

*Early Ford V8 Club #109*



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# *Rumbles*      MARCH 2020



*Gary Clarke avoids a parking ticket in Oak Bay once again!*

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**Regular club meetings are postponed until  
further notice.**

# *The Executive Crew 2020*



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# **2020 Club Agenda & Events**

## **ACTIVITY AGENDA – January through December**

JAN 14	REGULAR CLUB MEETING 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN
JAN 11	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Cedarhill Golf Club 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
FEB 11	REGULAR CLUB MEETING
<b>FEB 28</b>	SHOP TOUR – WESTERN SPEEDWAY 11 AM details TBA.
MAR 10	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE <i>Guest Speaker – Elizabeth McInnes, Phoenix Insurance.</i>
APR 14	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
MAY 12	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
JUNE 9	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
JULY 19	FORDS & FRIENDS SHOW – HERITAGE ACRES
AUG 15	HOLD DATE FOR ANNUAL 109 BBQ. ROSEMEAD FARMS TBD.
SEPT 8	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
OCT 13	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
NOV 10	REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT BERWICK HOUSE
DEC	NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING.
JAN 2021	POST CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & REGIFTING EXTRAVAGANZA.

**Early Ford V8 Club #109 Meeting Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup> , 2020.**

**The March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 virus concerns.**



## *Club News*



## **VICTORIA AUTO RACING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

Several members and guests enjoyed a unique tour at the Victoria Auto Racing Hall of Fame and Museum, on a very wet late February morning. The tour took place at the Museum located at Western Speedway, followed by a well attended lunch at the Log House Pub. Another great spot for fun and good food!

Our tour was exceptional as we were treated to a firsthand personal insight by President Neil Montgomery and Vice President Dave Ferguson, both respected long-term Victoria Auto Racing Museum supporters. The endless displays of racing trophies, memorabilia and photographs cover several decades of racing at Speedway. Included in the collection are multiple displays of unique advertising from past and current sponsors. Interesting exhibits of drivers racing equipment and safety gear. Literally hundreds of trophies and personal memorabilia from many past winners in several different classes.

One special highlight for me was the display of several actual race cars for days long past. It was quite special to be up close to such a great display of local racing history and remember so many great drivers and their unique moments of glory.

Lastly but most certainly not least is the endless display of photographs that line the wall throughout the museum. A huge variety coupled with dozens of "one of a kind" photographs will keep you engaged for hours. So many memories and personal connections make this a very special place that can be enjoyed by young and old alike. Don't miss any chance to take this in and share the experience.

Thanks again to Dave and Neil for hosting the EFV8 109!





From this early beginning, the Victoria Auto Racing Hall of Fame was formed, the first of its kind in Canada solely dedicated to the sport of Auto Racing. The Hall of Fame has continued to grow and eventually moved into the Museum Facility adjacent to Western Speedway in 1991.

[victoriaautoracinghalloffameandmuseum.com/history](http://victoriaautoracinghalloffameandmuseum.com/history)

## **How to prevent Cabin Fever. By Fraser Kaye, Nelson, B.C.**

*Fraser Kaye is a member at large with the 109 club. He now resides in Nelson, B.C. on an acreage just outside of town. A beautiful spot shared with Kate and of course the world-famous golden retriever, Owen.*

*As some of you may know the winter months can produce an element of “Cabin Fever” and Fraser is not immune or excused, especially considering he is currently using crutches in the snow.*

*Fraser being Fraser he has taken appropriate action with careful planning to avoid the negative effects and embarked on a project to maintain some sense of sanity. The new venture, built during winter, has been the construction of a wooden scale model tugboat. The tug was named the Carol Moran, built in Texas and working out of New York. One of five similar ships commonly referred to as the Cadillac line. The model is 51” long, weighing about 12 pounds without ballast.*

*The build took months of painstaking work with precision detailing and perfection, typical of Fraser. The job is now complete and Fraser is waiting for spring to finally break so he can get back to finishing his new shop, and back to working on flatheads and Harley’s.*

*We wish you every success Fraser and look forward to seeing you soon. Thanks for sharing.*



The Carol Moran, 51”long with a beam of 13.5” Scale is 124.

<http://www.tugboatinformation.com/tug.cfm?id=806>

*The history of The Carol Moran and Moran Shipping is unusual and very interesting. If you wish to learn more please investigate the attached link.*



## *A few special thoughts. Compliments of Carol Liggett*

It was March 2020... The streets were empty, the shops were closed, people couldn't go out. But spring didn't know, and the flowers started to bloom, the sun was shining, the birds were singing, the swallows would soon arrive, the sky was blue, the morning came earlier.

It was March 2020... Young people had to study online, and find occupations at home, people could no longer go shopping, or go to the hairdresser. Soon there would be no more room in hospitals, and people kept getting sick. But spring didn't know, the time to go to the garden was coming, the grass was turning green.

It was March 2020... People were put in confinement to protect grandparents, families and children. No more reunions, no more meals, no more family celebrations. The fear became real and the days were the same. But spring didn't know, apple trees, cherry trees and others blossomed, leaves grew. People started to read, play with their families, learn a language, sing on the balcony and invite the neighbours to do the same, they learned a new language, showed solidarity and focused on other values. People realized the importance of health, of suffering, of this world that had stopped, of the economy that had plummeted. But spring did not know. The flowers had given way to fruit, the birds had made their nests, the swallows had arrived.

Then the day of liberation arrived, people learned about it on TV, the virus had lost its way, people took to the streets, singing, crying, kissing their neighbours, without masks or gloves. And that's when summer arrived, because spring didn't know. It continued to be there in spite of everything, in spite of the virus, fear and death.

Because spring didn't know, it taught people the power of life.

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## **TECH TALK**

**If you have any technical issues you would like to share,  
please submit to the Rumbles editor. Questions, suggestions always welcome!**

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# 14 tips for buying vintage car parts online

[Thomas A. DeMauro](#) on Mar 18th, 2016 at 4:00 pm *Photos by author.*

Buying a used anything that you haven't actually held in your hands, from a seller that you don't really know, can be a daunting proposition. Yet, since we can't have a swap meet in our backyard each

weekend, and most times the parts we desire for our vintage cars are hundreds of miles away, we roll the dice and hope for the best, in an effort to get our projects finished.

If you've found yourself participating in an online treasure hunt, wading through auction listings and/or classifieds in search of those elusive gems, here are a few tips to help you reduce the risk and still hopefully get a good deal. This is not meant to be an in-depth primer of how to buy parts online that covers every nuance of the process. Rather it's simply some considerations I mull over when I'm doing it, so please feel free to add your tips to the mix.



*This heater box was purchased for a very fair price. Though it's not pretty now, it can be restored. Notice that it has the lower vent duct, cables, cable brackets and hardware and the blower motor resistor still attached. Even the heater core is still in it. There was another box for sale at the same time for \$10 less that was clean, but had none of those extra items, which I still needed. Therefore, this one was the better buy, since it saved me the time and cost of hunting down and buying those additional parts. Of course, I'm not going to use the old heater core, but it will be helpful to have when I buy a new one, so I can match them up to ensure it's correct.*

## **1. You Should be the Expert**

Realize that though some sellers are experts regarding what they are selling, many of them aren't. To ensure that the part being offered is the correct one for your project, do your research and then ask insightful questions of the seller. For instance, if the product was purchased at an estate sale and the seller has very little knowledge of it, asking him if it will fit your car is futile—he doesn't know. Instead

ask him to provide you with any casting or part numbers or other identifiers that appear on the item, so that you can research it yourself.

## 2. Part Numbers, Casting Numbers, Stampings and Date Codes

Expanding on the mention of part numbers above, any distinguishing I.D. on a part can be helpful for determining if it's correct for your car. While having a factory parts manual to verify part numbers can be great, it can also be expensive and some part numbers may have been superseded over the years, so those in the book may no longer match the ones on the items. Also, there are instances where a part number and the casting number or stamping are not the same. If you already have the part and you simply want to replace it, study it for a number or other identifying marks and then make sure the one you want to buy has the same ones. If, however, you're trying to buy a part that you don't already have and possibly have never seen in person, try this: type the name of the part as well as the year and model of your car into online search engine to access photos and information on it. Look for a part or casting number on the item in those photos. Once you find it, search again using the name and the number. If it's correct, more will likely come up. To lessen the chance of it being wrong, try to find multiple instances where the part is described as fitting your specific car. It may not be 100% foolproof, but most of the time the part will be correct. Date codes will determine when the part was made and become more important when doing a concours restoration.

## 3. Photos, Photos and More Photos

Depending upon where you're shopping, there may one photo, 10 photos or no photos of the item you are interested in. Obviously, the more photos the better. If those posted don't reveal what you are trying to see, contact the seller and ask for more. If he accommodates your request, you get what you need to make an informed decision. If he balks, you probably shouldn't do business with him anyway.



*This heater control panel was offered at a great price and also came with one of the cables attached at no extra cost when compared to others for sale at the same time that didn't have any cables.*

#### **4. Make the Most of Buying Assemblies**

Buying an item that still has additional parts you need attached to it will save you both time and money. A few examples include a radio that comes with the correct knobs, faceplate and bracket; a heater control panel that comes with the cables and a shifter with the correct shifter rods and handle, etc. If you had to purchase those additional parts separately from different sellers, chances are they would cost more and you would have to also pay shipping for each one individually, so always keep an eye out for complete assemblies.

#### **5. Don't Just Buy the Paint**

Here are five typical ways a used part is represented for sale.

1 "As is" with all the undisturbed gunk and grime it had accumulated when on the vehicle.

2 Cleaned but not refinished, so you can see the bare part and any attributes or flaws it may have.

3 Spray-bombed with paint to cover flaws including rust, dirt, chips, cracks and possibly other damage or previously repaired damage, just to make it look good in a photo.

4 Stripped to bare, properly cleaned, prepped and repainted and ready to install in a driver.

5 Stripped to bare, properly cleaned, prepped and repainted in the factory correct color and texture and detailed with correct hardware and /or decals and ready to install in a show car.

It's to your benefit to determine which scenario fits the part you are considering, so you aren't disappointed when you get it. Ask questions! Those who took the time to restore the part (4 or 5) should be proud to explain what they did to it. Number 2 should be no worry because you can plainly see in the photos what you are getting (electronics aside). Numbers 1 and 3 you have to be careful with, however, because there's a possibility that the defects mentioned above have been hidden, so ask specifically about them.

#### **6. Don't Buy the First Example That You See**

There are a few sellers who feel that their vintage parts are actually nuggets of pure unobtainium, and they charge accordingly for them. If you feel that you really need the part, are willing to pay the premium for it and won't be able to find it anywhere else, then perhaps the seller is right. However, I

would suggest that you comparison shop additional sellers' offerings on the same site and multiple other used parts sources first to see if there is a better deal to be had.

## **7. More Practically Priced as a Reproduction?**

Before purchasing a used item, also check the established restoration companies as part of your pricing research. You may be surprised to learn that there is a reproduction replacement now available at considerably less cost. Of course, do your homework to determine if it is a high-quality reproduction that looks and fits as it should, before you make your decision.

## **8. Buy It Now or Bid**

Some sellers on auction sites offer a choice of bidding on the product or simply buying it now. The advantage of buying it now is that you are guaranteed to actually get the item, since you won't risk losing it to someone else in a bidding war at the end of the auction. Also, you'll likely get it more quickly because you don't have to wait however many days it takes for the auction to end. The disadvantage is that you may pay more for it than if you bid on it. Many times, sellers list their dream price in the buy it now section, because they don't want to risk selling the item for less than its bid potential. Only you can decide if the buy it now price in an auction is worth it. Is the part rare? Do you feel the price is fair? If you answered yes to both questions, you should likely buy it now. If the part is plentiful and in multiple current auctions with much lower bid prices, your possibly better off bidding to save some money.

## **9. A Bit About Bids**

Remember, this isn't Vegas or Atlantic City. It's easy to get caught up in a bidding war and spend more money than you want to just because you feel like you have to win. There have been times when I've seen a part bid up to \$500 in one auction and the same part bid to \$100 in another auction a day later. Decide on a maximum amount that you are comfortable with and stick to it. Proxy bidding, which a lot of auction sites use, allows you to enter your maximum bid confidentially and your bid that's actually shown in the auction is just enough to be higher than the next lower proxy or live bidder behind yours. Then when other bids come in, you don't have to keep bidding up incrementally to beat the next guy because those bids will be placed automatically on your behalf as needed, up to your limit. If the item bids higher than your proxy max, you can either increase your max with another bid if there is time left or let the item go. If the bids never reach your max, you win it for just a little over what the last competing bid was. There are various techniques employed by people regarding bidding that I'm not going to delve into for this blog but suffice to say I don't bid at all until the last possible moment in an auction. If I bid earlier, I'm just allowing more people more time to bid against me and drive the price up beyond my maximum number.

## **10. Shipping Insurance**

Some shipping companies insure packages up to \$100 automatically. Keep in mind the price of the item and its shipping cost when discussing shipping insurance with the seller, regardless of the carrier. In my experience, the insurance has been cheap enough to warrant getting it. It will save you the hassle of fighting over whom is responsible, should the part get lost.

## **11. Shipping Costs**

Shipping costs can vary greatly from carrier to carrier and the proximity of the addresses involved. Consequently, it can be difficult to determine if the price is fair, but there are times when it's obvious that it's exorbitant. In those cases, either the seller chose the wrong shipping company or he is baiting buyers by offering a low price on the item and then trying to make up the difference between the price offered and what he really wanted to get by adding it into the shipping cost. Either way, you lose. Another avenue is free shipping, which is becoming more popular and can be great for the buyer if it's really free. However, it can work in reverse of the high shipping price scenario. In this instance, the lure of free shipping draws in the buyer and then he pays for it anyway in a higher-than-average purchase price. Be sure to educate yourself regarding the prevailing prices on the parts you desire to ensure that aren't paying too much.

## **12. Combine Shipping, Save Cash**

You'll note that many online sellers who have a variety of products either for sale or auction offer to combine shipping on multiple purchases. This is a good thing to take advantage of to save some shipping costs. Once you've decided you are interested in a part, click to check out the seller's other items. If the additional items you want are considerably smaller than the main one and they are lightweight, they may actually ship for next-to-nothing, since they can be simply placed in the same box that the big item goes in. Even if this isn't the case, multiple items packed into one slightly larger and heavier box will likely be cheaper to ship than 2 or 3 smaller ones individually.

## **13. Returns, or Not**

Be sure that you know the seller's return policy in advance. If the seller accepts returns, it can take a little pressure off of the purchase, since you know that you can return it if you're unhappy with it. However, don't use a return policy as an excuse to buy something that you *might* want. It's a big waste of time and shipping fees for both of you if you return a perfectly good part simply because you changed your mind about buying it.

## **14. Beware of Restocking Fees**

Another possibility is being charged a restocking fee for returning an item. This is to cover the time the seller spent preparing and shipping your item only to have it returned. Some are fair, but others can be as high as 25% of the price of the item or more. At that point, you'd probably think you are better off just keeping it instead of returning it, and that's the attitude the seller wants you to have.

# *Albert Einstien said:*

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

## *Mike Mortimer* said:

*“The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools.”*

## **Buy & Sell.**



**FORS SALE: 1982 OLDS CUTLESS SUPREME 62,852 ORIGINAL MILES. \$5,000 OBO.**

Contact is direct to Bev Earnshaw if you are interested! My Dad's car is a 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme 305 Original mileage 062852 Thanks Bev 250 652-214

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**Wanted – Tools.** Dave Ryckman [flatheadcitycanada@gmail.com](mailto:flatheadcitycanada@gmail.com) I am looking for a used lathe (King Canada 10x22), a milling machine (King Canada PDM-30) & a sandblast cabinet 2 ft x 3 ft with or with out legs if you hear of anything that would be a great deal. I would consider a 3-in1 combo (lathe, milling machine , drill press) if the price was right. Thanks, Dave

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*If you are finally ready to take on a new Model A project, Shawn Driver is a great place to start. Several new additions to his ever-expanding collection are up for sale. Do yourself a favor and visit Shawn at Drivers Welding in Sooke.*

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# ***2020 Committees:***



***“Always glad to have your help!!”***

***DON'T BE SHY, STEP UP ANYTIME.***

***THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU.***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Lead Hands</b>	<b>Supporting members</b>	<b>Date Formed.</b>
Fords & Friends 2020	Gary Clarke, Lew Williams	Primary Committee, 2B set.	ANNUAL
High School Shop Awards	Bruce Somers	Appointed by Bruce S.	Oct 2019
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	<i>Al Wills</i>	Chris Chown	2017
Membership	Jim Jennings	Lew Williams	2016
Christmas Luncheon	Rob Vanzella Deanna Pfeifer	Chris Chown Mike Mortimer	2020
50/50 Refreshments	Mike Mortimer	Bob Mortimer	2017
Community Liaison	Lew Williams	As needed.	2018

# JUST FOR FUN

## A Winter Storm: Compliments of **Marie Jennings**, because she knows all about this stuff!

When Lena got off work up there in Prince Albert, it was snowing heavily and blowing to the point that visibility was almost zero. She made her way to her car and wondered how she was going to get home.

She sat in the car while it warmed up and thought about her situation. She remembered her husband's advice that if she got caught in a blizzard, she should wait for a snowplow to come by and follow it. That way she would not have to worry about going off the road or getting stuck in a snow drift.

Sure enough, in a little while, a snowplow went by and she pulled out and began to follow it. As she followed along behind the snowplow, she felt quite comfortable and smug as they continued on their way and she was not having any problem with the blizzard or road conditions.

After some time had passed, she was somewhat surprised when the snowplow stopped. The driver got out of the cab and came back to her car. He signaled her to roll down her window and asked if she was all right, as she had been following him for a long time.

Lena said she was fine and told him of her husbands advice to follow a plough when caught

The driver replied it was okay with him and that she could continue to follow him if she wanted, but he wanted her to know that he was done with the Wal-Mart parking lot and was going over to Canadian Tire next.



## ***TOOLS EXPLAINED***

### ***SPECIAL MENTION TO AL WILLS!***

**DRILL PRESS** : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL** : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh\*t'

**DROP SAW** : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS** : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER** : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW** : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS** : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH** : Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW** : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK** : Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW** : A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST** : A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER** : Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER** : A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR** : A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50-cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER** : A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER** : Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE : Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

ADJUSTABLE WRENCH: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

Son of a bitch TOOL : Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b\*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



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A man buys a sports car and is really beginning to enjoy it when he sees flashing lights in the rear-view mirror. He guns it and is rapidly up to 160mph when he realizes what he is doing. He slows down, then pulls over and soon the cop pulls up behind him.

The cop comes up to the window and asks, "What were you thinking, taking off like that?"

"Well," the man replies after thinking about it for a bit, "a few years ago a highway patrol officer ran off with my wife."

"What does that have to do with anything."

"I thought you were bringing her back."

I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY..

Yesterday I was at my local TSC store buying a large bag of my dog's food for my loyal livestock guard dog and was in the checkout, when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog?

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 pounds before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the curb to sniff an Irish Setter's rear end and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Tractor Supply.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of things to say. Forward this now, (especially) to all your mature friends..... it will be their laugh for the day.

## **A story about a car – Compliments of Don MacPherson!**

Keith Thibodeau, a retired school principal, retired to the Shuswap Lake at Blind Bay. He became a member of the Shuswap Chapter of the VCCC. He had a very nice DeSoto sedan, but he acquired a 1954 Buick Special Convertible.

To call his purchase a 'basket case' would have been incredibly charitable. Also members of our chapter were Ron and Rose Mitchell who owned a farm on Yankee Flats Road, sort of near Armstrong. They had a lot of 'farm stuff' going on, but Ron had a big restoration shop and he had a paid staff of car restorers working for him.

When I heard about Keith's '54 Buick, I was more than a little interested because, although I am a Ford flathead man to my very core, I have owned a variety of cars and my '54 Buick Century Riviera has always been my favourite. When I asked about Keith's convertible, I was told to forget it because there was no way it would ever be on the road again because it was just a pile of junk.

Keith had other ideas and he asked Ron Mitchell to restore it for him. The attached photos show the result of his dream and a little over \$100,000. The car probably cost its first owner about \$3,500.

Sadly, Keith died from pancreatic cancer soon after the car was done. Ron Mitchell passed away a few years later. As a car buff and a particular lover of 1954 Buicks, I can attest to this being as flawless a restoration as I have ever seen. Enjoy Don MacPherson.



# History 101

## Where did Dave Wallace get his pickup?

Up until now, we haven't seen any *Product Mobile* images, which are as sharp and detailed as this set of photos of the "Rosedale" Dairy milk bottle vehicle. It appears that the Dairy and the Mehse-Baker Ford Agency, both located in Laramie, WYO, entered a partnership with this promotional vehicle that benefited both firms.

Apparently, the framework for the body of the 1935 or later Ford truck was constructed of round wooden hoops, which were then cover covered with sheet metal. The neck of the bottle also appears to be made up of wood and mouth is covered with fabric, the cap is a piece of painted screening. The inside of the body is covered with horizontal strips of wood.

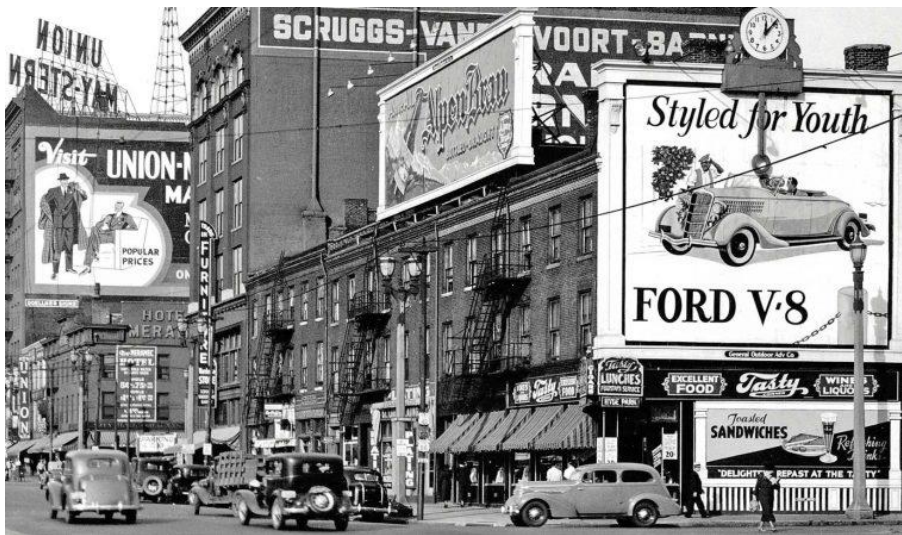


# Saturday Street Scenes From St Louis, Missouri

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The circa-1932 lead image today containing one of the Goodyear Buick “Air Wheel” cars and a 1932 Chevrolet was taken at Manchester Blvd and Southwest Ave in Maplewood, Missouri, a suburb of St Louis. Goodyear had the Flxible Co. of Loudonville, Ohio, construct two stretched four-door sedan bodies on lengthened 1929 Buick chassis’ to promote its new line of “balloon” tires for passenger cars.

Two of these rigs crisscrossed the US and visited Goodyear dealers while on the publicity tour. Learn the complete story and view more photos at: *“The World’s Largest Airwheels Tour the Nation for Goodyear.”*



*A post-war view of Route 66 at the intersection of Market and Spruce Streets.*





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