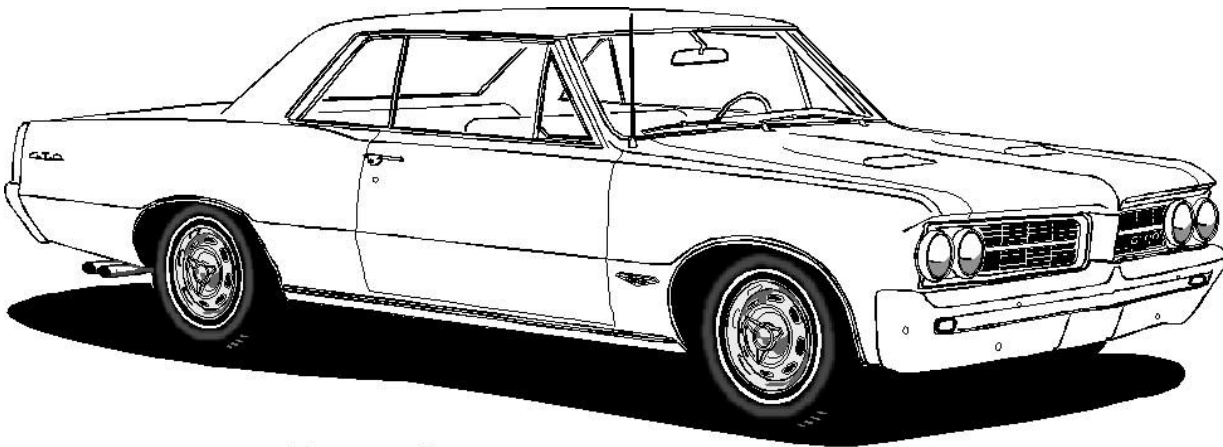
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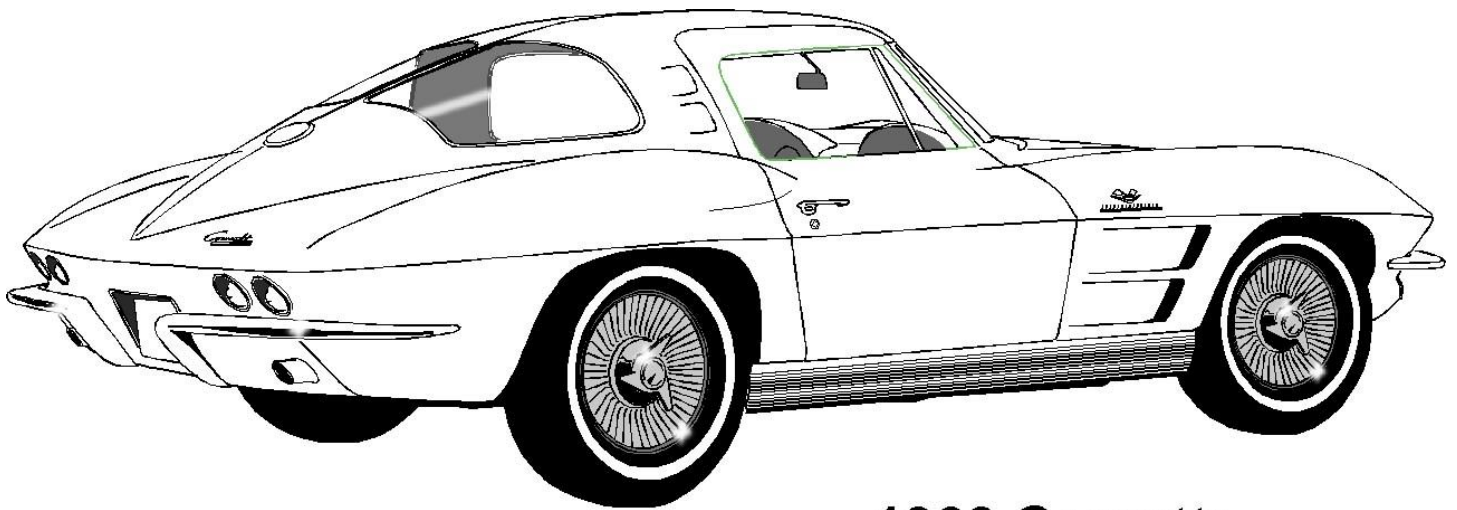
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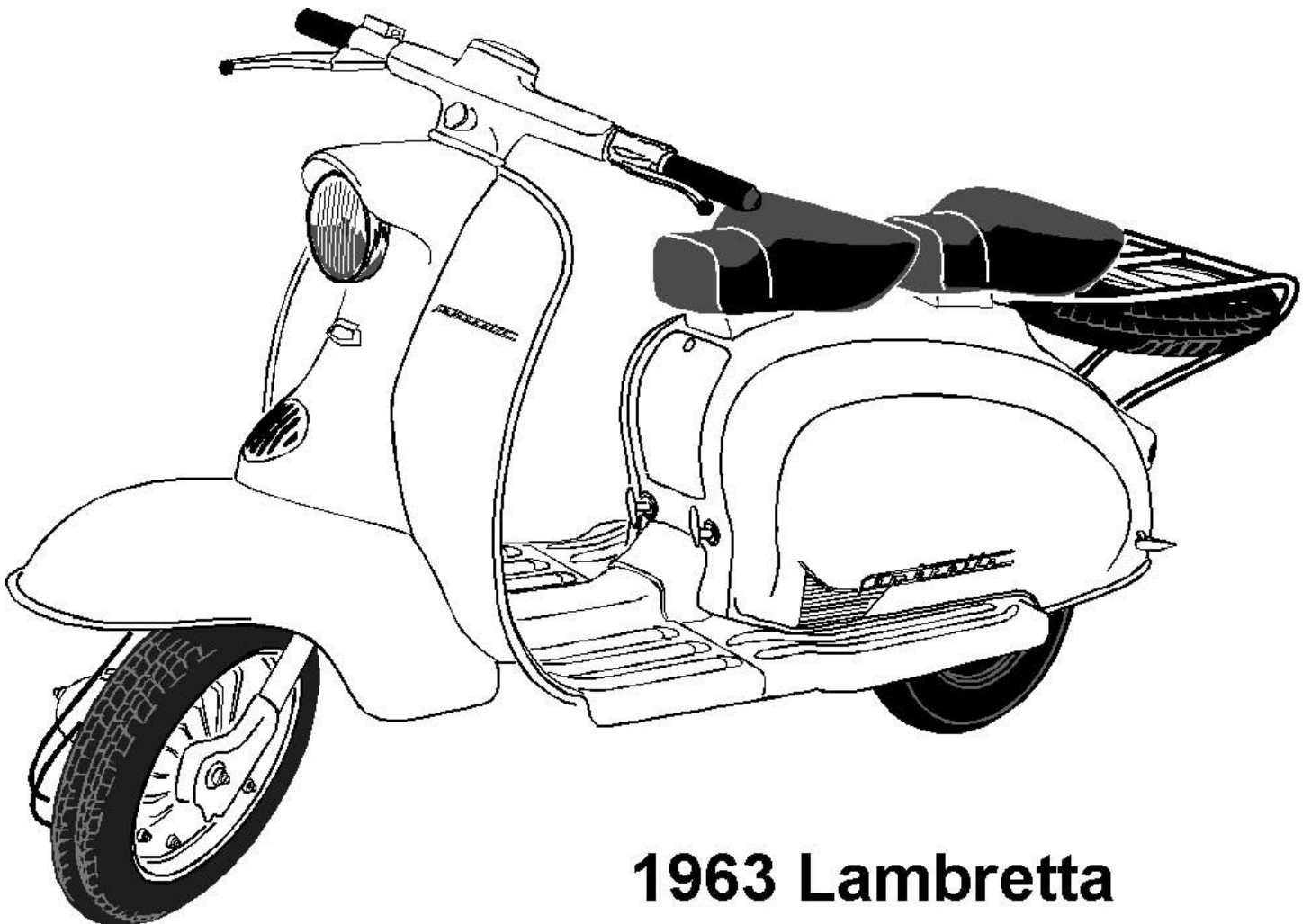
1951 Ford Woody



1964 GTO



1963 Corvette



1963 Lambretta

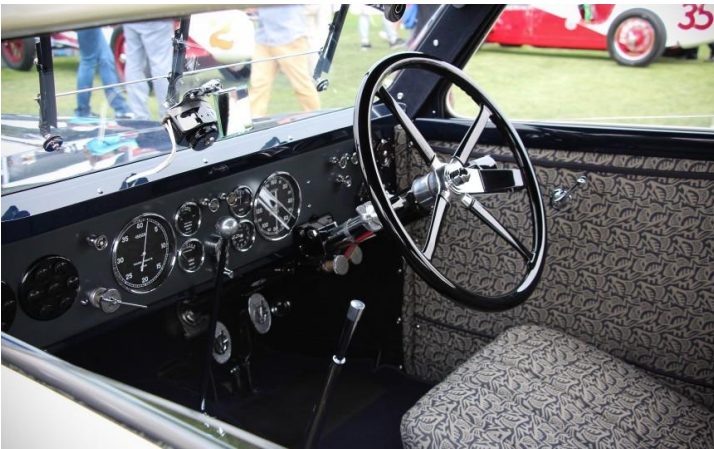
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1935 Ford V-8 Miller Special



1938 Horch 853 Erdmann and Rossi Special
Roadster



1935 Voisin C25 Cimer



1938 Delahaye 165 Figoni et Falaschi Cabriolet



1936 Lancia Astura Pinin Farina Cabriolet



1938 Packard 1605 Super Eight Bohman & Schwartz

Vehicle Trivia

What Came First?

No, this is not about Chickens and Eggs. It is about vehicles. We all know Cadillac was the first to have a self-starter. This prevented a lot of broken thumbs, and better yet it allowed ladies to drive since they no longer had to crank the car to start it.

But, what do you know of other firsts? For example, who built the first post-war American sports car? Chevy? No, it was Crosley in 1949 when they released the Hotshot.

How about the first SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle)? Yep, Crosley again in late 1947.

First to incorporate slab-sided styling, May 9, 1946? Did you say Crosley? Right! You are getting good at this.

First domestic company to install four-wheel hydraulic brakes as standard equipment. Crosley in May 1949.

How about the first all-steel station wagon? You've got it, it was Crosley.

You can read about this interesting auto maker in the September issue of Hemming's Classic Car magazine to get the whole story.

Do you have some not too well known trivia you would like to share? Send it – email, carrier pigeon, or pony express to Tom Locascio, our newsletter editor for inclusion in the next newsletter. We need your input because there are only so many Mecum auctions we can report on.

For that matter, why not send in things that interest you that you have done or would like to do? It is your newsletter and a good way to communicate with your fellow club members.

Member submission

Vintage Vehicles of Sun City, Arizona

These are a few of my favorite links



<https://www.facebook.com/jeep/videos/10156074083181515/>

Cut and paste into your browser if link is kaput. Expand video to full frame and turn up the volume. This one kept me amused for more time than I'd care to disclose.

<http://revsinstitute.org/>

A great museum and great web pastime.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRQ-nbhwEI>

Fascinating look at one man's obsession with pop up headlights. Mesmerizing.

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The fabulous 2016 Concorso Italiano



