

Early Ford V8 Club #109



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Perfect in every way. Thank you, Gord & Jane Thomas, for attending the Heritage Acres Tour.

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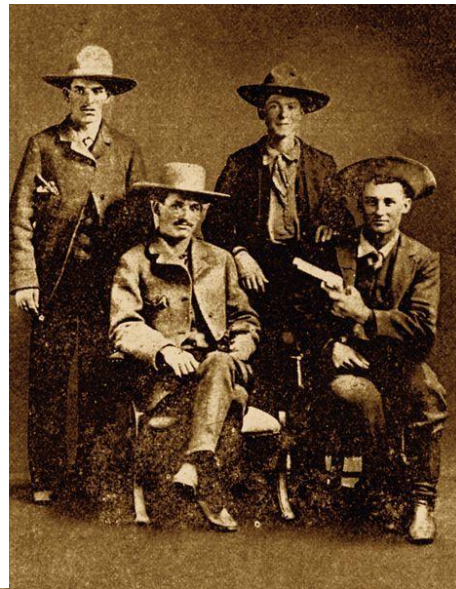
Contributions always appreciated

The next regular club meeting will be held on

June 11th, 2019 at Berwick House. 7:30 PM.

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The Executive Crew 2019



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2019 Club Agenda & Events

ACTIVITY AGENDA – January through December

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| JAN 8 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN |
| JAN 19 | CHRISTMAS PARTY SHAS Schoolhouse. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. |
| FEB 12 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – Cancelled due to inclement weather. |
| MAR 12 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN |
| APR 9 | <i>REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE</i> |
| APR 28 | CLUB TOUR HERITAGE ACRES. 11:00 AM START. |
| MAY 14 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE |
| MAY 31 | ROCK & ROLL FOR LITTLE SOULS |
| JUNE 11 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE |
| JULY 10 | BBQ & PRE SHOW MEETING FOR F&F 2019 HERITAGE ACRES. |
| JULY 14 | FORDS & FRIENDS SHOW – HERITAGE ACRES |
| JULY 19-21 | NW DEUCE DAYS – VICTORIA |
| AUG 31 | HOLD DATE FOR SHOP TOUR DETAILS 2B CONFIRMED |
| SEPT 8 | ANNUAL CLU BBQ WITH NORRIE AND ROSE. 2B confirmed. |
| SEPT 10 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE |
| SEPT 14 | BERWICK HOUSE SPECIAL CAR SHOW. DETAILS TBA. |
| OCT 8 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE |
| NOV 12 | REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE |
| DEC | NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING. |
| JAN 2020 | POST CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & REGIFTING EXTRAVAGANZA. |

**Early Ford V8 Club #109
Meeting Minutes May 14th , 2019 – FOR MEMBERS ONLY.**

Recorded by Don Landels.



Club News

Mike Mortimore before he did the 50/50



Drivers Welding. Take a peek.

A recent article on SHAWN DRIVER appeared in the Sooke News Mirror relates a great insight into an exceptional individual. Shawn has been an excellent strong supporter for the EFV8 109 over the past few years and we look forward to continuing so many good things with everyone at Drivers Welding. Please click on the following link for the full story.

<https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i2019042404420816/11>



A fantastic tour at Heritage Acres.

This photograph is the winning submission for photos taken by members of the public at the April 28th club tour at Heritage Acres. An excellent job by Alexander Coombs who earns a gift card at Kerrisdale Cameras, compliments of the EFV8 109. The full range of photos taken by Alex is available for viewing on the club website at your convenience. Please click on the following link for complete details.

<https://earlyfordv8victoria.com/heritage-acres-rally-april-28th-19/>



Photo credit: Alexander Coombs Victoria, B.C.



Alexander Coombs (left) is presented with two gift certificates by Chris Chown, EFV8 club president. Certificates compliments of the 109 club and Kerrisdale Camera.

On a fine Sunday afternoon several members of the 109, along with guests and club affiliates enjoyed an exceptionally interesting tour of "the works" at Heritage Acres. We were treated to an inside close up guided tour of the inner workings at Heritage Acres, allowing us to view many items and functions not normally seen by the public. For most of us this was a first-time experience at Heritage and proved to be a real eye opener. You just can't help but be totally impressed by the expertise and dedication by so many volunteers. Guide duties for the day were expertly handled by Dave Hopkins and Michelle Harris who managed to answer the dozens upon dozens of questions with high energy, magnificent patience, not to mention impressive expertise.

Everyone in the 109 is very pleased with the continuing warm welcome for our group by everyone at Saanich Historical Artifact Society, and we look forward to holding the annual Fords & Friends show at Heritage Acres for many years to come.

We also want to thank Don Friebe, 109 member and director at Saanich Historical Artifacts Society, for such a great shop tour idea and opportunity. We would love to do it again in the near future.



Don't forget to say thanks to Gary Clarke, for making it happen again!!.





Gary Porter (L) and son Greg all the way from Saskatoon, enjoy a couple of moments with a very heavy Sawyer & Massey steam tractor.

THE EARLY FORD V8 FOUNDATION MUSEUM. GRAND RE-OPENING.



Auburn, IN. On May 10th, a Dedication event took place at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. It was the Grand Re-Opening of the newly expanded museum. The Mayor of Auburn cut the ribbon and attendees were treated to free admission to the new 27,000 square foot facility, triple its original size. New to the museum, which opened in 2009, are a Flathead Speed equipment display; a 1940s Ford Garage packed with KR Wilson tools, accessories, parts and signage of a typical Ford Service garage; an incredible collection of over 600 1948-50 Ford toy Trucks; a large gallery of 1932-1953 Ford cars; a separate gallery with an authentic replication of a 1936 Ford Dealership, named "Floyd Motors". In it, on a turntable, is the 1936 Stainless Steel Ford Sedan plus 17 other 1936 vehicles—one of every model Ford produced in 1936—all now owned by the Ford V-8 Museum.

Visit www.fordv8foundation.org for more information on this truly world-class museum dedicated to the preservation of the 1932-53 Ford V-8 era.

A Fond Memory of a special Buick.

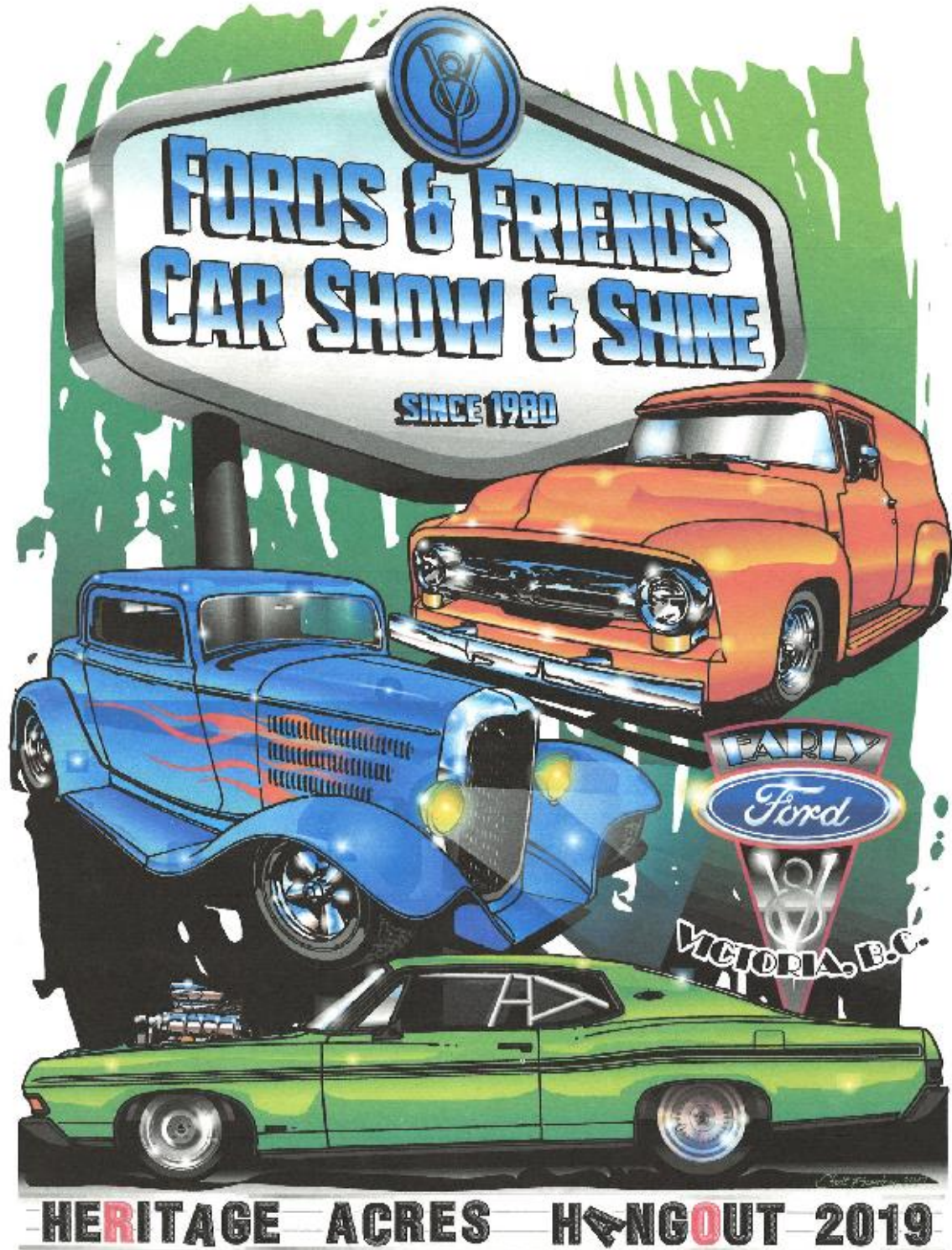
By member at large, Don MacPherson, Parksville, B.C.

Although I'm a Ford flathead man through and through, Buicks have a special place in my heart. When I was in my teens, I tooled around the West Point Grey/U.B.C. area of Vancouver with my buddy Pete Lancaster in his dad's '47 Buick Roadmaster Convertible. Life was sweet and that car left a lasting impression on me which was further enhanced when the father of the girl who eventually became my wife, bought a beautiful '53 Buick Super Convertible. Our family was split and, in 1954 my dad was living in Toronto. He and a friend formed a new company. One of the first things they did was to purchase a couple of company cars; a pair of identical 1954 Buick Roadmaster Hardtops. A few weeks later, my dad passed away suddenly and, when my mom and my dad's sister went back to Toronto to pick up his worldly possessions, they drove back to Vancouver in his Buick. I got to pretend it was mine for a few weeks at least and then it went back to Toronto. I loved that car, so much, in fact, that when, a short time later, I saw a barely used '54 Century Hardtop sitting on a used car lot, I bought it by (can you believe this?) trading in my '47 Chrysler Convertible on the Buick. A lot has been said about the so-called Buick "nailhead" V8 engines of that era, but my car had a stick shift and could really perform particularly with the 322 c.i. engine, the largest of their V8 series under the hood. I recall one afternoon in the summer of '57. I was waiting for the light to turn green at the North end of the Burrard Bridge when I discovered the car alongside me was a '55 Century Hardtop, with stick shift, being driven by the General Manager of our company. He fancied himself as a driver of some reputation and he was clearly giving me the look. I realized that my own reputation was on the line and it was now or never. When we crested the top of the Bridge, I was 5 Buick lengths ahead of him and it was the last I ever saw of his '55 Century. The next morning he showed up at the office with a brand new '58 Pontiac Bonneville Hardtop. He could do stuff like that because his family was the Mac in BowMac motors. Just before we got married in late 1958, my fiancée and I traded the Buick in on a nice practical brand new '58 British Ford Consul. I've always wondered what became of that beautiful Buick. But then, I've also always wondered what became of my '47 Chrysler Convertible.



1954 Buick Century Riviera Hardtop

This is the final draft for the FNF 2019 Tee shirts, expertly designed by Chris Rondeau at Mile 19 Signs in Sooke, B.C. Please contact Bruce Somers or Reinert Peterson if you wish to buy a few. Excellent quality at a great price.



Please don't forget that our club needs to have about 6 to 8 show cars to attend the Cordova Bay Collector Car Show. This is an excellent opportunity to join in with a great local community event and promote the FNF 2019 at the same time. Please register as requested ASAP.

**CORDOVA BAY
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FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



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SATURDAY JUNE 22, FROM 11 - 3 Cordova Bay Day
IN THE PARKING LOT AT CORDOVA BAY SCHOOL

The Cordova Bay Collector Car Show

Show off your special vehicle at The Cordova Bay Collector Car Show on Cordova Bay Day.

Register now to show your antique, custom, high performance, or any unusual vehicle of special interest.

So join us on Saturday, June 22 from 11 to 3.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO CALL NOW

Register with Randy Otto rftotto@shaw.ca or call for more info. 250-858-7066



If you wish to share your own story or tell us about your first car, please contact the editor and we will help you put the pieces together. Anything is welcome and we would especially appreciate stories about your first ride and any photos you might have.

Thank you in advance! Chris Chown 250 595 0312 or 778 679 7937.

An information update from FRASER KAYE. Nelson, B.C.



Photo taken at Fraser's new digs in Nelson, B.C. His favorite "49" pick up, with his recently completed "42" Harley Davidson along for a free ride. The whole Canadian made team participated in a unique "car show" in Kaslo where both Fraser and Katie reacquainted with several old friends while swapping war stories and life story updates. Reports have it that everyone was quite impressed with the Canadian Military HD as well as being reminded of Fraser's obsession with wide whitewalls! On a logging truck???

Not so very long-ago Fraser and Katie started a new adventure in family life by moving lock stock and barrel to Nelson, B.C. Katie, Fraser and my best friend Owen purchased a beautiful property with a house on it and immediately started renovating. Lots to do and apparently much more to come. A major target for Fraser was to build his own "shop" which is still under construction. In typical Fraser fashion the shop is very special and favors a totally practical functional design. No surprize that it has loads of expertise and innovation

compliments of Fraser, just so it's done correctly. New skills and many long days already invested with a heavy push on to finish before winter sets in.

As many know both Fraser and Kate are not the kind of people to just sit around spending idle time. Fraser has continued to work on several projects while he looks for more hours in the day. Recently bought an IHC truck with a 4,000-gal water tank on it, probably put to work during fire season very soon. Probably will have whitewalls soon!

It is always great to hear from Fraser and learn more about the continuous adventures. Everyone in the 109 club extends our best wishes to Fraser, Katie and especially Owen for endless success and enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you sometime soon.



What's not to like???

Quick update for John Shepherd & his 49 Mercury.



John Shepherd must be jumping up and down by now as the interior upgrades to his Merc are nearing completion. The pictures don't really do justice to this incredible rebuild featuring loads of tasteful quality features. Recent work done by **Lee Grant, LG Kustoms**, is a pleasure to see and we all hope John and Sylvia will be able to show the finished product at FNF 2019. My apologies for leaving so many drool marks all over the Merc!

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**FORDS & FRIENDS
CAR SHOW & SHINE**
SINCE 1980



HERITAGE ACRES - 7321 LOCHSIDE DR.
9:00AM-3:00PM JULY 14TH
Adults \$5 - Kids FREE - Show Cars \$15
Fun for the Entire Family Train Rides by Donation
Live Music with Vinyl Wave Food on Site

Display your Pre 1986 Ride!
Info Bruce Somers 250-478-9951 or Ray Peterson 250-818-2588
www.earlyfordv8victoria.com



Congratulations to the team working on the next Fords & Friends show on July 14th. New show poster shows excellent progress with special thanks to Don Landels for all his creative efforts!

As you know this event takes a great deal of effort and cooperation from the members of the 109. If you would like to get involved, please give Bruce Somers or Reinert Peterson a call. They will find a spot for you and appreciate any extra help!

If you wish to send any information on you own "Favorite Ride" please do so at you convenience. Photos and specifics would be fantastic. If you need help with the photos just let us know and we will take care of it, free of charge of course.

Greatly appreciated.

TECH TALK



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

From Speedway Tech Tips.

In this Tech Tip, John offers some guidance to a customer looking to cool his 1946 Ford Sedan.



“I have a 1947 Ford Deluxe Tudor sedan with the original inline 6-cylinder that overheats. I am looking for an aluminum radiator that will work for this car. The existing radiator measurements are: Total height 29 1/2”, total width 16 1/8”, core height is 22 5/8”, and core width is 15 1/4”. The top hose and center bottom hose on right side radiator is 3” thick and the radiator has L mounting bracket on each side about 5 1/2”

from bottom and a bolt slot on each side about 23” from bottom. Would you have any radiator that will fit this car? Thank you for your time.”

Hi, you inquired about a radiator for your ‘47 Ford with an inline six. We have a couple of options that will easily cool your engine so long as you have sufficient air flow available thru the radiator.

This is accomplished by either an electric fan with high cfm rating or a shroud encompassing the tips of the fan blades to force the air to be pulled thru the radiator. Radiator number 91734242 or radiator 10680141 can be viewed on our website to see the hose configuration and mounting style. Combining these aluminum radiators with sufficient air flow will out cool the copper or brass options considerably.

Check out NAACC for more on this, especially Lew Williams!



Early Ford V8 Club of America

A demonstration of the stopping power of the all new cable operated brakes of a 1937 Ford on a 57% grade. A mere two years later Ford implemented hydraulic brakes in 1939.

Henry Ford said:

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

Rosalind Jordon said:

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Buy & Sell.

FOR SALE. 1947 Austin Shearline A125L (left hand drive).

A bit about the car. the Austin Shearline, predecessor to the Austin Princess, was built from 1947 to '53. there were approximately 8000 built,(this is called Wednesday morning at Ford) of which about 10% were export models (left hand drive). It features a 244 cid inline six (Austin truck engine 125 horse power), four forward speed transmission on the column. Other features putting it ahead of it's time are electric wipers, sunroof, and a four-corner hydraulic jacking system controlled from inside the car. (this, according to one article I read, was for winter storage, or so " your man could change a tire"). All of these were factory installed items. As you will see from the pictures, the headlights and driving lights are matching Lucas items, also factory stock. Much info available on the internet of course. Hope this helps. If you or an interested party want to view the car before Doug is home, give me a call. John 250-923-4802



Rob Vanzella still has the 302 out of a Mustang with a C4 tranny to go with it for sale. Reasonable offers accepted. Please call Rob at 250 589 9130.

Very special flathead 21 bolt professionally rebuilt by Precision in Saskatoon but never run. Please call Gary Porter at 250 888 5342 and strike a good deal.

Chris Chown has a few 6V sealed beams available free of charge. Will include a transmission of some sort for special people!!

Full set of Goodyear Regatta P225 R75 15" M&S white wall radials. Excellent condition. Call Chris Chown 250 595 0312 anytime.

2019 Committees:



Always glad to have your help!!

| Name | Lead Hands | Supporting members | Date Formed. |
|-------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Fords & Friends 2019 | Bruce Somers and Reinert Peterson | 2018 committee plus new. | ANNUAL |
| High School Shop Awards | Lew Williams | Norrie Spencer, Bruce Somers, Jim Jennings, Tony Cond | Jan 2017 |
| Newsletter | Chris Chown | Al Wills, all members | 2014 |
| Tours | Gary Clarke | All welcome | 2016 |
| Phone Committee | Norrie Spencer, Dave Wallace, Bob Mortimer | As needed | Jurassic period |
| Website development | Al Wills | Chris Chown | 2017 |
| Membership | Jim Jennings | Lew Williams | 2016 |
| 50/50 Refreshments | Mike Mortimer | Bob Mortimer | 2017 |
| Community Liaison | Lew Williams | As needed. | 2018 |

JUST FOR FUN

A cerebral message from Vic Nordstrom.

I saw a rat flattened beside the road last week. I saw tire tracks etched into the rats back. As I walked along, I realized the car must have been a Mustang or a 32 Ford or something special because the car had left a real impression on it.

Following by others!!

There's a senior citizen driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there was a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!"

Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

A man and his wife are at a restaurant, and the husband keeps staring at an old drunken lady swigging her gin at a nearby table.

His wife asks, "Do you know her?"

"Yes," sighs the husband. "She's my ex-wife. She took to drinking right after we divorced seven years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" says the wife. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

Two ducks go on their honeymoon and stay in a hotel. As they are about to make love, the male duck says, "Oh, we haven't got any condoms. I'll ring down to room service." He calls and asks for some condoms.

The woman says, "OK sir, would you like to put them on your bill?"

"No," he says, "I'll suffocate!"

A truck driver with heavy load was driving below the speed limit on the interstate when a highway patrolman pulled him over.

"Do you know why I stopped you, mister?" asked the officer.

"Sure do," replied the truck driver. "I was the only one you could catch."

History 101

Ford Trucks - Mercury Trucks



Right after World War II, when Ford Motor Company of Canada setup the Ford/Monarch and Mercury/Lincoln dealership networks, a new truck line was established. All Mercury dealers had Mercury trucks to sell. After the wartime shortage of chrome, and the painted grilles on the Ford trucks, the new Mercury trucks were spectacular. Their grilles had six broad horizontal chrome bars, a large chrome cap at the tops of the grille, a broad chrome enhancement along the middle of the hood, and chrome headlight and parking light rims.

There was chrome trim on the vents on the sides of the hood. This included the Mercury name and model number. For every truck model Ford of Canada offered, there was a Mercury model to match. They ranged from pickups, with the Mercury name embossed on the tailgate, to panel trucks, and large cab and chassis models. Sizes covered the whole spectrum from half-ton to 2-ton ratings or higher. Mechanically, both were identical.

At first, two Mercury trucks were sold for every five Fords sold. During 1947, though, the ratio climbed to two Mercury's for every three Fords. Post-war styling first appeared on trucks before cars at Ford. So, for 1948, Mercury trucks donned the new Ford suit, but the difference between the two brands was not quite so evident.

The Historical Significance of Henry Ford.

Henry Ford played a very significant role in the history of the U.S. and maybe even the world. Because of Henry Ford we have a method to mass produce cars so that the average man could own one. Before his breakthrough cars were only for the rich and famous, and even then, only a few actually had them. There are many, many different outcomes from him making a cheaper car.

One, and most important the average man could own a car and live further away from his job. Because of this cities were being spread out more and less people were walking, or riding bikes, or using mass transit. Now that people were driving to work and driving everywhere, they were always on the go. The demand for faster ways to do everyday things was on the rise. Fast Food was another side effect from this, people needed a way to eat on the go and the drive-thru window at the local restaurant was a huge hit and still is today. About fifty million Americans eat out everyday, spending over one hundred ten billion dollars every year. With the combination of less activity and more, unhealthy foods many Americans gained masses of weight. Today America is the fattest country in the world, one in every three Americans are overweight, and one in four are obese.

Now that people are on the go , and going fast, they could do more things in less time. Like maybe, going on road trips and traveling the country. The average man and his family could travel the country in their new model T but what if they didn't have a place to stay? Now there is a need for a quick place to stay for the night. Hotels, motels and other lodging exploded in the U.S. Now that there is food and a place to stay on the road mini towns and settlements are popping up in the middle of no where. Tourist attractions were set up and souvenir stands, and theme parks were built. These are yet but a scrape on the surface of the huge pile that is Henry Ford's significance in History itself.

If you take a minute to stop and think about Henry Ford and his humongous role in history itself, I think you would be absolutely amazed at what you would imagine. From reshaping America, to reinventing the automobile industry. He was such a success his children and his children's children's children are set for life financially. Me, and probably the rest of the world would look up to Mr. Ford in awe at his accomplishments in life. He started as a farm boy in a small town and slowly but surely made his way all the way to the top. In conclusion we should and will remember him for what he was and is, a great inventor, tycoon, and businessman who reshaped and reinvented the world as we know it.



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Should you wish to contribute an item or offer comments please contact Chris D. Chown via email at cdchown@outlook.com

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Your feedback and comments are always appreciated. Input is used to improve the quality and diversify.

Thank you all for your support and participation.

