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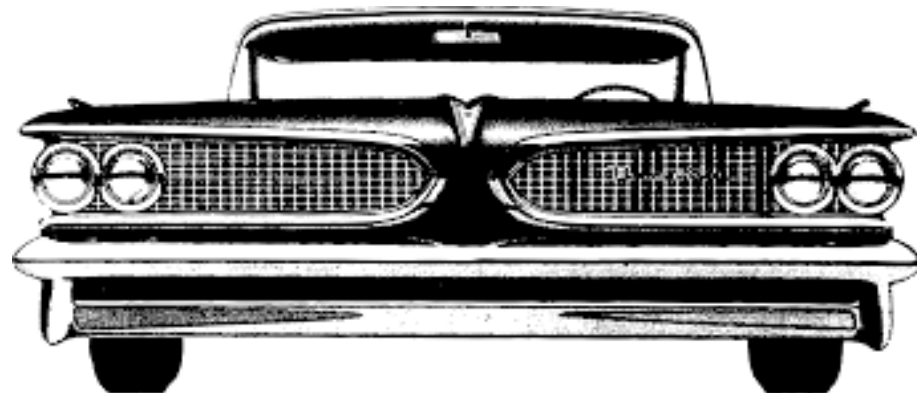
WHERE DID OUR SUMMER GO? Holy cow! It was June just last week, I swear! This summer went by so fast, I didn't even have time to find someone to write this article so I get to do it! Haha

First, a HUGE debt of gratitude to Tom, Bruce, Don, and Randy for their work on my '56 Chevy. I took her to the Coaster Classic at Silverwood and she drove beautifully. I don't know what we would do without you! And, yes, I hope to drive

her to the Gents Reunion Picnic on the 10th. Now, to those that have seen the inside of my garage—you know how desperately it needs to be cleaned up and organized. What do you recommend for cleaning garage floors? How do you organize your tools? This place is a mess but I'm getting things cleaned up a little at a time so I'm not overwhelmed. Advice is appreciated!

As Autumn falls upon us and 2017 slowly

draws to a close, remember, friends, that a lot can happen in a year's time. "... and in the end, the most important piece of advice that my past has given me is to enjoy life while you're living it. You can never know which moments will be the ones that you'll remember and when happiness will hit you. So be open for anything at any time. Do not fret over the past but learn from it and make new memories every day. For there is only one life. And one chance"



### Club Officers

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- INCCC Rep:  
Dean Carriveau

Money may not buy happiness but I'd rather cry in an [American Muscle car] than on a bus.  
~Françoise Sagan

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**Call To Order:** 5:58pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Steve Williams

**Introduction of Visitors:** Steve Trebesh, active prior member; Tim Moore – active prior member; Larry Bachao (3rd mtg); Bill Keener (3rd mtg); Schad and Roni Pierce (3rd mtg)

**Reading of Correspondence:** none

**Report from Treasurer:** given and accepted

**Report of Secretary:** minutes accepted as printed in newsletter

**Report of Committees:** INCCC report given by Dean Carriveau. See also monthly email.

**Old Business:**

Jason Williams has stickers and new member cards.

Steve Williams has the new-prospective member folders

As of July's meeting, only one calendar shoot remains for the 2018 calendar

Please get a picture of your car to Dean or Bruce for use on the Gents' website – thegentsautoclub.com

The Pizza Factory and 5 Mile Heights Pizza cruise nights were successful

The INCCC downtown scholarship show was a success with 460 cars

The Gents will sponsor The Duke's Drags on September 9<sup>th</sup>

Good Guy's show at the fairgrounds August 17-20.

Steve Williams has holders for the Gents cards

About 44 cars showed at the St. Luke's car show. \$1000 was donated to Team St.Lukes

Eagle's Honor Flight show had about 69 cars and about \$1200 was donated.

If you would like personalized club business cards, please contact a club officer as soon as possible. These cards would feature your own car photographed by Deke Cloyd.

Does the club want the large, traveling trophy to be refurbished? Club approved. Rick Sawyer offered to do the wood work. Metal work might take a bit more \$\$\$. More info to come.

**New Business:**

Sontag Park has been reserved for the club picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sammy Eubanks is scheduled from 11am to 2pm. Club approved extending an invite to the Mopar club to join our picnic as long as they follow our rules, help pay the associated fees, and have insurance. More info at September meeting.

Steve Williams addressed the issues of negative talk. We ask the club to keep the negative talk down to a minimum. If you encounter a negative issue, please put it in writing and give it to a club officer, along with a possible solution. The officers can then review the situation and handle it. If you encounter a positive experience, you are encouraged to share that as well.

Does the club want to purchase a club awning/pop up tent for outdoor activities? Club approved. More information to be presented at September's meeting. Club also approved individual purchasing of a club awning, if desired.

**Announcements:**

Congratulations to new club members!

**Next Meeting:**

September 6, 6pm at the Eagles

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:21pm





If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, contact Dean Carriveau



## Notable Dates

- September 10—Gents reunion
- December 2—Gents Christmas Party at the Eagles


Happy Birthday to our AUGUST birthdays: Don Rogers


Happy Birthday to our SEPTEMBER birthdays, too!


If you have a special event you would like recognized (birthday, anniversary, etc), let me know!

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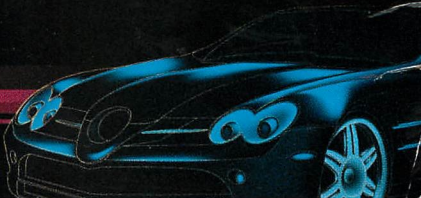
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## Hurricane Harvey May Have Destroyed Half a Million Cars and Trucks in Texas

As authorities continue to tally the damage and destruction wrought by Hurricane Harvey, the heartbreaking images coming out of southeast Texas have made one thing clear: the record-shattering floodwaters have destroyed a lot of cars and trucks. How many? Upwards of a half a million vehicles.

With over 50 inches of rain falling in some areas around Houston—America's fourth-largest city, population 2.3 million—huge swaths of land are under feet of water. *CNBC* talked to Cox Automotive, the company behind Autotrader.com and Kelley Blue Book, to get a sense of the storm's immense impact on the automotive industry.

When Hurricane Sandy swept ashore in New Jersey and New York back in 2012, almost 250,000 cars were destroyed by the storm surge. In a sprawling city like Houston, where the majority of residents own a car, Cox Automotive's chief economist Jonathan Smoke told *CNBC* that number could range between 300,000 and 500,000 totaled vehicles.

To put that number in perspective, just 325,000 new cars were sold across the Houston area in the past 12 months.

As drivers receive insurance checks and rush out to replace their vehicles, the crush of a year's worth of sales compressed into a short window will deplete the region's

used car market. With all that demand and relatively little unaffected inventory, prices are sure to jump dramatically—as are the number of flooded cars being cleaned up and secretly resold by unscrupulous dealers.

"It's going to happen, that's inevitable," a spokesman with the National Insurance Crime Bureau said to *CNBC*. "Look at all those vehicles floating around. There are people who will try to take advantage of the situation. We didn't see this on a huge scale until Hurricane Katrina. Since then the public awareness of the problem is greater, but with thousands of flooded vehicles it's hard to prevent this from happening."

Meanwhile, Houston's more than 500 new car dealerships will be preparing for a huge wave of customers as the region begins the long recovery process. In the two months after Hurricane Sandy, new car sales alone rose by almost 50 percent. But with the crisis still ongoing, it's hard to gauge how many dealerships were flooded out, and how many brand-new, unsold cars were destroyed.

*The Drive* spoke with Wyatt Wainwright, the president of the Houston Automobile Dealers Association, who sounded remarkably composed despite having just been evacuated from his own home. Of the 175 franchise dealerships in the association, he knew of

at least several that were "totally underwater, just gone." The storm's intensity caught a lot of people off guard, he said, and there wasn't much of a chance to move inventory to higher ground.

Based on their locations, he predicted the majority of their members would make it through the disaster relatively unscathed, but added there was no way to know for sure until the floodwaters begin to recede in the second half of the week. But even if the buildings and cars are dry, the problem transforms into a logistical one. It's almost impossible for employees to make it to work right now.

The National Automobile Dealers Association does have an emergency reserve fund for these kinds of situations—though Harvey's scope and scale are beyond anything they've dealt with before—and Wainwright said other regional groups are pouring money into the coffers to help.

Some of their member dealerships are trying to open as early as today with a skeletal staff, but it's clear it won't be business as usual for a long, long time.

"All we can do right now is live hour by hour, minute by minute. If you try to think beyond that, it's exhausting, it's overwhelming," he said.

<http://www.thedrive.com/news/13961/hurricane-harvey-may-have-destroyed-half-a-million-cars-and-trucks-in-texas>



## Zucchini Patties



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Recipe By: Sherlie A. Magaret

"These cheesy zucchini patties are an excellent way to use up that abundance of zucchini from the garden. Serve with a bit of tomato sauce or sour cream dabbed on top."

### Ingredients

2 cups grated zucchini

2 eggs, beaten

1/4 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

salt to taste

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

### Directions

- 1 In a medium bowl, combine the zucchini, eggs, onion, flour, Parmesan cheese, mozzarella cheese, and salt. Stir well enough to distribute ingredients evenly.
- 2 Heat a small amount of oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Drop zucchini mixture by heaping tablespoonfuls, and cook for a few minutes on each side until golden.

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# The V-8 Engine is Slowly Dying Off



Everyone is focused on the death of the manual transmission, but the death of the V8 maybe sneaking up on us without car enthusiasts realizing. Two cylinders are slipping away due to government fuel economy requirements. While the cylinders disappear consumers are at least provided the tradeoff of more power and torque from turbos, but much is still lost. The new Ford GT has switched to a twin turbo V-6 coming from a supercharged V-8, for the current gen M3 BMW went from a V-8 to a twin turbo inline-6, and they are not the only ones.

Despite these examples of the car industry slowly shifting away from V-8 engines cars like the muscle car trio of Camaro, Challenger, and Mustang are still living strongly with their V-8 options, but let's take a look at some cars you probably did not know are currently available with a V-8 engine. The (Hyundai) Genesis G80/G90 twins come standard with a 3.3-liter 365 horsepower twin turbo V-6 engine, but it is currently available with a 5.0-liter V-8 engine producing 420 horsepower. Kia only offers a V-8 engine in the top trim of their K900 model in the form of a 5.0-liter V-8 engine producing 420 horsepower same as the G80/G90 twins. Infiniti's top trim G70 5.6-liter is available with a 420 horsepower 5.6-liter V-8 engine.

Supercar manufacturers appear to be trying to save the V-8 by

equipping engines with turbos without downsizing the cylinder count. Ferrari has done this recently with the 488 GTB by lowering the V-8 engine displacement from 4.5-liter to 3.9-liter and adding a twin turbo set up. There is one case of a manufacturer killing a V-8 option off for a greater amount of cylinders. Audi with the current gen R8 have decided to have a sole V-10 engine taking away the first generations V-8 model, though before it was released rumors had it equipped with a twin turbo V-6.

Our current government leaders seem to be lax on the future fuel economy requirements set in by previous administration and this lax attitude may stretch out the life of the V-8. Only time will tell.

<http://www.thedrive.com/opinion/14041/the-v-8-engine-is-slowly-dying-off>

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## Chery Wants to Enter American Market, Teases SUV for Frankfurt

China-based Chery Automobile once again hopes to break into the U.S. market, and it's making its intentions known with a new crossover concept coming to Frankfurt. Although the exact timing remains unclear, Chery says the SUV is the company's "first step" toward entering the European and American markets.

Codenamed M31T, the small

crossover will debut at the Frankfurt auto show on September 12.



Teaser sketches hint at the automaker's first model in a new line of global cars. Chery says the design is "aimed at young, urban, forward-thinking customers," featuring oversized wheels, full LED headlamps, and chrome across the front fascia and on the front bumper, side skirts, and window surrounds.

Chery says it will begin selling

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vehicles in Europe within the next few years, focusing on crossovers and SUVs. "Launching within a few years, all models in the lineup will feature characteristic styling, user-focused technology, electrified powertrains and advanced safety features," said Ray Bierzynski, executive vice president of Chery R&D Center Shanghai, in a recent release.

It has been a while since we heard Chery make plans for our shores. But a small crossover could be an attractive product should it come to North America. Last year, Chery sold 700,000

vehicles, a 28-percent increase from the previous year. About 100,000 of these vehicles were exported to markets outside China.

Would you like to see this crossover make its way to the U.S.?



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