



BUMPER TO BUMPER

Ford Concept Car

1955 Ford Futura



Regarded as a clue to the "shape of tomorrow in American automotive styling," the Futura dream car measured only 52.8 inches from the top of its double-domed plexiglas canopy to the ground.

Designed by the company's stylists and engineers to serve

as a laboratory on wheels, the car had many innovations adaptable for production vehicles.

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July 30th, 2011 Meeting

Larry & Pat Pugh have arranged for us to meet at [Sagebrush Steakhouse](#), 1505 East Dixie Dr, Asheboro, at 5:00 PM.

Bring any sponsorship information/money, the ad booklet must be completed and brought to the printer.



August 19th, 2011

We will meet at 6:00 at Bicentennial Park to set up the tents and review any last minute details for the show.

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A special Lincoln experimental chassis added to the ground-hugging appearance. Ground clearance was six inches at the center of the frame and 7.2 inches at the side rails. Both the cowl and the rear deck were less than 35 inches from the ground at their highest point.

An inch short of 19 feet in overall length, the Futura was 84.6 inches wide and had a wheelbase of 126 inches.

In order to preserve the clean, uncluttered lines of the instrument panel, controls were contained in separate compartments in the lower half of the panel, and each compartment had its own flexible roll-down door. Toggle switches were set into the chrome interior of these compartments.

Reading from the driver's left were the heater, lighting, accessories, radio and glove compartment. Each light control switch had a label which was illuminated when the light was on.

The steering column binnacle contained warning lights for fuel, battery and temperature and high-beam light indicators. The fuel tank light was green when the tank is full, amber when the gas supply dropped to half a tank, and red when the supply was low. The lower half of the binnacle contains the

speedometer, while a tachometer and odometer were centered in the steering column.

Pushbutton control of the Turbo-Drive automatic transmission eliminated the gear lever. Chrome pushbuttons, square for reverse and park, and round for neutral and the forward gears,

On the cowl in front of the driver were five different-colored lights which indicated what gear the car was in.

The sweeping shark-fin rear quarter panels of the all-steel body housed functional twin air scoops. The lower half of each scoop directed cooling air for the



were located in the functional pedestal dividing the two front seats.

As a safety measure, it was necessary to go through two operations to move from reverse to a forward gear or from forward to reverse. As an additional safety factor, the parking gear control was linked with the roof controls so that the car could not be operated if the roof section were raised.

rear brakes. The upper half was ducted to provide fresh air for the air conditioning system.

The front end of the Futura was set off by a concave grille with unbroken vertical members and parking lights at each end. Headlights were housed in the skillfully contoured front fenders which swept into the center portion of the hood.



“FRAISERVILLE”

On May 21st, 2011 the Zooland Region took a tour of “Fraiserville” at Level Cross, NC. Raymond Fraiser has been collecting antiques for decades. Some time ago he began building structures to house his collection. The lumber was milled from trees taken from the property and Raymond and friends supplied the labor. He has done at least seven structures, each with a theme, such as a clock shop, barber shop, general store, and mill. He even has a building to house a miniature village. Of course, he built all the structures in the village.

He allows people to tour the property at no charge and is open every day but Sunday. Over the last two years, he has had about 500 people visit. Many sign the guest book at the Texaco station.



THE NEAL JOHN DEERE TRACTOR MUSEUM



June 25, 2011 found the Zooland Region members at the Neal John Deere Tractor Museum. Members met in Randleman then drove along back roads for the 20 minute ride to the museum in Trinity.

The museum was filled with tractors and memorabilia, from the small to the huge, including the 1957 Model 620 Orchard pictured here. This is one of only 200 built.



combustion engine and was fueled by hydrogen.



Also at the museum has a replica of the Otto LANGEN Atmospherische Gaskraft Engine. This was the first internal

Except for a dead battery on a certain '55 Cadillac, the afternoon was an enjoyable one.



In the early days, when auto dealerships were found only in the big city, how did country folk get their cars delivered to them? **Ordered and paid for through the mail, the car was delivered in a crate or box by rail at the nearest station or railway siting. The new owner would have to uncrate the car, fill it with all the vital fluids - gas, oil and water (which were enclosed), and figure out how to start it and then learn how to drive!. Then, of course, there was always the question of getting home on the back dirt roads. This practice continued until WWI.**



Show Info



The deadline for the ad booklet is upon us. We need to sell as many as we can to, not only pay for the show expenses, but, other club expenses through the year and to fund the scholarships. Thank you to all of you that have been making an effort to sell the ads. If you have any questions or

feel like you may need help in contacting some of your prior sponsors, please contact one of the other members who might be able to lend a hand.

Remember, the ads must be turned in by the end of this month.

We will meet the Friday before the show to set up the tents and go over any last minute details. Please try to attend if at all possible, we will need all of your help on Friday and especially on Saturday in order to make this another successful show.



Calendar

July 8th, 2011

Collector Car Appreciation Day

July 15th, 2011

Erica Desota - Birthday

July 22nd, 2011

Odell Routh - Birthday

July 22nd, 2011

Sam & Charlotte Routh - Anniversary

July 27th, 2011

John Woodell - Birthday

August 6th, 2011

General Greene Chapter, 36th Annual Show

August 20th, 2011

Zooland Region 21st Annual Car Show

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