

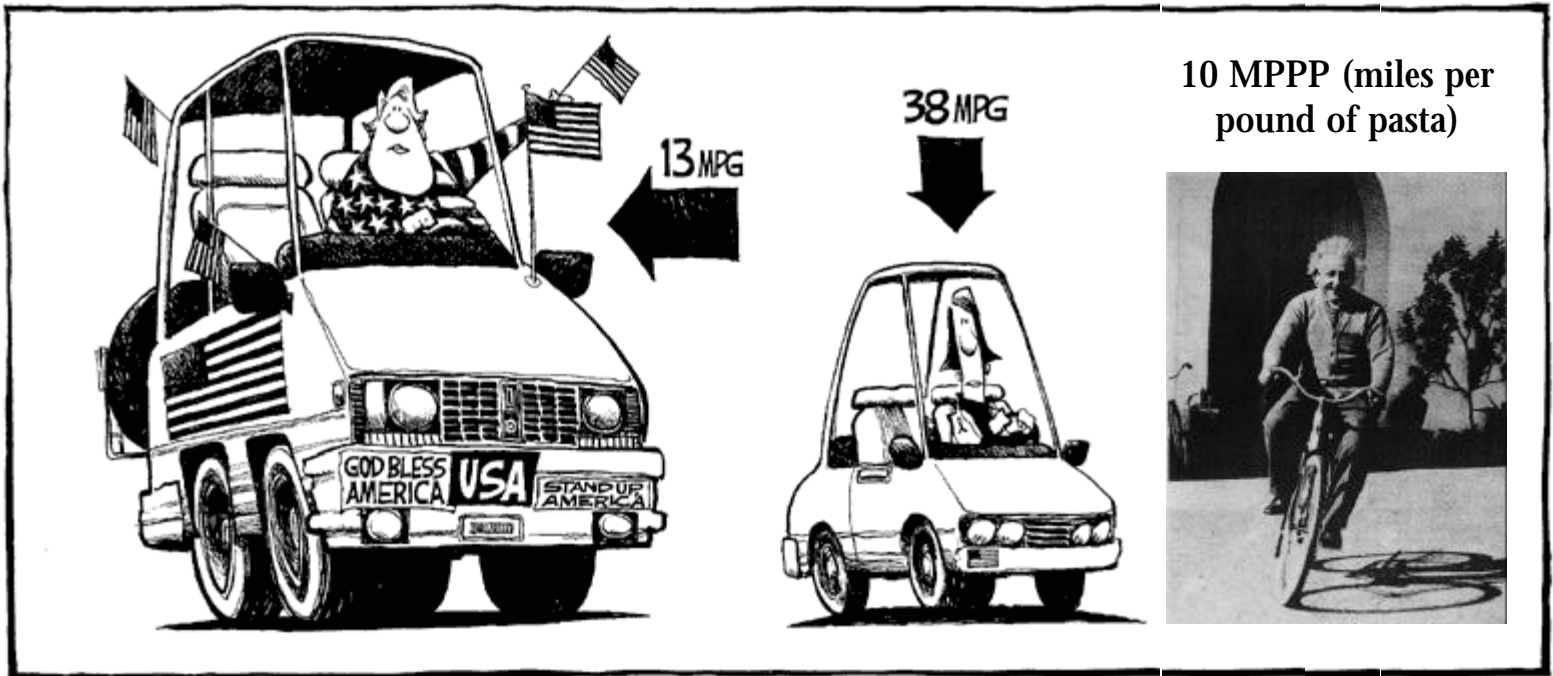
Car Show Comics!



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Choose the Patriot

(with slight modification)



10 MPPP (miles per pound of pasta)

Follow the Money



FACT: The U.S. consumes 40% of the world's gasoline. U.S. reserves of oil will be depleted by 2020, and world reserves by 2040. Within the next decade new U.S. oil will require more energy for extraction than is obtained from the oil itself.

<http://www.culturechange.org/factsheet1.html>



www.chicagocriticalmass.org

Welcome to the 2002 Chicago Auto Show Protest!

Why are we protesting the Auto Show? Because the automobile manufacturers put on this show to glorify automobiles. Because we believe that our children deserve to live in a world where 43,000 Americans and 500,000 people worldwide are not killed by cars every year, and where congestion, smog, global warming, and urban sprawl do not threaten their health and their economy. Our city, our nation, and our planet deserve better.

The propaganda put out by the auto industry at the Auto Show tells you that cars are necessary, safe, and even sexy, when in fact cars are one of the leading killers of children in the U.S. They will tell you that public transportation doesn't work because it "loses" money, while the U.S. spends nearly \$200,000,000 per day building and rebuilding roads. We believe that transportation should be planned around people, not cars.

The Auto Show will tell you that cars are getting safer and more fuel-efficient, when in fact the average fuel economy of cars in the U.S. continues to decline, and automobile fatalities have held steady for the last twenty years.

The Auto Show will tell you that cars give you personal freedom. But think about how much time you spend every year stuck in traffic, looking for parking, or simply cooped in a your car, not to mention the costs of gas, insurance, and parking, which are all subsidized by the government. Who is the master, the car or the driver?

The Auto Show will even tell you that driving a car is patriotic. Well, think for a minute about where your gas money goes. Most of it goes out of the country to regimes that are not always friendly to America. And even if we drilled all of Alaska, we still would have to import oil. We need to reduce our dependence on all oil, not just foreign oil.

So, what do we want? Do we want everyone to throw out their cars and ride bicycles? No. We only want you to know the facts, and to realize that there is a better way to plan cities that are not completely car-oriented and to invest in real transportation options instead of simply building more roads that only increase traffic and congestion. We are not protesting drivers, only the culture, created and perpetuated by the automobile industry, that tries to give you no other options than to drive.

For more information, please visit the following web sites: www.carfree.com, www.culturechange.org, or www.chicagocriticalmass.org.