**Paragraphs:** **60 Iconic and Classic Cars**

**1935 Duesenberg SJ LA Phaeton**

* Duesenberg was a luxury automobile company based in Auburn, Indiana, that was active from 1913 to 1937.
* Introduced in 1932, the supercharged Model J of their popular roadsters could achieve speeds of over 135 miles per hour.
* The car's speed potential gave it legendary status in its time, and it is now looked upon as an automotive technological marvel

**1957 Corvette**

* The 1957 Chevrolet Corvette was the first Corvette model to feature four speed manual transmission and heavy duty breaks and suspension as options.
* The Corvette itself is one of the most iconic sports cars in existence, manufactured over six generations and sold in many parts of the world.
* Each generation features a variety of models with different features, making the Corvette brand name an expansive designation.

**Volkswagen Beetle**

* The Volkswagen Beetle is undoubtedly one of the most famous and influential cars ever made.
* Produced from 1938 to 2003, the Volkswagen Beetle is the longest-running and most-produced automobile of a single design in history.
* The Beetle's success has been attributed to its eye-catching advertisements and its solid, durable design, and it has held the top-seller designation in many markets across the globe.

**Ferrari Enzo**

* The Ferrari Enzo, or the Enzo Ferrari, is a 12 cylinder mid-engine berlinetta named after the company's founder.
* Built in 2002 using Formula One technology, the Ferrari Enzo is one of the most powerful naturally aspirated production cars.
* The car achieved third place on Sports Car International magazine's "Top Sports Cars of the 2000s."

**Toyota XB Scion**

* The Scion xB is a vehicle manufactured by Toyota specifically for its United States market and sold under its Scion brand, which is targeted toward younger drivers.
* The box-shaped five-door compact station wagon is geared for Generation Y drivers, those born between 1980 and 1994, because of the fact that there are 78 million of these on the roads or about to be on the road.
* Toyota also develops a Scion xA, which was expected to outsell the xB, but the xB has managed to outperform its older brother.

**Aston Martin DB9**

* The Aston Martin D89 is a grand tourer that was released by Aston Martin in 2004.
* It was the first new car to be built at the company's Gaydon facility, its name stemming from the initials of David Brown, an owner of Aston Martin for a significant period of time.
* The car has been especially well-received among car enthusiasts.

**Shelby Cobra**

* The AC Cobra was a British sports car that was designed and built in the 1960s.
* American auto racer Carroll Shelby wrote a letter AC Cars and requested a car modified to accept an V8 engine, a move that set the way for the AC Shelby Cobra.
* Eventually, the Shelby Cobra would become a successful car in many racing circuits, even though it was not meant to race.

**Lamborghini Countach**

* The Lamborghini Countach was a mid-engine sports car produced by the iconic Italian automaker Lamborghini from 1974 to 1989.
* Its famous wedge-shaped, angular design became immediately popular and would be featured by many other popular sports cars for the decades to follow its introduction.
* The Countach is considered by many car enthusiasts to be among the finest sports cars in history.

**Dodge Viper**

* The Dodge Viper is a V10-powered sports car manufactured by the Dodge division of Chrysler LLC.
* Production of the Dodge Viper began in 1992 and since then it has become iconic of Dodge and of luxury sports cars in general.
* The Dodge Viper's minimalist style, high performance, powerful engine, and strong styling have all made it an enduring classic among car enthusiasts.

**Hummer H1**

* The Hummer H1 is the civilian adaptation of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV for short), created by AM General.
* Produced from 1992 to 2006, the Hummer H1 was the first in what would become the Hummer line.
* The most sought-after version of the Hummer H1 for collectors is the H1 Alpha, which was unveiled in 2006 and featured the best gas mileage and the most powerful engine of all the previous models.

**Reliant Robin**

* The Reliant Robin is a small three-wheeled car that is manufactured by the Reliant Motor Company of Tamworth, England.
* As it is a three-wheeled car with an official weight of less than a ton, the car can be driven in the UK with the equivalent to a class M license, a motorcycle license.
* This gives it considerable savings potential over a normal-sized car because of the taxing conventions in many countries.

**Loremo LS**

* Loremo is a German automaker corporation that was founded in 2000, focused on designing and manufacturing cars with a low weight and little air resistance.
* The Loremo LS the base model of the turbodiesel, high-efficiency car that Loremo plans to introduce, compared to the sportier Loremo GT.
* According to the company, the Loremo LS will only produce 50 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometer.

**1968-1969 Dodge Charger**

* The Dodge Charger is a car manufactured by Chrysler under the Dodge brand name.
* Although there have been many different types of Dodge Chargers, the B-body Dodge Charger was the one that existed throughout the late 60s and most of the 70s.
* Based on the Chrysler B platform, the Dodge Charger could be ordered with high-performance options.
* The 1969 Dodge Charger "General Lee" was featured in the popular 80s TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard."

**Rolls Royce Phantom**

* The Rolls Royce Phantom was the auto maker's replacement for the original Silver Ghost.
* Constructed in both the United States and the United Kingdom, with time differences between the two, the Rolls-Royce Phantom featured a much-improved engine over the original Silver Ghost.
* For its time, the Rolls-Royce phantom featured state-of-the-art technology and variety of then-jaw-dropping features.

**Studebaker Commander**

* The Studebaker Commander is the model name of a long line of vehicles produced by South Bend, Indiana's Studebaker Corporation from 1927 to 1964.
* The first Commander was world-renowned because of its strength and toughness even in the worst of conditions.
* The Commander name was briefly dropped by the company in the 1930s but was reinstated again later in the same decade, only to be dropped again about thirty years later.

**1959 Cadillac Eldorado**

* The Cadillac Eldorado was part of the Cadillac line from 1953 to 2002, the longest-running American personal luxury car and the only one sold after the 1999 model year.
* While bodystyles and mechanical layouts varied dramatically throughout the history of the Eldorado, the car was always near the top of the Cadillac line.
* The Eldorado's long and extensive history have made it one of the true legends of the sports car world. A Cadillac Eldorado ambulance was featured in the Ghostbusters movie

**Porsche 911**

* The Porsche 911 is a sportscar made by Porsche AG of Germany and it features one of the most famous and durable designs in auto history.
* Introduced in 1963, the car has undergone continuous development but has maintained the same basic design concept throughout its evolution.
* Both private teams and the factory itself have managed to modify the Porsche 911 for a variety of auto-related purposes, such as racing and rallying.

**Shelby Mustang Cobra**

* The Shelby Mustang Cobra is a high performance variant of the Ford Mustang that was built from 1968 to 1970.
* The car was originally meant to compete with the Corvette, a series modified by American racer Carroll Shelby's company and given a special designation.
* Both cars, however, were notable because of the fact that they were more expensive to build than buyers were charged to purchase the vehicles.

**1978 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am**

* The Pontiac Firebird is a car built by the Pontiac division of General Motors and produced from 1967 to 2002.
* Powered by V8 engines of a variety of GM divisions, Firebirds are primarily known for their characteristic "Coke bottle" stylings, and for the fact that they were not originally meant to be one of GM's top sellers.
* The Pontiac Firebird will not return for a fifth-generation despite the fact that GM has revived the Chevrolet Camaro.

**Delorean DMC 12**

* The DeLorean DMC-12 is a sports car that was manufactured in Northern Ireland to be sold in America from 1981 to 1982.
* The car is most commonly referred to as the DeLorean, as it was the only model ever produced by the company.
* The first prototype appeared in 1976 and 9,000 DeLoreans were produced by 1982, when production stopped.
* Today, only about 6,500 of these cars are believed to exist.
* This car is most well known for being used a time machine in the Back to the Future movies

**1932 Ford Roadster**

* The Ford Model B was a new Ford automobile that began production in 1932, a much-upgraded version of the Model A and the precursor to 1935's Model 48.
* The Model Bs came in two versions: one with a four-cylinder engine and one with a V8 flathead.
* The latter version of the car had the distinction of being the first commercially successful example of a car featuring a V8 engine

**1955 Chevy Bel Air**

* The Chevrolet Bel Air is a full-size car produced by the Chevrolet division of General Motors from 1950 to 1975.
* When the first Chevy Bel Airs were introduced in the 1950s, their styles were intentionally revolutionary and would establish many design conventions that were followed for several decades to come.
* The 1955 Chevy Bel Air is notable because it gained a V8 engine option, one that performed so well that remained in production for decades.

**Ford GT40**

* The Ford GT40 was a high performance sports car that managed to win the 24 hours of Le Mans four times in a row, from 1966 to 1969.
* The car was originally built to win long-distance sports car races against Ferarri, the previous winner of the five Le Mans before the GT40's winning streak.
* The car sprang from Henry Ford II's long-standing desire to have a Ford sports car at Le Mans, a wish that was granted by the Ford GT40.

**Tesla**

* Tesla Motors is a Silicon Valley startup automaker that focuses on developing and manufacturing electric vehicles and is currently the only automaker building and selling highway-capable electric vehicles.
* The Tesla Roaster is Tesla's first production vehicle, an all-electric sports car with an average powering cost of $0.02 per mile.
* General production of the vehicle began in 2008.

**1937 Packard**

* The 1937 Packard marked the presence of the first six-cylinder engine in what was, at the time, the premier luxury automobile.
* The introduction of the six-cylinder engine turned out to be an example of perfect timing, because of the 1938 recession.
* The car continued to be popular during World War II, despite the fact that Packard started to focus on producing airplane engines

**Mercedes Benz 300sl**

* The Mercedes-Benz 300SL was introduced in 1954 as a two-seat, closed sports car with the distinctive gull-wing doors, but it was later offered as an open roaster.
* The 300SL was the fastest production car of its day, making it very popular among contemporary speed demons.
* The car was based, albeit somewhat loosely, on Mercedes-Benz's highly successful competition-only car of 1952

**Jaguar xk120**

* The Jaguar XK120 is a sportscar that was manufactured by Jaguar from 1948 to 1954.
* It was the company's first postwar car, succeeding the SS 100 which halted production in 1940.
* Available in two convertible versions, the Jaguar XK120 was also very successful as a racecar and managed to set various world records in a span of three years.

**Toyota Prius**

* The Toyota Prius is a full hybrid-electric mid-size car developed and manufactured by Toyota Motor Corporation.
* The car has been around since 1997, when it became available in Japan, which makes it the first mass-produced hybrid vehicle.
* The Prius was released worldwide in 2001, and it is now sold in more than 40 countries and regions worldwide, especially popular because of its enormous fuel efficiency.

**Mini Cooper**

* The Mini Cooper is a small car produced by the British Motor Corporation and its successors from 1959 to 2000.
* The original version of the Mini Cooper is considered to be iconic of the 1960s, with its easily-recognizable design often said to have influenced an entire generation of automakers.
* It is also considered to be, in many ways, the British equivalent to the German Volkswagen Beetle, which was also very popular in the United States.

**El Camino**

* The Chevrolet El Camino is a coupe utility vehicle produced by the Chevrolet division of General Motors from 1959 to 1960, and then again from 1964 to 1987, originally manufactured in response to the success of the Ford Ranchero.
* In North America, the vehicle is classified as a truck, despite the fact that it wsa based on corresponding Chevrolet car lines.
* It has been rumored that GM may still bring back the El Camino.

**Scout Scarab**

* The Stout Scarab was an automobile produced in small numbers by the Stout Engineering Laboratories of Detroit, Michigan, throughout the 1930s.
* In addition to many other technological and engineering distinctions, the Stout Scarab is considered to be the very first production minivan in the world.
* During its time, the Stout Scarab was dramatically different from any other car on the market and featured the most spacious interior of any American vehicle.

**Pierce Silver Arrow**

* The Pierce Silver Arrow was a concept car designed by James R. Hughes, of which five were produced in three months, a record speed.
* The car was then introduced at the 1933 New York Auto Show, causing a massive sensation due to its futuristic design, spare wheels hidden behind the front wheels, and a top speed of 115 mph.
* Only three Silver Arrows exist today.

**1969 Chevelle**

* The Chevrolet Chevelle was a mid-sized car that debuted in 1964 and was in production from then until 1977.
* The Chevelle was one of General Motors' most successful cars, with models ranging from family cars to coupes and convertibles.
* In 1969, SuperSport became a performance option for buyers of the Chevrolet Chevelle.

**Mazda Miata**

* The Mazda MX-5, which is also known as the Mazda Miata in North America and the Mazda Roadster in Japan, is a two-seater roadster sports car built by Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan.
* The car was introduced in 1989 and it is now in its third generation. Already, it has won over 150 auto awards because of its solid, impressive design and its various outstanding features.
* More than 740,000 Miatas have been sold worldwide.

**Audi TT**

* The Audi TT is a sports car manufactured by German automaker Audi AG since 1998.
* Now in its second generation, the Audi TT is available either as a 2 x 2 coupe or as a two-seater roadster.
* The car was originally shown as a concept car at the 1995 Frankfurt Motor Show and his since become a popular vehicle throughout Europe and the United States.

**Bentley Continental**

* The Bentley Continental is a two-door "two plus two" grand touring coupe released in 2003, which replaced the previous Rolls-Royce-based Continental R and T.
* The car is reportedly able to go from 0 to 60 mph in about 4.7 seconds and can eventually reach a top speed of 197.6 mph, with the Bentley Continental GT Speed setting the World Speed Record on Ice.
* A new model, the Bentley Continental Supersports, is set to be in retail by the summer of 2010.

**Ferrari 288**

* The Ferrari 288 GTO is an exotic homologotation, from which the "O" in the name comes from, of the Ferrari 308 GTB produced from 1984 to 1986.
* The car was built to compete in the new Group B Race series with a minimum of 200 cars required for homologation.
* However, there were not enough entrants for the Group B series, leaving only the Group B Rally championship.
* This means that all 272 Ferrari 288 GTOs are road cars exclusively.

**Minivan**

* The Dodge Caravan is a minivan manufactured by Chrysler under the Dodge brand, along with its rebranded Plymouth Voyager.
* Both were introduced in 1983 and have become successful worldwide, with the Chrysler minivans having been named as the 13th best selling automotive nameplate worldwide.
* There are over 12 million minivans on the road today, cars praised for their storage capacity and friendliness towards larger families.

**Mercedes McLaren SLR**

* The Mercedes McLaren SLR is a supercar that was jointly developed by Mercedes-Benz and McLaren Automotive.
* The car features an automatic gear box, a front mid-engined arrangement, and certain driving characteristics, leading to a GT classification for the car.
* This means that some of its rival vehicles include the Aston Martin DBS V12 and the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano.
* The SLR was dropped due to lack of sales in 2007.

**Maserati Quattroporte**

* The Maserati Quattroporte is a luxury four-door saloon made by Italian automaker Maserati, whose name translated from Italian literally means "four doors."
* There have been five generations of the Maserati Quattroporte, each separated by about five years.
* The car first came on the scene in 1963, at a time when the company's reputation was at its peak.

**Bugatti Veyron**

* The Bugatti Veyron is a mid-engine grand tourer developed by the German automaker Volkswagen and produced by the Volkswagen brand Bugatti Automobiles SAS.
* The car is named after French racing driver Pierre Veyron, winner of the 24 hours of Le Mans in 1939 while racing for the original Bugatti company.
* About two hundred of these cars have been built and delivered through when production ceased in late 2008.

**Station Wagon**

* Station wagons are passenger automobiles with a body style similar to a sedan but with a roofline that extends over the whole cargo area, ending with a door that is more vertical than a typical hatchback.
* The term is used in America, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, while the term "estate car" is used in British English.
* European automakers also use specific model names to distinguish their station wagons from their sedan counterparts.
* Throughout the 70s and 80s, station wagons were popular for families driving across the country on vacation.

**Woodie**

* "Woodie" is a term used to describe a specific style of car, generally to describe station wagons where the rear portion of the car's bodywork is made of wood.
* This wood is most often visible, covered with a clear finish over either the entire area or just on the wooden framework.
* The majority of woodies were produced before the 1950s, before safety regulations began to catch up to the idea that wood frames may not be as safe as steel frames.

**PT Cruiser**

* The Chrysler PT Cruiser was launched by Chrylser as throwback to the retro-styled station wagon in 2000 and then was relaunched as a convertible in 2005.
* The PT Cruiser was first conceived as a model of the Plymouth, thus receiving the Chrysler nameplate due to the 2001 discontinuation of the Plymouth brand.
* The convertible was discontinued in 2007, while the PT Cruiser brand was also discontinued at the beginning of 2009.

**SUV**

* SUVs, or sport utility vehicles, is a general term for a vehicle that is similar to a station wagon but built on the chassis of a light truck.
* SUVs are generally also equipped with off-road capacities, the towing abilities of a pickup truck, and/or the passenger capacity of a minivan.
* SUVs are considered light trucks and are regulated less strictly by American laws and by many other laws around the world.
* In recent years, almost every auto manufacturer has created a SUV, as these vehicles have risen in popularity among US families.

**Jeep CJ**

* The Jeep CJ is the civilian version of the military vehicle that was used primarily during World War II.
* The first CJ prototype, the CJ-2, was introduced in 1944 by Willys and the same basic vehicle stayed in production until 1986.
* The Jeep CJ is notable for its extreme and enduring popularity throughout much of its production run, popularizing the idea of an offroad vehicle for consumer use.

**Jaguar S-3**

* The Jaguar S-Type was produced from 1963-1968, a more sophisticated and advanced version of the Jaguar Mark 2.
* Sold alongside the Mark 2, the S-Type was a major redevelopment of the vehicle, replacing the Mark 2's rear bodywork and adding a variety of interior and stylistic changes.
* Despite the age and relative poor technology of the Mark 2, it continued to sell well long into the Jaguar S-Type's production run.

**Lotus Espirit**

* The Lotus Esprit was a sportscar built by British automaker Lotus from 1976 to 2004.
* The design that eventually led to the Esprit was unveiled in 1972 at the Turin Motor Show.
* This car was the first to use designer Giorgetto Giugiaro's "folded paper" designs, and a new Esprit is rumored to be under development.

**Porsche 928**

* The Porsche 928 is a grand tourer automobile sold by Porsche AG of Germany from the model years of 1978 to 1995, throughout which times it was one of Porsche's most exclusive and expensive vehicles.
* In 1983, the Porsche 928S was the fastest car sold in North America, capable of reaching a top speed of 146 mph.
* Rumors have spread through the world of car enthusiasts that Porsche may be ready to breathe new life into the Porsche 928 model with a design that has been set aside but not forgotten.

**1957 Ford Thunderbird**

* The Thunderbird is an automobile manufactured by the Ford Motor Company in the United States over thirteen model generations, a production run that lasted 50 years from 1955 to 2005.
* Its introduction to the market created the niche that is now referred to as the Personal Luxury Car.
* The car is named after a mythological creature known by many Native Americans.

**Ford Edsel**

* The Ford Edsel has the ignominious distinction of being one of the biggest commercial failures in the history of American business.
* The car was born after Ford's transition to publicly traded company, because of the fact that cars were not all designed by the Ford family themselves.
* Despite the car's flashy advertisements and huge amounts of publicity upon its release, the Ford Edsel's clunky design and poor features were enough to limit sales dramatically.

**Tata Nano**

* The Tata Nano is a rear-engined, four-passenger city car built by Tata Motors, primarily aimed toward success in the Indian market.
* The car is praised for its fuel efficiency, achieving around 61 miles per gallon on the highway and about 52 miles per gallon in the city.
* In its first booking period from April 9, 2009, to April 25, 2009, the company generated about 200,000 bookings.
* Tata Motors aims to make its car the cheapest production car in the world.

**Chrysler Airflow**

* The Chrysler Airflow is a car produced by the Chrysler Corporation from 1934 to 1937.
* It was the first full-size American production car to use streamlining to build a sleeker car that is less subject to air resistance.
* Although Chrysler was attempting to make a fundamental change in automotive design by producing the Chrysler Airflow, the car itself turned out to be a commercial airflow.

**AMC Pacer**

* The AMC Pacer is a two-door compact automobile produced in the US by the American Motors Corporation between 1975 and 1980, although the initial idea began in 1971.
* The car stood out from other cars in the era because of its rounded shape and large amounts of glass at a time when more cars were boxier.
* The Pacer's distinct style became an emblematic icon of the 1970s and its automobiles.

**Plymouth Prowler**

* The Plymouth Prowler is a retro-styled production car built in 1997 and also in 1999-2002, based on the 1993 concept car of the same name.
* The design was said to come from the decision to allow Chrysler engineers to have free rein to design anything in the "hot rod" or "sportster" style.
* The most iconic feature of its design are the two exposed front wheels, which are more often seen in racecars.

**Chevy SSR**

* The Chevrolet SSR, or Super Sport Roadster, was a retractable hard top convertible pickup truck manufactured by Chevrolet between 2003 to 2006.
* It featured retro styling based on the Chevrolet Trailblazer's EXT platform.
* Sales of the cars never achieved the levels that General Motors hoped for the Chevy SSR.

**Alfa Romeo Spider**

* The Alfa Romeo Spider is a roadster produced by the Italian manufacturer Alfa Romeo from 1966 to 2003 and the silhouette of the vehicle is generally considered to constitute a classic design.
* The car remained in production for three decades with only minor aesthetic and functional changes because of its popularity.
* The first prototype of the car was unveiled at the Turin Motor Show in 1961, but various factors kept it off the production line until 1965.

**1969 Camaro**

* The Chevrolet Camaro is a car manufactured by the Chevrolet division of General Motors and it is commonly classified as a pony car.
* Sale of the car began in 1966 and it was designed to compete with the Ford Mustang.
* The 1969 Camaro was the lost model edition of the first generation and would later serve as the inspiration for the fifth-generation retro Camaro.

**AMC Gremlin**

* The AMC Gremlin is a subcompact car that was produced by the American Motors Corporation for nine model years from 1970 to 1978.
* Throughout its production run, a total of 671,475 were built in the United States and Canada, described at the time of its introduction as the first American-built American subcompact car.
* Not even the name "Gremlin" could stop the car from becoming a massive success, as the automakers were confident in the car despite the negative connotations of its name.

**VW Minibus**

* The Volkswagen Type 2, otherwise known as the Transporter or the Bus, was the second automotive line to be introduced by Volkswagen, introduced in 1950 and based on Volkswagen's Type 1, the Beetle.
* This car spawned a variety of imitators and updated versions of the Volkswagen Type 2 are still sold today.
* These cars were often referred to as "hippie vans" because of their popularity during the 1960s and 1970s.

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