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The Humanities!

What about the Hindenburg?

The Hindenburg was painted in explosives (similar to gun powder), high-powered incendiaries (basically a version of thermite), and the solvent used to mix those together was akin to rocket fuel. It had been damaged by a high-ranking Nazi official trying to show off to his girlfriend, therefore it had a leaking diesel fuel line ("blau gas": gaseous diesel, more dangerous than liquid). It was designed to use Helium, but was forced to use Hydrogen due to an Act of Congress in the



New York in 1936

US. It was not modified to account for this important difference. The Zeppelin corporation had recently fired their CEO Hugo Eckener, and safety measures and quality control were all grossly lacking after his departure. There's also some evidence that it had been sabotaged by a terrorist!

There are airplane and traffic accidents every day. One very poorly operated (and poorly designed) machine does not mean the entire industry lacks merit. This was almost 100 years ago. They didn't have plastic or computers back then. Or a working altimeter!

California Then:



1936

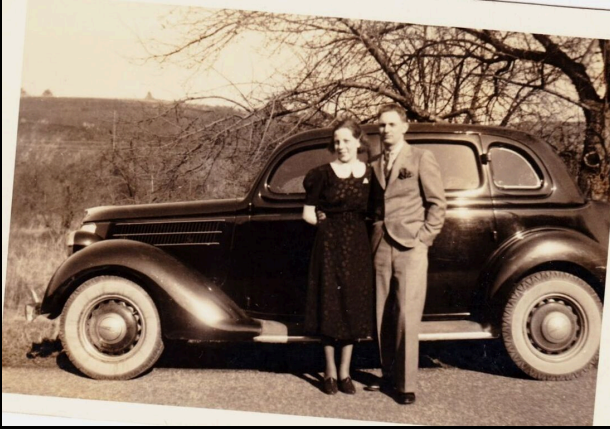
California Now:



2006

Using the Hindenburg as an argument against AirShips in 2023 is incredibly stupid.

That's like arguing against the iPhone because an abacus injured somebody 100 years ago.



This charming couple died a LONG time ago.

Historical Perspective

The top selling automobile in 1936 when the Hindenburg launched was the Ford. And there was only one model. It was just called a "Ford".

Ford led the sales charts in 1936 with nearly 931,000 units, followed by Chevrolet with 918,000 and Plymouth with 520,000. Cumulatively that's less than 3 million cars. United States ended 1936 with a population of 128,054,000 people. That means that less than 2% of the population owned a vehicle. 90% of the population was still riding horses.

And yet the popular consensus would have you believe that building AirShips in 2023 is folly. As if technology hasn't SIGNIFICANTLY advanced in the last century!

For More: www.quora.com/Why-are-Zeppelins-not-used-today