**Old Car Trivia**

Q: What was the first official White House car?  
  
 A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.  
  
   
 Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?  
   
 A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.  
   
   
 Q: What city was the first to use parking meters?  
   
 A: Oklahoma City , on July 16, 1935.  
   
   
 Q: Where was the first drive-in restaurant?  
   
 A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.  
   
   
 Q: True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.  
   
 A: False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.  
   
   
 Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette,   
 and other legal street racers of the 1960's?  
   
 A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.  
   
   
 Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator,   
 rather than a direct current dynamo?  
   
 A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant  
   
   
 Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?  
   
 A: The 1924 Chrysler.  
   
   
 Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?  
   
 A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading , PA. Perpetuity  
 was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.  
   
   
 Q: What American luxury automaker began  
 by making cages for birds and squirrels?  
   
 A: The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo , who made  
 the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.  
   
   
 Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?  
   
 A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.  
   
   
 Q: What car was the first to have it's radio  
 antenna embedded in the windshield?  
   
 A: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.  
   
   
 Q: What car used the first successful   
 series-production hydraulic valve lifters?  
   
 A: The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16  
   
   
 Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?  
   
 A: Detroit , Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.  
   
   
 Q: What type of car had the distinction of being   
 GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S. ?  
   
 A: March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado roll  
 out of Lansing , Michigan with that honor.  
   
   
 Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?  
   
 A: Camden , NJ in 1933  
   
   
 Q: What autos were the first to use a   
 standardized production key-start system?  
   
 A: The 1949 Chryslers  
   
   
 Q: What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?  
   
 A: 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.  
   
   
 Q: What car was the first to place the  
 horn button in the center of the steering wheel?  
   
 A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also   
 was the first with electric door latches.  
   
   
 Q: What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?  
   
 A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. Did it in 4.0 seconds.  
   
   
 Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously   
 on the covers of Time and Newsweek?  
   
 A: The Mustang  
   
   
 Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?  
   
 A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost $260, $5 less than 1924.  
   
   
 Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?  
   
 A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by  
 Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.  
   
   
 Q: What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?  
   
 A: The Dodge Brothers.  
   
   
 Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?  
   
 A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde ) in 1934.  
   
 Q: What car was the first production V12, as well   
 as the first production car with aluminum pistons?  
   
 A: The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy ,  
 these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to   
 adopt the V12 himself in 1948.  
   
   
 Q: What was the first car to use power operated seats?  
   
 A: They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.  
   
   
 Q: Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?  
   
 A: Only 400, 1963, 300J's were sold  
 (they skipped" "I" because it looked like a number 1)  
   
   
 Q: What car company was originally  
 known as Swallow Sidecars (aka SS)?  
   
 A: Jaguar, which was an SS model first in 1935,   
 and ultimately the whole company by 1945.  
   
   
 Q: What car delivered the first production V12 engine?  
   
 A: The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after   
 Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent,   
 introduced its Twin-Six.  
   
   
 Q: When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?  
   
 A: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which  
 crashed at 100 mph. on Staten Island !  
   
   
 Q: In January 1930, Cadillac debuted it's V16 in a car named  
 for a theatrical version of a 1920's film seen by Harley Earl  
 while designing the body, What's that name?  
   
 A: The "Madam X", a custom coach designed by Earl  
 and built by Fleetwood. The sedan featured a  
 retractable landau top above the rear seat.  
   
   
 Q: Which car company started out German,   
 yet became French after WWI?  
   
 A: Bugati, founded in Molsheim in 1909, became   
 French when Alsace returned to French rule.  
   
 Q: In what model year did Cadillac  
 introduce the first electric sunroof?  
   
 A: 1969  
   
   
 Q: What U.S. production car had the largest 4 cylinder engine?  
   
 A: The 1907 Thomas sported a 571 cu. in. (9.2liter) engine.  
   
   
 Q: What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970?  
   
 A: 1970 Gremlin, (AMC)  
   
   
 Q: What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?   
   
 A: The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce,   
 she is the lady on top of their radiators.  
   
   
 Q: What was the inspiration for MG's famed octagon-shaped badge?  
   
 A: The shape of founder Cecil Kimber's dining table.   
 MG stands for Morris Garages.  
   
   
 Q: In what year did the "double-R" Rolls   
 Royce badge change from red to black?  
   
 A: 1933  
   
   
 Trivia...Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds of the trucks.