

Best Car Chases in the Movies

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- 1 (1980) Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi. Dir John Landis. Best Car Chase (BCC): Elwood's 1974 Dodge Monaco (13 such models were modified depending on stunt) zooms through Chicago, destroying 60 cop cars -- world record till sequel.
- 10 "Way tough!"
- 11 Initials of James Bond's production company*
- 12 Slam
- 14 Gently pat
- 15 (with 17-Across) (2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, Jason Statham. Director F. Gary Gray. BCC: With actors undergoing rigid drive training, 3 custom Mini-Coopers race in LA, "laden with gold", deftly managing walkways, stairs, tunnels.
- 17 (see 15-Across)
- 19 Paul Bunyan's Big Blue, for example
- 20 (with 29-Across, first half of title) (1974) Peter Fonda, Susan George, Vic Morrow. Dir John Hough. BCC: Wanna-return race driver pushes '69 Charger 440 to break-neck speed in bank getaway, eludes helicopter...not Stockton train.
- 22 How a contrite bully feels afterwards
- 23 Alpha for Lansing Community College -- in Minn.
- 26 (with an "a") Swedish currency*
- 29 (see 20-Across)
- 30 Fittingly
- 32 (2002) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. Dir Doug Liman. BCC: "We gotta a bump coming up" as hero and heroine flee Paris police in '89 Mini Cooper MkV, hurtle down an outside stairway, spin around corners like a top -- indeed escape.
- 37 ___ nino (when eastern Pacific is warm)
- 39 Vowel twins
- 40 Regretted
- 41 Inits of (1938 -), musician, partner to Cheech*
- 43 US lawyer outfit*
- 44 "Hear ___!"
- 45 Pair of vowel twins
- 46 Lab-aid Igor: "Come __, __."

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- 1 (2017) Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Jamie Foxx. Dir Edgar Wright. BCC (Best Car Chase): Opens with our getaway hero in 2006 Subaru Impreza outracing cops, tricking helicopter thru Atlanta -- "as a dancer moves to a beat".
- 2 (following "he") Believed
- 3 (1976) Ron Howard. Director Charles Griffith. BCC: Our protagonist steals a stock car ('68 Camaro 396), loads up friends, and leads his father Sheriff and others thru rural So-Cal for fast-paced, dirt-track-ish, light-hearted romp.
- 4 (add the Puzzle's "T") (1968) Steve McQueen. Dir Peter Yates. BCC: Legendary Bill Hickman stunts a '68 Charger 440 Mag in San Francisco hunted by hero in '68 Mustang 390 Fastback. McQueen drives some...THE iconic car chase.
- 5 Rant
- 6 "Sandwiches for the football team? I need bologna, lotta cheese, and ___ o' bread."*
- 7 "Gimme a sec and I'll contrive an answer."
- 8 Indian "rule"*
- 9 (1977) Burt Reynolds, Jerry Reed, Sally Fields. Debut Dir Hal Needham, a veteran stuntman. BCC: Bootlegger sprints a '76 Pontiac Trans Am across the South, fronting Jerry's Semi-T. Outwheels relentless cops...leaps a real gulch.
- 10 Snitch
- 13 (1974) H.B. Halicki. Dir, Writer, Prod Halicki. BCC: Car thief flees LA Cops in '71 Ford Mustang Fastback for 40 mins, destroying 93 cars! Driven by Halicki in "Eleanor", leads 50 cops into roadblock...grabs air, bounces...escapes!
- 14 Rainless night before January 1st?*
- 15 British ___
- 16 Vowel twins
- 18 Informative session
- 20 St. top cop
- 21 Wrath
- 24 Home of fine cigars and vintage auto classics
- 25 Rizzo (Stockard Channing) in "Grease", say*
- 27 (with "or") Stench
- 28 Ten minutes shy of 12 pm, say

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49 (a-la-Caesar, with 81-Across) (1973) Roy Scheider, and credited as actor, stunt Bill Hickman. BCC: Head of rule-bending Felony Unit hops into '73 Pontiac Ventura after '73 Grand Ville, screams thru NYC in high-octane thrill. Debut Dir for Prod Philip D'Antoni ("Bullitt", "Fr Con").

50 Hero, for example

52 (2001) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez. Dir Rob Cohen. BCC: FBI Brian takes off in '95 Toyota Supra Mk.IV to chase motorcycle killers, with Dominic in big-carbed '70 Charger. Homage to "Crazy Larry", both clear LA train.

54 Spot for Christmas lights

56 Inits for city when we Remember the Alamo!*

57 ___ A ___ or ___ A ___

59 Two prefix

60 Alpha for Nemo-Like Kinase -- problematic gene

61 Food and ___ Dept

63 Ripped abs or frat party staple

64 Only Germanic-named planet

67 (with "tate") Swap out

68 Family

70 Ocean spot

72 Offensive NFL lineman who can also receive

73 Gang-land allocations

75 (1971) Barry Newman, Cleavon Little, Gilda Texter (nude biker). Director Richard Sarafian. BCC: With "Super Soul" as radio company, Kowalski burns pavement from Denver to CA in '70 Dodge Challenger R/T 440 Magnum, dumping cycle cops, Jaguar E-Type into creek. Challenges two bulldozers to game of chicken...

79 Marion the Librarian's "Shut-up!"

81 Pkg carrier

82 TV forensic drama using a variety of cities

84 Face-planted with a meringue dessert

85 Lodge

86 In the manner of

88 Vowel twins

89 Performing well

90 (1971) Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider. Dir Wm Friedkin. BCC: Fed Agt Popeye commandeers '71 Pontiac LeMans to chase NY overhead train. Bill Hickman sped for 25 blocks up to 90 mph... with Dir in car...seriously illegal...real accidents.

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31 Vowel twins

33 Pin for the crime

34 Harbored

35 Promissory memo

36 365.25 dys

38 Rd

42 (1986) Sylvester Stallone, Brigitte Nielsen. Dir George Cosmatos. BCC: Hero and passenger bounce and skid thru LA in heavy '50 Mercury Leadsled chasing a '73 Plymouth Volare, ending with Mercury in nifty corkscrew crash.

47 (with 48-Down) (1975) David Carradine, Sylvester Stallone. Dir Paul Bartel. Prod Roger Corman (many car-chasers). In 2000, cross-country race with kill-points using theatrical VW kit-cars and Fiats. No BCC...a little CGI.

48 (see 47-Down)

51 Humbug preceder

53 Children's book "Blueberries for ___"

55 Inits of actor in '97 "The Saint", '95 "Heat"*

58 (1998) Robert De Niro, Jean Reno, Natascha McElhone. Directed by John Frankenheimer. BCC: In Peugeot 406, hero hustles after BMW MS-E34, charging thru Paris streets up to 120 mph, with 150 stunters. "Best ever filmed."

62 (following 95-Down) (1972) Steve McQueen, Ali MacGraw. Directed by Sam Peckinpah. BCC: Bankrobbers Doc and Carol flee cops in a '67 Chevy Sedan (?) thru Texas town -- explosion, gunfire, leap thru a front porch!

65 "Cop ___"

66 (following "ba") Legal entities

69 Planetologist Kynes in Herbert's "Dune"*

71 Oil-on-canvas depicting the Milky Way?

73 Loo accessory

74 Alpha-Soup for the Amer. platform version*

75 One on top

76 "The cops ___ the direction of downtown!"

77 Basketballer forever relegated to the bench?

78 Ways of access

80 Core

81 Possessor-free

82 Consonant twins

83 ___ - down

87 Boy

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- 94 A short one gets you volunteered
 96 (1981) Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise, Sammy Davis, Dean Martin. Dir Hal Needham. BCC: Burt and Dom in a '78 Dodge Tradesman ambulance fitted with NASCAR block race cross-country with other two in '79 Ferrari 308 GTS.
 97 Absorbed the cost
 98 Inits of Diane Kruger in '04 "National Treasure"
 99 "Oh Pa, Ole Yeller done __ all the beans!"
 101 "Make it a double -- I __ __ rough day."
 102 Likely SSN puller
 103 "Man, that really stinks!"
 104 Stephen (1946 - 77), memorial by Peter Gabriel*
 106 Descend in winter
 109 (after 95-Down) (1978) Ryan O'Neal, Bruce Dern, Isabelle Adjani. Direct/Writer Walter Hill. BCC: At climax, LA getaway driver blasts a '73 Chevy C-10 454 Sidestep Pickup hurtling after '76 Pontiac Trans Am thru slides in warehouse.
 111 (with 115-Across) (2002) Jason Statham, Shu Qi. Dir Cory Yuen. BCC: Opener with Frank wheeling getaway BMW-7 E38, pursued by many cops thru narrow, historic Nice, France. Sliding, cornering, nice bridge jump onto an auto-carrier.
 115 (with 116-Across) (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Edward Furlong. Director James Cameron. BCC: (part II) John dirt-bikes thru LA canals on '90 Honda XR100, recklessly pursued by T-1000 in 18-wheel Freight-Semi, saved by Arnie astride '91 Harley Davidson Fat Boy...cool jump stunts.
 116 (see 115-Across)
 118 (see 119-Across)
 119 (with 118-Across) Sound quality
 120 Vowel twins
 121 (with "in") Dump
 122 Ammo for amateur gun
 123 (with 125-Across) (2007) Kurt Russel, Zoe Bell, Rosario Dawson. Director Quentin Tarantino. BCC: "Stuntman Mike" in '69 Dodge Charger maniacally after Austin women hot-rodgers in '71 Dodge Charger. Women trash his car...him.
 125 (see 123-Across)

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- 89 "Here's your pills. Take __ __ day for a week."
 91 (with "king") De-leaving
 92 Alpha-Soup for National Library Board [cool]
 93 Initials of reputable dictionary*
 95 (see 62-Down and see 109-Across)
 100 Altoids container
 105 In a kid's game, what almost everybody isn't
 106 (with "ores") Boy Scout treats
 107 (with "nd") Type
 108 @
 109 Ave.
 110 (with "in") Bloodline?
 112 Appear
 113 "Whaddya think, Coach? Go for FG __ __ ?"
 114 Nondescript cheer for example
 117 Singular form of "I just made a boo-boo!"
 122 Tree-dwelling hugger
 124 Vowel twins



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- 127 (with 128-Across) (1979) Mel Gibson, Hugh Keays-Byrne. Dir George Miller. BCC: Hero settles in a 600 hp '74 Ford Falcon XB Coupe in pursuit of a crazy in a '72 Holden Manaro, with truly outrageous stunts, Australia-style.
 128 (see 127-Across)

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

6	Ten loafs (...loaves)
11	United Artists
25	Crass chick
26	Krona
41	Tommy Chong
43	American Bar Association
55	Val Kilmer
56	San Antonio
69	Liet
74	US FaceBook [I know -- kinda lame]
93	Oxford English
104	Biko