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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.

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109 Club Executive 2024.

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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EARLY FORD V8 CLUB RG 109



DATE	EVENT	LEADER	CONTACT
JAN 14	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	ROB VANZELLA	
FEB 13	REGULAR CLUB MEETING ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. FOLLOWED BY AGM	MIKE NORTIMER Chris Chown	
MARCH 12	REGULAR CLUB MEETING Guest speaker ICBC insurance	Mike Mortimer Don Landels	New location
MARCH 17	ST ANNS GUIDED TOUR 11:00 /1:00	Chris Chown	
APRIL 9	REGULAR CLUB MEETING Guest speaker – Island Prostrate Ctr	Mike Mortimer Bill Pritchard	
APRIL 26	HIGHSCHOOL AUTO SHOP TOUR On hold. To be rescheduled ASAP.	BRUCE SOMMERS	To be confirmed.
MAY 14	REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Mike Mortimer	
MAY 18	POKER RUN – 109 club cars.	GARY CLARKE	
MAY 25	ROAD TRIP – SALTSPRING ISLE	TBA	
JUNE 11	REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Mike Mortimer	
JUNE 22	109, VCC, TM SWAP MEET	MARC BROWN	
JULY 9	REGULAR CLUB MEETING GUEST SPEAKER Richard Green	Mike Mortimer Don Landels	
July 14	FORDS & FRIENDS @HERITAGE ACRES	RALF ST. CLAIR	RALF OR DAWSON
JULY 20	SHOP TOUR – Shawn Driver		
AUGUST 17	SHOP TOUR Steve Thompson	CHRIS CHOWN	Confirmation pending
AUGUST 25	ANNUAL CLUB BBQ WITH BIG BROTHERS & SISTERS	MIKE MORTIMER	
SEPT 10	REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Mike Mortimer	
SEPT 14	CFB NADEN TOUR	TONY COND	
SEPT 21	SHOP TOUR Lauri, Murray Anderson, Bruce	BRUCE SOMERS	
OCT 8	REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Mike Mortimer	
OCT 31	HALLOWEEN RUN – PRADE	Mike Mortimer	
NOV 12	REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Mike Mortimer	
DEC 14	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	OPEN	

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 9, 2024. Heidi Bada

The April 9, 2024, meeting of the Early Ford V8 Club 109 was called to order by President Mike Mortimer at 7:09 p.m. at Berwick House, 4062 Shelbourne St., Victoria, B.C. Minutes recorded by Heidi Bada.

Guest Svein Haugen present, as guest speaker; owns 1951 F-150.

1. Agenda distributed for April 9, 2024, meeting.

a. Consent agenda approved.

2. Minutes of March 12, 2024, meeting:

a. Distributed in Rumbles Newsletter. Consent agenda approved.

3. Guest speaker Svein Haugen of Island Prostate Centre.

a. Introduced by Bill Pritchard

b. Presentation of services at the center, and early diagnosis improves prognosis

· Exercise programs

· Support group

· Nurse Navigator

· Funded entirely by donations

c. Brochure and business cards available at meeting

· 203-1121 Yates St., Victoria, 250-388-0214 · www.islandprostatecentre.com

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. None reported.

5. Correspondence:

a. None.

6. Treasurer's Report:

a. Monthly report for the period ending March 31, 2024, by Jim Banks. Motion to accept by Bruce Somers and seconded by Lauri Stevens. Approved.

b. Copies available by written request.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Swap meet report by Chris Chown:

- Volunteers needed, Sign-up sheets available at meeting
- Contact Marc Brown or Chris Chown if interested
- Setup is on June 22, 2024, Main event is on June 23

b. Poker Run event update by Gary Clarke:

- May 18
- Sign-up sheet available at meeting
- Event will visit three senior residences
- Start at Forest Centre on Burnside Road
- Finish will be at a location that is at or near a dining place (optional)
- Entry is \$10/player; a car can contain more than one paid player
- Limited to 15 cars due to space limitations at venues
- Additional cars can participate but need to park off-site at each venue
- Chris Chown is also a contact for this event

c. Fords and Friends event 2024 update:

- The event will occur this year, July 14, 2024, with setup on July 13
- Location: Heritage Acres
- Organizers are Ralf St. Claire and Dawson Valgardson

- Need organizing committee volunteers to step forward tonight
- Food will be provided by Lions organization, as in past years
- Poster in progress
- Sponsor Peninsula Co-op is in place
- Don Landels is organizing social media
- Chris Chown gave summary of key issues; Heritage Acres now offers flat rate.
- Discussion on parking problems of past years; volunteers may be needed to prevent people from parking on roads where parking is prohibited

8. New Business:

a. Discussion on 80 psi in a flathead, led by Lew Williams.

- Discussion about what the target value is.

9. Announcements:

a. An updated 2024 printed membership roster is now available; contact Chris Chown.

b. Updated membership applications are available; contact Chris Chown.

10. Buy and sell:

a. For sale: Richard Green's pickup coming soon. Mercury M1. See Chris Chown for details.

b. Fran needs a rear bumper for '47 Ford coupe.

c. Lew reported a ball hockey tournament is coming up to raise funds for Help Fill a Dream; the group requested cars to attend. Event is June 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

11. Meeting Adjourned 8:18 p.m.

a. Refreshments and 50/50 dra



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT. MIKE MORTIMER

:Hello everyone, our April meeting was well received. The agenda included an informative talk. Our guest speaker, a former club member gave a very informative speech about prostate cancer. The other topic was our 2024 FNF Car Show. We had great input and response from all members. Our car show once again will be held at Heritage Acres. This has always been a favorite site for many members as well as the public. We will be forming a committee to get everything organized for the show. This is great news for our club. We will need members to volunteer and help out in many areas. I know our club has a reputation for hosting one of the best shows on the island and this year will prove it once again! Regards Mike Mortimer

Regards, Mike Mortimer

Message from the Editor. Chris Chown.



What a great piece of good news to learn that the Fords & Friends Show for 2024 will return to Heritage Acres. We fully expect to hold one of our best shows ever and look forward to getting started with essential duties ASAP. As always we need club members to pitch in and assist the chairpersons wherever you can.

I am personally pleased to see new members Ralf St. Clair and Dawson Valgardson step and run the show as Co-Chairs. Make sure you touch base and offer your help as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone for all your great support.

Cheers, Chris





CLUB NEWS AT LAST!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Summary of February 17, 2024,

National Board Meeting Minutes Early Ford V-8 Club of America

Meeting was called to order by President Connie Hall at 10:05 am CST via zoom call Newly elected directors were announced: Daniel Castellini, California/Southwest 1, Dave Collette, MidAtlantic, and Michael Driskell, Central. New Officers were announced for 2024: Connie Hall, President, Mike Stichter, Vice President, John Emmering, Secretary. Minutes of the November 4, 2023, Fourth Quarterly Meeting were reviewed and approved. The financial report by Treasurer Dave Rehor was received and approved. The board will be seeking a candidate to stand by to replace Dave when he feels ready to step down from his office. Mike Stichter presented a report on social media which was reviewed and approved. A report on the activities of the Audit Committee was made by committee Chairman Joe Valentino. The report was approved by the board. National and International Meets Australian Nationals, Echuca, Victoria, Australia May 2-6, 2024, sponsored by the Early Ford V-8 Club of Victoria. For information contact mlynch@gmail.com Central National Meet, Auburn, Indiana June 17-21 sponsored by Ohio RG #141, Indiana RG #56, and Blue Ovals RG #169. Eastern National Meet, Clayton, New York September 15-20 sponsored by Mohawk Valley RG#59 and Western New York RG#3. Membership Update: Treasurer David Rehor reported that membership was at 6,293 at the end of January 2024. Compared to one year ago membership is down 356 or 5.5%. Directors agreed that steps must be taken to recruit new members. A contest was proposed whereby individual members could win EFV8CA publications for recruiting a number of new members into the club. The recruitment contest is still under consideration by the board. Updates to come. Membership Roster: Due to increasing costs for printing and mailing alternate methods for providing members with a membership roster were discussed by board members. Discussion was held over to the second quarter meeting in May. V-8 Times: Editor Shannon Olson explained the options available for printing the V-8 Times by the printer, Modern Litho. Directors voted to approve a new printing contract with Modern Litho, providing for a 112-page edition of the V-8 Times magazine. Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judges. Ken Bounds was approved for a three-year term as Chief Judge. Deputy Chief Judges approved were Michael Driskell (East) John McBurney (Central), Steve Lemmons (West) and Rick Claybaugh (Alternate). Regional Support: Directors were encouraged by President Hall to intercede in regional group problem situations if requested. President Hall asked that directors send Regional Group Handbooks to each regional group president and to check the active status of groups. International Support: Robert Davis

was appointed as International Regional Group Liasson. President Hall revealed her plans to attend the Australian National Meet Newsletter Competition: Regional Group Newsletter Editors are encouraged to enter the 2024 Newsletter Competition. Les Kotouch will be the newsletter judge. You may email a PDF version of your group's newsletter to him each month for consideration at: Leskotouch78@gmail.com President Connie Hall thanked all the committee and board members for their contributions and hoped the club could get back to basics in 2024 and have a successful and productive year. Submitted by John Emmering, National Secretary

THE 109 POKER RUN – MAY 18TH.

The First Annual 109 Members Poker Run

The Early Ford V8 Club is pleased to announce that we will hold a member-only Poker Run on May 18th.

- ❖ Start time is 1:00 PM at Canadian Forestry Ctr..
- ❖ Event is limited to 15 favorite rides please.
- ❖ Entry fee is a modest \$10.00 per car.
- ❖ First Prize (best poker hand) is \$100.00 Any extra cash goes to the 109 club.
- ❖ Playing cards and next stop distributed at each stop.

Full details available upon registration.

Please contact **Gary Clarke to register.**

250 652 9823 or cell 250 704 9823.





Island Prostate Centre – Presentation to the 109.

The 109 club was indeed fortunate to receive an excellent presentation by Svein Haugen, director at The Island Prostate Centre, during our April 9th meeting. The presentation was very informative and generated a lively discussion with multiple questions and comments.. A difficult topic to discuss for our group with many members coming away with a much better understanding of the facts. Think about one in eight Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer!

You are encouraged to get tested and enjoy the many benefits of early detection. For more complete information please visit LeanneKopp@IslandProstateCentre.com.

“The IPC team genuinely cares about those battling prostate cancer and their family and friends. We love them like our family!” Svein Haugen

Many thanks to our own Bill Pritchard for putting this all together.

“It’s hard to let go after 50 years of ownership.” Gordie Thomas EFV’S 109.

Gordie has recently completed the sale of his beloved 1924 Packard after a long protracted heavy decision to part with one of his all-time favorites. The beautiful vintage roadster had been in Gordie’s tender care since he was a teenager and is now owned by a good friend and collector in Vancouver. “Just had to go to a good home where I can visit if I feel the urge.” Says Gordie.



Photos from Fords & Friends Show 2023.

The 50/50 winners in April

Surprise grab bag winners:

1. Gary Clarke
2. Keith Smith (again!)
3. Currently in hiding.



John Shepherd won the cash at \$58.00.

The front cover.

1937 Ford Coupe. By Dr. Love

The 37 is a rare one-of-a-kind Ford coup owner and cultivated by Bob Love since his teens. Bob is now 74, that's close to 55 years which is a feat all by itself.

Bob discovered his coupe in an old garage in Saskatchewan in the late sixties and paid the princely sum of a few hundred dollars. Bob loves to tell the story of when he went to pick up the car (after paying for it) there was no one around to help with moving it. He discovered that there were quite a few parts that belonged to the 37 in an old locked derelict garage that were now his. He tried to force open the door and was trying to break it down when the RCMP showed up. Rather than arrest him and lock him up they actually helped him break open the door (all true).. As the story grows with each telling Bob's most recent version states the RCMP assisted him in a Break & Enter.

The 37 has received several upgrades over the years and will be featured in a future edition of Rumbles.



At present Bob is recovering from some medical issues in Victoria General. We all wish him all the very best wishes for a speedy full recovery.

SEE YOU SOON BOB!

VICTORIA'S 2024

SWAP MEET

Sponsored by:



THE AUTOMOTIVE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Gates open at 7:00 a.m.

Saanich Fairgrounds - 1528 Stellys Cross Road

Autos – Trucks – Parts – Literature – Tools – Collectibles

Admission - \$5.00 per person - Open to the public

Parking - FREE!

Outdoor Stall - \$20.00 - first come, first served - set-up starting 6:30 a.m. Sunday

Early set-up on **Saturday starting at 10 a.m. -- enter grounds via West Gate only.**

Please call for more info.

Food Concessions on Site

Separate area for **Collector Car Show** - bring your car to show while you shop!

For more information contact:

Early Ford V-8
Chris Chown
(250) 595-0312

Victoria Chapter, VCCC
Marc Brown
(250) 514-4468

Torque Masters
Cam McLennan
(250) 812-4676

The annual swap meet urgently requires your support. If you can help out on show day please register ASAP. Contact Chris Chown 250 595 0312 ASAP. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

The Ladies page.

Gone Camping by a person who wishes to remain anonymous.

Four friends spend weeks planning the perfect lake camping and riding trip.

Two days before the group is to leave Rob's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Rob's friends are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do.

Two days later the three get to the camping site only to find Rob sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and supper cooking on the fire.

"Dang man, how long you been here and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since yesterday. Yesterday evening I was sitting in my chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said 'guess who'?"

I pulled her hands off and she was wearing a brand new see through nightie. She took my hand and took me to our bedroom. The room had two dozen candles and rose pedals all over. She had on the bed, handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed and I did. And then she said, "now, you can do whatever you want."

So here I am.

A knight went off to fight in...

A knight went off to fight in the Holy Crusades but before leaving he made his wife wear a chastity belt. After tightly securing it to her, he handed the key to his best friend with the instruction: "If I do not return within seven years, unlock my wife and set her free to lead a normal life."

The knight then rode off on the first leg of his journey to the Holy Land, but he had only traveled barely an hour when he was suddenly aware of the sound of pounding hooves behind him. He turned to see that it was his best friend.

"What is the problem?" asked the knight.

His best friend replied: "You gave me the wrong key."



Look Carefully before you make a decision!

Constructed at the London School of Economics by future Civil Engineers!

Tech Talk.



**SKINNED
KNUCKLES
ARTICLE**

Often, in reading engine specifications, the rated horsepower for early vehicles seemed to be extremely low, especially those catering to the European market. The reason for the low horsepower rating was rather simple: economics. Cars were taxed based on their engine size.

One fact has to be stressed: one horsepower equals 746 watts. Actually one mechanical horsepower (also known as an Imperial horsepower) equals 550 foot-pounds per second, or 745.7 watts. A metric horsepower is the same number of foot-pounds but under metric provisions, it is 98.6 percent of an Imperial horsepower or 735.5 watts. Actual horsepower is a given. It cannot be varied or manipulated.

But often the horsepower rating of European cars (especially British) seem ridiculously low, often only 20% of how an engine was rated within the United States. If horsepower is a given, then why the radical difference in ratings? Economics! Or, in even simpler terms: rates of taxation.

European countries, -again, especially Great Britain - taxed a vehicle based on its 'horsepower'. Since horsepower could not be fudged, another method of rating an engine had to be devised. In 1910 the British government invited the RAC (the RAC was founded as an 'Associate Section' of the Royal Automobile Club) to devise a method of rating an engine's power. The formula devised and accepted used only the surface area of the piston top - the bore (the diameter). The stroke was not considered. Therefore the rating was not based on actual engine displacement, but only on one portion of the piston's displacement. The RAC's 1910 formula included a factor of 2.5, a figure devised to account for the low efficiency of the early engines. As engine efficiency increased in the late 'teens, 1920s and '309s, the old formula was still used, so the actual horsepower produced by an engine increased radically, yet the tax rating remained the same (or nearly so).

In order to produce engines with adequate (real) horsepower, British engine manufacturers went to a very tall ration between bore and stroke. The piston surface area remained relatively small, but the stroke of the piston was increased greatly. Since actual displacement was not considered in rain an engine for tax purposes, a higher horsepower engine could retain its lower owner-cost by using a rather small bore buy a longer stroke.

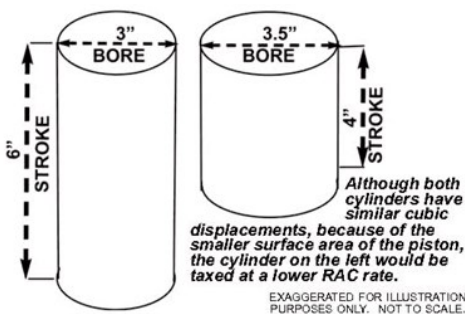
The RAC (British) formula for calculating taxable horsepower was:

$$\text{RAC h.p.} = D^2 \times n / 2.5$$

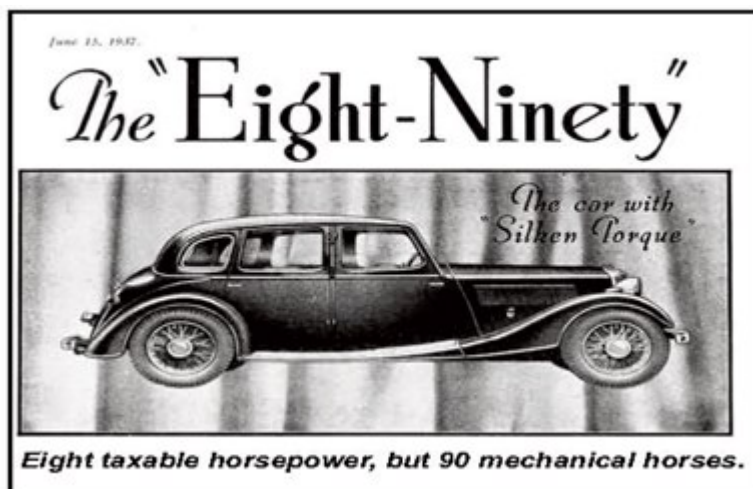
D is the diameter (or bore) of the cylinder in inches

n is the number of cylinders

2.5 is the efficiency factor (a fixed or given number)



Two engines, or similar displacement and similar (mechanical) horsepower might be taxed very differently. An engine (four-cylinder) with a 3" bore and a 6" stroke would have a displacement of 169.56 cu in. It would be taxed though as 14.4 RAC taxable horsepower. A second engine with a 3.5" bore and a 4" stroke would have a cubic displacement of 153.86 cu in, but would be taxed at a rate of 19.6 RAC taxable horsepower. Despite a 9.26% decrease in displacement the greater surface area would result in a 36% increase in taxable horsepower merely based on bore diameter.



In the late 1920s and 1930s, in order to satisfy the consumer's demand for greater horsepower, auto manufacturers began to use a double rating figure; the first being taxable horsepower, and the second being mechanical (Imperial) horsepower. The Wolseley 14/60 (14 the taxable horsepower, and the 60 the mechanical horsepower) and the Alvis 12/70, not of 1938 were similar automobiles, but the Alvis' engine, with a higher mechanical horsepower would be taxed at a lower rate than the less powerful Wolseley.

Several European countries followed a taxation schedule similar to that of Great Britain, but a few notable exceptions were Germany, which used a taxation rate based on displacement, and Switzerland which used a scale, or range of displacements, for taxation purposes. France and Spain used a fiscal taxation which encouraged the use of smaller engine (read as under-powered) in relatively large cars.

PLEASE NOTE: What we have been discussing refers to 'the old days' Do not rely on this information as a measure of current horsepower ratings. Things have changed, and radically. Whereas in the 1920s and 1930s, manufacturers spoke of 14 or 16 horsepower, today they speak of the 500s. A number of European carmakers have been using a rating called 'DIN' instituted by the German national institute for standardization, called Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN). The DIN measures hp with standard intake, exhaust, and accessory systems in place. DIN horsepower rating, therefore, are comparable to the modern SAE (U.S. & U.K.) net horsepower rating system, although they are usually reported in metric horsepower. The other rating, SAE Gross Horsepower, measures a bare engine on a test stand with no accessories, no muffler and optimal timing: ideal conditions. Net

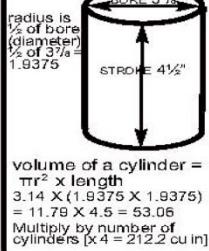
SAE Horsepower and DIN are more realistic, measuring horsepower with 'real-world' parameters.



The 1938 Alvis 12/70 and the 1938 Wolseley 14/60 would be taxed at different rates from each other. Despite the greater mechanical horsepower of the Alvis engine. It would be taxed at a lower rate than the Wolseley.

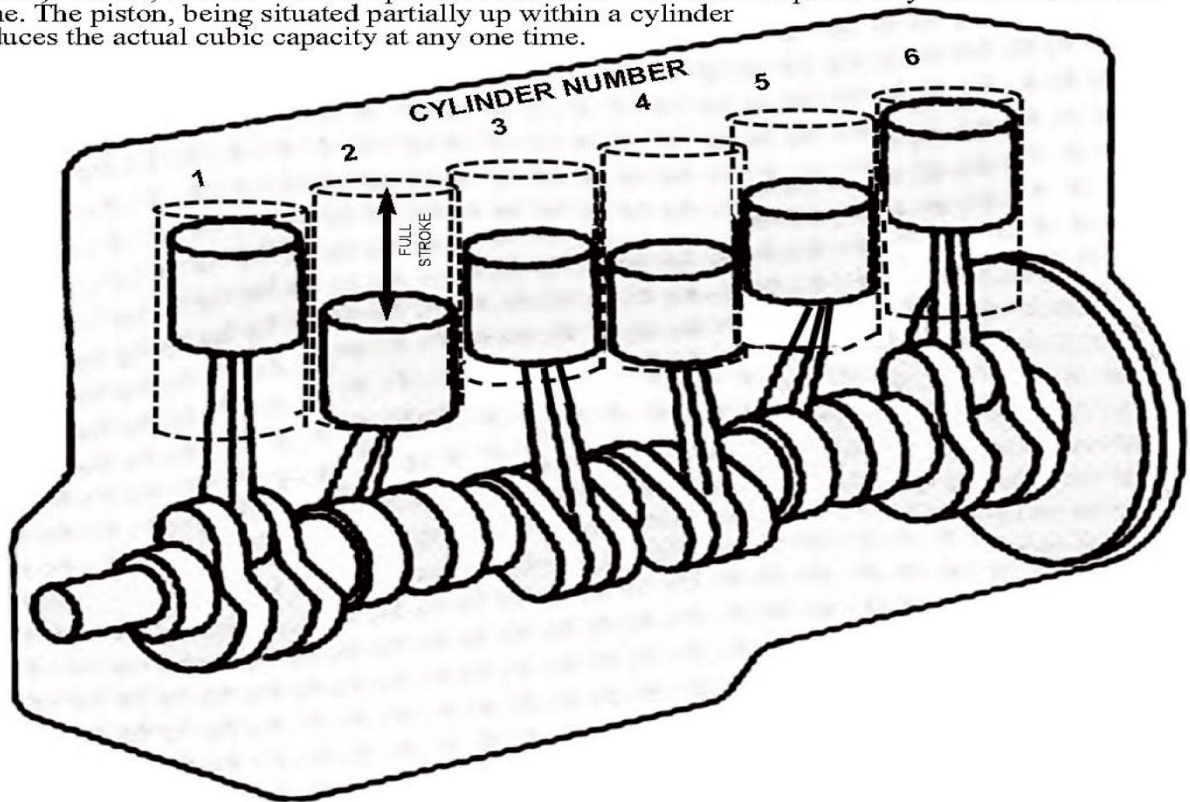
HOW DO YOU FIGURE CUBIC DISPLACEMENT OF AN ENGINE?

The cubic displacement of an engine refers to the total amount of space available for the explosive mixture or gasoline and air. Some mathematics is required, but it is simple. Picture an engine as a number of containers - 4 for a 4-cylinder engine, 6 for a 6-cylinder engine, 8 for an 8-cylinder engine.



We have to use a mathematical formula for computing the interior volume of each container (cylinder) and then multiply that by the number of cylinders. There are two figures that we must have: cylinder diameter (bore) and the length of the cylinder (stroke). The formula for the surface area of the top of the piston is π ($\pi = 3.14$) x [radius-squared]. As an example, let's look at a 1927 Dodge Fast Four with a bore of $3 \frac{7}{8}$ " and a stroke of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Half of the diameter of the bore equals the radius (r). Using the formula πr^2 , we have $3.14 \times (1.9375 \times 1.9375)$ [radius squared]. The area of the bore is 11.79. Multiply that figure by the length of the cylinder (stroke) 4.5 = 53.06 times the number of cylinders (4) and the total displacement is 212.2 cubic inches.

As indicated above, the total cubic capacity of a cylinder can be figured mathematically knowing the two basic specifications of the particular engine: the bore and the stroke. The total cubic capacity is based on the concept that all pistons are at the bottom of the cylinder (see cylinder #2). In fact, at no time are all pistons at the bottom of their respective cylinders at the same time. The piston, being situated partially up within a cylinder reduces the actual cubic capacity at any one time.



BUY & SELL.

Please call Robert Bada -250 478 5167.



Please call **ALAN BARR** - 250 896 8620 OR a.barr@shaw.ca



2 x Rim Size 15 inch

Front Rims 15x7
Bolt Pattern 5 X 4.5
Back Space 3.75
Offset -06

2 x Rim Size 15 inch

Rear Rims 15X8
Bolt Pattern 5 X 4.5
Back Space 3.75
Offset -25

Rims for Sale Tires not included
Asking Price \$ 700.00
Sold as a unit.

For Sale - 2 - 14" rear brake drums for Ford F3 or Mercury M3. Good clean condition, \$50.00. Call Tony Cond 250-532-7420

WANTED REAR BUMPER FOR A 47 FORD. CALL FRAN RILEY 250 888 6654.

For Sale: 1952 Mercury M1 Pickup.

Offer Pending.



This lovely Mercury M1 pickup is up for sale as of today. First chance to bid goes to EFV8 109 members exclusively. The truck is in very good shape and operates today as a daily driver. Engine is a solid 8BA flathead with a 3 speed Ford stock trans. Floor shift. The body and box is all steel without any rust. Interior is refreshed to original standard. Still operates on a 6 volt system Brakes are excellent and shocks have been converted.

Richard Green is open to reasonable offers now. He may be reached by text or phone at 250 883 5718. Viewing is by appointment please. Serious offers only please.



WANTED:

A small Eastwood trim anvil with stand, a small [4-6 ounce] cross pean hammer, and a small Ball pean [4-6 ounce] trim hammer. I hope to take the dents out of the SS trim on the 49 Merc PU. CONTACT Bruce Somers at 250 478 9951 or Bsomers00@hotmail.com

Wanted: Heater for a Ford car or truck approx. 1946 to 1953, in good working order. Call Chris Chown 250 595 0312.

FOR SALE



Offering a 1953 Meteor for immediate sale.

Please call Jackson Brainbridge at 250 510 8434

**Asking \$10,000
CDN.**

WANTED: BY William Wilson EFV8 club #160 Peach State, Fayetteville Georgia.

I'm looking for a '51 Victoria steering wheel that is usable. A few small cracks wont matter if overall structure is good. J.B. Weld is standing by. Thanks, Bill W.

FOR SALE: 1936 2 DR.HUMPBAC: \$9,500.00 OBO



Call Gary 250 4794736

The FUN Page.



Compliments of **Lauri Stevens**. Seems sort of familiar doesn't it?



Rare copy of comic featuring Superman's first appearance sells for \$6 million at auction *Thank you Vic Nordstrom for contributing.*

NEW YORK (AP) — A 1938 copy of the comic that first “introduced Superman to the world” has sold for a record-setting \$6 million, the auctioneer that handled the purchase said last week.



Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com

This photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows a copy of Action Comics No. 1, the comic book that introduced Superman to the world in 1938, which sold for \$6 million on Thursday, April 4, 2024. (Heritage Auctions via AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — A 1938 copy of the comic that first “introduced Superman to the world” has sold for a record-setting \$6 million, the auctioneer that handled the purchase said last week.

According to Heritage Auctions, the rare copy of Action Comics No. 1 was sold to an anonymous buyer on Thursday. The \$6 million price tag makes the book the most expensive comic to ever sell at auction, the action house added.

Heritage Auctions hails Action Comics No. 1 as “the most important comic ever published” — noting that the Superman who first appeared in the 1938 spring issue “remains remarkably like” the version still seen in comic strips and on the big screen today. In addition to the Man of Steel’s first appearance, the book also introduced central love interest Lois Lane.

A report from comic book grading service Certified Guaranty Company, cited by Heritage Auctions, estimates that there are only 100 surviving copies of Action Comics No. 1 today — out of 200,000 that were printed by National Allied Publications, the predecessor to DC Comics.

The copy sold last week, which comes from the Kansas City Pedigree, has a “Very Fine+” CGC rating of 8.5 — with only two other unrestored issues of grading higher, Heritage Auctions noted.

Why is it that you can buy a beautiful GULL WING for 3.3 million but this comic book sells for almost double? This is a real head scratcher.



THANKS TO Lauri Stevens/ . DON'T YOU WISH YOU OWNED THIS? FREE TOWING FOR ALL 109 MEMBERS WHEN NEEDED!



Cornell-Liberty Safety Car (1957) ©Autocar

In America, car accidents killed nearly 35,000 people annually in the late 1940s. Insurance company **Liberty Mutual** and a research laboratory at Cornell University spent five years brainstorming ways to slash that figure by making safer cars. They presented the fruit of their labor, a prototype named Safety Car, in 1957. They described their effort as “packaging the passenger.”



Check out the head rests for the rear seat! A long way from attractive! Ford taillights??



I for one have never seen a CPR snowplow on tracks mounted in a hard wood floor! No wonder tickets cost so much. Available for viewing at the Henry Ford Museum, without snow of course. If you want the real thing try the Crowsnest pass in mid-February. ***I would love to drive one of these.***

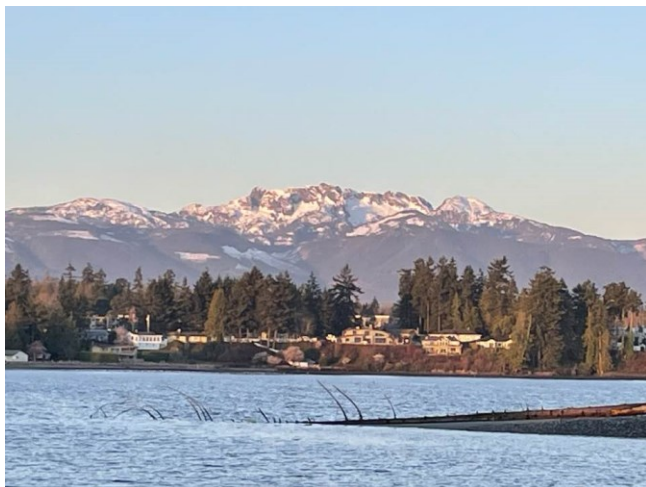


109 Members on the road.



Sunrise in Parksville, BC

We would love to share your photos in the newsletter, so send in your favorites please.



Just another beautiful day on the island.
Parksville area with Mt. Arrowsmith in the
background March 2024

Many thanks to Lynn and Lauri for sharing..

Somebody said: The green guy.

I MADE A HUGE TO DO LIST FOR TODAY. I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHO'S GOING TO DO IT.



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So long until next time!

