

Bio

Chris P. Theodore

Chrysler Retiree

Chris is a graduate of the University of Michigan with BS and MS degrees in mechanical engineering, and MSU with an MBA. At U of M, Chris lead at team of students to design and build their first car, a Wankel powered Urban Vehicle. His love of all things automotive lead to over four decades in the industry.

Theodore had two tours of duty at Chrysler: From 1975 to 1980, Theodore worked in Advance Chassis on such projects as the T115 Minivan, Chrysler/Calspan Research Safety Vehicle and turbocharging; He returned to Chrysler in 1987 when Chrysler acquired American Motors, working in Jeep/Truck powertrain, Minivan powertrain, the Minivan and Small Car Platform Teams, and ultimately became VP of Platform Engineering, before leaving Daimler/Chrysler in 1999. During this second tour, Theodore worked on such programs as the Ram 8.0L V-10 and Magnum engines, NS Minivans, PL Neon, PT Cruiser, Viper and Prowler. Theodore's career included specialty car manufacturers Cars & Concepts, ASC/Saleen and Legend Industries, along with Detroit Diesel, American Motors and Ford Motor Company.

Chris is currently President of Theodore & Associates, an automotive consulting and engineering firm. He participates as a judge for Motor Trend Car of the Year, SPE Plastics Awards and Altair Lightweighting Awards, along with various classic car shows. Theodore maintains an eclectic collection of cars, from a 1959 Nash Metropolitan to the 2004 Shelby Cobra Concept, and continues to work on new patents and automotive projects.