



Elwood Haynes invented the first commercially successful gasoline powered automobile in the United States in 1894.

He invented the "Stellite" alloy in 1906 and stainless steel in 1912.

He also invented the thermostat used to regulate heat in our homes.



"A man's work in life is not very great at best, when compared with the sum total of human effort, and after all it is the good that we may be able to do for our fellow men and not the glory of achievement that really counts."

Elwood Haynes



Free standing main staircase

Elwood Haynes Museum
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Living Room in the Elwood Haynes Museum



The Elwood Haynes Museum



Located in the Famous American Inventor's Home



1905 Haynes Model "L"

Come see this 1923
Haynes Speedster
originally owned by
Governor McCray



or this
1923 Apperson
Jackrabbit Sedan



or enjoy seeing his
spacious home



Elwood Haynes received his education from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and John Hopkins University. He was the manager of the Natural Gas Company when he invented the thermostat and a refrigeration device which condensed the moisture out of natural gas and stopped gas line freeze. The waste product was gasoline.

Since he traveled a lot for the gas company and was often anxious to get home, (but the horses needed rest), he thought some form of locomotion was needed. So he went to work on the problem choosing gasoline to power it so he could use this new waste product, (gasoline).

Mr. Haynes moved to Kokomo in 1892. He drew blue prints of the horseless carriage and took them to Elmer and Edgar Apperson (two Kokomo Machinists) and paid them 40 cents an hour to build it.

On July 4, 1894, Mr. Haynes took his first ride in the gasoline powered horseless carriage.

Haynes and Apperson formed a corporation and built the Haynes Apperson Company in 1898.

In 1901 they separated and each had their own company.

Mr. Haynes first love was inventing alloys. In 1906, he invented a super alloy called Stellite. It is the hardest, most rust free and has the highest melting temperature of any alloy known today. They use it in nuclear power plants, nuclear submarines, outerspace launches, jet plane engines, dental and surgical tools, lathing tools, etc...

He invented stainless steel in 1912. Probably today's most widely used rust free alloy.