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The best thing I've ever done with my car was watching a Knight Rider episode on the dash monitor. That's just the real Knight Rider feeling. I don't like to drive it too much, I'm afraid that something could happen to him.

I have done a voice recognition software which allows you to communicate with the car and to give it commands. So you can say "turn your lights on pal" and he turns the lights on and says "I have turned my lights on," or something like that. The software can control various things inside the car and displays some animations like on the show on the dash monitor.

Some of my friends like it and others think I'm crazy, but most say it's really cool. I'm really satisfied with my car, it's just perfect.



NAME: PAUL C. STRICKER
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I met my wife because of this car. I met her in a private chatroom for a few friends and me where we could talk about Knight Rider. We got to talking about my future car and it just built from there. I like the way it handles and also the way it looks. I've always loved the design. I'm an '80s nut.

I have a PA system so you can talk to people outside and a gas pedal with the green lights. I am currently working on a voice program that will be able to hear, understand and talk back. The Knight logo on my steering wheel is blue instead of the authentic red from the show. I had this done custom because blue is my favourite color. As far as I know I'm the only person who has this feature.



NAME: HOSSEIN SUTTON
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The first thing I ever bought was the front nose, when I installed it for the first time I just couldn't believe that I actually owned a dream car. I've been wanting for years. Since then I got a mini-camera installed in front of the overhead console and it's wired up to my LCD screen. I'm going to put in a DVD player so I can have my passengers watch movies while I'm driving. The buttons in the overhead and lower consoles? They just light up and make telephone touch tone sounds.



NAME: MIKE OTT
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I'm just a guy who enjoys the hobby and is fortunate enough to have his boyhood dream car in his garage. At the 2004 Knight Nationals two of our special guests were Patricia McPherson who played Bernice in the TV show and Pamela Susan Shoop who was in the pilot episode of Knight Rider, as well as the two part episode Knight of the Juggernaut. I ended up getting the opportunity to be Ms Shoop's chauffeur, taking her back and forth from her hotel to the conference center. Also, Patricia McPherson took the time to check out my car and sat in it for a good while. So I really had the stars from the TV show inspect and enjoy my car, it was a total blast. I like the functionality that I was able to work into the car. Most of the buttons and switches actually do something and aren't just for show. It has 6 cameras, including a night vision one. I created about 20 different Flash movies to display on the LCD screens when the computer executes certain commands such as "scan the area" and "chemical analysis." When the computer responds the car talks to you just like in the show. It only really responds as it was programmed to. If it were an actual AI, like in the show, I think it would get annoyed with my constant pampering and would have no problems telling me about it. I am a total mother hen. I baby the car like you wouldn't believe.



NAME: SCOTT EDMONDSON
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JOB: MECHANIC
LIVES: OHIO

I'm kind of the oddball of the owners of conversions. I'm older than most, and I was in my 20s when the series was on, as opposed to most who were either in grade school or their teens. So I'm not typical either in temperament or attitude.

I own probably the only 3rd or 4th season dash countdown bar and chemical analyzer to survive from the original cars. The countdown is in my dash and the chemical analyzer is brought out for shows. I also own one of the model cars used to film some stunt sequences for the show.

I enjoy KITT every time I sit behind that gulwing steering wheel, and that to me is all that matters. In many ways I'm much like the character of Michael Knight, as I tend to be a loner, and do not follow the crowd.



NAME: BECKY LOMBARD
AGE: 35
JOB: STAY AT HOME MOM
LIVES: TEXAS

I just bought the car in Florida, my husband flew down there and drove back 1,400 miles. I've already bought a scanner and blackouts for the tail lights. I own Herbie the Love Bug too, so KITT now has a friend. It will be fun to take both to shows and parades.

I only went up to 80mph on the freeway once. I want to take care of it so won't be driving it fast. I have to switch here and there with Herbie, he needs to get out too. I talk to Herbie, but not KITT, yet.

I'm finished buying star cars, I would have to find a new husband if I kept doing it. I'm just a mom trying to have some fun.



NAME: DAVE MCCOY
AGE: 51
JOB: ARTIST AND ART TEACHER
LIVES: NEW JERSEY

As my wife pointed out, this car was top of the Consumer Reports Used Cars to Avoid list. She was right, but I didn't care, I wanted KITT. Everything has gone wrong, I've replaced the engine and twice the transmission, and I've only driven it 75,000 miles. A cop friend told me "You don't want to get pulled over driving this car." The car can shoot water out the back to ward off tailgaters, there are multiple sirens, a screen that lowers from the top of the back window for privacy, and I used to have a retractable front licence plate, but it was damaged on a speed bump.

I had to appear in traffic court for using the red scanner light in traffic and a cop came to my house once after I used my siren on someone who almost hit me. No ticket this time, the cop liked the car. I got my car before all the KITT fabricators were able to perfect the electronics and add-ons, so I had to do all that myself. Most of the lights and displays are accurate. Most people talk to their cars, but this car can talk back, if you ask it the right questions. After driving KITT exclusively for 11 years I bought a Honda Accord to extend KITT's life. Now I take KITT out once a week. After all these years though, it's time to move up to a Batmobile.



NAME: LASZLO AGOSTON
AGE: 32
JOB: SOFTWARE DEVELOPER
LIVES: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

To me cars are design artworks. It shows my style and it says about me that I will always be young and all of my dreams will come true.

I like to make short films that introduce my car and the work I did on it. If I stop with the car people come to me and take photos and ask me to tell them something about KITT. I also own a small Japanese car. A Suzuki. KITT is a fun car, a sports car, the Suzuki is more practical but without style and fun. A laser would be spectacular, but the turbo boost would also be very practical I think.

My next car will be an old sports car, maybe a Corvette from the '70s or a Jaguar E-type. Or maybe a Volvo 460.



NAME: RICK DE VANEY
AGE: 31
JOB: GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENT
LIVES: WASHINGTON STATE

I talk to my car, and you can't call me weird because it responds via the AI. It was originally called Ultra Hal but I changed to the name KITT. It's a thing of wonder. It's not always so intelligent as it's still in its infancy, but it works. Like training a child, its knowledge has to build from somewhere.

I never really wanted a Trans Am, but just loved the show. In 2003 I went on a road trip with my brother in his 25th anniversary Camaro. I'd not really ridden a long period in his car, then KITT popped into mind and I just felt overwhelmed with the urge to have my own muscle car with the KITT theme from my favourite TV show. I decided to purchase the closest year Trans Am I could locate as soon as possible.

Too bad these dreams are frequently only obtainable so late in life, when we can actually afford these toys. Luckily, I still have my hair and am only 31. So I feel I have some time to enjoy KITT once he's complete.

I always find people taking pictures of it, it attracts many people, gay and straight, but I've got a girlfriend and need no other. I also own a 2003 Honda Civic. It's not as techy or cool looking as KITT, but I do have the scanner in the grill so it has a similar personality.

I do sometimes pretend I'm the future of law enforcement, but I was a cop in the military and so I've kinda always got that sense. I'm a real stickler for the law in most cases, except in the way my car is developing, I know it's not perfectly legal in all aspects. I've probably not taken it over 140mph.