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## The Gardener did it!

With the muscle car, which is designated as 'Bosley Mk1' in the vehicle literature, a young man fulfilled his automotive dream. Richard Bosley, from the town of Mentor in the US state of Ohio, was eager to realize his dream in 1952. The young man 'simply' wanted to have a car that was better than all over cars! However, he did not have any suitable know-how in automotive engineering – by profession he was a gardener!

A tubular frame built the base, parts of a Ford at the front and a Mercury at the rear found a suitable use, as well as various parts from vehicles of the 1930s and 1940s. For the breaks, Bosley went for four drum brakes of a Lincoln. As a drive, he chose a 'Hemi' V8 from Chrysler's production, to which a 5-speed unit from the production of the 'New Process company' was fitted. The gardener designed a uniquely curved car body made of fiberglass. The car with its aggressive-looking three-eyed front section accelerated to a top speed of solid 160 mph (200 km/h). Most probably Richard Bosely was very

happy with his car, as he drove nearly 100,000 miles on the mileage counter until he sold the car in the mid-1960s.

Today, his Mk1 is still preserved and is exhibited to the public at some events and has its permanent place at the 'Petersen Automotive Museum' in Los Angeles – California.

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