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Spark Aimed At 'Digitally Enabled' Youth

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Spark can go up to 100,000 miles before needing new spark plugs, an advantage of 36,000 miles over the Fiat 500 and nearly double that, or 70,000 miles, over the Smart fortwo minicar.

And, according to Chevrolet, the Spark is the only minicar on the market covered by a five-year/100,000-mile Powertrain Limited Warranty; a three-year/36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper limited warranty and a six-year/100,000-mile rust-through limited warranty.

These days, fuel economy is on the minds of many consumers when making a purchase decision, and the Spark is as frugal as close competitors such as the Scion iQ and Fiat 500 with its 38 mpg highway rating, according to vehicle stats on the Chevrolet.com Web site.

As most car owners know, regular oil changes are essential to keeping engines in good running condition.

Unlike many vehicles whose owners' manual recommends an oil change every 3,000 miles, the Spark can go about 7,500 miles, or more than twice as long between oil changes. That represents a potential savings of about \$900 over the average 150,000 mile life of the car (based on the cost of an oil change with gas saver bundle at participating Chevrolet Certified Service providers).

Engineers have equipped the Spark with other practical features that continue to provide owners with savings, as well as fewer timeouts for maintenance as the years – and miles – roll on.

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Akerson's '58 'Vette to 'Help Rebuild an Entire Community'

General Motors Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson's personal 1958 Chevrolet Corvette will be auctioned off on Friday, Jan. 18, by the famed Barrett-Jackson Auction Company in Scottsdale, Ariz.

All proceeds will be donated by Akerson to Habitat for Humanity Detroit and its efforts to rebuild the Morningside Commons neighborhood located just east of GM's Renaissance Center world headquarters in downtown Detroit.

"The 1958 Corvette," Akerson said, "is pure American ingenuity and creativity and the free spirit that Chevrolet represents to me. I love the car – but I think it's probably better purposed somewhere else."

"The need for Habitat for Humanity is so great that I thought, 'Wow, maybe I could really make a difference in a whole different way.'"

Akerson's affiliation with Habitat for Humanity Detroit has been ongoing. Last February, he and his wife Karin made a personal

donation of \$1 million to help launch "Leaders to Rebuild Detroit," Habitat's three-year, \$25 million initiative to serve at least 500 families in Morningside Commons through house construction, rehabilitation and energy-efficient upgrades.

"The fact that Dan is giving up a car that I know must mean an awful lot to him is very humbling," said Vincent Tilford, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Detroit.

"For whoever buys this classic car, not only are they going to give it a new home, but they're also going to give new, better and healthier homes to families in this neighborhood – and actually help rebuild an entire community."

The 1958 Corvette featured a 245-horsepower V8 and included new body and instrument panels and new upholstery. External highlights included dual headlamps – a Corvette first – and twin chrome trunk spears.

Chevrolet built 9,168 Corvettes for the 1958 model year, but only



Proceeds from this 1958 Corvette will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

510, or just over 5 percent, were painted Regal Turquoise, the color of Akerson's car. His Corvette is a hardtop convertible and is considered scarce among remaining 1958 models.

"I hope the new owner will feel like their money is going to a good place," Akerson said. "It will help families become more rooted in our community. At the

same time, they're going to have new memories and new fun of their own. It's not often you can get all of it packaged into a great car, great fun, great memories and that you're doing something good at the same time."

For more details or to register for the auction, call 480-421-6694 or visit www.barrett-jackson.com/scottsdale/2013/danakerson.

Selfridge Base's First Two Commanders Are Paid Tribute

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the first two commanders of the base is exactly the kind of event the society wants to host.

For his part, Heaton said he was grateful for the chance to speak on Nov. 18 about two remarkable men whose history in Southeast Michigan is largely forgotten.

Heaton spoke at the MMTHS hall about Bryan Q. Jones, the first base commander at Selfridge, and "the man himself," Army aviation pioneer Thomas Selfridge, the base's namesake.

Heaton said that Selfridge came from a prominent military family. His father and uncle were both admirals in the Union Navy during the Civil War. Selfridge originally wanted to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, but was placed on the wait list, so he ended up going to West Point.

He was in the same class as Dou-

glas MacArthur, graduating in 1903. After distinguishing himself at his posting in San Francisco during the great earthquake of 1906, he returned to West Point as an instructor for a year. While there, he decided to learn about this new technological marvel, the airplane.

Selfridge went to study the technology with Alexander Graham Bell after the Wright Brothers, in the name of protecting their inventions and patents, rejected his offer to study with them.

Selfridge became the Army's expert in airplanes and in 1908 was the Army's representative at a demonstration to show just what planes could do. The idea was that the government would buy the best plane.

During the demonstration, Selfridge was a passenger in a plane Orville Wright was flying. The plane crashed. Selfridge died and Wright was in a hospital for three months.

Bryan Q. Jones was also a West

Point graduate. He was a cadet there when Selfridge was an instructor, Heaton said. Jones also showed an interest in the new technology and was stationed at an Army base in Texas during the time of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa's reign.

Jones actually flew the Army's first combat mission in 1915. His commander told him to see if he could spot Villa's forces from the air. During his mission, he came under fire, Heaton said.

When the U.S. entered WWI, Jones set up the Selfridge Air Base in Mount Clemens. The first flight out of there was in July of 1917. He was there for about four months and eventually went to France to help polish the flying skills of American pilots before they entered combat.

Between the world wars, Jones had filed a number of patents and

was considered an expert in that procedure by the Army. So, when it came time to patent the Jeep, Jones was tasked with filling out the paperwork. Despite having nothing to do with the creation of the Jeep, Jones was listed as its inventor by the U.S. Patent Office because he handled the paperwork.

Heaton said he believes Jones was eased out of the Army because he wrote a paper advocating that the Air Force remain under Army command instead of becoming a separate service as many in the Army Air Force wanted.

Jones believed that the Air Force worked best supporting troops on the ground, Heaton said. He retired in 1944 from "heart" problems, dying in 1959.

Heaton had copies of his book, "Forgotten Aviator: The Bryan Q. Jones Story," on sale at the Nov. 18 lecture.

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