

Early Ford V8 Club #109



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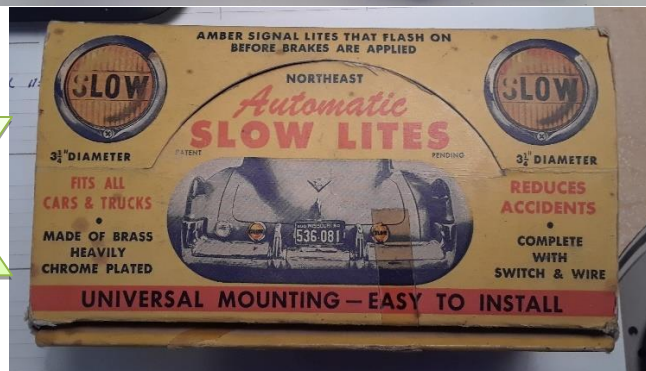
RUMBLES MAY 2022



Original package

Never been mounted..

Very RARE



SLOW LITES (approx 1950) compliments of Vic & Gary Nordstrom.

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Contributions always appreciated.

**Regular club meetings will continue at
Saanich Baptist Church.**

**Scheduled for the second Tuesday of the
month starting at 7:00 PM**

Come on out and bring a friend – male or female!

THE EXECUTIVE CREW



EARLY FORD V8 CLUB R.G. #109

EXECUTIVE & DIRECTORS 2022.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



One measure of gauging the arrival of spring would be the attendance at our regular monthly meetings. On May 10 we enjoyed a total of 32 members attending along with 4 new members at the same meeting. It is a true pleasure to welcome Heide Bada, Robi Bada, Ian Gordon and Clayton Leachman to the 109. The club continues to strengthen and grow numbers even in such tough times and everyone involved deserves full credit. It goes without saying that not all clubs around the world can boast this and we are truly blessed to be doing so well.

The various club activities are moving along at a rapid pace and we are getting close to the big push for FORDS & FRIENDS on July 10th. Looks like we will have a terrific show with several new features and modifications to previous versions. Special thanks to Lew Williams & Gary Clarke for doing such a great job of coordinating.

Another significant pending event will be the very first “Spring Fling” on May 29th. Our special guests will be Al and Judi Clark of Deuce Days fame. A thank you presentation will be made for Al & Judi. A good turnout is expected so please register with Rob Vanzella so you wont miss out.

Several members will participate at a special private show for the residents of Berwick House on Shelbourne St on May 28th. This is always loads of fun as the residents seem to really enjoy kicking the tires and telling wonderful stories about “back in the day”.

Thank you to all of you for joining in and making the 109 club a very special place to be!

Cheers,

***Chris Chown
President & Editor EFV8 RG 109***

PS. That is my 47 in the photo up on blocks with Fraser Kaye. Return home soon.



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Meeting Minutes May 11th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by President Chown at the Saanich Baptist Church 4347 Wilkinson Rd., Victoria, BC.

Opening Remarks: The President welcomed back Donna Bada for her attendance with husband Robert, son Robi and daughter Heide. Robi and Heide are now full members of the EFV8 109. Vic Nordstrom was recognised for securing the facility again. 2 other new members Clayton Leachman and Ian Gordon were also welcomed.

Agenda as Distributed: Moved: Bruce Somers/Seconded Gary Nordstrom - Carried.

April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Moved Murray Anderson/Seconded Rob Vanzella - Carried.

Business Arising:

- **Christmas Luncheon** – Rob Vanzella gave details on our **'Spring Fling'** luncheon to be held May 29th at Oak Bay Recreation. Cost will be \$15.00/person subsidised by the club. Al and Judi Clark will be guests of honour and Al will present a few words on the early days of the 109. Doors open at 12:00 with lunch served at 1 PM. Expected finish by 3:30 PM at the latest. **Rob Vanzella needs to hear from those interested as soon as possible.**
- **VCC Swap Meet 26 June** – The President and Jan Thomas reminded members of our commitment to this event and to please let Jane (250) 477-6168 or Mark Brown (250) 514-4468 know that you will be there.
- **Berwick House Private Car Show** – The President updated the members present on this event, the cars selected, and members are encouraged to attend, but not to bring vehicles as parking is very limited.
- **Updated Club Rosters** – Distributed by the President. Latest issue is April 2022. Distributed online

Correspondence:

- **EFV8 Club of America dues** - The President clarified that the club shared our membership information with the Early Ford V8 Club of America, there are no additional fees to be a member of the RG 109. Any member who wishes' to be a member of the national is required to register with them and pay separate annual fees. Current application form is posted online and in Rumbles newsletter.
- **Treasurer's Report: May 2022** – Treasurer Jim Banks reported the balances and confirmed sponsorships have been received and deposited.

Committee Reports:

- **FNF 2022 developments. Gary:** Lists have been confirmed for the gate (Al Wills) and parking (Mike Mortimer) – members are asked to check in at the event Headquarters when they arrive to let the coordinators know you are available, then they can see if assistance is needed. Food, Bands etc. are confirmed. Gary showed the updated posters (small and large), there is one more update and then they will be printed for distribution.
 - Rondex paint supplies has come aboard as a sponsor – members are asked to use the Early Ford V8 Club account there for their future paint & polishing supplies.
 - Escape Solutions has donated three 7-day vacation stays in Hawaii, Mexico and Parksville. Raffle tickets will be sold at FNF only.
 - Bill Pritchard is looking after the trophies and Rob Vanzella will be doing the MC work.
 - Members are asked to bring along safety vests if they have them – Gord Thomas indicated we could use the VCC vests.
 - Bruce Somers has the traffic cones; he will arrange to deliver them.
 - We need to know who will be available that day, please pass your information to Gary Clark Lew Williams or Chris Chown to be placed on the new duty roster. More 50/50 & raffle ticket sellers needed.

Membership – Jane Thomas reported that we have 55 members renewed for 2022. Four members in arrears. Contact Jane if you need a g new name tag, (250) 477-6168.

Guests Speakers:

- Elizabeth McKinnon pending
- Members are encouraged to suggest guest speakers to the president.

New Business:

- **Extended Care Home Shows** – The President canvassed the membership concerning the interest in such ventures, possibly a sort of poker run – Gary Clark will look into something for the future.
- **Rumbles Item – What is it?** The President indicated that the item has not yet been identified.
- **Western Speedway publication** – Rosalind Jordan distributed copies of the new ‘Speedway 1954 – 2022’ magazine, which was well received.

Announcements:

- **Venue Update** - Regular meeting venue update. Chris Chown – Still awaiting word from Berwick house, several members spoke about staying at this location, it is central and has lots of parking.
- **EFV8 120 Abbotsford Hagen Park Show** – The President reported that the Hagen Park site received significant flooding damage and their show will not be happening for some time.

BUY & Sell Wanted/Needed:

- Vic Nordstrom spoke about his '41 Ford Super Deluxe that is for sale at a lowered price
- Shawn Driver has a 50 Ford 4 door project car for sale.
- Need a passenger side taillight lens. 47 Merc - Contact Laurie Stevens
- Ted Forbes/Petia Stefanova have reported a '23 Tall T for Sale.

Call to Adjourn / 50/50: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

50/50 Draws.

- Tony Cond, Bob Mortimer, and Robert Bada received mystery Goody Bags.
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- Rob Vanzella, Murray Anderson won T Shirts. Donated by new member Clayton Leachman
- The \$61 pot was won by Keith Smith. (About time he says)

Minutes recorded by AL WILLS. May 10th, 2022.

Please notify Al Wills of any errors or omissions.

2022 Club Agenda & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Jan. 8 th	Annual Christmas Luncheon	12:00	Rob Vanzella
Feb	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
March	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
April 12	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
May 10	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
May 28	Berwick House Car Show	1:30 PM	Chris Chown
May 29	Spring Fling Luncheon With Al & Judi Clark	12:00 noon	Rob Vanzella
June 14	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
June 28	Swap Meet at Saanich Fairgrounds		Jane Thomas Marc Brown
July 10	Fords & Friends	8:00 AM	Gary Clarke Lew Williams
August	Annual club BBQ		
September	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
October	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
November	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	
December	Regular club meeting	7:00 PM	

PLEASE CALL CHRIS OR JANE TO REGISTER!

VICTORIA'S 2022

SWAP MEET

Sponsored by:

Victoria Chapter

THE AUTOMOTIVE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Gates open at 7:00 a.m.

Saanich Fairgrounds - 1528 Stellys Cross Road

Autos – Trucks – Parts – Literature – Tools – Collectibles

Admission - \$5.00 - Open to the public Parking - FREE!

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

Afternoon set-up on **Saturday after 1 pm.** (Enter grounds via West Gate.)

Please call for more info.

Indoor Stall and Building entranceway (outside) - \$25.00 - reservation required

Car Corral - \$15.00 - The place to sell your collector car

Food Concessions on Site

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

For more information contact:

Rudy Ewert (250-818-5310) or Marc Brown (250-514-4468)

Inside Stall Reservations: John King phone: 250-658-8143

The Early Ford V8 RG 109 will join the VCC and Torquemasters to host this event. Your assistance and participation is needed to make it a success and ensure it will continue in future years.

Please call Jane Thomas 250477 6168 or Marc Brown 250 514 4468 and let them know you would like to help in any way you can.



FORDS & FRIENDS

40TH

ANNUAL CAR SHOW




Open to all pre 1985 makes & models!
9:00AM-3:00PM JULY 10TH
HERITAGE ACRES - 7321 LOCHSIDE DR.
Adults \$5 - Kids FREE - Show Cars \$15
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Info Lew Williams 250-661-2092 or Gary Clarke 250-704-9823
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The EFV8 40th Annual car Show will be the best show we have ever had

EARLY FORD V8 NATIONAL EVENT 2022

**Early Ford V8 Owners are invited to the 2022 National Meet
to be held in the Art Deco Capitol of LEETON, NSW.**

A full program over three days – 14 -16 October (with an additional day for those wishing to stay on) has been organized for our guests with an 'Art-Deco' theme. From the time members arrive on Friday to Register, they will be instantly taken back to the period when our Fords were produced.

The program will include Judging & Show day, Ladies Tour, morning teas, Sunday rally with tours of a working cotton gin & malt house and finishing at the pioneer village where our members are able to display their vehicles around the historic buildings and along the village streets of the site. We also look forward to showcasing all this citrus, rice & wine producing area has to offer. The weekend will culminate with a dinner/dance and presentation held in beautifully restored Art Deco ballrooms. So dress up in your best period costumes and join us.

Shortly, Regional Clubs will be sent the Entry pack with full details of the National Meet. But in the mean time, participants are urged to secure their accommodation early in this small town.

Hydro Motor Inn – 02 6953 4555 The Heritage Motor Inn- 02 6953 4100
Motel Riverina – 02 6953 2955 Amaroo Motel, Yanco – 02 6951 2611

For further details, contact David Martin, Secretary EFV8 Club NSW



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Club News



The following information updates have been provided free of charge by several 109 club members. Thank you to everyone who submitted items to Rumbles.

Please send me any updates you would like to share with the 109 membership. Phone if you prefer.

Thanks in advance, Chris

FORDS & FRIENDS 2022.

Great news! Our 40th annual Fords and Friends is a go for July 2022 after a two year rest. Gary Clarke and Lew Williams are heading up the arrangements and have formed a primary activities committee to get things started. All 109 members are encouraged to help out in any way possible. Please contact Gary or Lew at your earliest convenience.

VINTAGE CAR CLUB SWAP MEET.

The 109 club will join forces with the Vintage Car Club this year to assist in operating their annual Swap Meet at the Saanich Fair Grounds. VCC requested assistance with hands on bodies to bolster their ranks. It is good to know that we can help out and contribute to having this great swap meet continue for years to come. A show of hands at the last meeting indicated 20 109 members are willing to help. Please contact Marc Brown or Chris Chown if you need further information.

SPECIAL THANKS:

- **Vic Nordstrom and Gary Nordstrom:** *For contributing some very special memorabilia related to early ford V8s and Northwest Deuce Days See unique items below*

A Spring Fling with Al & Judi Clark.

*Our Christmas Luncheon is back on as “A Spring Fling” taking place on **May 29th** at Oak Bay Rec. Rob Vanzella is organizing and you are encouraged to register with Rob250 589 9130 or r.vanzella66@gmail.com at your very first opportunity. Cost is \$15.00 per person at the door. Come on out and help celebrate the great history of Al and Judi in the EFV8 and of course Deuce Days. CU there.*

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HAD A DREAM



HISTORY OF
THE SPEEDWAY



HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES

SPEEDWAY

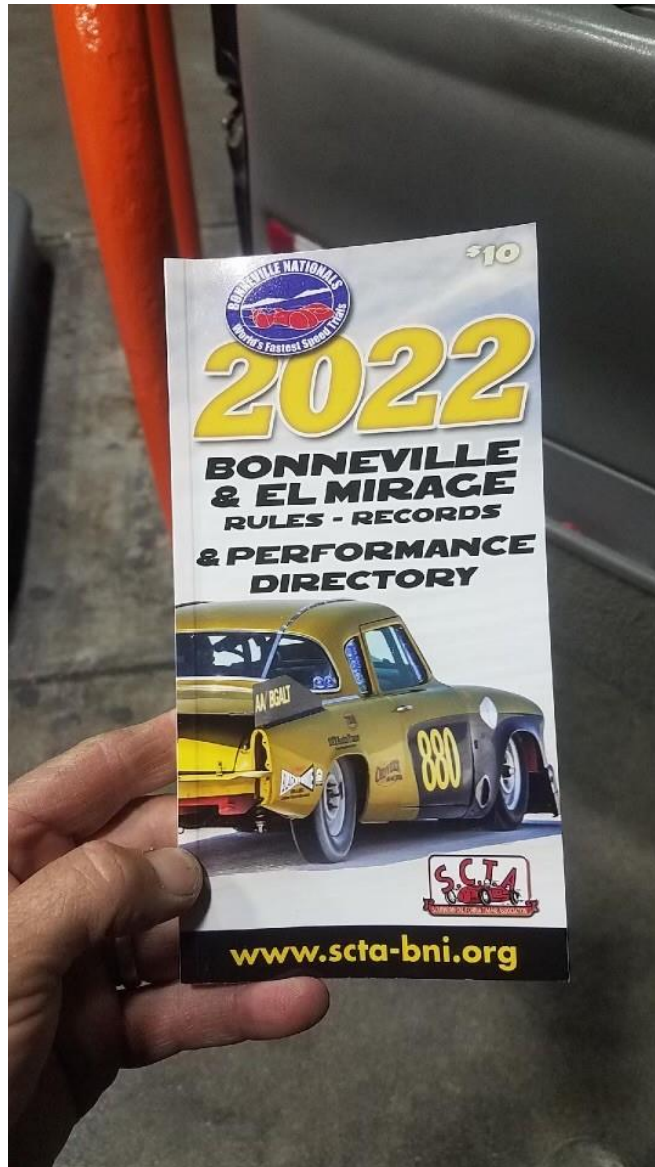
1954-2022



THE FINAL LAP

Celebrating the Western Speedway and Westshore Motorsports Park

If you want a copy, please let Rosalind Jordan know. 250 213 4992.



Just in!! Congratulations are in order for SHAWN DRIVER and his race team. The photo displays the front cover of the Rules & Records of SCTA operating the salt flat races in Bonnyville. Shawn set a new world record there last fall in his 880 Studebaker.



The Ladies Page.

Mariette Hélène Delangle. Or Hellé if you prefer.



This famous Grand Prix car racing driver was named Mariette Hélène Delangle. Hellé Nice was her stage name while she performed as a dancer in cabarets around Europe. Unfortunately, her dancing career ended in 1928 after a skiing accident and Nice dived into professional car racing winning an all-female Grand Prix race at Autodrome de Montlhéry in 1929. Nice is also known as “The Bugatti Queen” since she joined Ettore Bugatti’s team of racing drivers in 1931 being the only female on the Grand Prix circuit for several years.

A female astronaut who pioneered spaceflight



Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova.

In the past half-century, just over 60 women have flown in space. In contrast, more than 500 men have made the trip during that same period.

Clearly, Earth's space agencies have a long way to go to reach gender equality. However, among the women who have flown to space, their lifetime accomplishments are often staggering — and their missions ground breaking. From the first female astronaut, Valentina Tereshkova, to the current roster of spacefarers, we review 11 of the most important female spaceflight pioneers of all time.

And then there's Phyllis Diller.

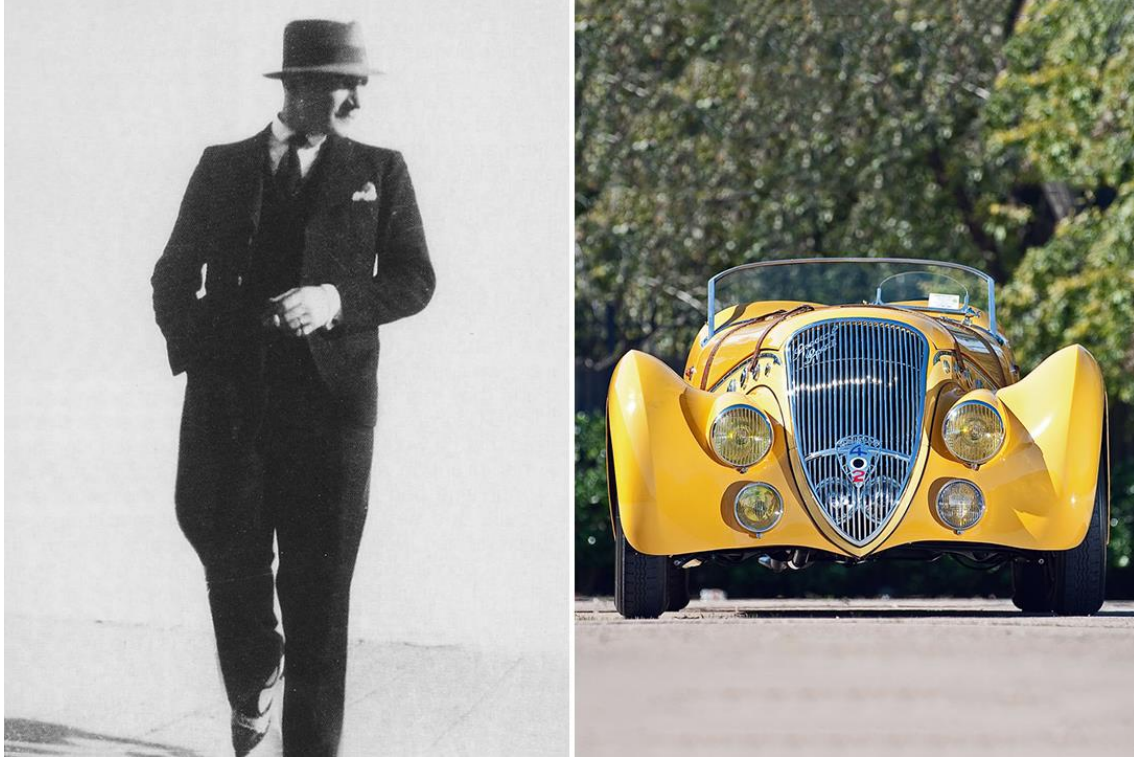


"My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor."

"It's a good thing that beauty is only skin deep, or I'd be rotten to the core."

"There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic checks show a ghetto."

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



1907 Harley-Davidson Strap Tank

Georges Paulin **One of the best auto designers of all time**

Georges Paulin was much more than a revered hero of the French Resistance during the Second World War — he was a praised automobile designer who gave rise to many of the country's most iconic platforms. In 1934, Paulin began his tenure at Marcel Pourtout, a French coachbuilder that became known for designs like the Delage D8, Talbot-Lago, Panhard coupe, and the Darl'mat Peugeot roadsters used in 1937 and 1938's [Le Mans](#). Aside from creating some of the greatest automotive designs to come out of the country, he was also a part of the team that created the Eclipse roof, the first [retractable hardtop](#) that was power-operated. From 1938 to 1939, Paulin worked under the umbrella of Rolls-Royce-Bentley and was attributed with the creation of the legendary manufacturer's Corniche 1 and Comet Competition.

How Do I Identify a Ford 9-Inch Rear?

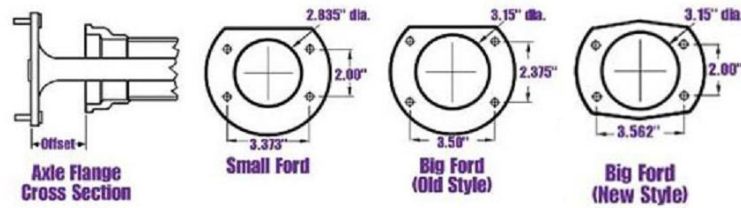
Ford 9 inch rear end identification is easy and can be accomplished with nothing more than a deep socket as a “go-no-go” gauge for the bottom two retaining nuts on the center section. If the socket fits (as shown in our photo below) it is a Ford 8-inch housing. The 9-inch housing’s center section will not allow the socket to clear, and you must remove the two bottom retaining nuts with a boxed end wrench.



Checking A Ford Axle With a Deep Socket To Confirm If It Is a 8-Inch or 9-Inch

However, the critical aspects of the rear axle are the axle flanges and axle lengths. You must confirm the flange version to be able to order the correct drum brake backing plates, **disc brake conversion kit**, or even the axle’s **bearing retainer**. Axle length is not always identical from side to side, as many 9-inch applications use an offset center, so you must measure the housing carefully to be able to order the proper **axles**.

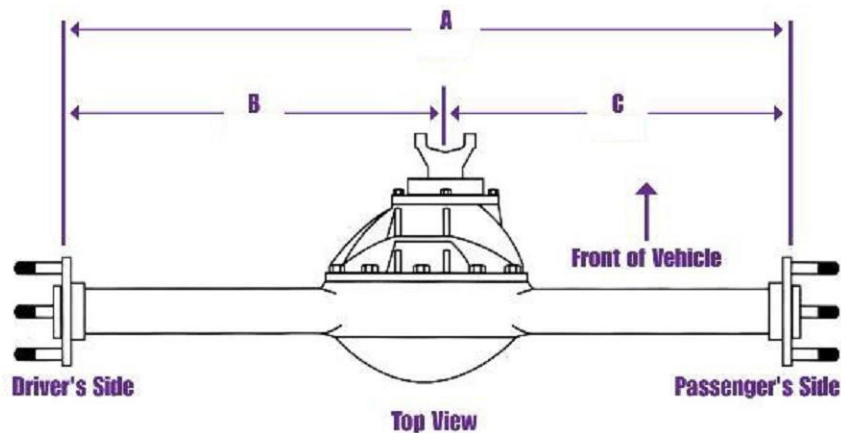
9-INCH AXLE FLANGE MEASUREMENT DIAGRAM



Ford 9-Inch Rear End Axle Flange Identification

Measuring for your 9-inch axles requires a few basic measurements to be taken. While we do offer cut-to-fit axles, you still need to ensure you have the proper measurements to be within the cut-to-fit area of the axle's splines. Measuring from axle flange to axle flange (measurement A in the diagram below) will give you total axle housing width. Measuring from the outside of the axle flange to the centerline of the pinion gear/nut will give you the correct axle length required (B and C measurements below). Note that most, but not all, applications will usually have one axle longer than the other due to an offset center section, so don't just measure one side and assume the other is the same.

9-INCH HOUSING MEASUREMENT DIAGRAM



Measurement (A)	Flange to Flange
Measurement (B)	Driver's Side Axle
Measurement (C)	Passenger Side Axle

Automotive Batteries Explained-What's Best For You?



Ensuring You Use the Right Battery for Your Application

For many, an **automotive battery** is just another wear item like your tires. When it comes time to replace the battery in their vehicle, they use the specs in their owner's manual or perhaps the group size information listed on the current battery in the car. Just like their tires, they simply go with the current size on their vehicle for a replacement and move on

with their day.

This may work for the daily driver in your garage, but when it comes to building a hot rod, a race car, or updating your classic muscle car or truck, you really need to place more consideration on your battery needs. Just like these specialty rides roll on non-stock tire sizes, so too will your battery need most likely be far from stock as well. To that end, understanding battery sizing, capacity, and internal cell composition, along with your ride's electrical system demands, engine size, and even climate and storage situation and how they all affect your vehicle's battery is the best way to help choose the right SLI (starting, light, and ignition) battery for your vehicle's electrical system storage needs. What Battery Group Size Do I Need?

While there are many aspects of an automotive battery to consider, first and foremost is the battery's dimensions. The [Battery Council International] (<https://battery council.org>) (BCI) provides a standardized battery group size in numeric or alphanumeric configuration for a specific set of battery dimensions, which include the length, width, and height of the battery and even the terminal location and type of terminal. These dimensions are provided to fit a specific battery tray size and battery location in an OEM application. For our use though these numbers are more helpful to determine just what battery may fit a custom location such as a frame mounted battery tray in a hot rod, or even underneath a seat or mounted in the trunk of your muscle car. See our car battery size chart below for dimensions on popular group sizes.



Measure your **battery mounting tray/box** and using the chart below you can determine what battery BCI group will work for your custom application. Keep in mind what terminals your **battery cables** are configured for or what terminals you would like to use for the best cable routing and clearance. Just because your GM muscle car may have come with a side terminal battery doesn't mean you can't use a top terminal battery when you move it to the trunk of your car. Typically, you will find top post terminals on group 24, 34, 35, 41, 42, 48, 51, and 65 batteries. Side posts are more prevalent on group 75, 78, 79, and 100 batteries and these use a standard 3/8-16 internal thread. If you are looking for a dual post configuration to run accessory wiring or **remote charging terminals** these are usually found on group 34/78 batteries.

Common Automotive Battery Dimensions			
BCI Group	Length	Width	Height
24	10 1/4	6 13/16	8 7/8
24F	10 3/4	6 13/16	9
27	12 1/16	6 13/16	8 7/8
34	10 1/4	6 13/16	7 7/8
35	9 1/16	6 7/8	8 7/8
H6 (48)	12 1/16	6 7/8	7 9/16
HS (49)	15	6 7/8	7 3/16
65	12 1/16	7 1/2	7 9/16
78	10 1/4	7 1/16	7 11/16

Potential headache ahead.

Fun quiz for the deep thinkers and head scratchers in the 109.

- I have no voice, yet I speak to you. I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree. I have pages, but I am not a bride. I have a spine, but I am not a man. I have hinges, but I am not a door. I have told you all. I cannot tell you more. What am I?
 - You have a 3-gallon jug and a 5-gallon jug. You need to measure out exactly 7 gallons of water. How can you do it?
 - When young, I am sweet in the sun. When middle-aged, I make you gay. When old, I am valued more than ever.
- **Solutions are found on the last page, just in case you don't get them all.**

The Oak & the Reeds

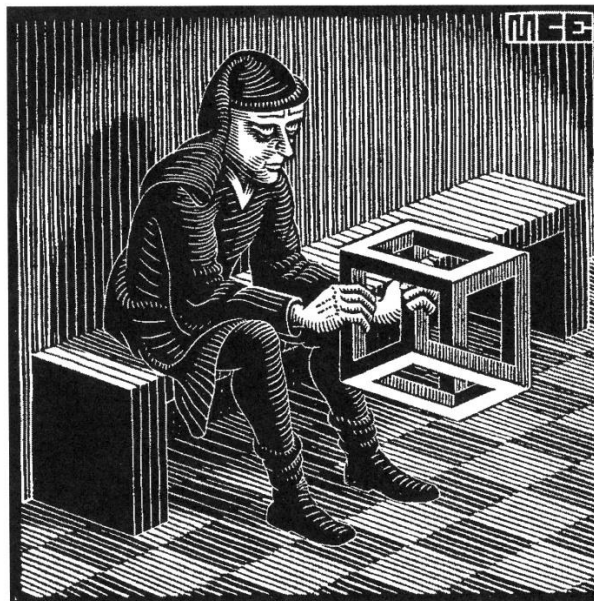
A Giant Oak stood near a brook in which grew some slender Reeds. When the wind blew, the great Oak stood proudly upright with its hundred arms uplifted to the sky. But the Reeds bowed low in the wind and sang a sad and mournful song.

"You have reason to complain," said the Oak. "The slightest breeze that ruffles the surface of the water makes you bow your heads, while I, the mighty Oak, stand upright and firm before the howling tempest."

"Do not worry about us," replied the Reeds. "The winds do not harm us. We bow before them and so we do not break. You, in all your pride and strength, have so far resisted their blows. But the end is coming."

As the Reeds spoke a great hurricane rushed out of the north. The Oak stood proudly and fought against the storm, while the yielding Reeds bowed low. The wind redoubled in fury, and all at once the great tree fell, torn up by the roots, and lay among the pitying Reeds.

Better to yield when it is folly to resist, than to resist stubbornly and be destroyed. [back](#)



How does this work??

Buy & Sell.

Wanted: DON FRIEBE is still on the hunt for grille for a 1935 Ford Coupe. Not interested in after market products as he already has one that doesn't fit. Please call Don at 250 592 6330 or cell 250 881 2785 if you can help.

FOR SALE. CONTACT SHAWN DRIVER 250 213 7923

CASH OR POSSIBLE TRADE!



TO VIEW FIRSTHAND PLEASE VISIT SHAWN AT DRIVERS WELDING 5536 SOOKE ROAD.

FOR SALE. VIC NORDSTROM. All stock just like Vic.



1941 TUDOR. ALL ORIGINAL AND READY TO GO AS A DAILY DRIVER.

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CONTACT VIC AT 250 589 5631 OR 250 652 5631.

Asking is \$10,000. "A steel!"

THIS BEAUTY IS NOT REALLY FOR SALE, BUT IT IS A GREAT SIGN THAT SPRING HAS ARRIVED IN VICTORIA!

2020 Committees:

“Always glad to have your help!!”

DON'T BE SHY, STEP UP ANYTIME.

THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU.



Name	Lead Hands	Supporting members	Date Formed.
Fords & Friends 2022	Gary Clarke, Lew Williams	Primary Committee, Set March 14	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	Al Wills	Chris Chown	2017
Membership	Jane Thomas	Lew Williams	2022
Christmas Luncheon	Rob Vanzella Deanna Pfeifer	Chris Chown Mike Mortimer	2020
50/50 Refreshments	Mike Mortimer	John Shepherd	2017
Community Liaison	Lew Williams	As needed.	2018

Just For Fun.

The ABANDONED Car of the week!



PONTIAC (1949-1950) — This 1949-1950 Pontiac two-door Streamliner makes a picturesque, abandoned car scene in Utah. It was an all-new post-war design under the styling direction of famed GM designer Harley Earl. Several models were built including the Chieftain, Streamliner, Catalina, business coupe and convertible. The Streamliner was made front 1942 through 1951. Pontiac sold 450,000 Pontiacs in 1950, the most in the brand's history up to that point. A 268 cubic inch straight-8 Silver Streak was the top engine that year making 108 horsepower and 208 pound-feet of torque. (Photos by Jim Prueter)



You will be classified as a true expert on Ford history if you can identify the make and model that this badge comes from. Send your guess to Chris Chown at cdchown@outlook.com. Special prize for the first correct answer.

Rib Ticklers:

AFTER 20 YEARS OF MARRIGE.

After 20 years of marriage a husband and wife go to counseling. When asked what the problem is, the wife breaks into a passionate tirade of every problem they've ever had. Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist gets up, walks over to the wife, makes her stand up and kisses her very hard. The woman shuts up and quietly sits down.

The therapist says to the husband, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?"

After a moment the husband replies, "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays I fish."

A henpecked man got tired of

A henpecked man got tired of his wife constantly picking on him, so he started playing poker on Friday nights with his buddies just to get some relief. After he came home, she'd start right in on him again.

After several weeks went by, he came home early one Friday night about 9:30. His wife asked him how come he was home early. He told her, "You need to pack your bags and go to Herb's house, I lost you to him in the card game tonight."

His wife became furious and started to give him hell. She said, "Just how could you do such a thing!?"

He replied, "It was the hardest thing I ever done... I had to fold with four aces."

What Deep Thinkers Men Are

I mowed the lawn today, and after doing so I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was really quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking on various topics. Finally I thought about an age old question:

Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the nuts?

Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts.

Well, after another beer, and some heavy deductive thinking, I have come up with the answer to that question.

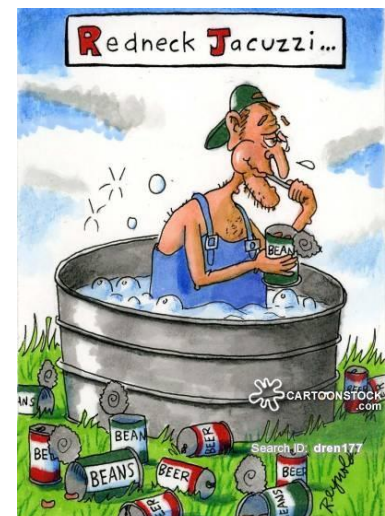
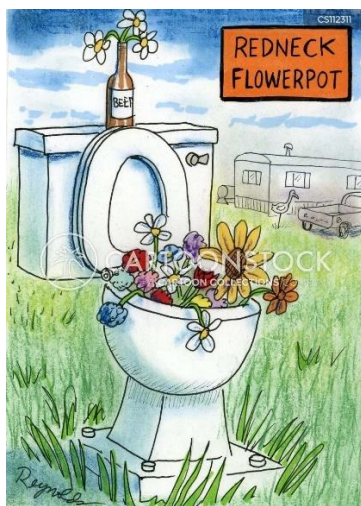
Getting kicked in the nuts is more painful than having a baby; and here is the reason for my conclusion.

A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child."

On the other hand, you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the nuts."

I rest my case.

Time for another beer.



History 4 U.

The rise and fall of Ford in Russia

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In the early 2000s, Ford was the most popular and sought-after car in Russia. What killed the U.S. manufacturer and made it flee the Russian market, leaving behind millions of invested dollars?

The history of the iconic U.S. carmaker in Russia began at a time when most ordinary folk could not even dream of owning such a vehicle. Yet only four years after the company's founding, Ford opened an official branch in the Russian Empire in 1907.



These were not the most peaceful times for the world, and Russia in particular. The October Revolution was fast approaching, which, when it hit, swept away the old order and created an entirely new state in the shape of the USSR. Incredibly, not only did Ford not leave Russia after the revolution, it saw good prospects for doing business with the new Soviet government.



In 1930, the KIM Moscow Automobile Plant opened in the USSR, where assembly of the Ford A passenger car and Ford AA truck got underway.



In 1932, U.S. specialists were involved in the construction of an entirely new Soviet car plant, which soon became known as the Gorky Automobile Plant. The plant produced the legendary GAZ vehicles, built using Ford technology.



In 1936, this plant produced the GAZ M-1, built on the basis of the Ford B. Even during the Cold War, when relations between two new superpowers hit rock-bottom, Soviet car designers continued to work for many years from a manual written by a Ford employee.



However, the Americans were not the only ones with something to share. In the mid-1960s, Henry Ford Jr. himself flew to Moscow with the express purpose of purchasing a license to manufacture the Soviet ZIL-118 Yunost (Youth) microbus. This remarkable Soviet invention was noted for its striking design – a kind of bus/limousine hybrid. Unfortunately, Ford’s negotiations with the Soviet government failed to yield results.



It wasn't long before Ford had to endure another "Russian revolution." This time around, the Communist superpower – closed and hostile to all things American – was supplanted by a liberal country that wanted quality cars. However, the economic climate in the 1990s was fraught with risk for foreign car companies looking to grab a slice of the new market.

The answers you have been looking for!

1. A book.

2. Fill the 5-gallon jug, pour it into the 3-gallon jug until the 3 gallon is full, and leaving 2 gallons in the 5-gallon jug. Now pour the 3-gallon jug out. Pour the remaining 2 gallons from the 5 gallon into the empty 3-gallon jug. Now fill the 5 gallon from the faucet. You now have exactly 7 gallons.

3. Wine

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