





# HISTORY OF CARS

Calling all car lovers, it's time to rev up your engines, travel in style, and make your competition jealous! Cars throughout history are coming together in one of Eric's folk art paintings, polished to shine like they were made yesterday. Invented in 1886, the automobile became one of the top inventions that changed the world in better travel thanks to men like Karl Benz, Henry Ford, and Louis Chevrolet. Shortly after, the first automobile race was held, bringing the sport quickly into popularity.

See which classic models top your list in Eric's painting as you explore cars throughout history.

1. Oscar Mayer Wienermobile was first created in 1936.
2. The Benz Patent-Motorwagen is considered the first practical motorcar in 1885 – which has 3 wheels.
3. Karl Benz designed created the Benz Patent-Motorwagen.
4. Route 66 was commissioned on November 11, 1926.
5. Louis Chevrolet and his race car Frontenac started the Chevrolet motor company.
6. Ford Model A 1930 was produced from 1927-1931.
7. Volkswagen Bug, or "The Beetle" was designed in 1925.
8. Model T Ford was built from 1908-1927 and was an affordable vehicle for the common man.
9. Lohner-Porsche (1900) has the first four wheel drive.
10. Ford model T "Lorry" would run ten miles on a penny.
11. This Old Chevy truck was commissioned in 1918.
12. Henry Ford is considered to be the inventor of mass production.
13. The Chevy Camaro was almost called "the Panther."
14. Professor Fate and Baron Rolfe Von Stuppe from "The Great Race" – 1965.
15. Caractacus Potts is trying out his rocket again from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" – 1968.
16. This Corvette was made from 1953-1962.
17. Who wouldn't want to drive "The Leslie Special" car from the movie The Great Race?!
18. Interesting couple wearing the perfect attire for car shows.
19. This Shelby Cobra was produced from 1962-1967.
20. It's the DeLorean from "Back to the Future!"
21. Tucker 48 or the "Tucker Torpedo" was the first to have directional headlights and seat belts.
22. Carl is a Houston chemist.
23. Ford Truck went through a design in 1938.
24. Old gas pumps representing the Texaco, Mobil, and The Gas companies.
25. Ford Thunderbird was made from 1955-2005.
26. The Jeep was first produced in 1941.
27. The 1969 Dodge Charger is also known as a "Muscle Car."
28. Who couldn't love the Mystery Machine?
29. The Stig loves showing off on the TV show *Top Gear*.
30. The 1932 Ford "Deuce" Coupe was produced until 1934.
31. The 1968 Ford Mustang 390 GT Fastback was also offered in 1967 and 1969.
32. Richard Petty's nickname is "The King" for winning the Daytona 500 and the NASCAR national championship seven times each.
33. The Dodge Charger was produced from 1966-1978. This is the 1974 model.
34. The 1995- McLaren F1 has a top speed of 240.1 mph.
35. Lewis Hamilton is widely regarded as one of the greatest drivers in the history of the sport.
36. Ferrari 308, produced from 1975-1985.
37. James Dean liked racing cars, acting, and performing magic tricks.
38. Danica Patrick is the most successful woman in the history of US open-wheel racing.
39. Jaguar XKs were produced from 1954-1957.
40. VW Bus was produced in 1949.
41. Jay Leno loves cars that are fun to drive, cool to look at and have historical interest!
42. Around 317,000 Mustang 1968 models were made in the U.S.
43. The Chevrolet Bel Air was produced from 1950-1981.
44. Billy Gibbons passion of cars comes from his first purchase of a Cadillac Eldorado.
45. One theory about the checkered flag is that after a horse race, the women would wave a checkered table cloth to signal that the race was done and that it was time to eat.

## FUN FINDS:

- ☐ Can you find some familiar gas station logos? Like a shell, a dinosaur, or a Texas flag shaped like Texas?
- ☐ Eric's rooster and Wendy the Goose love testing out their favorite cars.
- ☐ Look for two Dowdle Puzzle pieces! Hint: They are yellow.

