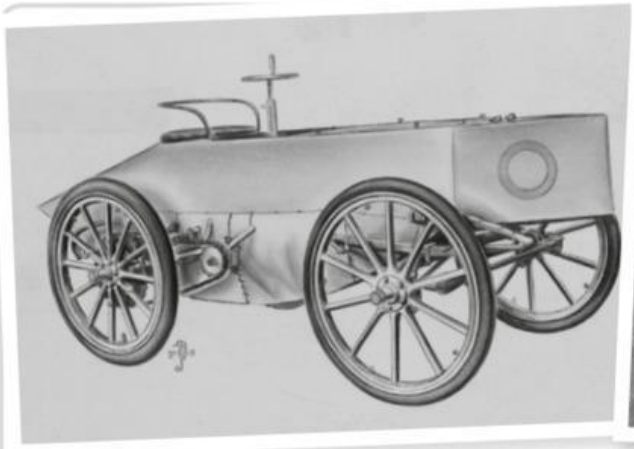




Speed Breakers

In 1898, Count Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat became the first person to hold the land speed record. He drove his electric car in a competition run by a French magazine. The competition organizers measured his time and found that he reached a speed of about 63 kilometers per hour!

But 100 years later, things looked a little different. In 1997, Andy Green, a fighter pilot, set a new land speed record in the Thrust SSC (Super Sonic Car), a car that looked more like a jet plane. Andy Green drove the Thrust SSC at an astonishing 1,227.985 kilometers per hour.

However, Andy Green plans on breaking the record again with a new car called the Bloodhound SSC. It is hoped that the Bloodhound will travel about 1,600 kilometers per hour!

Just how fast are cars going to travel in the centuries ahead? And what will they look like?

A Read and choose.

1 The main idea of the article is to tell us about Andy Green / (the cars of the land speed record) / Count Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat.

2 What kind of car did Chasseloup-Laubat drive? a jet car / an electric car / a rocket car

3 At the end of the article, what is the author asking readers to visualize? the Thrust SSC / cars of the future / Andy Green

4 In the article, another word for *astonishing* is amazing / boring / normal.

5 The main purpose of the article is to entertain / persuade / inform.

6 Another title for the article might be Electric Cars / The Land Speed Record / Bloodhounds.

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