

Peter Brewer's 12 days of Christmas



On the 1st day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me:

1961 Jaguar E-Type Whether you pronounce it Jagwar or Jag-u-ar, everyone agrees the brand oozes style. The E-Type was released in 1961 to some pretty heavy praise. If Enzo Ferrari referred to it as, "The most beautiful car ever made," well, that's good enough for us.



On the 2nd day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me

1969 Maserati Ghibli 4.7 The aggressive shark-shaped nose on the Maserati Ghibli is enough to place it firmly on this list. Plus, the Maserati name earns it plenty of clout. Basically, this car is what the Mazda Miata dreams of becoming as it falls asleep at night.



On the 3rd day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me

1964 Aston Martin DB5 If it's cool enough for Bond, it's cool enough for us. If you had to pick one vehicle that James Bond relied on the most, you'd be hard-pressed not to go with

the DB5, and the one from Goldfinger would look pretty sweet in our garage next to the cans of beer and lawn care products.



On the 4th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1957 Mercedes 300SL Gullwing** The doors are only part of the reason this is one of the coolest cars to ever hit the pavement. The fact that the 300SL was the fastest production car at the time, means driving to your ad meetings in Manhattan wouldn't be a bore.



On the 5th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1969 Boss 429 Mustang** You know you're getting some sick power when they have to change the body of a Mustang just to accommodate your freakishly large engine. How could you not want to roll down the windows and listen to that sucker as you were cruising around? (Which would be a good idea since, due to the size of the engine, they couldn't fit in any air conditioning.)



On the 6th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1963 Corvette Sting Ray** While nothing was wrong with the Corvette prior to '63, when the Sting Ray rolled out it made the previous models look like chopped liver (fast & still somewhat attractive chopped liver). Besides the new look, the C2 Corvette was a bit lighter and handled far better than its predecessors. While some nice stylistic changes would be made in the coming years, there's something about being first.



On the 7th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1969 Ferrari Dino 246 GT** Far too often cars are rigid. The lines and angles are harsh and, unless there's something crazy under the hood, they become a complete clone of something else. The soft lines on the Ferrari Dino 246 GT tells us this car is meant to be driven fast and playfully. If we had one, we'd oblige.



On the 8th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1966 Alfa Romeo Spider Duetto** Something about this car just makes us want to drive the Italian countryside while occasionally stopping to drink local wines. Plus, any time you can get a car with style AND storage space, well you just hit the jackpot my friend. It's perfect for storing all the sheets of paper with phone numbers on them.



On the 9th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me **1969 Dodge Charger** If there's one thing we know about the '69 Charger, it's aerodynamic. At least that's what we learned from Bo and Luke Duke. The '69 Charger is a thing of beauty whether it's a General Lee or not. It may never get the billing its Mustang counterparts always do, but the fastback look and all American style will never go out of fashion.



On the 10th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me
1969 Toyota 2000GT If you're noticing a small Bond theme here, you're totally right. While Bond got a drop-top, the '69 Toyota 2000GT was stylish enough without one being offered up from the factory. The elongated front, along with the design in general, makes it feel much more like an Italian roadster than something you would picture purchasing for its "dependable gas mileage."



On the 11th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me
1962 Ferrari 250 GTE The Ferrari 250 GTE was the sports car for the family man. It was for the guy who wanted a Ferrari but also wanted to get little Timmy to hockey practice with all his gear. As Road & Track said, "A not only grand, but glorious, touring car." We'd tack on cool as well.



On the 12th day of Christmas my TOG Secret Santa gave to me
1970 Datsun 240Z The Jaguar E-Type's Asian doppelgänger has the same beautiful look as the Jag with perhaps more brains underneath. The thought that went into the car became the hallmark of Japanese sports cars. See, being cool doesn't just mean looking good (but it mostly means looking good).

