

Dear Editor,

Whatever positive reasons you might have come up with beforehand, better editorial judgement should have ultimately precluded you from publishing an inappropriate piece on Mitt Romney. I grew up in Bloomfield Hills, MI, too, but I still don't care how smart Romney seemed to his high-school classmates. Furthermore, the only insight we gain into Mitt's 21st century automotive perspective is that he felt compelled to let Detroit's automakers fall into bankruptcy.

Although you may feel that featuring an article otherwise lauding the "integrity" of a presidential candidate was a courageous choice for Automobile Magazine, instead I could suggest far more courageous article topics: 1) actually conduct an interview with the person who played an integral role in the resurgence of the Detroit Three - the actual president of the United States, who turned out to be a lot "smarter" than Romney; 2) why not (finally) feature an article on the man who played, and still plays, an integral role in the re-establishment of relevant global designs for General Motors - the actual design chief himself, Ed Welburn?

In previous editions, you've instead featured articles with a European president (who cares how smart Kitman thought his pal was at school?), and you regularly give overly-sufficient credit to Bob Lutz (in feature after feature) for saving GM. So, why not really cross the line this year and seize the opportunity to tell meaningful and more accurate versions of major and contemporary events in the industry that you are ostensibly covering?

With prior yet scant attention having been paid to Messrs. Hamilton and Gillies notwithstanding, I think your editorial decisions purposely avoid highlighting people of African descent who have had a significant influence on the leading industry that is right in your backyard. And that's not at all laudable.

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