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President's Report March 2020

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It was wonderful to end the year with an albeit different but very successful Christmas Lunch. It was greatly attended, especially in these difficult times, and muchly appreciated that our club members could gather to farewell a year most would gladly forget.

So, welcome to a new year of motoring and let's hope things start to return to a bit more normal for 2021 but I see we are not off to a good start already with our boarders being closed once again and interstate travel highly unpredictable. So we will need to be wary on booking rallies' in advance when it comes to crossing boarders.

Hope everyone has had a nice and relaxing Christmas break with family and friend's. Our first outing for this year will be the annual fish and chips at Manly on Wednesday the 20th January, hope to see many members there

YOURS IN AGED & CLASSIC MOTORING

Barry Shipway

President & Magazine Editor
Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association

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“QVVA WELCOMES ALL VISITORS TO OUR CLUB”

QVVA welcomes visitors who have an interest in the preservation and restoration of all types of vehicles to an original condition as far as practicable.

GENERAL MEETING: 8PM fourth Wednesday of each month

ADDRESS: Veteran Car Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road,

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MEMBERSHIP \$30.00Joining fee plus \$40.00 Annual fee

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MINUTES OF THE 623rd GENERAL MEETING OF THE QVVA Inc.

HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS ...WEDNESDAY 28th October 2020

Meeting chaired by Barry Shipway

MEETING OPENED: 8.05pm.

APOLOGIES: Adrian Dearling, Martin Jansen and as per the Attendance Book.

VISITORS: Nil

PRESENTATION: Nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Apologies that previous minutes were not sent out. These will be sent subsequently and moved at the next meeting. The minutes as published in the Vintage News be taken as read.

SECRETARY REPORT: Moved by Clint Frater– Seconded Steve Dabelstein

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved by Wendy Tyquin and seconded by Colin Hinxman.

Public Relations: Several members and past members who have recently deceased: Leo Lindstrom, Launa Mitchelton and Joan Fenelon.

Get well to Allison Day and Martin Jansen who have recently been ill.

RALLY & EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR:

Discussion about upcoming tours including Esk, Bonnets Up Day and Christmas Party.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Short discussion on QHMC issues which seem to be resolving themselves

SKITES:

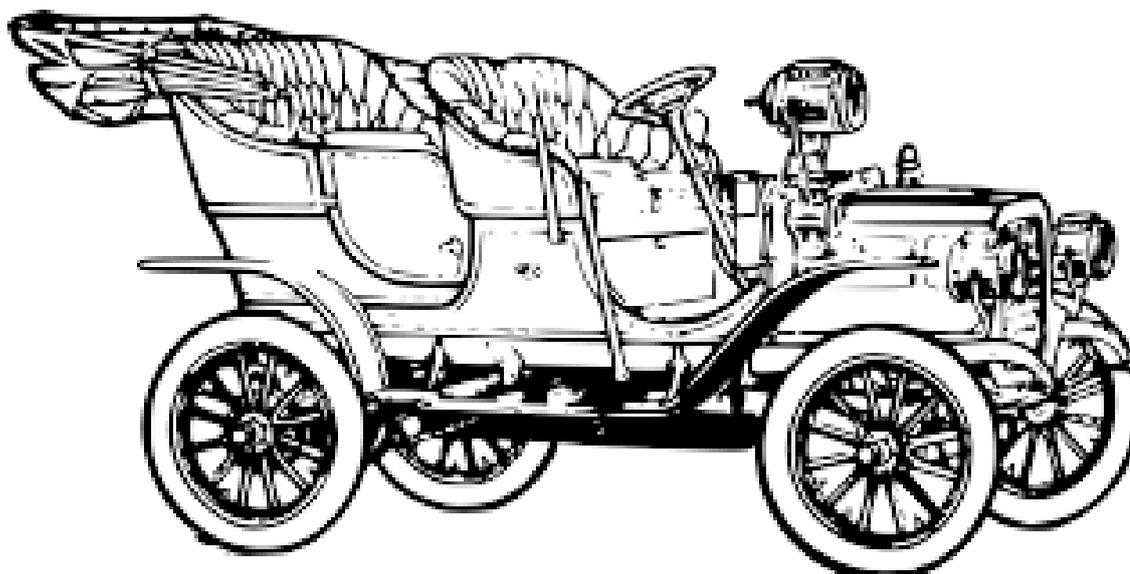
New members Jim & Veronica Fortune gave history on their 1929 Marmon Roosevelt. Wendy Tyquin gave a talk on a recent VMC run to Inglewood.

Clint Frater discussed work he has undertaken on the Steve Dabelstein's 1923 Citroen motor.

Discussion on two club cars winning best in class in virtual RACQ Motorfest being Don Lakes Oakland and John Days 1903 Olds

RAFFLE: Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions

Meeting closed at 8:45pm



MINUTES OF THE 624nd GENERAL MEETING OF THE QVVA Inc.

HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS WEDNESDAY 25th November 2020

chaired by Barry Shipway

MEETING OPENED: 8.05pm.

APOLOGIES: Martin Jansen, Janette Farnell, John & Ruth Knight and as per the Attendance Book.

VISITORS: Nil

PRESENTATION: John Day on model T steering wheels.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Was moved by Clint Frater and seconded by Robert Wode. The minutes as published in the Vintage News be taken as read.

SECRETARY REPORT: Queensland Transport is now requesting a membership number on SIVS registrations. Moved by Clint Frater– Seconded Robert Wode.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved by Wendy Tyquin and seconded by Colin Hinxman.

RALLY & EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR:

Discussion on run to ESK / Summerset dam.
Bonnetts up day at Michael & Jody Ferguson's house in Samford.
First Tuesday Club Dinner at Club Southside.
Christmas Party at Old Petrie town. Please add names to list at front.
Wednesday 30 December – Final run to Lota Beach.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Number of new member enquiries for SIVS but no new memberships have been paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SKITES: Barry Shipway discussed his 1935 Dodge Sedan he has recently purchased.

RAFFLE: Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions

MEETING CLOSED: 8:34pm



Barry's 1935 Dodge 6

Look, a shooting star!
Make a wish!

I wish you would stop buying car parts..

Oh, sorry, it's a plane.



Any ideas on how to stop my tyres from rusting?



TUESDAY NIGHT OUT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

GALLOPERS AT ASCOT

It had been a while since a Tuesday dinner due to Covid restrictions so it was nice to catch up with some car club friends. Another good meal and lots of chatter.

Baz & Susie Shipway, John Buchanan, Stan Millar, Clint Frater, Martin Jansen, Michael & Jodie Ferguson, John & Ruth Knight

VISIT TO AUTOMITIVE CARFTSMAN WORKSHOP

Saturday 19th September 2020

Thank you, Simon & Kathy, for arranging this visit. Thirty-Four members and friends attended and were shown the extraordinary workmanship of Adam and Luke.

TUESDAY NIGHT OUT 6th OCTOBER 2020

MT GRAVATT HOTEL

We welcomed Veronica & James, new members – from Woody Point. A lovely meal and lots of chatter took place.

Stan Millar, John Buchanan, Veronica & James Fortune, Don Lake, Clint Frater, Graham & Wendy Amy, Jim & Barbara Hayden, Michael & Jodi Ferguson, Trevor & Janette Farnell, John & Ruth Knight.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Get Well Card sent to:

Alison Day, Kathy Flanigan & Clint Frater

Wishing a speedy recovery to any
QVVA members who may be unwell at this time.

Wyaralong Dam 18th October 2020

Via Berrinba Wetlands

Five cars set out from the Club Rooms to follow Clint's instructions to Berrinba Wetlands for morning tea. We met up with six more cars and passengers who had arrived earlier. Berrinba Wetlands, on Wayne Goss Drive, Browns Plains, is a 198-acre reserve tucked away behind an industrial area. The area has walking and cycling tracks around wetlands that are teeming with birdlife. Following morning tea, we drove to Wyaralong Dam via Tamborine Village and Beaudesert. We found a shelter shed and enjoy lunch together with a nice breeze blowing over the dam. Thank you, Clint, for a great country drive.

Members who attended Wyaralong Dam outing : -

Clint Frater 1928 Plymouth Tourer, Simon & Kathy Flitcroft 1928 Plymouth Tourer, Ross & Wendy Tyquin 1928 Model A Ford, Col Hinxman 1930 Buick Tourer, Michael & Jodi Ferguson 1951 Chevrolet Ute, John & Ruth Knight 1954 Plymouth, Baz & Susie Shipway 1960 Morris Major, Ian & Bev McLucas 1969 MGB, Nev & Joan Schumann Modern, Nancy & Micheala Condie Modern, Nola & Ian Woodward Modern.

Friday's outing to Osprey House

23RD October 2020

"A slight chance of rain" said the weather man and yes there were some dark clouds to the west. However, there was no rain – again – which was probably good as we enjoyed our morning tea and lunch at two lovely picnic areas.

After morning tea in the picnic area at Osprey house we took a tour of the information centre to check on the young Osprey chick. The nest is in the carpark up high on a manmade pole which has a camera looking down into the nest. Some of us had seen the chick at 3 weeks old when we visited Osprey House in August. This was the QVVA trip to Bribie on Ekka Friday but the traffic was too heavy so we left the highway and had lunch at Osprey House.

The chick, named Moreton, is now 13 weeks and leaving the nest to fish. He's not ready to leave home just yet and still squawks for more food.

Michael & Jodi knew of a lovely spot for lunch right on the water just down the road. The tide was coming in and with a view of the Ted Smout Bridge we continued our chatting and enjoyed lunch there.

Martin Jansen, 29 Buick Roadster, Michael & Jodi Ferguson, 1940 Chev Ute, John & Ruth Knight 1954 Plymouth Wagon, Col Hinxman, 1962 Buick Wagon,

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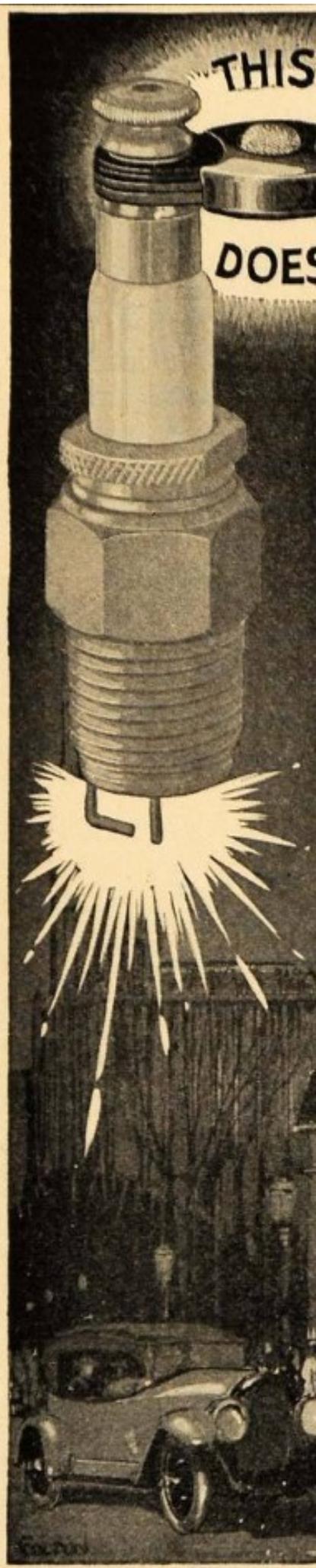
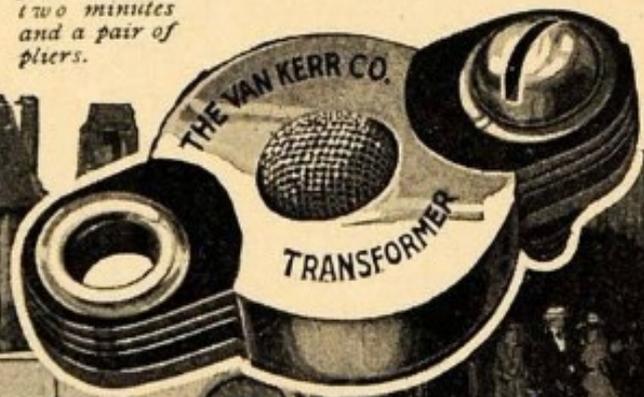
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How it shows how much easier to drive cars are

Vintage vehicles, Automotive history and stories from motoring's past. Fantasies in Fiberglass - the influential material in '50s cottage car design

Just after WWII, fiberglass was thought of as a new wonder material. Lightweight, strong, corrosion proof, waterproof, easily cast in exotic shapes, it seemed perfect for limited-production car bodies. Detroit was quick to grasp its utility and soon began making styling studies and concept cars out of the new material. It wasn't that big a leap for GM to take it a step further and introduce a new Corvette sports car made of the miracle plastic.

GM wasn't first to sell a fiberglass car body. That honor goes to Bill Tritt of Glasspar, a small Southern California fiberglass boat builder who introduced his Glasspar G2 sports car in 1949. Tritt was mostly interested in selling bodies rather than completed cars and only sold a few turnkey examples. Disneyland learned of his work and commissioned Tritt to build miniature fiberglass cars for its "Autopia" single-seater ride.



Located down the street from Glasspar, Robert "Woody" Woodill was a Willys dealer who fancied building a sportscar with Willys running gear. The Woodill Wildfire was developed from a modified Glasspar G3 body and Woodill presented it to Willys hoping they would build it as a factory sports car. But Willys was about to be purchased by Kaiser and had no time for such a venture. So Woody worked independently, building and selling fifteen complete cars and two hundred and fifteen kits. Wildfires were featured on the big screen as sports racers in the Tony Curits movie Johnny Dark. Nine factory-built Wildfires are said to exist today. Even earlier than the Glasspar G2 and Wildfire, visionary engineer Bill Stout, designer of the Ford Tri-Motor airplane and Stout Scarab car, built an experimental fiberglass sedan in 1946, but no production plans materialized.

Henry Kaiser had no interest in building a sports car. He was having enough trouble building sedans to bother with a low production special. But his designer Dutch Darrin had other ideas. Excited to design his own sports car, he had a prototype built using Kaiser Henry J running gear and presented it to his boss. Henry Kaiser was adamant, saying he had no interest in the project until his wife spoke up, "Why Henry, I think that's the most beautiful thing I've ever seen." They were newly married and Henry was smitten by his younger wife. He told Darrin to go ahead with production. Introduced



1954 model year, it beat the Corvette to market by one month, but only 435 Kaiser-Darrins were built for sale. It was underpowered, sold by a company with an uncertain future, and carried a high price tag, dampening interest in the swoopy two-seater. Sales lagged. Darrin ended up buying fifty that had been damaged in a snowstorm and selling them out of his California showroom.



Chevrolet introduced its exciting new fiberglass Corvette at the Waldor-Astoria in 1953, causing a sensation.

Public excitement was so great that GM announced the car would go into production later that year. The legendary Corvette went on to become the most successful fiberglass sports car of all, still in production sixty-six years later.



A pretty roadster based on a Scaglietti design for an aluminum bodied sports racer, Bill Devin's first fiberglass sports car was just the start. Building bodies from 1955-64, his Devin company produced a variety of different bodies for the street and track. Devin's bodies were better quality than much of his competition and he brilliantly made his most popular roadster in differently-sized modular parts that could be combined to fit a wide variety of different chassis.

When famed car magazine publisher Robert Petersen took his new Cistalia 202 coupe to a shop for repairs, enterprising So Cal car guys Bill Burke and Mickey Thompson enlisted George Barris' help to pull a mold off it to produce a car they called the Allied Swallow, a nearly exact replica of the Cistalia with a wheelbase that matched the contemporary MG roadster. They later introduced a roadster

version called the Falcon. They stretched the coupe body to fit American chassis and named it the Blackhawk. Around eight Blackhawks and twenty-some Swallows were built.

The 1952 Maverick was a large, imposing, luxury two-seater fiberglass roadster built on a Cadillac frame and powered by a Caddy V-8. Seven cars were built from 1952-68, just one is known to have survived.



Much later, Bruce Meyers, a visionary Southern Californian, invented a street-legal fiberglass bodied VW powered dune buggy he called the Meyers Manx. From 1965-71 over six thousand were produced, inspiring countless imitations. Meyers Manxes proved fierce competitors in off road racing and received massive publicity. No top, no side windows, no hood, but big fun, the Manx appeared in Elvis movies and the Thomas Crown Affair, driven by Steve McQueen. Bruce Meyers is still around and producing Manxes on a per order basis to this day.

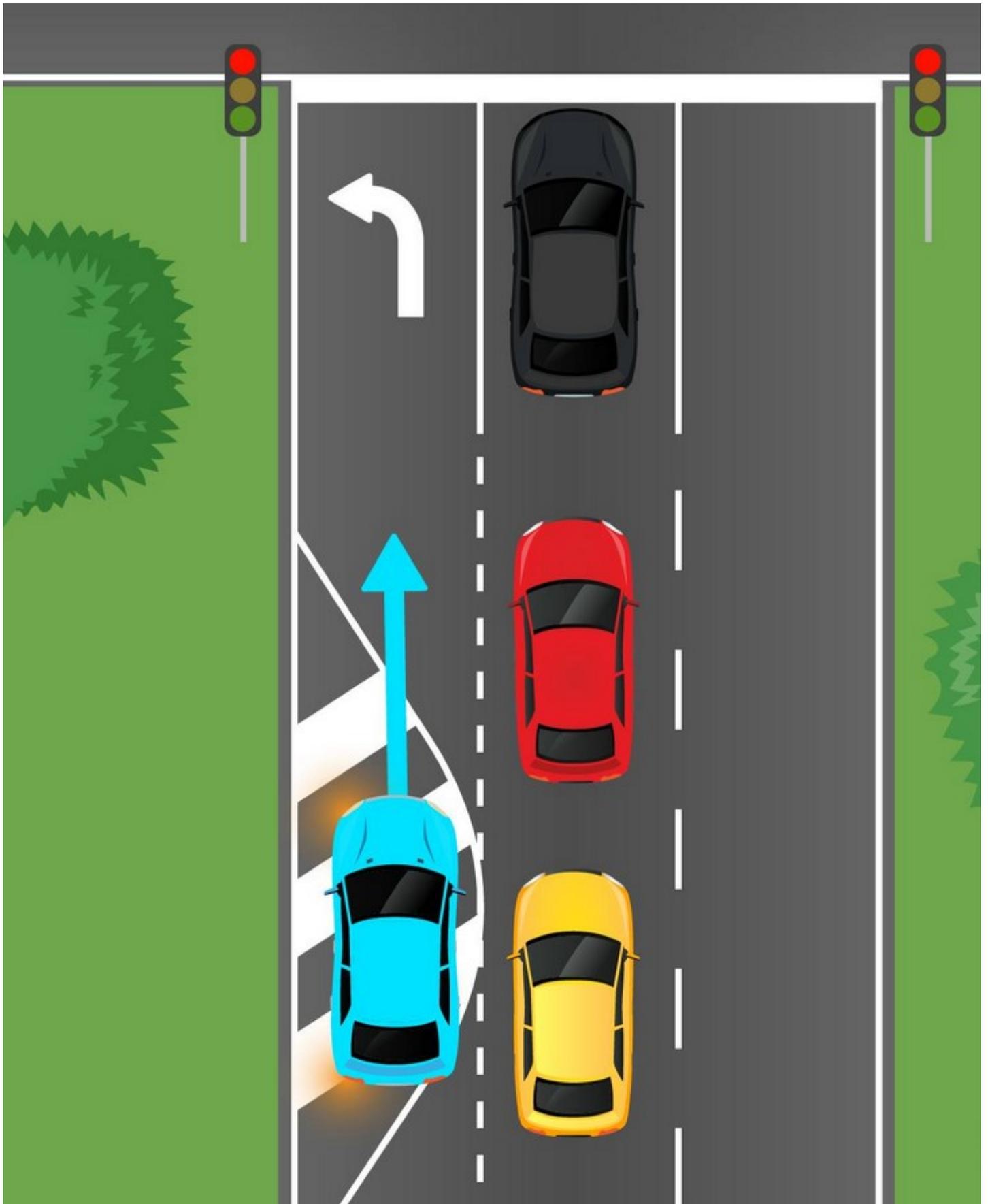
There were many other small time operators offering fiberglass bodies in back page ads during the 1950s including Victress, Allied, Almquist, LaDawri, Kellison, Byers, and Meteor. Today the www.undiscoveredclassics.com/forgottenfiberglass is the internet's go to site for information on this often forgotten niche of automotive history. Growing interest in these early experiments has led to many of the old hulks being hauled from barns and restored; makes sense they'd survive as rust is never an issue.



By Jim Cherry
<https://www.curbside.tv/blog/fantastic-plastic>



#QuizTime - is the blue car allowed to drive on/over the painted island?





Laws of the Land

Law of Centrifugal Malfeasance –

The likelihood that a wench will slip and mar the surface is directly proportional to the newness of the surface.

Law of Mechanical Repair -

> After your hands become coated with grease,
> your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to
> pee.

> **Law of Gravity -**

> Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped,
> will roll to the least accessible place in the
> universe.

> **Law of Probability -**

> The probability of being watched is directly
> proportional to the stupidity of your act.

> **Law of Random Numbers -**

> If you dial a wrong number, you never get a
> busy signal; someone always answers.

> **Variation Law -**

> If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one
> you were in will always move faster than the
> one you are in now.

> **Law of the Bath -**

> When the body is fully immersed in water,
> the telephone will ring.

> **Law of Close Encounters -**

> The probability of meeting someone you know
> INCREASES dramatically when you are
> dressed totally inappropriately or you are with
> someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result -

> When you try to prove to someone that
> a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

> **Law of Biomechanics -**

> The severity of the itch is inversely
> proportional to the reach.

> 📁📁👉 **Law of the Theater & Football Stadium -**

- > At any event, the people whose seats are
- > farthest from the aisle, always arrive last.
- > They are the ones who will leave their seats
- > several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet
- > and who leave early before the end of the
- > performance or the game is over. The folks
- > in the aisle seats come early, never move
- > once, have long gangly legs or big bellies
- > and stay to the bitter end of the performance.
- > The aisle people also are very surly folk.

> 📁📁👉 **The Coffee Law -**

- > As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee,
- > your boss will ask you to do something which
- > will last until the coffee is cold.

> 📁📁👉 **Murphy's Law of Lockers -**

- > If there are only 2 people in a locker room,
- > they will have adjacent lockers.

> 📁📁👉 **Law of Physical Surfaces -**

- > The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich
- > landing face down on a floor are directly
- > correlated to the newness and cost of the
- > carpet or rug

> 📁📁👉 **Law of Logical Argument -**

- > Anything is possible IF you don't know
- > what you are talking about.

> 📁📁👉 **Law of Physical Appearance -**

- > If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

> 📁🕒👉 **The 50-50-90 Law**

- > Whenever there's a 50-50 chance of getting something right,
- > there's a 90% probability that you'll get it wrong.

> 📁📁👉 **Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy -**

- > As soon as you find a product that you really
- > like, they will stop making it OR the store will
- > stop selling it!

> 📁👉👉 **Doctors' Law -**

- > If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go
- > to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel
- > better. But don't make an appointment and you'll
- > stay sick.
- > If you don't forward this to your friends,
- > your belly button will unscrew - and your bum will fall off.

Really... It's true. I read it on the Internet

#QuizAnswer - Yes! You may drive on a painted island with a single continuous line around it for up to 50m to immediately enter a turn lane and/or enter or leave the road. How did you go?

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Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

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3 wise men

