



Buried Alive!



In Tulsa, during the Oklahoma Golden Jubilee week of 1957, a brand new gold and white Plymouth Belvedere Sport Coupe was entombed in a time capsule under the Tulsa County Courthouse.

The Plymouth was said to be: *“a true representative of automobiles of this century with the kind of lasting appeal that should still be in style fifty years from now.”*

It is **due to be unearthed on 15th June 2007** and will be awarded to the person whose guess (made in 1957) was closest to population of Tulsa in 2007. (If that person is dead, the car is to be awarded to his or her heirs.)

The car sits on a steel skid and was wrapped in a cosmoline-like substance to help preserve it before being buried within a concrete bunker. Questions were raised as officials began to wonder if the vault would maintain its integrity for fifty years. “If moisture starts getting in there, it’s going to cause things to deteriorate over fifty years”. Unknown at the time, 1957 Plymouths were terribly prone to rust. So what, exactly, will the lucky winner get when the car is unearthed in 2007? No one is really sure. The winner has several other prizes to look forward to, amongst them a \$100 trust fund accruing interest until the year 2007. Included with the Plymouth is are 10 gallons of gasoline, a jar of Oklahoma crude oil and the car’s glove compartment contains a parking ticket (unpaid!)

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