

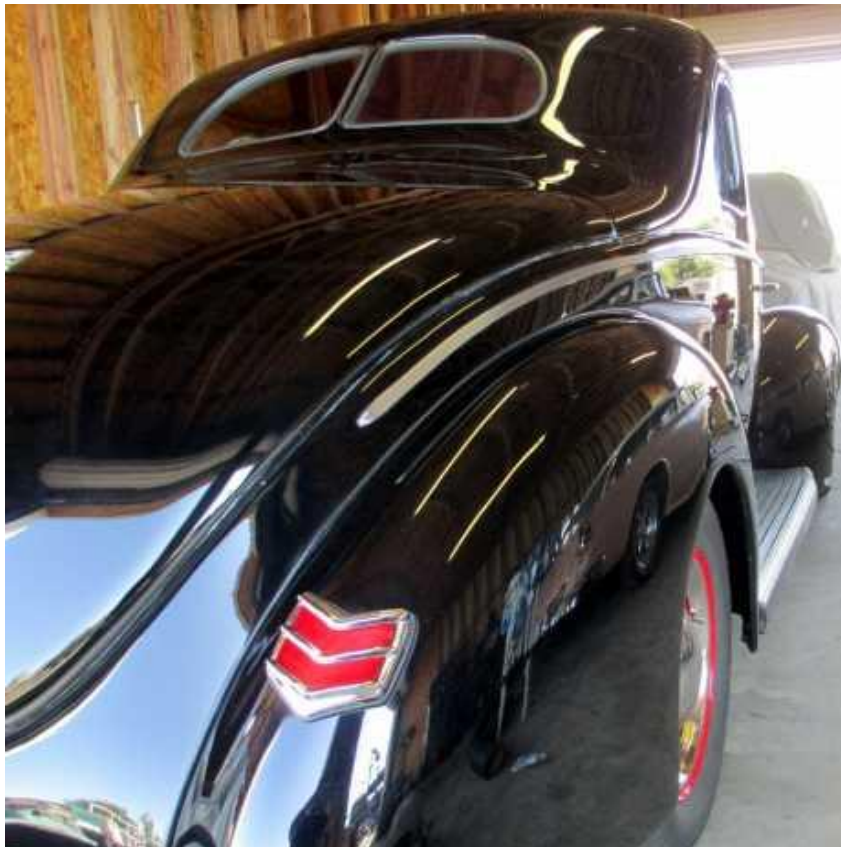
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June 2015 Newsletter



The beautiful contours of a 1940 Coupe, always-spectacular eye candy.

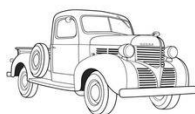


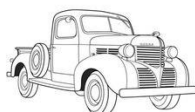


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We gratefully welcome contributions from EFW8 members and associates for inclusion in the Rumbles Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted so far!!





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EARLY FORD V8 CLUB R.G. #109

Victoria, British Columbia

Meeting Minutes June 9th, 2015

Ford V8 Club Meeting Minutes June 9, 2015 7:30PM Heritage Acres

Chair: Bill Pritchard

Members attending Laurie, Bob M, Norrie, Dave W, Rudy, Dave P, Steve B, Tony, Bob A, Bob L, Louise, Chris, Bruce, Anna, Bill P, Gary, Vic, Reg, Marc, Cai, Jack, Jim J, Steve G, and guest, Mike Mortimer

Minutes of the last meeting: moved and seconded/accepted.

Mail: Letter of thanks from the Camosun College Foundation. Automotive student Rhianna McPhee received the club's bursary.

Treasurer's report: Jim J. reported on transactions. Moved and Seconded/Accepted

Membership: no report

Business Arising: Chris received honourable mention in the V8 Times for his excellent newsletters.

BBQ at The Well on May 30th was a success

New Business: Bill is putting together a DVD for Show and Shine 2014 including Ruckus music.

Letter of introduction for donations has been written and is available from Vic.

Tours: Gary Clarke and Jim Jennings

Clickity Clack Car Show in Port Alberni on September 12,13th. Show cars will be touring up the old island highway to Port Alberni. Hotel rooms have been set aside until Aug 10th. Check newsletter and brochure to be emailed.

Fords and Friends: July 19th. Bruce Sommers and Laurie Stevens are co-chairs
Work Roster comments:

Tony reviewed effective spectator admitting procedures

Laurie asked members to be willing to help out where needed when your shift has finished.

Norrie reminded us about spectator vs. artifact member parking

Search and Rescue have taken the task of spectator parking

Steve Butler volunteered to direct traffic at the parking/show car intersection

Busiest time is noon to 2PM at the gate. Need members to help out when available

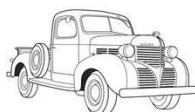
Show car registration times can be extended if cars continue to show up.

Set up

Sponsor board: Bruce is organizing

Prize donations: Reg is collecting door prizes that members acquire.

Letter of introduction for donations has been written, available from Vic.



Members please keep track of names of your donors for recognition

Show Program: Bruce is doing this using last year as a guide

Ballots: Bill Pritchard is overseeing the system and will print ballots

Windshield cards budget has been increased to provide sequenced cards to avoid duplication of numbers.

Tech Talk: Gary's DVD 'It's a Dirt Track Life" borrowed by Reg. Available for others to borrow.

Buy and Sell

Vic: Major garage sale coming in late August. Lots of Ford flathead stuff. Feel free to come anytime to view and buy.

Jim J: new 41 to 48 dual exhaust headers for sale

Norrie: Weedac rust removal liquid available from him

Adjourned: 8:20 PM

50/50 Bob M. won \$13

2015 CLUB AGENDA / SCHEDULE.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING IS POST F&F T.B.D.

ACTIVITY AGENDA – June through September.

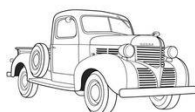
July 19th is the 35th Annual Ford & Friends Show and Shine.

August 22nd Annual BBQ at Norrie Spencer residence.

September 8th Regular club meeting at The Well.

September 12 & 13th Clickity Clack Road Run. Details to be confirmed. Jim J.

December 4th Annual EFV8 club Christmas party.



MEMBER PROFILE

ANNA MEYER

The Rebirth of a 1936 Ford.

Presented by Anna H. Meyer

We were travelling through Montana in 1985 and stopped in a small town, Phillipsburg, which is south of Missoula. It was a hot summer day and while at a service station, a conversation about “Old Cars” got started between Tom and a local citizen, which led us to his garage to see his collections of restored vintage automobiles. Far back in a corner under boxes, tarps and “junk” was a little Ford Coupe. It was in terrible shape, rusted floor boards, missing windows, the fenders were off, No seats. It looked a wreck but my dear husband could see that it was a beauty. So after several restless nights and months of negotiations it was ours! We got the trailer and truck out and proceeded to haul it to Sidney, B.C. The customs Agent thought we were “Nuts” to bring this old rusted car into Canada, but there was a plan.

Four years and 4,000 hours of labor, it was restored. If a part could not be bought, it was built or manufactured by Tom on his lathe, milling machine or welder.

The upholstery material was ordered from New York, and all chrome bumpers etc. were re-chromed. The wide sidewall tires ordered from the States. Several trips were made to Oregon to purchase reproduction rubber parts, door handles and hubcaps. The car is equipped with power steering, disk brakes, air conditioning, air shocks radio and heater.

The running gear was modified with up dated brakes and engine parts to produce a reliable running car. The body restored to original. NOW it was a 1936 five window Coupe.

We drove the car to several Early Ford V8 meets in Canada and the States. The Old “Route 66” fun run in Arizona was a great test for our Air Conditioning system, and they honored us with the best Pre 1940 Vehicle Trophy from 600 entries. We drove to “Hot August Nights” in Reno, attended many parades and car shows over the years.

We named him “Little Henry” which was fitting for his smart appearance and driving abilities.

I am proud that my husband built such a great little car and I intend to drive it as long as I am still qualified and able to move about, and stay within the speed limits.





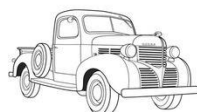
Tom asks “which one do I start with?” That is Lil Henry on the right on the first day of his new adventure. Still going strong 23 years after completed renovation in 1992.

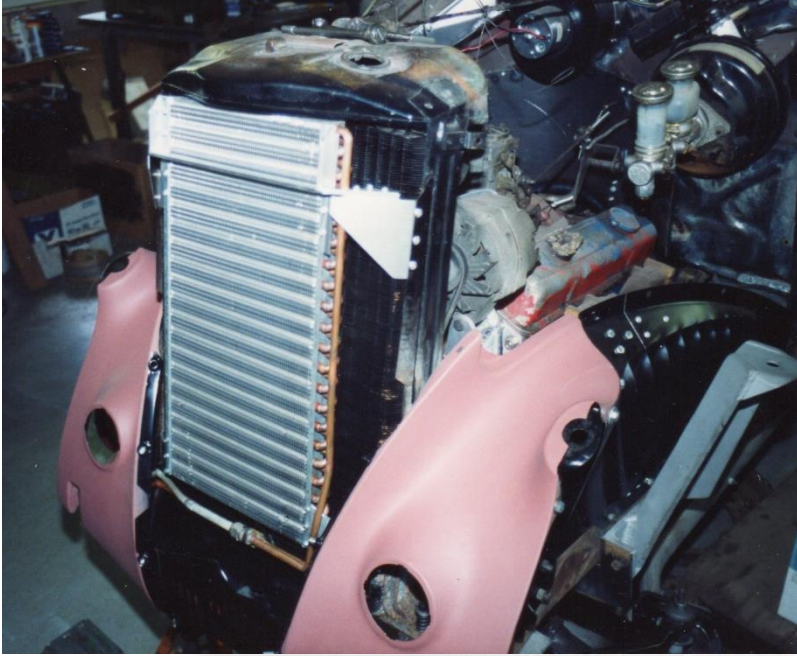


The rebuild starts in 1988 and finishes in 1992.



This floor needs a little help!

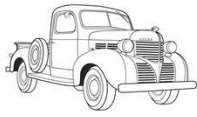


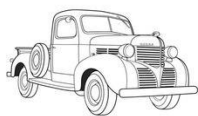
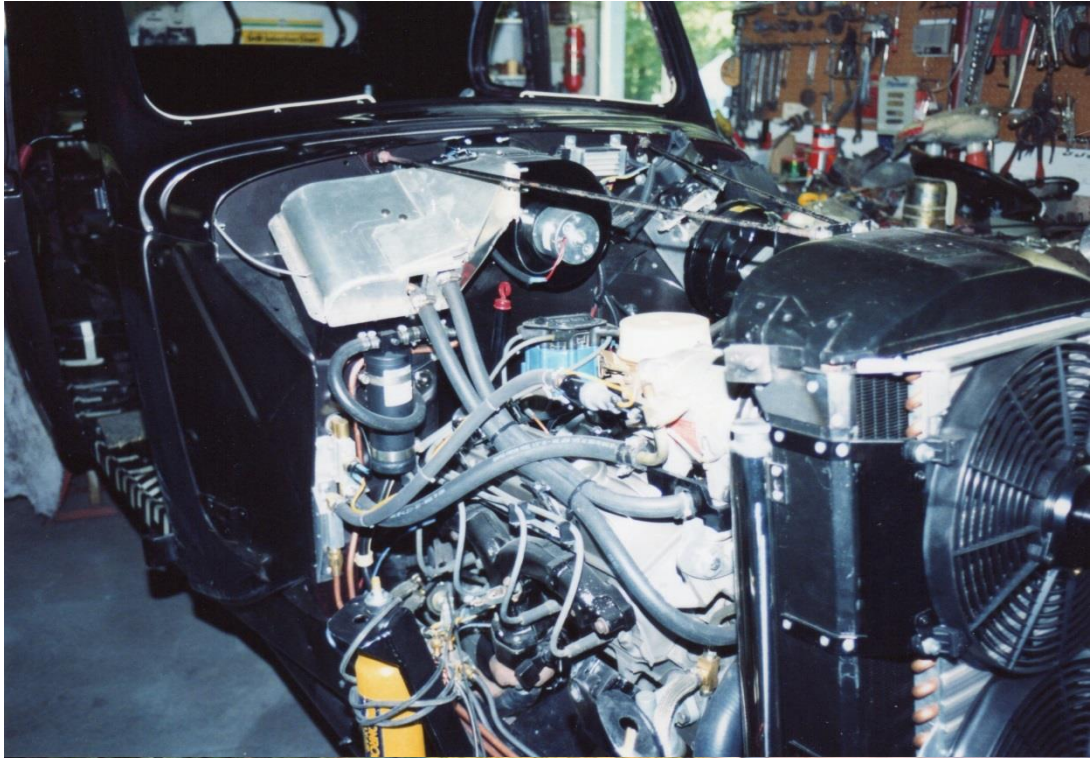


Big things in tight places.



The famous white side wall tires!





Tom and Anna at Fords & Friends. Victoria, BC 1996.



Route 66 Fun Run 1997.





Anna still enjoys a parade. A star at the Canada Day event in Sidney BC in 2014.



The “Lil Henry” story is a most fascinating peak into Anna’s incredible journey and life over the past 27 years but it is only a small part of the adventure. Her late husband Tom was a very dedicated and talented man who enjoyed life to the fullest. Several collector cars received his and Anna’s expertise in reconstruction and found new homes throughout the Pacific Northwest. Obviously, they made a great team! Anna has been kind enough to share some very special memories, photographs and more than a few perfectly delightful stories with us.

Unfortunately, our space is limited and I am not able to stuff it all into this issue of Rumbles. Perhaps we will be lucky enough to have another opportunity to share so many good things in a future issue.

Thank you Anna for everything you do for the EFVS club and especially for sharing a few of your wonderful memories.



Only one of the many well-earned trophies’s won by Tom and Anna with “Lil Henry”





CLUB NEWS.



Thank you all for your participation

V8 Newsletter item. **Contributed by Gary Nordstrom. Roving reporter May 2015.**

The Robert Meyer Collection Lumsden, Sask.

If you are a fan of mostly pre WW1 memorabilia, then this collection is for you. Tucked into a large building on the edge of prairie grain crops is the unique life work of 86 year old Robert (Bob) Meyer and his wife Ann. Many cars are in mid-restoration or awaiting time and attention, but it is the rare nature of many of the vehicles that captures the imagination.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1911 Russell Touring | 1922 Model T touring | 1911 Evert |
| 1902 Olds | 1903 Northern | 1911 Model T Torpedo |
| 1912 Mitchell | 1911 Aluminum bodied Model T | |
| 1911, 12, 15 Overlands | 1917 Jeffrey 6 | |

In complete and original condition there is a 1917 Studebaker 4 Touring. Looking very ready to show is a 1915 Saxon, a 1912 Model T Depot Hack and a stunning 1915 Reo Speedwagon.

There is a 1917 Ferro/Briscoe V8 engine and a 1915 King V8 Touring car, complete but unrestored.

For the fire truck enthusiast there is an incomplete 1922 Model T Firetruck in red and an incomplete and unrestored 1911 American LaFrance. Complete and ready to drive, is a 1929 American LaFrance.

For the airplane enthusiast there is a 1928 Gypsy Moth and a 1944 Cornell PT26 both beautifully restored.

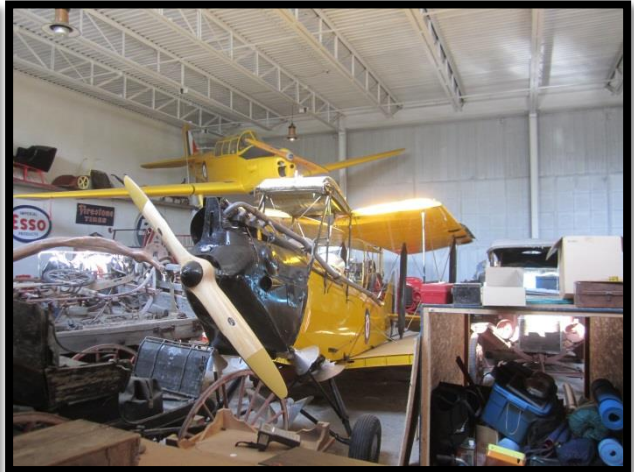
If accessories are of interest, Bob has a good selection of brass lamps and instruments, some exceedingly rare.



And if that is not enough to capture your attention, he has his father's professional portrait camera (possibly 100 years old) and all of his customer's proofs. Bob's is currently restoring a 1909 Chalmers Detroit and when finished, intends to drive it on a long distance tour. He is very handy on the lathe and many parts have been hand crafted. This will be a most beautiful restoration.

He is understandably proud of recovering all of these treasures from oblivion. There is a lot of other stuff, too much to list, but if your timing is right you may be able to get a tour like we did. It is just minutes north of Regina and you won't be disappointed.

Phone 306 569 2888 or Cell 306 731 2888



Lauri Stevens gets ready to release a 25-pound spring. Early June fishing trip in 2015.



Even more Club News!! BILL SHERK HELPS EFV8.

Our club has been very fortunate recently to receive two autographed copies of a terrific Bill Sherk book, *Old Car Detective Favorite Stories 1925 to 1965*.

Bill has been kind enough to donate these to the EFV8 for our Fords & Friends Car Show & Shine in July. If you have any ideas on how we might award each of these at the show please let Bruce or Lauri know.

Also by Bill Sherk: 60 Years Behind the Wheel, 500 Years of New Words, I'll Never Forget My First Car and his latest THE BIG TOMATO. So much fun to read.

<http://theoldcardetective.ca/> For more information.



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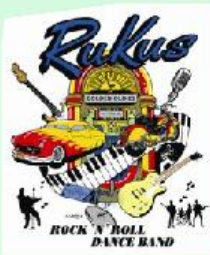
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Fun from the web. Great links for your personal enjoyment – all contributions from EFV8 club members. All you have to do is right click and open hyperlink to connect to the site. Have fun.

New stuff in June.

<http://safeshare.tv/w/ShbgvwazCZ> from Lauri and Tony.

http://www.youtube.com/embed/Y0XbqHUI-0?feature=player_detailpage from Lauri.

<https://vimeo.com/100670266> This one is really nuts!! Thanks Lauri.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/nq2jY1trxqg?rel=0>

<http://safeshare.tv/w/sLtCVDmZnm>

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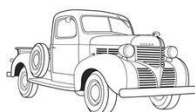
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/bLtZNtvc1Aw> Thank you Lauri Stevens April 2015

<http://wpmedia.driving.ca/2015/02/dsc03509.jpg?quality=60&strip=all> Thank you Gary Clarke and Don MacPherson – April 2015

<http://biertijd.com/mediaplayer/?itemid=47217> Another great one from Lauri. Check this out! April 15

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A-hipspics.freewebspace.com_gas_gas.html&d=AwMFaQ&c=5qaU24Emulp-fzqwXAWUyHfhV6KzVMOip5exfSC7BVM&r=58PRX4qAsbs6bYj1puGpl0drczqlqjSLtfvAnKb-8q4&m=rMOrAxatAWrn_UKhVVh3ajYsAhyx8liiYxL0ptunwww&s=-ChczSltM6PIOCVpW2mFCa7Fejx-QoaoNcVtkeoRsys&e= April 15

Special thanks to Vic Nordstrom for the above.





TECH TALK

If you have any technical issues you would like to share please submit to the Rumbles editor. Thank you.

Buy & Sell.



Gary Clarke offers two 9 super 7 carbs on an Offy intake manifold. For 1949 to 53 Flathead engines. Near new I paid \$899.US. Plus shipping and tax. Asking \$750. Can.

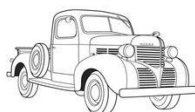
Tel 250 652 9823 or monty57@telus.net



1935 Ford flathead engine, 21 stud. Was running when taken out of car. Burn oil, so does need rebuild. Asking \$400. Gary Clarke is waiting for your call. Can be reached at 250 652 9823 or monty57@telus.net .

WANTED! by Bruce Somers PLEASE! 250 478 9951 or Bsomers00@hotmail.com

- 1 Right rear Model A fender – 1928.
 2. One headlight bucket (1928/29) Model A
 3. Kelly Hayes wire wheels. 5 on 4 ½” x 16” dia. - Prefer painted type.
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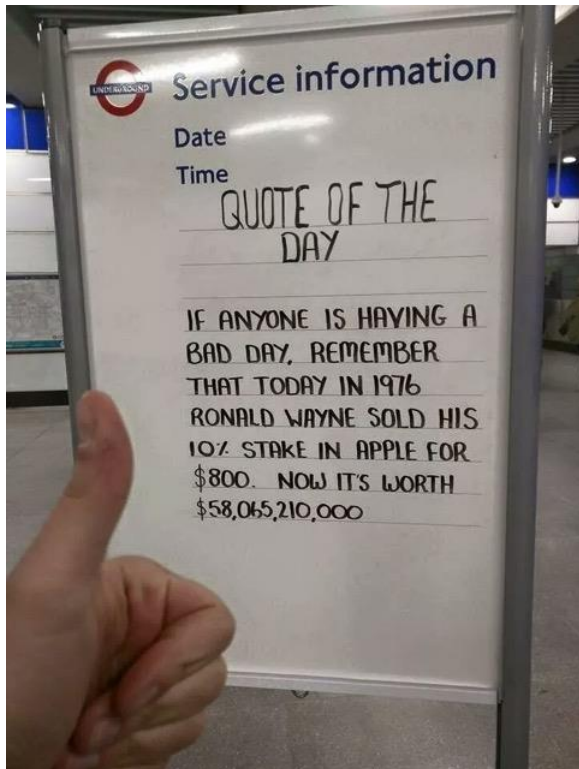
Wanted. Jim Jennings needs a 6 volt AC battery, and he is willing to pay something for it! (Extra if you bring caustic soda with it)

GARAGE SALE; Vic will hold a majot garage sale in August. EFV8 members are invited to preview a large selection of flathead parts and blocks.

Searching for: 1948 to 1953 flathead engine. Bell housing on the back. Please contact Rusty in Cobble Hill at 250 743 7027, or rusticker7@gmail.com. Information sent in by Sharon Prior s-bprior@shaw.ca.

Jim Jennings has a set of brand new headers for sale. Will fit a 41 to 48 flattie.

Just for Laughs. Compliments of Lauri Stevens.



Can you imagine having to live with that for the rest of your life??

Are you really having a bad day??



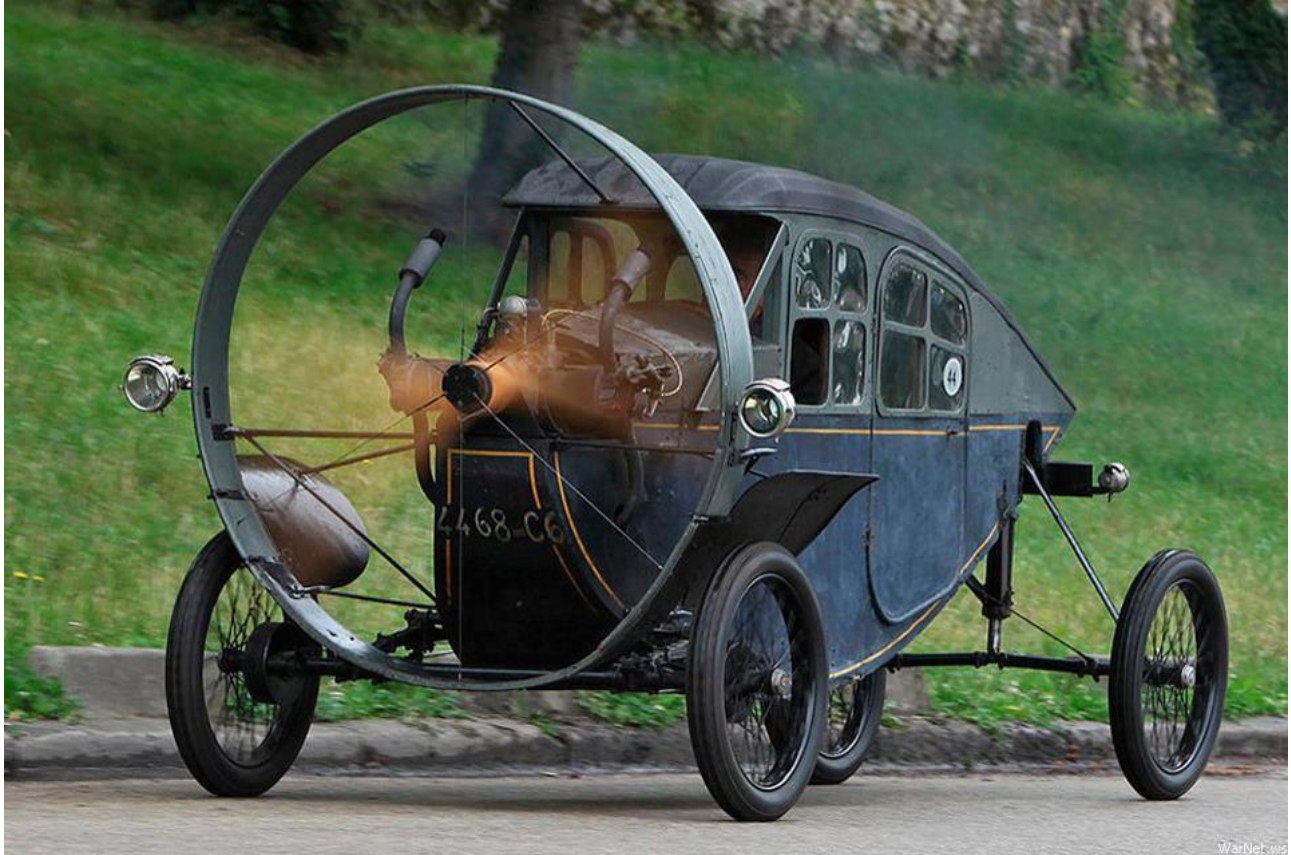


Really stupid camping.



Low cost Auto Body. Free estimates for EFV8 members.





Nice to see the windows open so everyone can appreciate the exhaust.

Men's Help Line:

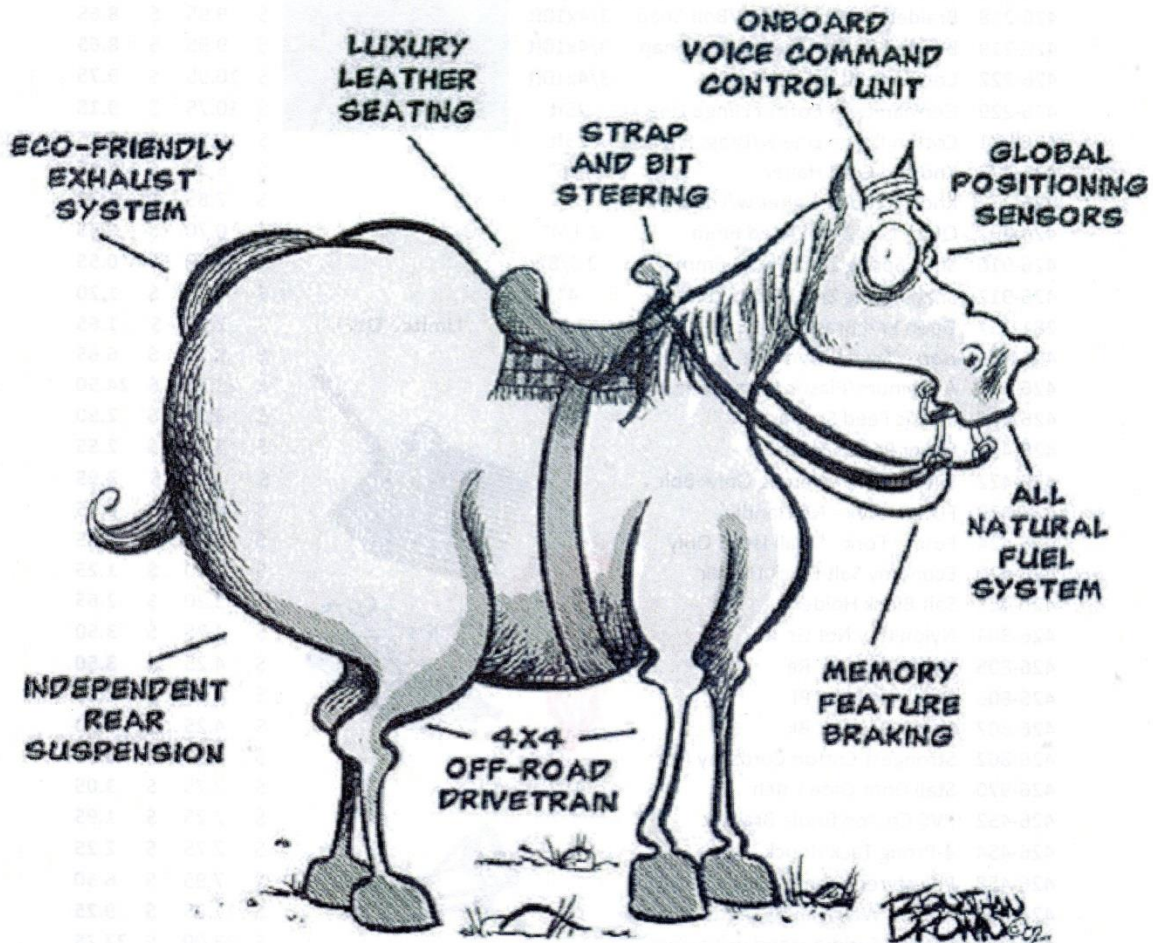
"Hello, my name is Bob. How can I help you?"

Caller: "Hi, Bob, I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: If the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up. She goes out with 'the girls' a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, last night about midnight, I hid in the shed behind the boat. When she came home, she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on. It was at that moment, crouched behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket. Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?"





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Special thanks to Louise Smith for this excellent contribution! *Now you know!!*



COMMITTEES / UPDATES. 2015



Membership & Newsletter.
Vic Nordstrom, Bob Cox, Chris Chown



Ford & Friends Car Show & Shine 2015
Bruce Somers coordinator. July 19th, 2015



Annual BBQ. At "The Well" in May 30th 2015.



Tours.
Gary Clarke coordinator with Vic Nordstrom



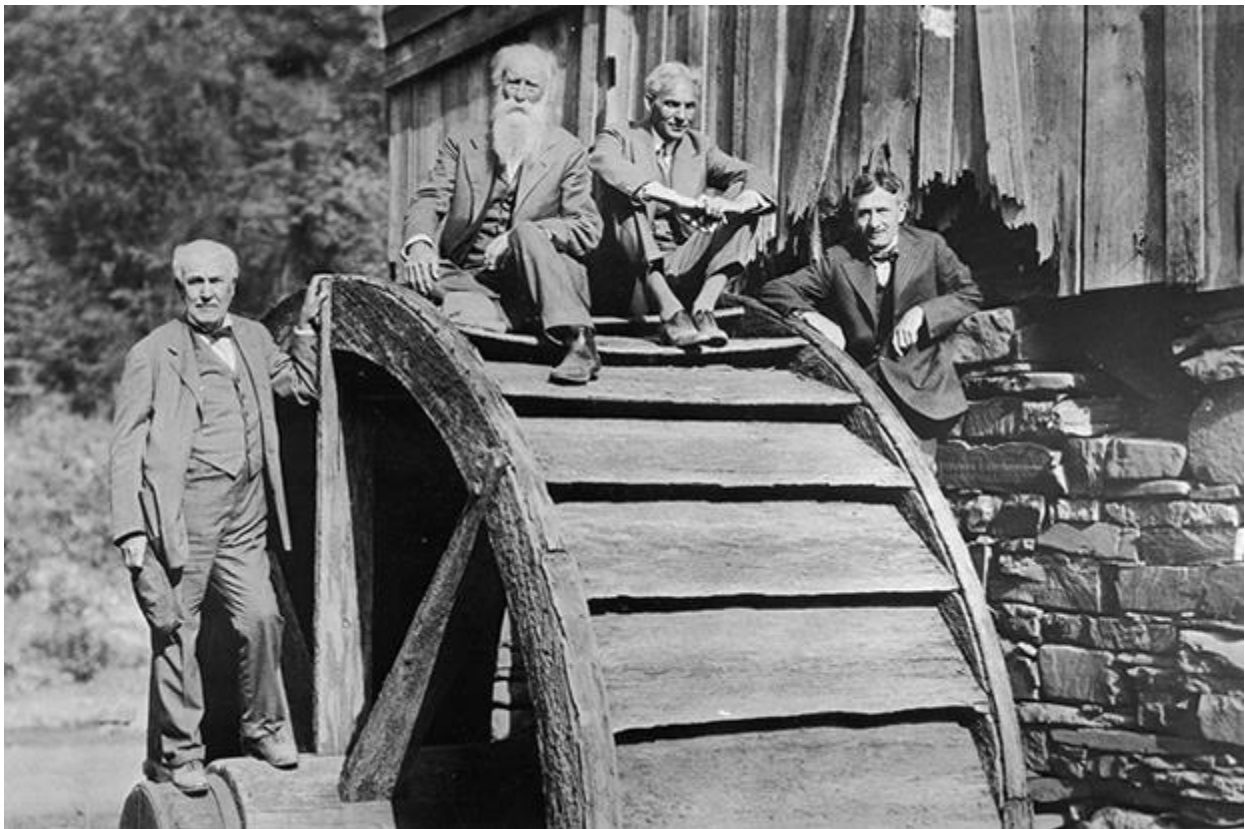
Annual Christmas Party
Steve Butler & Anna Meyer.



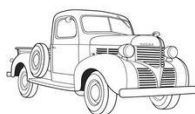
Fun Page This Day in History.

Camping with Henry Ford and friends.

Between 1914 and 1924, Henry Ford toured the eastern United States in his company's automobiles on a series of well-publicized camping trips with close friend Thomas Edison, other titans of industry and even an American president. On the 150th anniversary of Ford's July 30, 1863, birth, look back at the adventures of the self-proclaimed "Vagabonds."

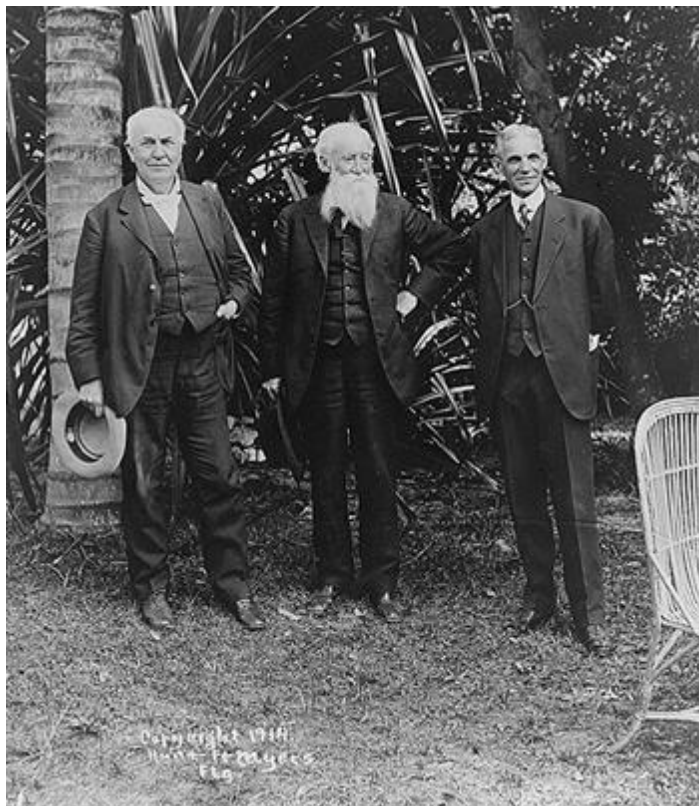


Thomas Edison, John Burroughs, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone c.1915.

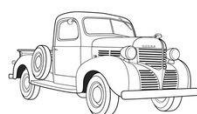


Henry Ford had a simple business plan. He wanted to “build a motor car for the great multitude” so that all could enjoy “the blessing of hours of pleasure in God’s great open spaces.” By 1914, the automaker’s plan had come to fruition. Hundreds of thousands of Americans toured the country in his automobiles, including the wildly popular Model Ts. Ford himself drove off that winter to enjoy one of the country’s great open spaces—Florida’s Everglades—with another celebrity of the day, Thomas Edison.

Ford first met his boyhood idol in 1896 when he worked as a chief engineer for the Edison Illuminating Company. At Edison’s request, Ford sketched his experiments with a gasoline-powered automobile, and the prolific inventor encouraged the budding automaker to continue his research. When the pair met again 16 years later, they began a lasting friendship, and beginning with their 1914 Everglades vacation, Ford and Edison embarked on lengthy camping trips nearly every year for the next decade. It was perhaps fitting that a pioneer of automobile travel and the developer of the first patented motion picture camera played the quintessential buddy roles straight out of a road-trip movie.



Edison, Burroughs and Ford

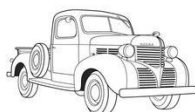


Other famous Americans comprised the supporting cast. Renowned naturalist and best-selling essayist John Burroughs, a septuagenarian who resembled Rip Van Winkle with his long white beard, joined the industrialists on their tour of the remote Everglades. The three men shared a love of the outdoors, although where Burroughs saw a pastoral stream, his fellow travelers saw an untapped source of waterpower. The following year, it was tire and rubber magnate Harvey Firestone who joined Ford and Edison on a tour of California after the men attended the Pan-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

In 1918, Ford, Edison, Burroughs and Firestone—who dubbed themselves the “Vagabonds”—set off on a lengthy camping trip from Pennsylvania to Tennessee through the Great Smoky Mountains. Edison, compass in hand, navigated from his perch in the front seat of the lead touring car. “We never know where we are going, and I suspect that he does not either,” Firestone wrote of the great inventor, who had a proclivity for the road less travel—and less paved. When a broken fan punctured the radiator of one of their cars, Ford proved the master mechanic. Before a curious crowd of locals, the automaker rolled up his sleeves and personally repaired the car with his grease-stained hands.

At campsites, the competitive Ford challenged his fellow adventurers to races and contests involving everything from high kicking to tree chopping. In calmer moments, Burroughs taught Ford birdcalls and tutored Edison on flower identification. The inventor relaxed by reading newspapers and curling up under trees for naps. At night, the collective brainpower crackled around the campfire as Edison recited chemical formulas and told tall-tales, while the men debated a range of topics from current events to the merits of Mozart and Shakespeare.

The “Vagabonds” may have slept under the stars, but they were hardly “roughing it.” Edison’s mobile electric generator kept their campsites fully illuminated, and the men slept in personal tents embossed with their names. They traveled in a convoy of chauffeured Ford automobiles with an entourage of cooks and attendants. Among the 50-vehicle caravan on the 1919 camping trip was a specially designed kitchen car, which Burroughs called a “Waldorf-Astoria on wheels,” that featured a gasoline stove and a built-in refrigerator that stored everything from fresh eggs to rib-eye steaks. Inside the spacious dining tent, jacketed waiters placed bowls of food and pitchers of beverages on the lazy Susan that spun around the enormous round camp table capable of seating 20 people.





Ford, Edison, President Warren Harding and Firestone, 1921.

The camping adventures gave the famous foursome a chance to unwind but also proved to be effective advertising for Ford automobiles and Firestone tires. The road trips generated headlines such as “Millions of Dollars’ Worth of Brains off on a Vacation” and “Genius to Sleep Under Stars.” In darkened theaters across the United States, Americans watched newsreels shot by Ford Motor Company film crews that accompanied the “Vagabonds.”

Months after the death of Burroughs in March 1921, the remaining “Vagabonds” embarked on another extended camping trip, this time with their families in tow. (The Firestones even brought their butler.) At their campsite in western Maryland, the illustrious Americans were joined for the weekend by the new president of the United States, Warren Harding. The president brought along more than three dozen staff, including his Secret Service detail and even a player piano and wooden dancing platform. President Harding joined the men in riding horses and shooting rifles and pitched in to cut firewood and prepare dinner.

In 1924, instead of a camping adventure, Ford hosted Firestone and Edison outside of Boston at the historic Wayside Inn, which he had recently purchased. The trio made day trips, including a visit to President Calvin Coolidge’s Summer White House in Plymouth, Vermont. The sojourn would be the final one for the “Vagabonds.” The publicity that Ford once courted now consumed their trips and prevented any possibility of rest and relaxation. Firestone lamented that the men’s “simple, gipsy-like fortnights” had morphed into a “traveling circus.”

The well-publicized travels of these famous Americans over the prior decade inspired a generation of auto-campers to hit the road and further strengthened the bond between Ford and Edison. In 1916, the two men became neighbors when Ford purchased an estate next to Edison’s winter home in Fort Myers, Florida.



When the inventor passed away in 1931, his son gave a distraught Ford a test tube sealed with paraffin wax that purportedly contained Edison's "last breath," an odd remembrance on display in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.



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