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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA will continue on the 4th Tuesday each month, except December, starting at 7 pm at the Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg. Members will be notified of any changes. The next meeting is May 28, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for new members. If you or someone else you know is interested in joining our club, please come to one of our membership meetings. For more information on membership, please contact our Membership Chairman Wally Hunt at 540-424-0212.

Please call Connie (540-993-7941) with input for the **Sunshine Committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month is well along, and peak car season is here. We have lovely yellow cars regardless of the paint color. The folks who bought yellow might have had the correct idea.

BALL PARK OUTING MAY 21! Please remember to bring a check to the meeting Tuesday evening. Doug will be delivering our payment to the ballpark May 11. We need a minimum of 40 people at \$43.00. More are welcome but need a head count before the 11 of May. Dates again are May 21 and August 13. Third base line deck. Good food and fellowship.

Please check the Facebook page for a variety of upcoming events. Couple of our events to remember: The Mid-Century tour May 25 which Mayo is working with for HFFI. Our club is a member of HFFI and a good showing of cars especially 50's vehicles would be great. This is a low effort event for us. Arrive at 12 and leave at 5. That will be a nice lead into June 1st!

Other items include Luray for early parts and just a nice day and scenic drive. ODMA show May 17 & 18. New event – Friday evening VFW car show/gathering June 21. The VFW has dinner available to members at \$10 and we are welcome to purchase dinner and join in the fellowship with old cars and like-minded folks. Steve will have more details. Just a heads up for now.

Our June 1 Show and June 2 Drive and Dine. Wally had a show committee meeting this past Tuesday as noted on the Facebook page. The details are coming along quite nicely. Terry plans to have sample trophies to show Tuesday evening. Wally and Robert will have a few details to share. A walk through of the fairgrounds will be in early May. I hope all of you are getting the e mail for the show that Robert is sending. There is a mailing going out to the names we have for whom we have no e mail address. Various groups are being contacted for participation in the fun field. The tour route is coming together for June 2.

Buzzards Breath tour committee has been in the area doing planning for their event June 9 – 13. They would like our help with parking at the various points they will tour. We can join in and space is still available to be a tour participant. We can do either / or a 50-50 or silent auction with proceeds going 100% to our club. Look up details on AACA web site.

Reminder our meeting Tuesday evening has a full agenda. Our program will be by Virginia State Police. Emphasis on use of our antique automobiles. Bring your questions. Mark has made this contact for the club. Second at the clubs request I have invited Todd Brown, Parks and Rec and Special Events coordinator for City of Fredericksburg. He has interest in doing a car display during the summer at the park. This could possibly result in a small contribution to our treasury. I think this would make a nice outing for the club. A good date may be the issue. Finally, Wally and Robert will make some comments on our June 1 show.

See you Tuesday! 7:00 PM. VFW. Lots of room. We have a really great location. Let's take advantage of the opportunity and bring a friend.

MONTHLY MEETING 26 MARCH 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 27 members and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by John Garnett, President.

Minutes: The February 2024 minutes were approved as published in the Magneto.

Treasurer's Report: Mark presented the treasurer's report.

Membership: Julio Guzman was introduced as a guest at this meeting.

Sunshine Report – J and Connie are moving. J is progressing with his healing. Lauman was at the meeting tonight – he is "doing".

Upcoming Events

- Old Dominion Meet, Roanoke May 17-18, Transportation Museum in Roanoke, host hotel is Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport. Flyer is posted.
- Pre War Swap meet at Luray is in May.
- 5/21/24 Ball Park Doug Makin has arranged for the club to attend ball games on May 21st and August 13th in the 3rd base skyporch. Gates open an hour before 1st pitch. \$43 per person for meal and game. We need 40 people for each game. Give checks to Doug for the May 21st game.
- Charlotte, entry deadline Mar 15 Grand National and National Meet. Zenith Awards. Next weekend.
- 6/1/24 HFRAACA Annual Meet, Fairgrounds on Airport Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA
- HFRAACA **Tour on 2 June** The tour will be 80 miles, starting at 9AM meet at Classic Car Center. The tour will run until approximately 2PM.
- 6/8/24 Richmond AACA Show
- **6/9/24 Southeast Divisional Tour** (6/9-13) –Buzzards Breath Touring Region, Change in Hotel – Holiday Inn on Sanford Drive. Tour starts on 6/10 – around Fredericksburg. Tuesday is to the Air and Space Museum in Dulles. Wednesday is to Strafford Hall. Thursday is to the Marine Corps Museum and a Banquet on Thursday night. We will be relying on members to help with the events. Registration is available on the AACA website.

They are looking for help; members are needed. They will need help from local members with registrations, stops along the way, etc., A silent auction can be held with proceeds benefitting HFRAACA. The tour will include mainly AACA cars – post WWII, highway capable cars.

- 8/17/24 Cooking with Autism Show at Stafford Airport
- 8/22-24/24 Special Eastern Fall Nationals in Hampton, VA
- Richmond Region Old Dominion Tour, 1st weekend in November

Neighborhood HFFI event – "Rock Around the Block" on Hanson Avenue and Normandy Village. Post-war mid-century neighborhood. The neighborhood does qualify for the national register, but the paperwork has not been submitted. Baptist Church at 445

Woodford Street is headquarters for the event. Looking for 50's, 60's and maybe 70's cars to park near the Northside Baptist Church or in front of Mayo's house on Hanson Avenue (toward Rt 1). Bands will provide music. Military vehicles from WW2 can park near the American Legion. There will be tours of the neighborhood and house tours. Lawn games, children's activities, and vintage cars. Memorial Day weekend (**May 25, 1-5**).

Steve Blancard mentioned a **possible gathering at the VFW Post during the summer**, Friday Night Cruise-In show in the partking Lot. The VFW does dinner on Friday nights, this event would open up the dinner to the club members as well. Cars would park close to Princess Anne Street. Looking for 10-15 cars, 2 possible dates to be suggested.

Terry mentioned a car show in Fairfax – by the Early Ford V8 cars, sponsored by the city. Same weekend as the ODMA. Terry to send information via email. 5/18.

HFRAACA Meet Update -

Things are coming together. Trophies are prototyped. Signs, plaques, banners, etc. completed.

By May meeting, we need to sign up helpers. Pre-registration and day of show registration have sign ups. Air conditioned booths in 2 different areas. We will definitely need help parking. Requests for Corporate partners (\$250), Marketing partners (\$50), and one Presenting Partner (\$1000). The Marketing Partnership will include a 12X12 space for \$50 at the show.

Cards are available for handing out. Entry forms are on the FB page and Webpage. Terry will take them to the ODMA as well.

List of email addresses – Rob Govoni has sent out an email. He is working on a list of emails – Nora to send current email list of club members.

Bricks – John has been calling the museum for an update. The bricks have been created. We were promised that they would be in place by Hershey 2023; they are still not placed yet. John has requested an update, hopefully with a photo of them in place.

Todd Brown (from the city) will speak at the April meeting. He looks forward to sharing his ideas of a downtown car display.

Upcoming Presentation - In April - a state police trooper will be here – he is in charge of inspection stations. Mark I. has indicated that we are interested in Antique tags, restrictions, trailering, etc. If you email your questions ahead of time, we can give him a list to prepare. We will let him present prior to the business meeting.

New Business

J would like to make the suggestion for a monthly social function. This dovetails with Steve B's suggestion and Dave Armstrong's suggestion last month. J volunteered to coordinate. Wally agrees that members hosting activities is a great idea – and he encourages it. This is a good club building activity. We can even meet en-masse and go to a local show on a weekend. John will tell J that his idea was well received and he should feel free to start working on it. Ken – was looking at the Antique Automobile and found mention of his late cousin mentioned in conjunction with other race car drivers. He notes that the old cars were lacking a lot of the safety we know today. The race cars will be on display at Charlotte.

Wally mentioned that he is on the Race Car committee for AACA – please let him know if you know of a race car with a documented 25 year history.

Madison – Labor Day weekend. Wally will contact the person in charge.

Presentation by Bill Kramer

A Brief History of Gasoline

First oil would come out of the ground in a pool. People collected it and distilled it – and found out that it could burn as kerosene. People were interested in the additional ability to have light. They didn't realize that gasoline was also a by-product. People started using that for heat. Early engines used any kind of fuel that was available. Benz focused on the use of gasoline for more power.

Steam tractors were heavy and would sink into the mud. The idea to use gasoline in a tractor moved them away from steam power.

Gasoline was still a by-product of the distillation; it was still unpredictable in quality. The cracking process broke apart the hydrocarbons in gasoline, allowing it to burn more stably.

Improvements in octane allowed for development of more powerful cars, more capable tractors, and overall more capable vehicles. Other improvements to vehicles – such as better sealing, valving, ignition, carburation, and supercharging also supported higher engine performance.

Gasoline octane standards were introduced as early as 1926. By 1938, gasoline standards helped with performance in starting, acceleration, mileage, knocking, etc. Lead helped stabilize compounds, but it was dangerous to health, so by 1986, it was banned from gasoline.

In 1970, the Clean Air Act resulted in a lot of limitations on car emissions. Auto manufacturers adopted changes to comply, at cost to performance. Refineries also needed to make changes, including removal of lead from the gasoline and the zinc from lubricants.

Ethanol was an effort to reduce dependency on foreign oil. Corn was adopted based on availability and lobbying. Ethanol contains less energy than gasoline, so cars won't run as well on it. Cars prior to 1995 had plastic parts that failed due to the ethanol. Some cars are designed now to run e85 – but based on availability the cars must be able to adjust if less alcohol fuels are used.

Ethanol Free Gas is good for old cars, especially carburators. Zinc in engine oil damages catalytic converters. Zinc is required for flat tappet camshaft lubrication.

Next month, state trooper - any questions in advance?

The May Meeting will be primarily show related.

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

2024 HFR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 23 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 27 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

MAY

- 10-11 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA, sponsored by MTFCI.
- 11 64th Apple Blossom Meet, 8-3, Winchester, VA, hosted by Shenandoah Region.
- 11 Classic Car Show, 9-2, Harrison Rd Elementary School. Fredericksburg.
- 17-18 ODMA Annual Meet, Roanoke, hosted by Roanoke Valley Region.
- 18 30th Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet, 8-3, Montross, hosted by North Neck Region.
- 18 2d Annual Car Show, 10-2, Liberty HS, Bealeton.
- 18 25th Annual Car Show, 10-3, Fairfax, sponsored by Early Ford V8 Club.
- 21 Nationals game & HFR dinner, VA Credit Union Stadium, Fredericksburg.
- 25 HFR cars at tour of Normandy Village, Hanson Ave, Fredericksburg, hosted by HFFI.
- 25 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.
- 28 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

JUNE

- 1 67th Annual HFR Car Show, 8-3, Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.
- 2 HFR Tour, start from Classic Car Center, 9-2, Fredericksburg.
- 8 53d Richmond AACA Car Show, 8-3, St Joseph's Villa, hosted by Richmond Region.
- 9-13 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Fredericksburg, sponsored by Buzzards Breath Regn.
- 15 Car Show to end Alzheimers, Spring Arbor, River Rd, 10-2, Fredericksburg.
- 25 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 29 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

JULY

- 23 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 27 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

AUGUST

- 13 Nationals game & HFR dinner, VA Credit Union Stadium, Fredericksburg.
- 17 7th Annual Cooking for Autism Car Show, Aviation Way, Stafford.

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- 22-24 Special AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hampton, hosted by VA Peninsula Region.
- 27 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 31 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

SEPTEMBER

- 21 48TH Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, 8-3, Manassas, hosted by Bull Run Region.
- 21 9th Annual 65 Roses Car Show, 9-3, Spotsylvania HS, Courthouse Rd.
- 24 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 28 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

OCTOBER

- 2-6 Fall Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.
- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, hosted by Hershey Region.
- 22 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 26 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

OTHER

Other local car shows can be found in the AACA publication <u>Antique Automobile</u>, at <u>www.capitalcruisin.com</u>, at <u>www.carclubcouncil.com</u>, & on the HFR Facebook page.

From Wally:

Great day at the AACA Antique Automobile Club of America Annual Grand National Meet in Charlotte NC. Wally Hunt, 1924 Ford: Repeat Grand National Senior. Terry Thomann, 1968 Pontiac Firebird: Grand National Senior. Elizabeth Hunt, 1923 Ford: 3rd Grand National.



From Mayo & Wally:

HFFI plans a Midcentury tour of Normandy Village / Hanson avenue Sunday, May 25th. This would likely be an afternoon event for several hours. Our part would be to supply a few 50's era cars to park on the street or driveway of homes. I know there are a great supply of T Birds and several other really nice 50's cars. Please put this on your calendar. If we could identify non members also with that era car. More the better. The rain date will be Mon. May 27th, same time.

From Mayo: Here's an update on the Mid Century event May 25th.

1. I'd like to get count of members who are planning to attend this event so we can better coordinate the parking in advance.

2. HFFI would like car members to arrive at 12 noon in order to be in place when the event begins at 1. This will also generate additional interest from nearby Fall Hill Ave. The event ends at 5, with the necessary early arrival. If you need to leave before 5, that's fine.

3. Car members will park in the lot of the Northside Baptist Church at 445 Woodford St. as well as on the street on the church side. The parking lot is small and will fit just a few cars. If Steve can secure some military vehicles, we will park them in front of the American Legion building next door.

4. The church will be open with Mid Century displays. The church restrooms will be available for you. The American Legion will be open and included in our tour. We have a DJ who will play 50s/60s favorites.

5. Additional parking- Depending on our head count, we are planning to have additional classic cars parked street side across from the church as well as in the nearby bank parking lot. We will have non=member display cars in these secondary areas. The building next door to the bank will probably be used for visitor parking.

6. If you own a VW Beetle or aqua or pink classic car, I'd like to have these in front of my house around the corner at 424 Hanson Ave. If you own a classic vehicle that would reflect the beach scene, VW bus, etc., we would like them on the side of 433 Hanson, at the pool entrance.

7. Here's the link for the event for those interested in also taking the tour. Please feel free to share it.

I appreciate all of your help! We hope this event will help to preserve our local Mid Century history! **Please let me know if you plan to attend and which vehicle/s you will bring.**

Many Thanks, Mayo

<u>Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc · Rock Around the Block Mid Century Style at</u> <u>Normandy Village</u>

From Richmond Region:

On Saturday, June 8th, the 55th annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet will be held on the lawn of St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond, VA. This event is presented by the Richmond Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. We are excited to feature

"Fabulous Fin Cars" this year!

CLASSES AND JUDGING

Classes for virtually every make and model car, truck, and motorcycle will be available with judging performed by experienced teams. Please Note: Only pre-registered show cars will be eligible for judging and awards.

CRUISE IN

As an alternative to having your car in the judged portion of the show, you are invited to participate in the 2024 St. Joseph's Cruise In! This non-judged area of the front lawn will be reserved for you to arrive in style, with the freedom to depart whenever you wish.

AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET

The show also attracts one of the largest automotive Swap Meets (Flea Markets) in Virginia, where you can find that elusive part or that special vintage license plate to make your restoration complete.10:00 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies and the singing of our National Anthem begin at 10:00am, followed by a parade of featured Fin Cars! Vintage car rides will be available for you and your family to experience starting at 10:30am. Be sure to see the fun and exciting "Under 1000cc powered Micro Car Class!" Food and beverages will be available throughout the day.

FEATURED CARS - FABULOUS FINS

An amazing feature-display showing the rise and fall of those amazing Finned cars of the '50s and early '60s will surely please. Be sure to capture photos of this line-up!

DISPLAY OF MICRO CARS

Also recognizing a milestone in automobile history will be a display of "Micro Cars!" If you have a small car that is under 1000cc powered, we want it in this class of mighty midgets.

25 AND UNDER CLASS

This year's show would like to recognize our newest generation of car enthusiasts. If you are twenty-five years of age or less, and have an interest in showing your car, let us know in the comments section as you fill out the registration form and we'll place you in our "25 and under Class!"

FILMING VINTAGE CAR COMMERCIAL

At 1:00pm, gather around the main tent for an amazing presentation. Building on the success of last year's "Century of Fashion," this year we will give a nod to the film industry with the making of a vintage car commercial. Don't miss this amazing presentation!

AWARDS PRESENTATION

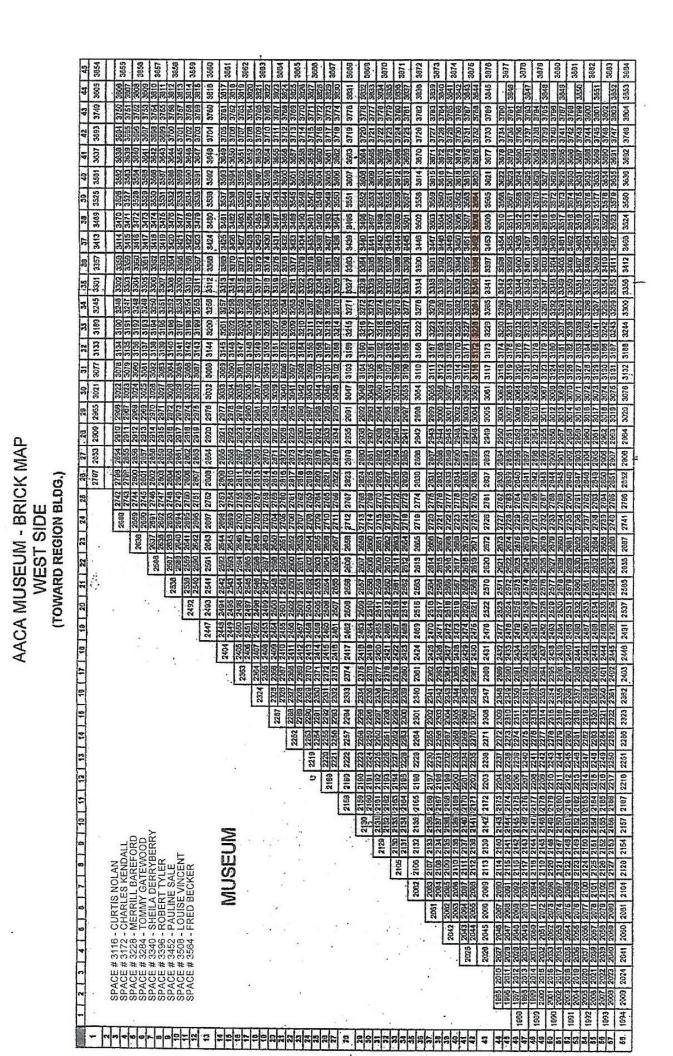
The Awards Presentation will be at 2:30pm. First place cars in each category will be driven up to receive their award, including the coveted Best in Show winners!

PROUDLY SUPPORTING ST. JOSEPH VILLA

100% of the proceeds raised from the General Admissions gate will be donated to St. Joseph's Villa. More than 2000 people attended last year's show, raising over \$13,000 for St. Joseph's Villa!

REGISTER

Online registration is safe and easy. Register now, before the 2024 show is sold out! We look forward to seeing you at the Villa on Saturday, June 8, 2024!



From: Rushi Patel King George High School Class of 2024

As a child, I have had a fascination with the world of automobiles. Growing up in downtown Detroit for a majority of my childhood, led me to commonly see iconic cars everywhere. With Detroit nicknamed "Motor City", I witnessed many car shows and parades occur near my house. I often recall 6 year old me, sitting on top of my kitchen counter that overlooked the road. As I ate my macaroni and cheese, I intensely watched multiple classic muscle cars like Oldsmobiles, Chevys, Pontiac's, and more drive past me in their convoys.

My family members have always seen my adoration of cars, leading to them always getting me gifts related to automobiles. On my vacation to India in 2011, my dad bought me a toy rickshaw. On my birthdays, I got huge collections of Hotwheels and Matchbox cars from my cousins that I still have to this day. My first day of Kindergarten, I wore a Lightning Mcqueen sweatshirt that lit up if you pressed a button. Whenever I went to a CVS, I always nagged my dad to buy me a diecast. My life has always revolved around these mechanical wonders!

Throughout the years, all the unique bodylines, abstract colors, and thunderous engines have captivated me on how the machines operated and were designed. How could an ordinary human craft something so meticulously, infusing it with the essence of soul and pride, resulting in that aggressive roar that was capable of turning heads? It's a hallmark for diehard enthusiasts, who could recognize the vehicle merely by its distinct sound, even without laying eyes on it. Growing up, this passion has kept consuming me, especially with my participation in the King George High School SkillsUSA chapter. Volunteering with the SkillsUSA Car Show has given me the opportunity to look at an array of iconic antique vehicles. Speaking with the owners and hearing the insight they gave me about their vehicles, always intrigued and fascinated me about the knowledge they had about their cars. Listening to the pure joy and enthusiasm of the owners as they described their cars, making them a perfect replica of their imagination, always served as a reminder to me about the connection man and machine can have. Aiding my dream of one day being just like them, and having a passion fueled project car. Along with the car show, I've competed in the SkillsUSA state competitions over the past four years, receiving the gold medal twice. This has only motivated me to further study and pursue mechanics and engineering.

With my acceptance to Virginia Tech, the first part of this goal is close to fruition. At Virginia Tech, I want to study and obtain a degree in Automotive Engineering. Along with excelling in academics and completing schoolwork, I plan to join programs like Formula SAE, VT Grand Touring, Baja SAE, and VT Car Club while at Virginia Tech. These extracurriculars will allow me to further my understanding of automotive engineering, while also familiarizing myself with the automotive community around Blacksburg.

Obtaining an internship related to racing or automotive is a key goal of mine while pursuing my education at Virginia Tech. This will allow me to get early hands-on experience with cars and create a steady transition into a full time career and job after university. Upon my completion of studies at Virginia Tech, I aspire to work with the likes of automotive giants, such as General Motors, Stellantis, Volkswagen, Honda, and more. This is a dream job I have imagined since I was a child, working with these legendary brands and replicating the mechanical masterpieces I witnessed when I was a kid.

My love for designing, racing, and mechanics has led to my goal of one day becoming an automotive engineer. To become the tamer of design much like Gordon Murray, Tom Matano, and Horacio Pagani, to create that soul of the car like Keith Duckworth, Enzo Ferrari, and Hans Mezger. These exuberant, intricately designed pieces of metal have continuously been a fixation for me. For the majority, cars may be a way to get from point A to point B, however for me, it's a passion, the epitome of an engineering marvel



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