

Rumbles Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

Early Ford V8 Club RG # 109



**PO Box 53517 Broadmead
Victoria, B.C. V8X 5K2**



A new addition for the 109 club by Cai & Marc Brown. A 1936 Ford Tudor coach now resting comfortably on Oldfield Road. A great addition to the fleet for the Brown family and the 109.

www.earlyfordv8victoria.com

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Contributions are always welcome and sincerely appreciated.

Please send submissions to the Rumbles editor via email at cdchown@outlook.com or phone 250 595 0312 if you prefer.

Thank you in advance.

**EARLY FORD V8 CLUB – R.G. # 109
PO BOX 53517 BROADMED RPO
VICTORIA, B.C. V8X 5K2**

109 Club Executive 2023.

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2023 CLUB AGENDA & SCHEDULED EVENTS.

All events and dates are subject to change.

Information updates issued as soon as possible.

| DATE | ITEM | CONTACT |
|-------------------|--|--|
| JAN 10 | AGM/ & REGULAR CLUB MEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| FEB 14 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| MAR 11 | SHOP TOUR AVAITION MUSEUM | GARY CLARKE |
| MAR 14 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| APR 11 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| APR 15 | SHOP TOUR = GORDY ALBERG | GARY CLARKE |
| MAY 9 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| MAY 28 | 109 FAVORITE RIDES GROUP PHOTO – ST. ANNS 9:00 AM | CHRIS CHOWN |
| JUNE 13 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| JUNE 25 | VCC SWAP MEET | MARC BROWN, JANE THOMAS CHRIS CHOWN |
| JULY 16 | FORDS & FRIENDS 2023 | BRUCE SOMERS |
| AUG | ANNUAL CLUB BBQ. TBA | MIKE MORTIMER |
| SEPT 12 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| SEPT | SHOP TOUR | GARY CLARKE |
| OCT 10 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| OCT | FINAL SHOP TOUR | GARY CLARKE |
| NOV 14 | REG CLUB MEEETING | MIKE MORTIMER |
| JAN 14/24 | ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY | ROB VANZELLA |



*You are invited to the
109 Annual Christmas
Luncheon.*



Please come and join us for the annual
Christmas luncheon.

Date. January 14th, 2024.

- Time. 11:30 to 3:30 PM Lunch starts at 12:30.
- Location. The Derby at Cedar Hill Golf Club
- Dress. Casual - no Bikinis please
- Menu. Hot lunch - Finlayson Buffet
 - AAA Prime Rib / Pacific Salmon
 - Vegetarian ravioli
 - Several sides and salads.
 - After dinner assorted cakes, squares, and fruit platter
coffee/tea
- No host bar service is available.

The cost is \$25.00 per person, subsidized by the 109 club. You can pay at the door by credit card, cheque, or cash if you prefer. Guests are most welcomewelcome.

There will be a special 50/50 prize pool of six quality hidden door prizes at no charge.

We respectfully request that you pre-register so we can order the correct amount of plates. The room capacity is set at 80 people maximum.

Please register with Rob Vanzella at r.vanzella66@gmail.com or Chris Chown at cdchown@outlook.com Thanks in advance for your consideration.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Jane Thomas

A beautiful lady, full of kindness and love for everyone. She is already missed by all of us and will remain in our hearts forever.



The Thomas and Maxwell families sadly announce that our loving, funny, and creative Jane passed away. Born in Kitwe, Zambia to Bettine and Andrew Maxwell, she moved to Canada as an infant. After high school in Ottawa, she began her nursing career. Husband Gordie Thomas, sister Sarah (Ralph) Roberts, brothers Andrew (Joanne) and James (Jenn) Maxwell along with several nieces and nephews, stepchildren Lorena (deceased), Bruce (Julie), Terese (Lonny) and Glenny Thomas and grandchildren grieve her loss. The celebration of life is at First Memorial Funeral Services, 4725 Falaise Dr, Victoria on Thursday, November 16, 10 am to noon with sandwiches and coffee/tea. Please consider donating to the BC Cancer Agency or Multiple Myeloma Research Fdn. in Jane's name.

BORN March 12, 1950 **DIED** November 07, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2023



Minutes recorded by Heidi Bada, 109 Club Secretary. Approved by Mike Mortimer- President.

The November 14, 2023 meeting of the Early Ford V8 Club 109 was called to order by President Mike Mortimer at 7:04 p.m. at Saanich Baptist Church, 4347 Wilkinson Rd., Victoria, B.C.

Welcome to new member Steve Peabody.

1. Agenda distributed for November 14, 2023 meeting

a. Motion to approve the agenda by Tony Cond; seconded by Chris Chown

2. Minutes of September 12, 2023 meeting

a. Motion to approve minutes by Shawn Driver; seconded by Bob Mortimer

3. Business Arising From Minutes

a. Note the club held no October meeting

4. Correspondence

a. B.C. Societies update: the club has an empty board position Vice President that needs to be filled

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly report for period ending October 31, [20232023](#), by Jim Banks; motion to accept by Bruce Somers and seconded by John Shepherd

6. Committee Reports

a. Reboot Steering Committee presented by Mike Mortimer:

- The committee met November 8; summary notes distributed to members in attendance
- Discussed making agenda more fun, more social, with more “smoker time”
- More members welcome on the committee

- Collected ideas like more tours, cruise events
- A chair is welcome to step forward for each type of event
- Chris Chown added a goal is to improve activities of the club, including more social time; agenda will have less formal time

b. Membership report by Chris Chown:

- Dues are coming due soon; \$30/per person per year, no change from last year
- Chris is covering membership duties on an interim basis due to loss of Jane Thomas

c. Fords & Friends 2023 financial report by Bruce Somers:

- Income reported for 50/50 tickets, donation box, and registrations, along with expense figures
- The event generated a surplus of about \$4000 after about \$3000 donation box proceeds were forwarded to the Goldstream Food Bank Society

7. New Business

a. Cargo Trailer purchased for the club, reported by Chris Chown:

- The club purchased a trailer to conveniently hold car show supplies, stored at Bruce [Somers's Sommer's](#) home
- Cost roughly \$2800 and is insured
- Supplies from past shows can be added to the trailer for safe keeping
- Chris recognized the efforts of Shawn Driver and Steve Peabody for finding the trailer

b. Nominations for 2024 club executive, reported by Mike Mortimer:

- A Vice-President is needed as soon as possible
- Call or email any executive member to nominate someone; fresh faces are welcome

8. Announcements

a. Jane Thomas memorial will be held November 16, 2023, at 10:00 at First Memorial on Falaise Drive in Royal Oak

b. Christmas luncheon update by Rob Vanzella:

- Luncheon booked for January 14, 2024, at Cedar Hill Golf Course

- Begins at 11:30, lunch served at 1:00 p.m., and ending by 3:00 p.m.
- No-host bar will be available
- 50/50 draw will be held
- \$25/per person, pay at the door with cash or credit ~~card;~~card, debit card machine availability uncertain at this time
- Guests are welcome
- Max 80 people
- Register with Rob Vanzella if you and any guests want to attend
- ~~Sign up~~Signup sheet was available at the meeting
- Bob Mortimer will reach out to founding members and other potential guests discussed who may like to attend

9. Buy and sell

- a. For sale: 109 club jacket, size 38, sold to Shawn Driver at meeting.
- b. For sale: Richard Green's 1952 Mercury M1 short box truck soon available; contact Chris Chown; price unknown at this time.
- c. For sale: 8RT flathead, needs work; contact Chris Chown
- d. Wanted: good heater for 52 Mercury pickup; contact Chris Chown
- e. Wanted: emblem for "Magic Air" heater; contact Tony Cond
- f. For sale: ~~9000-pound~~9000-pound ramp hoist, 16 deck, hand jacks; contact Rob Vanzella, price to be announced

10. The Odd Spot – members share stories of cars, trips, people, and adventures

- a. A new feature of club meetings
- b. Vic Nordstrom told a story of his car at age 17, a broken drive shaft, jobs at his vocational school, a minor traffic mishap, a pretty girl walking down the road, and a spare grill in the ~~#runktrunk~~.
- c. Members invited to tell their stories at upcoming ~~meetings~~meetings.

11. Meeting Adjourned 7:56 p.m.

- a. Refreshments and 50/50 ~~draw;~~draw, winners:

- Mystery bags: Don Friebe, Tony Cond, Jim Banks
 - American Automobile book: Vic Nordstrom
 - T-shirt: Darryl
 - Calendar: Gary
 - \$115 cash (including \$50 donated by club): Bruce Somers
- b. A small quantity of pin-up photography calendars also available for sale after meeting



Presidents Message. Mike Mortimer

I have to say summer is behind us now. For some of us it is time to winterize those vintage ford v8 vehicles. I know some of us will still get out on sunny days no matter what.

Unfortunately, we did not have [Septemberthe September](#) 109 meeting, so we have a little catching up to do. We are most pleased with such an excellent turnout at the November meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Initial progress for the reset steering is excellent as we start on our quest for continuous improvement. We have several major changes to the target list, already started. We encourage input and involvement from all club members to make this a big success.

All our club members' input is greatly appreciated .

Regards, MIKE MORTIMER



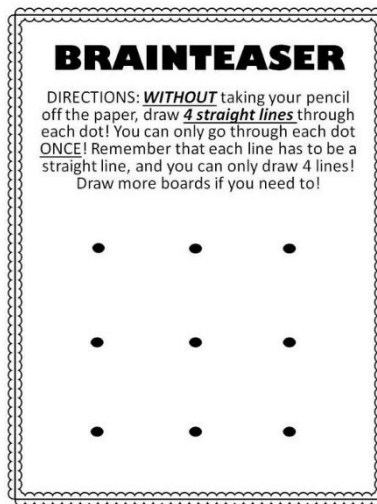
Message from the Editor. Chris Chown.

I am pleased to let you know that I have not taken the summer off and will continue to publish the Rumbles Newsletter. It is my most stringent hope that we will be able to produce future issues using new format, new features and expanded focus on 109 activities. All members are an important component of this, and you are all encouraged to continue to submit your stories, interests and ideas. Many thanks to everyone who has pitched in to help out.

Great new day as the 109 club prepares for new approach to club activities and events in 2024. Recent review meeting by the “Reboot Steering Committee” are most encouraging as several new ideas are on the table and ready for implementation. The 109 is truly blessed to have several enthusiastic members willing to step up and make our club a continuing positive experience. Thank you all and keep it up.

Lastly I want to remind you that the need for an assistant editor is still alive and well! Just let me know if you are interested please. 250 595 0312 anytime.

Cheers, Chris Chown





Club News:

EDDY & SUSIE POLINSKY. AN APPRECIATION FROM THE 109.

As many will remember, our annual BBQ held in August was an excellent event once again. One of the best parts was the 50/50 prize pool featuring over 20 hidden prizes compiled by the club, sponsors, and guests. We were indeed fortunate this year to have Eddy Polinsky attend and made a nuke a contribution of several excellent items.

As a small token of our appreciation the 109 presented Eddy and Susie with a certificate of appreciation for their good deeds. Just to make this a little more tangible we also presented a gift certificate to Romeo's for \$100.00.

Eddy and Susie expressed their gratitude and noted that this was the first time anyone had done anything like this. Truly a good thing for our club as well as Eddy & Susie P.





LtoR: Lew Williams, Mike Mortimer, Eddy P., Chris Chown.

For those of you (and there are many) who couldn't figure out what these are, I will tell you that they are "black out headlight covers" from WW II. They were custom made to fit a 1930s vintage Ford. Forms Eddy's unique collectibles.

FRONT SIDE



INSIDE VIEW – felt [cushion](#).



Our thanks to sponsors.



General manager Lew Sousa (L) with our member Rob Vanzella

The F&F 2023 show is in the history books now and many are taking a deep breath wondering how we survived it once again! Thanks again to **EVERYONE** who stepped up.

One of the very important actions that the 109 conducts after the show is to say thank you to our sponsors. We produce a formal letter **for each** and tell them personally how much their support means to the club. In ~~addition~~**addition**, we print **aan** 8.5 x 11 "Certificate of Appreciation" for each. The certificates are framed ready for wall hanging or table display. The letters and framed certificates are hand delivered by F&F committee organizers.

It is a special moment to be involved in this as several sponsors are surprised by the initiative. One of the very best parts is ~~to hear~~**hearing** a sponsor say

thanks to the 109 and we look forward to seeing you next year. This really feels [goodgood](#), and I encourage everyone to experience it at your first opportunity.

Thanks again to all of you for such a fantastic effort!

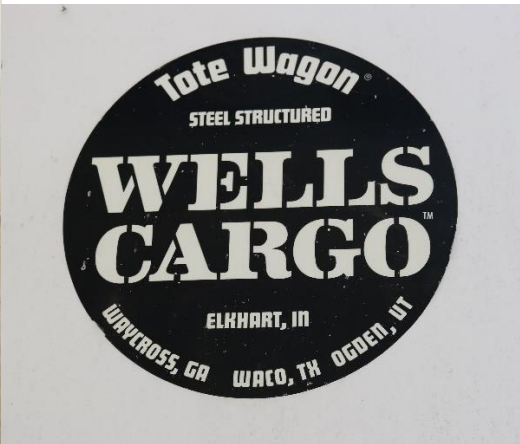


Gordie George (L) with Lew Sousa excellent supporters for the 109.

[A new Asset for the 109 club.](#)

At our last regular meeting Bruce Somers introduced an idea to improve operations for the 109. Bruce's thought was to purchase a cargo trailer for storage of all club items used in setting up displays and promotional pieces for the Fords & Friends shows. The trailer would also be used to store the many club items from past years, so they don't wind up in several members basements or shops. This idea was well supported by the [membersmembers](#), and I am happy to report we have purchased a Wells Cargo single axel trailer, now in place at Bruce's home property.

[Many thanks to Steve Peabody and Shawn Driver for a great find.](#)



Size is 6' cx 10' built by Wells Cargo. Sales and service by All Parts Trailer Sales in the lower mainland. Includes extensive plywood shelving and a pill lock. Has a single piece metal roof in excellent shape. The trailer was purchased from Menor Brothers Contracting for a price of \$2,500 CDN. Now registered to the EFV8 club and insured with basic insurance through ICBC. The agent was Western Coast Insurance Service in Oak Bay.

<https://mooneyes.ca/> Check out this new venture from Shawn Driver.



GOLDSTREAM FOOD BANK SOCIETY

"THANK YOU FOR SHARING"

September 4, 2023

Early Ford V8 Victoria
c/o Jim Banks
2421 Fleetwood Court
Victoria, BC V9B 0R1

Please accept the heartfelt thanks of the Goldstream Food Bank Society for your very generous donation in the amount of \$3,384.65 raised through gate donations from Ford & Friends Car Show held July 16, 2023.

In 2022, the food bank averaged 384 hampers and 1,330 people per month in the Western Communities. This included 332 children, infant to 17 years of age. The hampers we provide are nutritionally compliant and are tailored to the size and nature of each family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is key to the continued provision of this support.

The number of people who access our services fluctuates each month, and there continues to be a significant increase in the number of new people in need of our food bank services.

The Board of Directors, along with the membership, thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Sandy Prette

Sandy Prette – Secretary
Goldstream Food Bank Society

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The 109 club is pleased to assist a very needy group through the efforts of all members at our F&F 2023 show. The letter from the Goldstream Food Bank Society sincerely appreciated. Well done all!



Vic Nordstrom performed an excellent version of “Teddy Bear” at the recent reboot steering committee meeting. We are sure Elvis was overly impressed.

Thank you Vic for so many enlightening moments!



JOHN AASEN has commenced with his latest “build” and clearly states that he will have this 27 roadster pickup on the road by spring. We wish John all the best and look forward to seeing the 27 cruising the streets in 2024.



Updates on the progress of the 36 Tudor for Marc and Cai Brown will be added to future Rumbles with more photographs.

The Ladies page.



If you look closely you will figure this out. Clever & annoying at once.

Famous Canadian Women that inspire us all.

Alice Wilson (1881–1964)

In 1909, Alice Wilson became the first woman geologist in Canada, and in 1938, she became the first woman **Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada**, a council of distinguished scientists, artists and scholars. At age 28, she worked as a museum assistant for the Geological Survey of Canada cataloguing and labelling collections at the Victoria Memorial Museum. However, the survey banned her from conducting field studies in remote locations with male colleagues—a policy that didn't change until 1970—so she made shorter solo trips to the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Valley, studying fossils and rocks on foot and by bicycle. She later bought her own car when the survey denied her one—even though it was common practice for male colleagues. When Wilson retired in 1946, the survey had to hire five new people to do the work she did alone. She received an honorary degree from Carleton University in 1960, where she had lectured on paleontology from 1948-1958.



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Tech Talk



5 scary scenarios DIYers face

Kyle Smith 26 October 2023

Halloween is right around the corner, and any number of scary ghouls and goblins will soon be at your door asking for sweet treats. The holiday got us thinking about DIY experiences that don't leave our minds so easily. A few projects still keep us up at night, and the thought of repeating certain procedures can provoke a cold sweat. We aren't saying cars are cursed or possessed—[we'll leave that to the movies](#)—but we all know at least a few vehicles for which it was hard to prove otherwise.

From losing tools to stripping threads, here are the scariest scenarios we've encountered in the garage.

Using a spring compressor



The McPherson-strut front suspension design has a lot going for it, like easy installation and cost-effectiveness. Sadly, changing springs or dampers in McPherson struts can be a

terror. A spring this powerful is essentially a pipe bomb, and cheap or [home-fabricated spring compressors](#) that underestimate the spring's stored tension are legitimately dangerous. Just the thought of hearing a creak from the spring compressor and seeing a spring shoot off at full force gives us nightmares that would make most horror flicks look tame.

Discovering rust under a paint bubble



[Kyle Smith](#)

You would never pick at a scab, but sometimes you can't help but give a light poke at that discolored spot on the quarter panel of your classic. Next thing you know, your finger has promoted inner fender to the prestigious status of outer fender. The damage only gets worse from that moment: Iron oxide takes over, a pestilence that no spooky campfire story could ever conjure. Rust is a threat that hangs over everything in your garage. You'll start seeing the brown-ish red everywhere, until even your mixed drink seems to include *red rum*. It can drive a man insane, that rust.

Losing a bolt



We all know what it's like when the bolt or tool that you *just* had in your hand is—poof—gone. A portal to the fifth dimension opened, swallowing that one small but critical piece of your project. The thought of where that piece of hardware went will haunt you. I'm not scared of Casper, but I am terrified of where that piston pin circlip might have gone.

Stripping a bolt



At last, final assembly. Your workbench is covered in perfectly clean, ready-to-assemble parts. You painstakingly kept all the threads of all your fasteners clean, but somehow a hard-to-reach bolt that only requires 35 foot-pounds of torque just ... won't ... tighten. All of a sudden, "righty-tighty, left-loosey" becomes "righty loosey, lefty also loosey." The split second your wrench meets no resistance, the horrors of dealing with the consequences come into sharp focus.

Burning through paint

Strong arms are good for the lack of power steering, and they are built from the hand-buffing of just one mid-century hood or decklid. [Kyle Smith](#)

The paint on a vehicle can get really shiny if you remove enough of it to eliminate scratches, scrapes, and other imperfections. However, the mere thought of burning through the paint of their beloved classics has kept thousands of owners from so much as looking at an electric polisher. Thanks to modern compounds, this automotive horror story no longer needs to strike fear in your heart. Random-orbit polishers and diminishing-grit compounds allow you to be gentler with paint than ever before, even if the process requires a certain touch and understanding, and the fear of burn-through lingers in the room like a ghost.

We would love to show your photographs in future editions of Rumbles. Please send jpegs to Chris Chown at cdchown@outlook.com

Members Photographs



Low tide sunrise at Craig Bay on Vancouver Island. Shot taken at about 5:45 AM facing east. The small fishing boat (20') is beached and anchored. The boat's owner waits for high tide each day to go fishing and to pull his crab traps. He returns when the tide is still in and hooks on to his anchor. Next is to jump down into 2 feet of water and walk to shore with his catch. No dock fees required!

Submission by Chris Chown. September 2023

BUY & Sell.

FOR SALE: 109 CLUB JACKET – EXCELLENT CONDITION.



AN ORIGINAL EFV8 VICTORIA CLUB JACKET. IN PRISTINE CONDITION WITH EMBROIDERED LOGOS FRONT AND BACK ASKING \$50.00 CDN. OFFERED BY EDDY AND SUSIE POLINSKY. SIZE IS 38.

CONTACT CHRIS CHOWN 250 595 0312 ANYTIME.



Coming soon. A fine 1952 Mercury pick up. Full details will be available after Christmas. If you need further information please call Chris Chown at 250 595 0312.



2023 Committees:

“Always glad to have your help!!”

| ACTIVITY | LEADER | SUPPORT | DATE |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Fords & Friends 2023 | Bruce Somers | Primary Committee, | 2023 |
| High School Shop Awards | Bruce Somers | Appointed by Bruce S. | Oct 2019 |
| Newsletter | Chris Chown | all members | 2014 |
| Guest Speakers | Don Landels | | 2023 |
| Shop Tours | Chris Chown Temporary | Gary Clarke | 2023 |
| Phone Committee | Norrie Spencer, Dave Wallace, Bob Mortimer | As needed | Jurassic period |
| Website development | <i>Al Wills</i> | <i>Heidi Bada</i> | 2017 |
| Membership | Chris Chown | | 2022 |
| Christmas Luncheon | Rob Vanzella | Chris Chown | 2020 |
| 5/50 | Mike Mortimer | John Shepherd | |
| Refreshments | Jim Banks | | 2017 |

The FUN Pages.

Reasons Why The English Language Is Hard To Learn

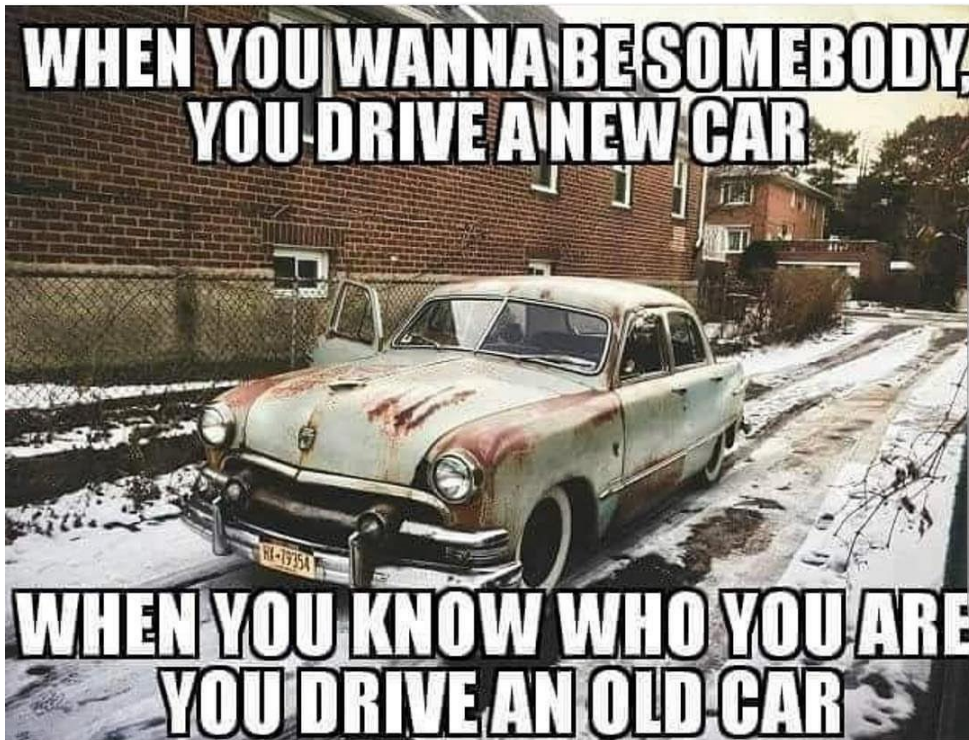
- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.**
 - 2) The farm was used to produce produce.**
 - 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.**
 - 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.**
 - 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.**
 - 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.**
 - 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.**
 - 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.**
 - 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.**
 - 10) I did not object to the object.**
 - 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.**
 - 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.**
 - 13) They were too close to the door to close it.**
 - 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.**
 - 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.**
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**THAT GLORIOUS MOMENT WHEN THE SIGN
INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO A BURN OUT**

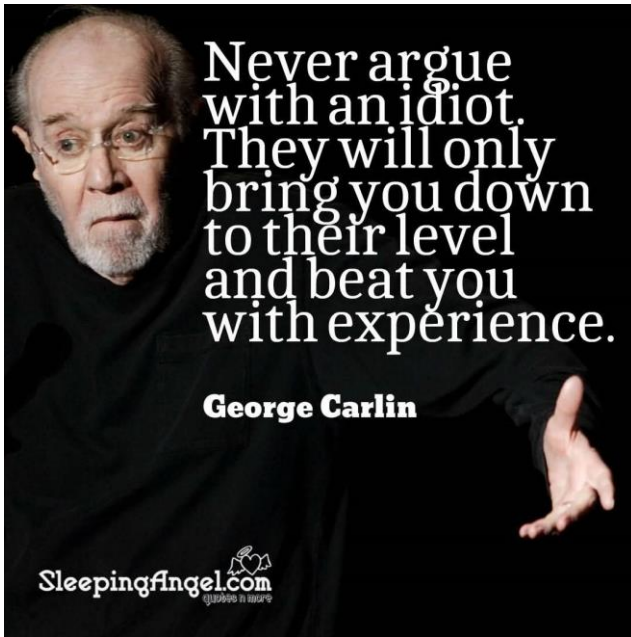
ROB VANZELLA RIDES IN THE OLD DAYS.



**WHEN YOU WANNA BE SOMEBODY,
YOU DRIVE A NEW CAR**



**WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE
YOU DRIVE AN OLD CAR**



"I started repairing my car myself when it became quite clear that I should let you guys handle it."

My boss came to the office today with a new Porsche.

Me: "What an amazing car"

My boss: "Absolutely! If you work really hard and put lots of hours in and strive for excellence at all times, I should be able to get another one next year".

The odd spot:

The shortest lived cars in America.



Chevrolet SSR (2003) ©General Motors

The Chevrolet SSR ticked a highly unusual selection of boxes. It was **sporty**, it wore a retro-inspired design, it was a pickup truck and it was a **convertible**. And, as it turns out, it was also the answer to a question not a lot of buyers asked. Chevrolet made the SSR (an acronym that stood for **Super Sport Roadster**) in the same Lansing, Michigan, factory that originally produced the Buick Reatta. Production started for the 2003 model year and ended about **24,000 examples** later when the facility closed during the 2006 model year.

That look has helped give it cult status, which has helped preserve resale values. Examples on the used market start around **\$16,000**.



TWO MODEL YEARS: ©Autocar

Studebaker Avanti (1962)

After focusing on economy cars, Studebaker began working on a **halo model** named Avanti that it envisioned as a futuristic, four-seater performance coupe with a fiberglass body. Noted designer **Raymond Loewy** allegedly looked to supersonic jets for inspiration as he led the team that drew the Avanti. Production began in June of 1962 but a series of setbacks – including problems encountered by the supplier tasked with making the body – delayed shipments.

Avanti production stopped when Studebaker **closed its South Bend, Indiana, factory** in December 1963 but the story doesn't end there. Enthralled by its design, two entrepreneurs jointly purchased the rights to the Avanti name and the tooling required to build it and began manufacturing the model as the Avanti II. The basic design went through the hands of four more companies before finally being laid to rest in **March 2006**.

Today, Avantis are desirable classics, with examples out there for **\$25,000**, but you can pay a lot more

Hopefully this brings brings a smile.

A burglar and Jesus

A burglar broke into a home.

He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you."

Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search.

Again, "Jesus is watching you."

He turned his flashlight around, and saw a parrot in a cage.

He asked the parrot if he was the one talking.

The parrot said, "Yes."

He asked the parrot his name.

The parrot said, "Moses."

The burglar asked, "What kind of people would name their parrot, Moses?"

The parrot replied, "The same kind of people who would name their pitbull Pitbull Jesus."

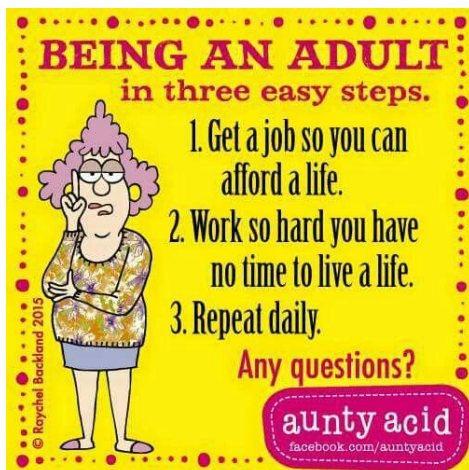
An angry wife to her husband o...

An angry wife to her husband on phone: "Where the hell are you?"

Husband: "Darling, you remember that jewelry jewelry shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it, and I didn't have money that time, and I said 'Baby it'll be yours one day?'"

Wife, with a smile and blushing: "Yeah I remember that my love!"

Husband: "I'm in the pub just next to that shop."



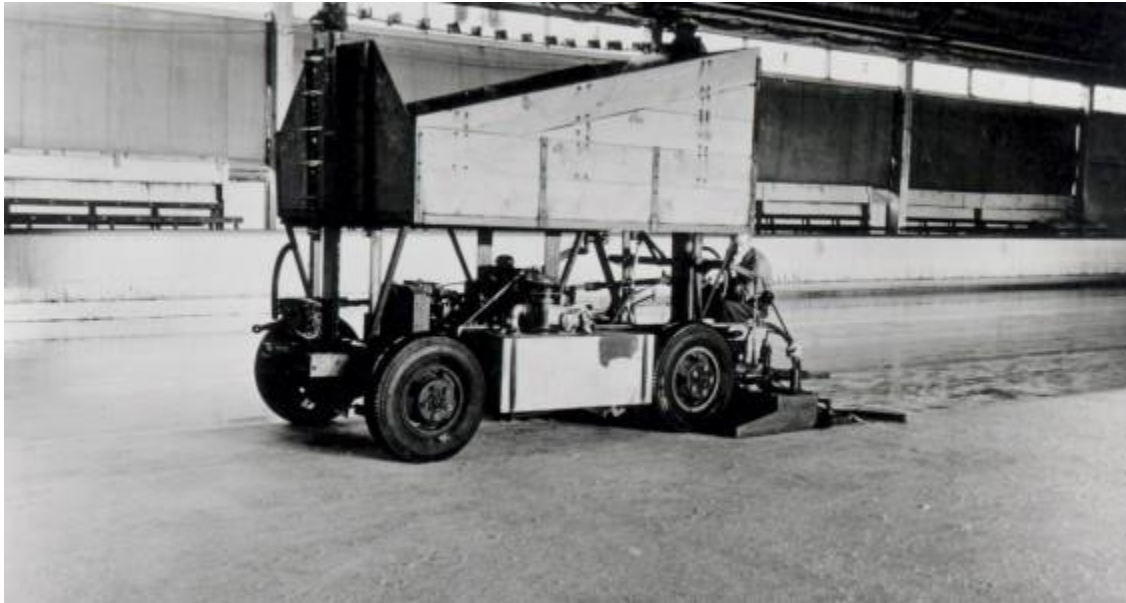
YOU CALL FOR AN UBER AND THIS GUY SHOWS UP..... DO YOU GET IN ?



Automotive History. Ford and others.

How Frank Zamboni's frankensteined Model A revolutionized ice rinks

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Model A zamboni resurfacer Zamboni

You may have heard that Italian design firm Pininfarina—famous for the Ferrari Testarossa, [among other automobiles](#)—has turned its proverbial pen to [rework the Zamboni ice resurfacer](#). What better time to reshare the story of the original Zamboni and the man who invented it? —Ed.

You might be surprised that the Zamboni Ice Resurfacer, the motor vehicle most associated with ice hockey, was not invented in some frigid northern clime like Minnesota or Canada. In fact, it was created in a place not usually associated with ice at all—southern California. Frank Zamboni (1901–1988) first moved to southern California in 1920 with his brother Lawrence to work in their older brother George's car repair shop, but the two younger Zambonis soon struck out on their own and opened an electrical repair service to install and repair refrigeration units for local dairies.

The pair eventually expanded their business to include block ice, which shippers of California produce used to keep goods fresh when shipped across the country; however, as the railroad and trucking industries embraced refrigeration, demand for block ice dropped and the Zamboni brothers started exploring other ways they could exploit their expertise in refrigeration and ice-making.



Zamboni

By the late 1930s, touring shows by Olympic figure-skating champion Sonja Henie and the Ice Capades greatly increased the popularity of ice skating, though there were few recreational rinks in southern California. Seeing an opportunity, Frank, Larry, and one of their cousins built the Iceland Skating Rink in Paramount in 1939. With 20,000 square feet of ice surface, Iceland was, and still is, one of the largest skating rinks in the United States. And with room for up to 800 people to skate comfortably, Iceland was an immediate success.

Somebody said:

“Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.” —*Phyllis Diller* (November 2016)

“Not in doing what you like but in liking what you do is the secret of happiness.” —*J.M. Barrie* (August 1933)

“What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.” —*George Eliot* (March 1983)

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