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# the Shop Rag

A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



## Top Down Weather is Here!

Motorcycles are out and tops are coming down. Take a look at some of the earlier convertibles that paved the way and some of the more popular convertibles on the market today.

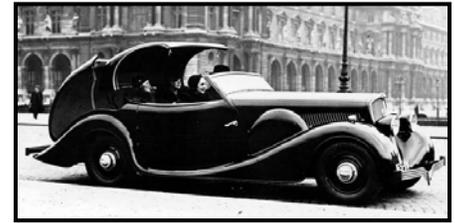
Back in the beginning, all cars were convertibles - or let's just say the roof was just not there - or the windshields, or the doors, or side windows...



Here is the Ford  
**Quadricycle** from  
1896.

As the 1900's rolled in, we began to see fabric roofs and primitive folding tops. In 1905 fully enclosed cars (sedans) were introduced and grew in popularity, going from 10% of the market to 90% by the 1920s. Convertibles remained, but were found to be leaky, noisy and not very secured.

Enter the retractable hardtop in 1934 for the Peugeot 601 Eclipse.



Add power-operated convertible tops, introduced by Plymouth in 1939, and we're moving in the right direction. Designs continued to evolve to reduce rattling and improve window seals over the years.



Creative ways to hide your convertible top, better

construction to improve stability, and better mechanisms to improve performance were being developed by manufacturers.

Happy   
*Mother's*  
Day

**Don't forget - Sunday, May 14th**  
*Do something special for mom!*



**MAY**

# Beat the Heat A/C Special!

at Graeves Auto & Tire



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Print and bring this coupon with you to Graeves Auto & Tire and receive a free air conditioning inspection, and if necessary, 10% off any a/c services including Freon re-charging (max of \$50).

(This coupon may not be used in conjunction with any other promotions or coupons.)

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Answer: Dentist Appreciation Month - not true! At least not in May...