

FinalGear Ringmeet 2014 pub quiz questions with answers.

General Automotive

Last year's Ringmeet garnered the catch-phrase "Is that the turbo?", because everyone had trouble locating the turbochargers on Blake's Panamera Turbo. Automotive turbochargers have had a long history. Which car is credited as being the first turbocharged production car?

1962 Oldsmobile Jetfire

Petrol-electric hybrid cars are everywhere nowadays. The Toyota Prius was the first modern petrol-electric hybrid to be sold outside Japan. What is the first known petrol-electric hybrid car?

1901 Lohner-Porsche Mixte Hybrid

Cars have a tendency to garner nicknames, especially when well-loved and around for ages. Some of those nicknames can be local to a few markets. How is the Volkswagen Type 2 called in Australia and Brazil?

Kombi (short for Kombinationskraftwagen)

Staying with nicknames, what car manufacturer garnered the nicknames "Nazi Killer" and "Czech Secret Weapon", due to their questionable handling and RR layout?

Tatra

By 1959, BMW was in deep financial trouble, the bike market had collapsed, they lost 4000 DM on every 502 sold, and the Isetta wasn't selling well enough to compensate. They were very nearly sold to another car manufacturer by their main shareholder, the Deutsche Bank. To which one?

Daimler-Benz AG

Ferdinand Porsche is the world famous engineer who designed the Volkswagen for the Nazi regime, including its reliable flat four air-cooled engine. What was the first engine ever designed by him?

Electric hub motor, during the years 1893-1898

Ayrton Senna co-developed the Honda NSX supercar, making it handle like nothing else at the time. The VTEC (we covered that last year) engine gave it performance to match. What does the NSX stand for?

New Sportscar eXperimental

The Ford Mustang, named after the free-roaming wild horses on the North American prairies, jump-started the pony-car genre. But it wasn't the only Ford car named after a horse. What other Ford models, of varying pedigree, were also named after horses?

Bronco, Pinto, Maverick

Apparently, even creatures from outer space have a hard-on for cars with a prancing horse. What is the title of the 1987 film that features an alien with a penchant for Ferraris?

The Hidden

An old favourite of the FinalGear forums, the Mazda MX-5, was designed from the outset with a design credo that stems from Japanese mounted archery. What is the Japanese term and (approximate) English translation?

Jinba ittai (人馬一体?, "person [and] horse [as] one body")

Auto Union is made up of four German car manufacturers, DKW, Horch, Audi and Wanderer. A defunct American car manufacturer that closed shop in 1927 was also acquired in Auto Union's formation process, specifically for their equipment for manufacturing six and eight cylinder engines. Which manufacturer was it?

Rickenbacker Motor Company

BMW are considered one of the German "Big Three" car makers, but automobiles were not what they started out with. What did they produce before?

Airplane engines and motorcycles

Most engines use a toothed belt for operating their overhead camshafts. Before their invention, overhead camshafts were difficult to operate, either with long chains that tended to slap around, or with complex and noisy gear systems. Who invented the toothed rubber cambelt, and what was the first mass-produced car to feature one?

Bill Devin (in 1954), and the 1962 Glas 1004

Motorsports

You thought the Ringoo was slow, two years ago? Think again! Which car set a laptime of 16:01 on the Nürburgring in 1960?

Trabant P50

Nobody knows whether notorious petrolhead Steve McQueen really went against producer's orders and drove a stint in the 1970 24 Hours of Le Mans. What we do know is that his personal Porsche 908 did participate, equipped with movie cameras and doing extra pit stops to change reels every few laps. Where did it finish?

9th place, but it wasn't classified due to lack of distance covered

In 1973 FIA started the World Rally Championship which we all know and love for bringing us the Group B gems such as the Quattro, Stratos and Delta. And later Subarus and Evos. A little less known is that in the three years prior to it, the FIA ran another rally championship. What was this championship, which was replaced by the WRC, called?

The FIA International Championship for Manufacturers

Staying with rallying, what manufacturer won the most constructors' championships in the World Rally Championship, and how many did they win?

Lancia, they won 10

FIAT has a notorious division called Abarth, named after its founder, Carlo Abarth. In what may come as a surprise to many, he was not born in Italy, but only naturalized as an Italian citizen later in his life. What was his birth name and where was he born?

He was born in Vienna, Austria as Karl Albert Abarth

Even though Abarth never raced a car with his own name in Formula 1, he was involved in one that attempted to. Sadly, the company had run out of cash before the car's development was finished, meaning the car never made it to the track. And by the time a new investor had been found in the person of Argentina's president Juan Peron the rules had changed too much for the car, which featured a supercharged flat 12 and four-wheel drive to be raced in formula one. This car is credited with providing the money to get one of

the German car industry's biggest names out of a French cell after World War II. Wich consortium ordered the car, and who was freed?

Cisitalia ordered the car, which was designed by Ferdinand Porsche, after his ransom was paid to the French

Ayrton Senna is a national hero in Brazil, so much so that he received an honorary title from Brazil's Air Force fitting to his desire for speed. Which title was this?

Honorary Fighter Pilot

Top Gear

Recently, Top Gear was found to have been in breach of Ofcom code with an allegedly derogatory remark made during the Burma special. How many times Top Gear has been in breach of Ofcom code does this make?

Just this one.

Apart from the Stig and his numerous cousins, Hammond's silly races, and the occasional F1 SIARPC, the Top gear crew have over the years worked with a number of racing drivers under their own name during segments. Who were they? Name four.

Mika Häkkinen (Finnish folk racing), Ben Collins (Wildcat vs downhill board), Sabine Schmitz (Nordschleife 10m challenge), Henning Solberg (Lancer vs Bobsled), Gabriele Tarquini (Maserati GranSport), Yasuyuki Kazama (Monaro drift), Jackie Stewart (Teaching James May to drive fast), Tim Schrick (UK vs Germany), Ken Block (Gymkhana), Toni Gardemeister (Fabia vs jet powered man), Kris Meeke (Bentley rallying)

Richard Whiteley holds the questionable honour of being the slowest person to take the Liana round the Top Gear test track. In series five, his time was beaten by a disabled person. What was his handicap?

He was blind (Jeremy Clarkson guided him around the track)

Jeremy Clarkson's hatred for the Reliant Robin eclipses Mr Bean's. He did a segment on it in series 15, where he spectacularly flipped one over. The Stig tried a power lap, which ended in him upending the Robin in the first corner. They were later that season mocked for this by a rally driver, who claimed he could do better, only to subsequently fail in the same spot as The Stig. Who was he?

Ken Block

Captain Slow visited the “secret” VW test track of Ehra Lessien not once, but twice with a Bugatti Veyron. His first run, with a regular Veyron topped out at 407.8 km/h. At his second visit he used the more powerful Veyron Supersport, and managed to exceed its official top speed. How fast did he go this second time?

417.6 km/h

He may not be very cuddly, but Jeremy Clarkson has a special relationship with Paddington Bear. What is it?

His mom made the prototype toys, making him and his sister the first ever owners of a Paddington Bear toy

During the track test of the Caparo T1, Clarkson and the crew agreed to use a special signal when the car would catch on fire, because of its reputation of toasting its reviewers. What was it?

The Team America secret signal (flailing arms)

In series six, Jeremy gave us fluffy kittens to look at while he tried to explain the reasons for using a particular turbo setup. What car was he reviewing?

The BMW 535d