



**PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
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**NEW MEXICO**  
Chapter 17 of the CTCI  
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**Upcoming Events**

**Power Ford Car Show**  
**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2,**

1101 Montañño Rd NE

**Time:** 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Registration:** This year the show is being run in a different manner. Registration is free for club members who preregister at [www.powerfordnm.com/carshow.html](http://www.powerfordnm.com/carshow.html) by mid-August. Day of the show registration is \$20.00. This covers the 40+ awards and awesome prizes for those who want to participate in the awards. There will be complimentary food, drinks and games for all ages! Club participation is important as the dealership financially supports the Christmas Party.



**September Luncheon at Sadie's Mexican Restaurant**  
**Saturday, September 21, 11:30 AM**

**Restaurant Address:** 5400 Academy Rd NE

**Host:** Bill Verant

**Checks:** Separate

**Food:** Great!



**Oct.19 will be Oktoberfest at the Kontny house**

There will be German music, beer and food—yes, that means sauerkraut. But, for those who really hate sauerkraut, there will be other offerings. Hoping for good weather, we're planning on gathering at noon and food served by around 1pm. There is plenty of parking at the back of the property so no need for anyone to park on the street. Just pull in and go ALL the way to the back. Spaces closer to the back yard will be reserved for those with mobility issues.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Jeannine Kontny at 505-865-3228 by October 9. or email: [kntny3228@hotmail.com](mailto:kntny3228@hotmail.com)

**Address:** 48 Jerome Road Los Lunas, NM 87031

**Directions:** Take I-25 South to Broadway (Bosque Farms/Peralta) exit 215. South on Hwy 47 to Valencia Road (stoplight there). Left (east) on Valencia to the first stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign. South to the Valencia Elementary School. Turn left at the water tower at the corner of the school and go to the next stop sign. That's Jerome Rd. Turn to the left at Jerome Rd. The road curves around to the east. Knotny's is the first house on the right after the speed bump.



*Our hosts, Jim and Jeannine Kontny*



## Remaining 2019 Calendar

Month	Dates	Time	Event (as of 07/26/19)	Location	Coordinators
September	2-Sep	8:30 am - 1 pm	Power Ford Exclusive T-bird Show	Power Ford, Montano	Ray Wood
	Saturday, 9/21	Noon	Monthly Luncheon	Sadie's at 5400 Academy Rd NE	Bill Verant
	9/26 to 29	10 AM - 4 PM	Annual NMCC Swap Meet	Isleta Resort and Casino	Non-Pajarito event
October	19-Oct	Noon	Oktoberfest	The Kontny's, Los Lunas	The Kontny's
November	TBD		Monthly Luncheon	TBD	The Kennedy's
December	TBD		Christmas Party	TBD	The Sowers
<b>2020</b>					
May	5/4-9, 2020		CTCI International Convention	Sarasota Springs, FL	Betty Tulowitzky

### Recent Events

## Harvey House Museum and Pete's Cafe



*Ed Chappelle, our host*



*Liz Griego-Powell, Sherry Jobe, Rose Roybal and Mary Jo Windes*



*Mary Jo Windes, Rose Roybal, Jim Timmons, Tom Windes*



## More from Belen



Our docent was excellent



Tom Windes counsels Jim Kontny.



Trudi and Mark Kennedy



Harvey Girl uniform



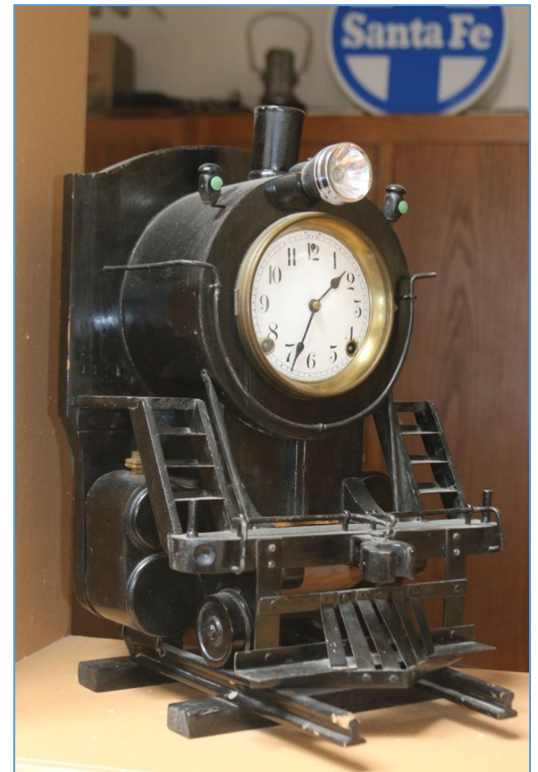
Parking under the carport at Pete's was awesome



Ray Wood



Laura Lachenmeyer, Steve and Jean Haydu, Ed Sauer and Sherry Jobe



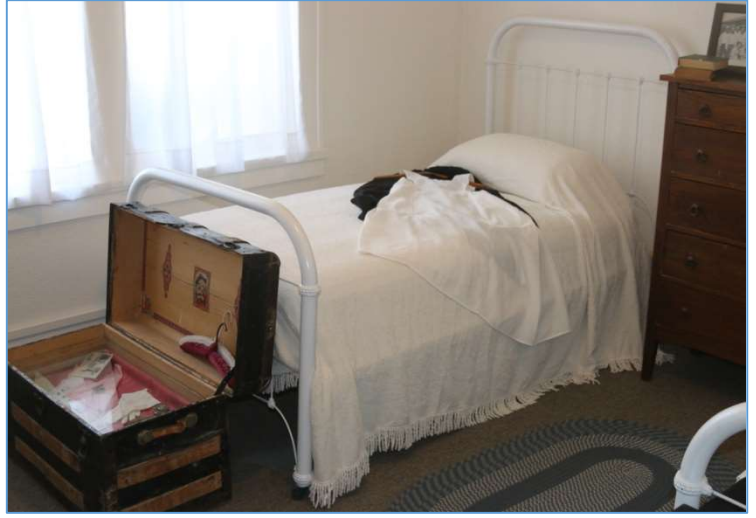
Antique and Unique clock



# People at Harvey House



*Typical place setting*



*Harvey Girl's typical room*



*Rose and Amado Roybal*



*Ray and Linda Wood*



*Sherry Jobe, Jean Haydu and Ed Sauer*



*Resistance is futile*



*1800's hardware storage cabinet and Harvey House Coffee Urn*

*A T & SF Route Map*





Recent Events:

## National Hot Rod Association at ABQ Fair Grounds

Best of Show (Editor's opinion)

Two Lonely Thunderbirds



1957 Buick Special



1959 Square bird



Phil Kuhl's 1957

Worst Color



And the Worst Color Winner is:



How do you change that front tire?



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**Its time to start thinking about 2020. Are you interested in serving as an officer for the Pajarito Club? Talk to Sam.**

## Honor where honor is due



The Board of Directors of Classic Thunderbird Club International recently bestowed the title of "Editor Emeritus" to Lin Somsak . Lin served as editor of CTCIs Early Bird magazine for 33 years prior to her retirement!

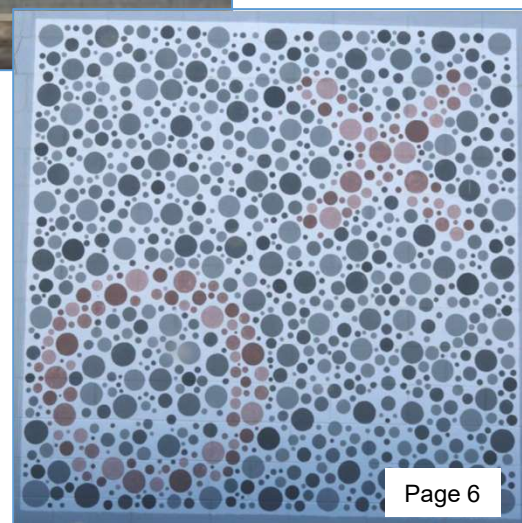
Larry Koolman makes the presentation of a commemorative desk plate.

## Show us your favorite mural in New Mexico:



Hummingbird painted on building at Indian School and San Pedro

Color Blindness chart painted on building at 4400 Silver SE



**Send in a photo (or location) of your favorite mural in New Mexico and we will include in a subsequent newsletter. Send to [Lloydpo@aol.com](mailto:Lloydpo@aol.com) or text 505-280-3114. These are my favorites...**





New 55 T-Birds on Convoy truck. Taken in Jan 20, 1955, a load of new Thunderbirds. Note, some with fender skirts and some without. Different wheel/tire combinations. The truck is an in-house built rig by Convoy using a Ford cab and other components. Convoy built several in the early 1950's and they worked into the 1960's.



## He'll be in kindergarten

WHEN HER RAMBLER NEEDS ITS FIRST CHASSIS LUBRICATION

He's two. The Rambler's brand-new. He'll be five, most likely, and riding to kindergarten, when the Rambler Classic needs its first lube job\*. Meanwhile, it will travel twice as far 1 season engine oil changes as any previous model.

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And Deep-Dip rustproofing, right up to the roof, makes Rambler the world's most rustproofed car.

Someday there may be a completely service-free car that lasts forever. Today Rambler comes closest. Come get the full story from your Rambler dealer.

\*Chassis lubrication lasts 3 years or 24,000 miles, whichever comes first.

# RAMBLER

American Motors Means More For Americans

## Nash Thought of the Children, too, in the World's Finest Travel Car!



## Five tips to keep your classic car from being stolen

### Avoid a really bad day

*Photo by Bill Smith.*

Imagine this scenario: It's a perfect spring day, so you opt to drive your classic car on a series of local errands. Lunch out is part of the plan, but exiting the restaurant, your car isn't where you remember parking it. Assuming a mental lapse, you check nearby spots, but soon reality – laced with a bit of panic – sinks in. Your car has been stolen, but what could you have done differently to prevent this?

First, let's establish one absolute: If a motivated professional car thief wants your particular car or truck, there's very little you can do about it. Using a flatbed wrecker, snatching a car takes just a minute or two, and alarms aren't much of a deterrent these days (particularly in urban areas or large parking lots, where car alarms are just part of the background noise). What we can do, however, is make our car as unattractive to thieves as possible, and below are five things we've found to be effective over the years.

**Always be situationally aware.** If a situation doesn't "feel right," listen to that inner voice that's raising the red flag. Maybe that flatbed truck cruising the parking lot is looking to help a stranded motorist – but why doesn't it have a local business name and telephone number on the cab? Ditto for the car or truck slowly cruising the lot, passing ample open parking spaces; maybe they're just waiting for someone to come out of a store. Or maybe they're not. Most car thefts occur at night, so always park in a well-lit area, preferably one with visible security cameras and high foot traffic. At a hotel, it may be reassuring to park where your car is visible outside the room, even if this means a longer walk to the lobby or elevators.

**Consider a hidden kill switch, or at the very least, a battery disconnect.** As with all things electrical, it's best to work with a shop that knows what they're doing, and have a hidden switch professionally installed (this is particularly important on cars equipped with air bags, as picking the wrong wire could potentially trigger them). A kill switch that cuts the ignition will prevent the car from being started, and one that cuts power to the fuel pump (assuming this is electric) will limit how far it can be driven. The cheapest and easiest method is to install a simple battery disconnect, which can be unscrewed or otherwise removed when the car is parked. On more modern cars, this is likely to play hell with radio and clock settings, but some disconnects feature a battery backup to power these systems (but not the vehicle's starter). Keep in mind that these won't do a thing to prevent your car from being towed, but they may be enough to prevent joy riders from swiping your car.

**Make it as inconvenient as possible for thieves to choose your car.** A visible aftermarket steering wheel lock can be defeated by a professional thief, but doing so takes time. If his choice is your car, equipped with such a device, or another car without, which is the easier target? There's no end to the security options here, up to and including clamp locks for the wheels which prevent the car from being moved, pedal locks, etc. The key is striking a tolerable balance between your convenience and a potential thief's inconvenience.



**Consider installing a vehicle tracker.** Years ago, Lojack was the primary option for recovering a stolen vehicle, but today inexpensive GPS tracking systems can be purchased online. It pays to do some research here, to determine for yourself which system best suits your needs, expectations and budget. Should your car be stolen, never attempt to recover it on your own, but instead provide police with as much detail as possible. It's hard to top a real-time location.

**Beware where you keep your keys.** Storing a vehicle in your garage with the keys in the ignition, or above the visor, may help in the event of an emergency (such as a garage fire), but it's also an open invitation to thieves. The same holds true for a visible key rack at home, which is likely the first place a thief will look. Spare keys should be kept in a home safe, or at the very least a locking box. To minimize the danger from a garage fire, park cars with the wheels pointing out the garage door, and keep a slotted screwdriver handy to override an automatic transmission lock. Even without a key, many console shifters can be placed in neutral using a slotted screwdriver, allowing the vehicle to be rolled out of a burning building.



## Tech Tips

### How to thwart car thieves with a \$10 kill switch

While down significantly from its historic peak in 1991, auto theft is undoubtedly still a problem in the U.S., with 773,139 vehicles stolen in 2017 alone. We often joke that the best protection against theft is a manual transmission (as a growing number of new drivers cannot operate them), but the truth is that accomplished thieves will not be fazed by such a deterrent.

The setup is simple, requiring only a multimeter, a few hand tools, and less than \$10 worth of parts. Adding a switch between the car's computer and fuel pump relay ensures that even if there's power from the ignition (whether from a key or hot-wiring attempt) the car will remain immobilized due to lack of fuel.

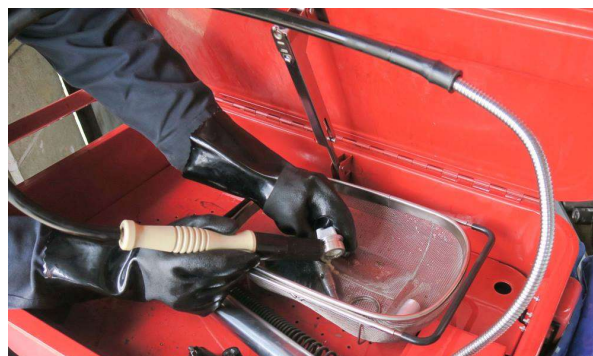


The following video does an excellent job explaining how to locate the fuel pump relay and identify which wires to splice into. He also suggests good areas for hiding the switch itself—his idea to place it on the underside of a car's shifter boot is nothing short of brilliant. The rest of the process involves running some wire, adding a few connections, and buttoning it all up for an inconspicuous appearance. Of course, always be sure to take basic safety precautions when working on a car's electrical system.

[https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/05/01/killswitch-thwarts-car-thieves?utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Daily\\_News\\_Monday\\_May\\_6](https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/05/01/killswitch-thwarts-car-thieves?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Daily_News_Monday_May_6)

### Safety Tip #2: Skin and Bones – Next Installment:

Slathering up in jet black motor oil or molasses-thick gear oil might seem the Chuck Norris thing to do, especially with your car on those new macho ramps, but soaking in contaminated petrochemicals is bad news. Gloves are the answer for keeping toxic agents off skin and out of blood. Latex gloves don't stand up to oil-based chemicals. Nitrile gloves can hold out a bit longer. Step up to the rhino-hide-thick chemical gloves if a can of carburetor dip or elbows-deep solvent washer action is in the plan. Mechanics gloves add knuckle-busting protection with some cushion and grip, and coveralls go beyond hands for stylish protection. Sturdy shoes are another solid investment.



### Torque Detail Wax

Pete Edmonds reports that he bought this product and that it is really amazing. He says it is easy to apply and obtain a great shine.

<https://www.torquedetail.com/products/mirror-shine-best-car-wax-spray?msclkid=389634416fa21079bf816914f66cd32e#>

### For Sale: Thunderbird Spoke Wheels and Tires

Like new 14 inch wire wheels and G78x14 white wall tires off of 1963 Thunderbird to make way for disc brakes. Disc brakes would not fit on the 14 inch wheels. Price lowered to \$ 1799.00. Originally \$2,800.00 for these and they only have 400 miles on them. If you would like to purchase them or know of someone who would like them, you can contact Gary Burns at 505-903-2840 or email [gjburns625@gmail.com](mailto:gjburns625@gmail.com).



### Repairs seen at Walmart:





## Tech Tips

### Some Very Interesting Auto Predictions:

- 1-Auto repair shops will disappear.
- 2-A gasoline/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has 20. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are only repaired by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.
- 3-Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots.
- 4-Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!
- 5-Gasoline pumps will go away.
- 6-Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.
- 7-Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that only build electric cars.
- 8-Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. So say goodbye to OPEC! The middle-east is in trouble.
- 9-Homes will produce and store electrical energy during the day and then they use some and sell excess back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?
- 10-A baby of today will only see personal cars in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.

11 – My classic T-bird will be worth \$1,000,000.00 when these all come true.

### More Repairs seen at Walmart:





## From around town



## Talking on the cell a bit too loud concerning personal stuff ?

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, the young woman sitting next to him pulled out her cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart.

It's Sue. I'm on the train". "Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting".

"No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss".

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life". "Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly.

When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

*Sue doesn't use her cell phone in public any longer.*



*I guess there wasn't really any space...*





When Tim Tebow knelt to thank God for his blessings, he was mocked. When Colin Kaepernick knelt to disrespect his Country, he was hailed as a hero. Therein lies the problem.

**DEAR NIKE**

**YOU PICKED THE  
WRONG KNEELER**

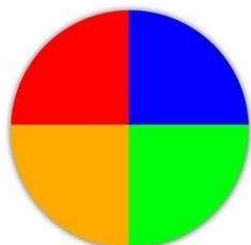


**WHEN CALIFORNIA WAS A RED STATE, IT HAD THE STRONGEST MIDDLE CLASS IN THE WORLD**

**NOW THAT THE STATE IS BLUE, THE MIDDLE CLASS IS DESTROYED AND IT HAS THE HIGHEST HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY RATES IN THE COUNTRY**



**HOW REPUBLICANS  
DENY PEOPLE  
THEIR RIGHT  
TO VOTE**



- REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP
- REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION
- MUST NOT VOTE MORE THAN ONCE
- MUST BE ALIVE



**MICE DIE IN  
MOUSE TRAPS  
BECAUSE THEY DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND WHY THE  
CHEESE IS FREE.**

**THE SAME THING HAPPENS WITH  
SOCIALISM.**



## Automotive History

# Chrysler and Maserati : How Not to Execute a Strategic Alliance

Chrysler has long been a roller-coaster company with multiple good and bad decisions. In the late 1970s, it was rumored the company's chairman of the board and presidents didn't even talk to each other and that the company was in financial difficulty. Across town in Detroit, there was another conflict between Henry Ford II and Lee Iacocca, Ford Motor's president. Apparently, egos clashed and Iacocca was fired in 1978.

A few months later the fired Ford executive became the CEO of the nearly bankrupt Chrysler, agreed to a salary of \$1 a year, and good things started happening at Chrysler. The "K Car" and the minivan were introduced, and by the mid-1980s, the company was selling lots of cars and minivans and making money. Across the big pond, there was a different kind of automobile company — Maserati, a luxury vehicle manufacturer started by two brothers in 1914. Like many car producers in that era, Maserati built excellent race cars and continued to do so until 1957. Citroën became Maserati's owner in 1968 and built some interesting cars, but the 1973 oil crisis took its toll.

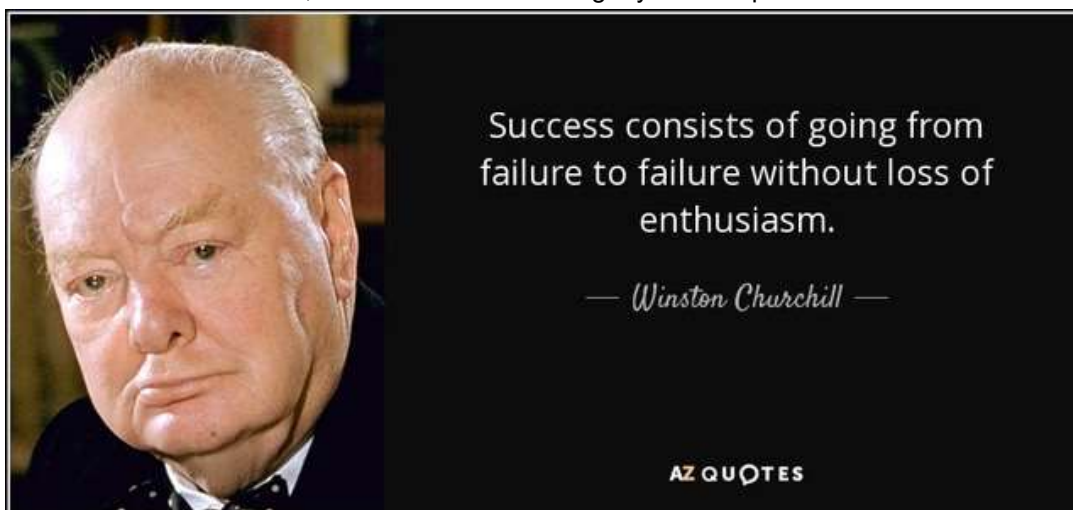
The Chrysler TC by Maserati was to be the show car selling 5,000 to 10,000 for about \$33,000 (about \$75,000 in today's dollars) and be the forerunner of the newly restyled Chrysler LeBaron convertible for model year 1987. But it didn't happen. So what went wrong? Delay after delay after delay. The similarly styled LeBaron convertible was produced two years before the Chrysler TC and sold for about half the price. So in total, there were only 7,300 Chrysler TCs manufactured in the three model years of 1988 through 1990.



Truly an international car, 75% of the front-wheel drive TC's (TC stood for Touring Convertible) parts were built in Italy; the sheet metal, chassis components, and engine/transaxle came from the US; some components came from France; the Michelin tires and Getrag shifter came from West Germany, the wiring came from Spain; and it was all assembled in Maserati's Innocenti complex at Lambrate near Milan.

Problems surfaced from the beginning with the TC. Fit and finish for a \$33,000 vehicle were subpar as were many of the interior trim furnishings. To a Daytona/LeBaron owner, too many pieces were familiar: the door locks and handles, window switches, foot-operated parking brake, gauge cluster, cruise/turn-signal stalk, steering column, dash vents, glove box, ashtray, cassette holder, climate controls, stereo (CD & cassette), windshield... and more.

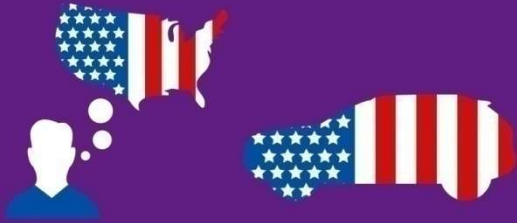
In the same glance, you spot cheap tape pinstripes and incredibly expensive Italian-made Fondmetal wheels. You spot a flawless seam between metal tonneau and rear deck, and then you wonder why its lines are spoiled by a mammoth high-mounted brake light that even the Chrysler guys call 'the chrome-plated nerd'. There were misalignments between hood and fenders and between doors and rocker sills, but marvel at the mahogany-smooth paint.





## Auto History and Trivia

### Cars.com's 2019 American-Made Index: Perception Vs. Reality



#### Top 5 Cars Americans Think Are Made in the U.S.

Ford F-150 (71%)  
Ford Expedition (67%)  
Chevrolet Corvette (66%)  
Ford Taurus (63%)  
Chevrolet Traverse (61%)

#### AMI: Top 5 Cars Made in the U.S.

1. Jeep Cherokee  
2. Honda Odyssey  
3. Honda Ridgeline  
4. Honda Passport  
5. Chevrolet Corvette

Trade tensions and tariff threats have garnered plenty of headlines in 2019. The breakneck pace at which such threats are issued and rescinded is enough to give anyone whiplash. While it's become business as usual for those keeping up with the news, the repercussions to consumers could run deep if some of the threats become reality, according to Cars.com. For now, these trade tensions have had minimal effect. An analysis that determines which cars are the most American by examining assembly location, parts sourcing, factory employment relative to sales, engine sourcing and transmission sourcing. Cars.com analyzed more than 100 US built vehicles for this index. For the second year in a row, the Jeep Cherokee, which is built in Belvidere, Illinois, topped the American-Made Index. While Jeep is an American brand with a rich history, it's also owned by Italy's Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. Japanese automaker Honda nabbed the next three spots with its Odyssey minivan in second place, the Ridgeline pickup truck in third and the all-new Passport SUV taking fourth. These three vehicles are built in Lincoln, Alabama, and the Passport's addition to Honda's lineup and to this index—as well as other Honda and Acura vehicles built in the U.S.—helped the automaker to dominate the 2019 American-Made Index. The first U.S.-based automaker, GM, ranks No. 5 on the index with the Chevrolet Corvette, built in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The 2019 American-Made Index differs greatly from people's perception of which cars are built in the U.S.

## Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...



#### Doctor's Office

I walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked me what I had. I said: 'Shingles.' So she wrote down my name, address, medical insurance number and told me to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked me what I had.

I said, 'Shingles.' So she wrote down my height, weight, a complete medical history and told me to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked me what I had. I said, 'Shingles...'

So the nurse gave me a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told me to take off all my clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found me sitting patiently in the nude and asked me what I had.

I said, 'Shingles.' The doctor asked, 'Where?'

I said, 'Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em??'

## Do you remember these?

