

# AUTO ALMANAC



## Drawing Board

**Toyota WILL VC:** Toyota calls this five-passenger concept a 'fresh vision of mobile enjoyment for a new century'. In fact, the WILL combines transportation with an abundance of communications devices. The heart of the car is its touch screen that links GPS navigation, Internet, digital audio, voice communication and voice recognition in one common module. Styling for this 'cybercapsule' is meant to be warm and inviting. Power comes from a 1.3-litre four-cylinder engine. This car is not as far out as you think, but don't expect to see it at your nearest Toyota store anytime soon.



## Who am I?

To guess my secret identity, read the following clues. Be sure to test yourself and try not to jump to the end for the answer! I'm watching, after all!

- 1) Although now called something different, my first name is actually John.
- 2) Trained as a mechanic, I got into racing, despite my brother being involved in a serious accident.
- 3) Over the years I rigorously campaigned for better driver safety.
- 4) In 1997 I formed my own Formula 1 team, but sold it to Ford in 1999.5) I might best be recognized by my pronounced Scottish accent.

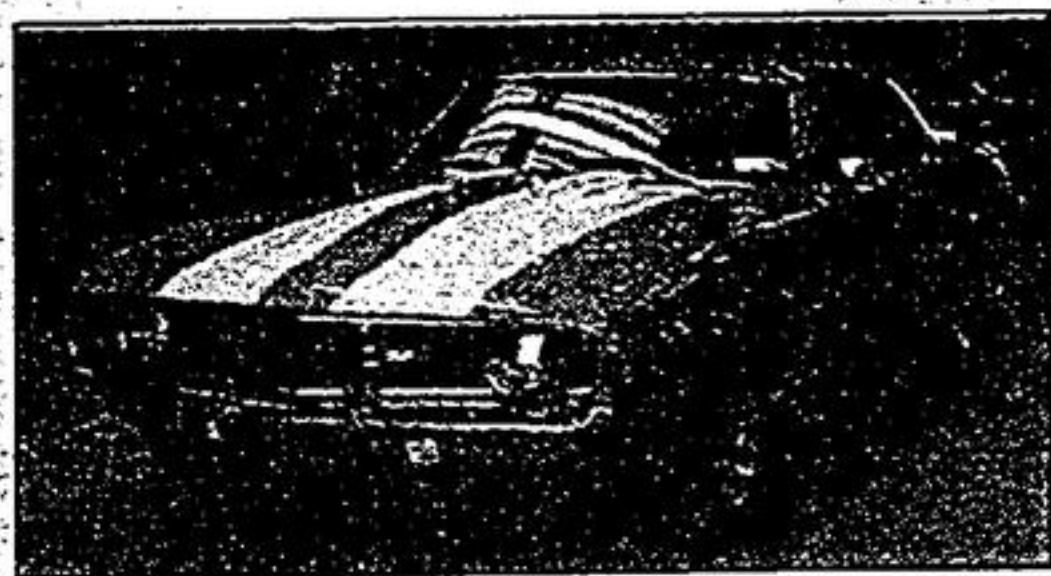
My name is Jackie Stewart. After racing, I became involved in several business ventures and commented on TV races for TV.

## What's up, auto doc?

Over time, air will work its way into your brake system, especially when the fluid-filled components are replaced. The result is a spongy pedal and ineffective, dangerous stopping performance. Getting the air out necessitates 'bleeding', which involves opening the valves located on the wheel cylinders/brake calipers at each wheel, one at a time, thereby forcing out the fluid and air with pressure from the brake pedal. Obviously, this takes two people and the following oft-overlooked tips: 1) Make sure the reservoir of fluid is full and that you have enough fluid to refill it often. 2) The person in the vehicle holds steady pressure on the pedal. 3) Begin with the wheel farthest from the reservoir, usually the right rear. 4) Do not pump the pedal while a bleeder valve is open: Doing so sucks air back into the system. 5) Each time you bleed a line, refill the reservoir. 6) A clear plastic hose pressed over the bleeder screw will allow you to drain the fluid into a container. If you have a tip, email: [autodoc@wheelbase.com](mailto:autodoc@wheelbase.com).

## It's History

★ Late actor Steve McQueen, famous for piloting a fastback Mustang in the movie **Bullitt**, and a Porsche racing car in **Le Mans**, also drove another classic, a 1905 Winton Flyer in **The Reivers**.



# WHEELS

## Ebay watch

**1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28, not sold, last bid US \$23,650:** Back in 1969, if you wanted to enter the Sports Car Club of America Trans Am series, your racer would have been based on a production car such as a Boss 302 Mustang or this '69 302 Z/28 Camaro. Due to a 305 cubic-inch-maximum-displacement rule in the series, Chevy built a special 302-cubic-inch motor that was dimensionally similar to a 327 stuffed with a crankshaft from a 283. Of course, there was much more to the engine, and the whole package for that matter. Highly prized, low-miles (47,000 in this case) 'survivor' examples are pricey numbers. The highest of the 37 bids was just shy of US \$24,000, and not enough to meet the seller's reserve. You can place a personal offer by heading to [ebaymotors.com](http://ebaymotors.com) and searching item #599142815.

## Parts bin

Forged-aluminum Cragar S/S wheels, Weld Wheel Ind., [www.cragar.com](http://www.cragar.com), 1-800-488-9353: Originally designed in 1964,



the legendary five-spoke S/S wheel has become one of the most popular aftermarket wheels ever produced. In 1999, Weld Wheel Industries Ltd. secured the rights to produce Cragar products, and the company will soon bring out a forged-aluminum version of the S/S. Aside from its lighter weight, the S/S continues to feature a highly polished finish that will look good (and fit) on older, as well as late-model vehicles. Diameters range from 15-18 inches while widths vary from six to 9.5 inches. Prices begin at about \$300 each.

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