

Test Your Automotive History Knowledge



On the Club’s Spring Tour to the AACA Museum on May 20th, members were given an automotive history quiz to complete for a door prize. At the Museum, **Dave Benson** was awarded the prize for his excellent work answering some tough questions. Our guess is that **Carrie Benson** helped quite a bit. We are giving the rest of our members the chance to take this quiz just for fun! The quiz answers appear at the bottom of the page, but play fair and complete the questions before you look at the correct answers.

All questions are worth 10 points and if there are multiple segments to a question each of them is 10 points. A score of 250 or more puts you in the category of knowledgeable about automotive history. A lesser score means that you need to get to the AACA Museum and bone-up on the history of the automobile.

1. Ford’s Model T in 1923 had sales of almost 2 million vehicles, which was almost 60% of the US market. What car brand was #2 in sales that year?

2. After WWII Tucker Motors marketed an advanced design automobile. In what year were Tuckers first sold?

3. Chrysler was an up-and-coming automobile company when it joined another carmaker in the blockbuster merger of the time. Which car company was the merger partner and what year did it happen?

4. All the early cars had to be hand cranked to start them. On what car make and year did the first electric self-starters appear?

5. Early gasoline brands had low octane ratings, which limited engine capability. What was the name of the additive used to boost octane in premium gas and what year was it available at gas stations? Also, what brand sold a premium grade of gasoline without additives?

6. Chevrolet was famous for its sturdy overhead valve 6-cylinder engine. In what year did Chevrolet introduce a V-8 engine? Also, what year did Ford Motor Co. start making V-8s?

7. Since 1950, several American carmakers or their divisions have gone out of business. List these companies or divisions and the last year they made cars.

Car Make	Year
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____
e. _____	_____
f. _____	_____
g. _____	_____
h. _____	_____
i. _____	_____
j. _____	_____
k. _____	_____
l. _____	_____
m. _____	_____
n. _____	_____

Answers

1. Chevrolet 2. Never 3. Dodge Brothers, 1928 4. Cadillac, 1912 5. Tetra Ethyl Lead, half credit for Ethyl or Leaded; widely available in 1926. Amoco premium gas was unleaded 6. Chevrolet 1917, half credit for 1955. Lincoln 1924, half credit for Ford 1932. 7. In no particular order: Plymouth – 2001, Oldsmobile 2004, Studebaker – 1964 or 1966, AMC – 1987, Edsel – 1960, Packard – 1958, Nash – 1957, Hudson – 1957, Desoto – 1961, Willys – 1955, Crosley – 1952, Metropolitan – 1962, Kaiser – 1955, Corvair – 1969.

The total score possible is 390 points. Ranking: 325+ is a Senior, 275+ is a Junior, 250+ means you’re Knowledgeable; if you score under 250, you need to read more and go to the AACA Museum & Library.