

The OverDrive: The Flying Car That Brings True Door-to-Door Travel

HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, August 7, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- There's usually an airport within 20 miles from almost anywhere. But there's always a road that's a lot closer. So if you're tired of the travel-go-round that goes from booking your tickets to leaving for the airport, checking in your baggage, spending quality time with a TSA agent, boarding, and finally arriving, and you'd like a process that means driving your car and then flying it, you're [ready for The OverDrive](#), a flying car that uses a Corvette engine and a 33.4 foot wing span to take you from the highways to the airways. It also means making convenient stops at smaller, less crowded airports that are closer to your destination than the massive complexes that are a travel hassle.

Mitch LaBiche, a licensed pilot with 30 years of flight experience, as well as an aerospace design engineer who has turned his frustration at getting stranded at the airport into a [Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign](#), has built a remote-control model that's stable in flight. His LaBiche Automotive team is made up of pilots and engineers whose experience working for NASA and Lockheed, among other standouts, brings the experience and talent needed to take the remote-control model to the prototype stage. But their Do-It-Yourself zeal and self-funding can only take The OverDrive so far. In order to complete the full scale prototype, crowdfunding needs to raise \$250,000 by August 27. If funds in excess of the goal are donated, the next step will be to improve the prototype quality, speed up the construction process, fund the touring of the finished



vehicle, and begin FAA and NHTSA certification. The ultimate goal, of course, is mass production.

LaBiche and his team estimate that it will take another two years to finish the prototype. But when you consider that for them, it's been 20 years in the making, you see that the finish line is in sight. When the prototype is completed, it will conform to consumer marketing expectations of what a car should look like, with a significant difference: when The OverDrive takes off, it really takes off. All the hidden compartments and folding storage are cleverly designed so that the car looks like a car with sophisticated styling on the highway. With a 450 horsepower, supercharged engine, the car isn't sacrificing any power or speed. But when it's time to spread its wings and fly, that engine propels it to over 275 miles per hour, making it the "fastest car in the world" that is street legal. Its welded space-frame chassis gives it both strength and light weight, with a body that's a composite of fiberglass and carbon fiber, and wings made of a composite and metal structure mixture. When its Corvette LS-2 engine is running in airplane mode, it uses a partial drive train mounted to a custom gearbox. How does it go from automobile to airplane? With the push of a button. How much easier can it be?

The OverDrive is destined to revolutionize not only transportation, but also the Department of Transportation. If you're driving/piloting this vehicle, you'll need to have both a driver's and a private pilot's license.

Backers for the crowdfunding campaign will receive a digital screensaver image, exclusive access to the team's online engineering diary blog, OverDrive stickers, webcam access that gives you a front row seat to watch the building process, tee-shirts, baseball hats, coffee mugs, an OverDrive model, factory tours with flight experience time in the simulator, name inscription in the [prototype model](#), memorabilia, a chance to sit in The OverDriver's seat, a front row seat for the test drive, wining and dining with The OverDrive team, and more unique prizes.

For some people, a flying car is something that belongs in the movie theatres. Other people feel that it belongs in their garage. And other people may not intend to drive, fly or own The OverDrive, but they're interested in cutting-edge technology that takes transportation to the next level. The OverDrive is truly an invention that asks crowdfunding backers to aim for the skies.

About The OverDrive

LaBiche Automotive (www.labicheautomotive.com) is a company that's concentrating its efforts on the production of a flying car, The OverDrive, that's aiming to turn highways into on-ramps for flight. Mitch LaBiche, pilot, aerospace engineer, and dreamer, is working with his team to bring The OverDrive out of the realm of fantasy and into "Transformer" style travel. His Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign is the next step in getting those wheels off the ground and into the air.

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