

brothers soon became the first to successfully sell gasoline-powered cars in America. Cultural changes emerged and newspapers began predicting the decline of horse-drawn transportation.

The 1895 Chicago Times-Herald Race helped spark early automobile clubs, the growth of automotive journalism, and the foundation of organized motor racing in America. While the vehicles were slow and unreliable, the race demonstrated something far more important — the future had arrived.

What unfolded on that snowy Thanksgiving Day was not just a race, but a test of possibility. Against the odds, six machines set out into the storm. Only two finished.

But in doing so, they proved that the automobile was more than a curiosity. It was a revolution on wheels—one that would soon transform how America moved.

What started as an idea in a newsroom has transformed the world we live in and improved our lives richly.



Duryea automobile, 1895; photo taken at the start of the Chicago Times-Herald race, November 28, 1895; J. Frank Duryea is the driver and the passenger, one of the race umpires, is Arthur W. White of Toronto California.

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