Top 10 Bizarre Origins Companies

Vaseline

Vaseline was formed by chemist Robert Chesebrough in 1859. He was down an oil well when he discoveredrod wax, a gooey substance. Chesebrough noticed how the workers would use the goo to heal cuts and burns. Heextracted a usable petroleum jelly and in 1872 he patented the process before setting up business.

<http://www.businesspundit.com/10-accidental-discoveries-that-generated-great-wealth/>

<http://www.vaseline.us/article/vaseline-history.html>

Nascar

Nascar has it start inProhibition when runners (people who delivered moonshine, a home-brewed whiskey distilled from corn, potatoes or anything that would ferment) used soup up cars to deliver the whiskey so that they would not be catch by federal agents who wanted to nab them. The runners out race the agents and then they started to race each other to see who was the best runner.

<https://www.cio.com/article/2447688/it-organization/a-brief-history-of-nascar--from-moonshine-runners-to-dale-earnhardt-jr-.html>

Automoili Lamborghini SPA

It was founded by Ferruccio Lamborghini, who first started out by forming a tractor-building company in the Italian village of Sant'Agata Bolognese. Ferruccio Lamborghini's mind started to think about sports cars when he went to meet Enzo Ferrari at the Ferrari factory in Maranello, Italy, to complain about the quality of the clutch in his Ferrari 250.

Ferruccio received a dismissive answer from Ferrari, who said to Lamborghini that "the problem is not with the car, but rather, the driver," and suggested he look after his tractors.

After dismounting the transmission from the defective Ferrari, discovered that it was built with the very same transmission used in his own tractors; he summarized that with his pervious knowledge he could build his own super cars, which he did.

<http://www.cars-directory.net/history/lamborghini/>

<http://www.lambocars.com/lambonews/the_history_of_automobili_lamborghini_spa.html>

<http://www.lamboweb.com/History.htm>

# Toyota

Toyota started out making looms through the Toyoda Model G Automatic Loom in 1924. Its first automobile was not shipped until 1935. At first Toyota Motor Corporation started out as division of Toyota Automatic Loom Works.

<https://www.toyoland.com/history.html>

<http://toyotaextendedwarranty.org/short-history-of-toyota-company>

# Coca-Cola

Dr. John StythPemberton, a pharmacist and the founder of Coca-Colastarted selling a nonalcoholic version of his tonic he called French Wine Coca in 1886. When Coca-Cola started it had enough cocaine to make you fly. Back in the day, cocaine was a common ingredient in medical portions, which Coca-Cola was first marketed as. When public became aware of the adverse effects of cocaine, Coca-Cola worked to remove them, although Coca-Cola is still addictive as hell.

<http://cocacolaweb.online.fr/chronicle/02_birthofarefreshingidea.php>

<https://www.worldofcoca-cola.com/about-us/coca-cola-history/>

<https://www.snopes.com/cokelore/cocaine.asp>

<https://www.livescience.com/41975-does-coca-cola-contain-cocaine.html>

# Nintendo

Nintendo was formed on the back Hanafuda, which is a traditional Japanese card game that was played by gangsters. Its popularity spread due in large part to gambling. When Hanafuda was legalize by the Japanese Government, Nintendo decided to try its hands making them. Nintendo’s cards were sold mainly to the Yakuza to facilitate their gambling.

<https://kotaku.com/5784314/the-nintendo-theyve-tried-to-forget-gambling-gangsters-and-love-hotels>

<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/97134/20151020/nintendos-strange-history-includes-yakuza-taxi-service-love-motels.htm>

# Listerine

Listerine was developed by Dr. Joseph Lawrence based on the work of Joseph Lister. It was originally made to used to dress wounds after surgery. After not finding any success, its creators decided that Listerine could suddenly be used in the mouth. That is when Listerine became a household name; from bloody wounds to the mouth.

<https://www.listerine.com/about>

Wrigley

Wrigley was formed in 1892, when Wrigley Jr. began packaging chewing gum with each can of baking powder that he sold. The chewing gum eventually became more popular than the baking powder. This led Wrigley toreorient the company to produce the gum.

<http://www.wrigley.com/global/about-us/the-story-of-wrigley.aspx>

RedBull

When Red Bull started out it was just a local Thailand energy drink called KratingDaeng. However, in 1987, Dietrich Mateschitz had experienced jet-lag. He found that Krating cured his sluggishness from the flight. He then decided to take the energy drink to the west with the blessing and financial help from creator, Chaleo Yoovidhya. Thus, Red Bull was born to give you wings because a man felt sick after flying in something that had wings.

<https://www.thrillist.com/gear/facts-about-red-bull-energy-drink-company-history-trivia-dietrich-matechitz>

<http://energydrink-us.redbull.com/en/red-bull-history>

Fanta was created during WWII in Germany after Coca-Cola stopped shipping its syrup

<https://www.oddee.com/item_99050.aspx>