

*Early Ford V8 Club #109*



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*Contributions always appreciated.*

*Regular club meetings will be announced with  
new location and dates ASAP.*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 11th**

**Date, time and location to be confirmed.**

# THE EXECUTIVE CREW 2021



Al

Chris

Mike

Jim

## EXECUTIVE & DIRECTORS 2022.

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**2022 109 club agenda and events.**

Updates via email as they occur.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>TIME</i>
<i>AUG. 20</i>	<i>Annual 109 BBQ</i>	<i>Rosemead Farms</i>	<i>2:00 to 5:00 RSVP</i>
<i>Sept 13</i>	<i>Regular mtg</i>	<i>Saanich Baptist</i>	<i>7:00 to 9:00</i>
<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Regular mtg. Glenn Gary guest speaker on electric vehicles</i>	<i>Saanich Baptist</i>	<i>7:00 to 9:00</i>
<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>Chris Chown's B Day Great shape for a guy who is 120</i>	<i>Send \$\$</i>	<i>All day.</i>
<i>Nov 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Regular mtg. Executive nominations for 2023</i>	<i>Saanich Baptist</i>	<i>7:00 to 9:00</i>
<i>Dec 11, 2022</i>	<b>AGM FOR 2022.</b> <i>Regular mtg.</i>	<b>Central Saanich Baptist Church</b> <b>Wallace Drive</b>	<b>2:00 to 4:00</b>
	<b>2023</b>		
<i>January 8, 2023</i>	<i>Regular mtg Installation of 2023 Executive</i>	<i>Saanich Baptist To be confirmed</i>	<i>7:00 to 9:00 To be confirmed</i>



## A Message from the President



*It is with mixed feelings that I announce the end of my time as president of the Early Ford V8 Club RG 109, effective January 31, 2023.*

*My term of service as president has somehow stretched into six years and has been filled with countless great experiences and lifelong memories. Without doubt the very best thing that has happened during my term has been the many wonderful people I have become good friends with. I am often reminded that without involvement in the 109 this never would have happened. It has been one of the most rewarding things I have experienced in my entire life.*

*I plan to continue as an active member of the 109 and hopefully will be able to continue to compile the Rumbles Newsletter. I intend to work with fellow club members on select committees and event organization. I sincerely look forward to increasing my participation in various community club events and show off my reborn 47 Deluxe 8 at every opportunity.*

*Finally, I want to thank everyone who has helped me so much and in so many ways. Good folks like you are the precise reason why the 109 is such a fantastic club.*

*It is a privilege and a pleasure to know you and enjoy time together.*

*Thanks again for all you have done and continue to do.*

*Cheers,*

*Chris Chown    President & Editor EFV8 RG 109*



Early Ford V8 Club R.G. # 109

## Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Chown at the Saanich Baptist Church 4347 Wilkinson Rd., Victoria, BC.

**Opening Remarks:** The President welcomed everyone and new members. He introduced Darryl Randolph, Lynn Hamilton and Rick Dubois as new members from the Sooke area.

**Agenda as Distributed:** Moved: Tony Cond/Seconded Bruce Somers - Carried.

**October 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes:** Moved Gary Clarke/Seconded Don Landels - Carried.

### Business Arising:

- **Update on 109 Donations** - President Chris gave an update on donations to USH &GVSB.
- **2023 Dues** - The President reminded that memberships are due by January 30, 2023. Please contact Jane Thomas ASAP.

### Correspondence:

- Thank you received from the Mustard Seed Food Bank and Victoria Women's Transition House.
- Thank you from Sharon Prior for the 1994 Fords & Friends posting
- Notice of Membership and Insurance Renewal from the NAACC (approximately \$1000) – Moved by Tony Cond/Seconded Keith Smith - Carried to proceed with the renewal.

### Committee Reports:

- **Auto Shop Program** – Bruce updated the membership on the program of providing bursaries to High School Shop programs in the Victoria area – He is about to present selected schools with their cheques for this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** October 31 2022 – Treasurer Jim Banks reported the balances. Moved Brue Somers/Seconded Keith Smith – Carried - to accept the report as tabled.

#### **Guests Speakers:**

- Secretary Al gave an update on those proposed.
  - Glen Gary of the Electric Car Club of Victoria has offered to return with a working PowerPoint presentation, however, he did get his point across, so we may ask him back in the future.
  - Al spoke to Brad Copp and other insurance representatives about ICBC coverage for vintage and collector cars. They are reticent to give briefings as they do not want to give definitive answers with ICBC being the insurer and they are not representatives.
    - A discussion ensued on insurance, with no resolution on speakers being reached.
  - He has contacted a possible presenter on computer scams but hasn't heard back yet.
- Fountain Tire presentation in the late summer.

#### **New Business:**

- **In House Auction** – The President announced the project is now complete, however there are a few items outstanding – Possible re listing at some point. Winners will be announced soon.
- **Legion Donation:**
  - Moved by Shawn Driver/Seconded by Lew Williams – Carried to donate a \$100 Wreath to the ProPat Legion on behalf of the club.

#### **Announcements:**

- **2023 Elections - The President informed the members that he will step down as President effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Nominations for new President are requested.**
  - **Mike Mortimer will continue as Vice President.**
  - **Mike Mortimer will operate as Acting President until a new President is elected.**
  - Secretary Al Wills would like to step down but will stay in place if a replacement cannot be found.
  - Treasurer Jim Banks will stay on for another term.
- 2023 Christmas Dinner – The president announced that due to many circumstances there would be no dinner this year, this program will be reviewed.



- Meeting Times – Discussion was held on the possibility of meeting during the day during the fall/winter/spring – Sunday was proposed, and the president will investigate a time/place for possibly the December meeting.

#### **BUY & Sell Wanted/Needed:**

- Vic Nordstrom '41 Ford Super Deluxe that is for sale at a lowered price
- Three new EFV8 autos to be offered immediately.

**Call to Adjourn / 50/50:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM with the 50/50 draw.

- Ron Staniul, Al Wills and Jim Banks won Goodie Bags, Ian Gordon won the Book, Gary Clarke won a trinket and Keith Smith won the money (\$50.)

### **Minutes recorded by Al Wills Nnovember 8<sup>th</sup> , 2022.**

Please notify Al Wills of any errors or omissions.

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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**

### **Another new favorite ride for [Keith Smith](#).**

One of the most dilligent searchers in the 109 club is most certainly Keith Smith. Always on the hunt for the right deal on just about anything he recently discovered one of his all time favorite cars tucked away in a warm garage in Nanaimo since 1974. The 1955 Nomad has long been a dream cart for Keith so when he got word on this



**“barn find” he was quick to act. The Nomad is now in it’s new home at Keith’s shop waiting for his expert touch in restoration and becoming his new daily driver. He has apologized profusely that it is not a Ford V6, and I think we can forgive him of that just once. Good luck and congratulations from all of us in the 109.**



## **An update on Chris Chown's 47 Deluxe 8.**



The 1947 Ford Deluxe 8 2DR is so very close to the finish line I can hardly contain myself. As most of you know my 47 has been experiencing a complete off frame rebuild for over a year. The scope of work includes extensive frame modification including boxing and a spectacular protective coating in Safety Red. The engine is a full rebuild and now sports Navaro heads, new pistons & valves, a  $\frac{3}{4}$  race Isky cam, rebuilt Stromberg design twin carbs with an Offy manifold, all new wiring and tidy up harness, new dual exhaust custom fit to fit around the new 9" rear end. New cooling system and exterior mount custom design oil filtering, heat tape on headers as well. Heat deflectors on several parts of the exhaust system to reduce heat transfer into the cabin. A full replacement of the cooling system with heavily modified radiator.

In addition to extensive engine work there is a conversion from a T5 Chevy S10 transmission to a fully rebuilt Mustang C4 automatic (of course). If you can't stop you can't go so the 47 has full conversion to power disk brakes, new WW radial tires and custom wheels to fit properly in the wells. Another great move is to install a power steering unit and using the original steering wheel for fantastic appearance. A new Mustang II clip for the front end solves many old-style problems. Full moons will be a nice finishing touch along with new fuzzy dice and the Fords & Friends 2022 window decal. Might also find some spare money for a new pine tree when I have a moment.



Interior remains the same for now and the paint also stays as it is with the GM Medium Garnet Red Metallic working well. Forgot the conversion to 12 volt and custom radio works that uses the original 47 Ford face and dials. So cool.

There are probably numerous important details that I have forgotten but don't be concerned! You will be fully updated with up close inspections as soon as she gets home.

*Finally, the most important part of all is to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to FRASER KAYE up there in Nelson, B.C. Without Fraser's dedication, creativity, and astonishing expertise the dream would never have come to pass. I am forever in deep debt to both Fraser and Katie for so many good things! It just doesn't get any better than that!*

Cheers,

Chris Chown



Visit this great website at [www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca)

You are an affiliate member through the EFV8 109. 2023 membership cards will be delivered early in the new year.

A quick word about liability insurance for the 109.

Our club will renew insurance coverage with the National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada for the year 2023. There are a few changes including cost but

nothing prohibitive. Working with NAACC is the best choice we have for the best possible coverage for all our members as well as extensive coverage for the club directors and officers. A full description of the critical items is attached for your personal review.

If you have any questions please give me a call. Chris Chown 250 595 0312 anytime.





**National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada**  
**L'Association Nationale des Clubs Automobiles du Canada**  
3512 Marine Avenue Belcarra BC V3H 4R8

The NAACC would also like to remind all Clubs that we provide the best club Liability Insurance in Canada for all of our member clubs if they would like to purchase it. This Liability Insurance is the best in the country and covers more than any policy available in Canada. If there is a legal action brought against a club for any reason there are no legal fees passed on to the club and these legal fees could easily be in the tens of thousands of dollars if there is a claim. The policy also covers the entire executive as well as all club members and volunteers. Here are some of the major benefits of the policy:

- Directors & officers of every NAACC club will be covered for Liability along with the general membership if they purchase the insurance
- All club activities and events will be covered including swap meets, garage tours, all meetings, parades, Cross country tours & tours to the U.S.A (if all are a published club sanctioned event)
- Every club will have complete coverage for an unlimited number of private activities. If a club holds a major event that is open to the public they will have unlimited coverage
- Unlimited Liquor Liability is covered for private club functions
- Property damage or total loss to rental facilities
- Third party liability is covered. Tenants legal liability for damages you may incur to halls, rooms, hotels, restaurants etc.
- Club Members and volunteer's liability is covered while attending or working on a club function
- This policy is extensive and covers many items not listed above
- Non-incorporated or unregistered clubs are welcome

For more information and clarification of coverage please contact our president, John Carlson, at 604-931-5948 PST. During this past year your NAACC Board has been monitoring Federal and Provincial governments to make sure our cars stay on the roads. If we are not diligent other provinces seem to pick up bad habits from their neighbours! We must be alert and ready to step forward to help and support other fellow provinces. We have also been working closely with our USA sister group SEMA monitoring some of the proposed ethanol regulations & tax on cars sold in the USA, and other issue that affect Canada & USA.

*If your club has any issues with proposed legislation in your province that may negatively affect our hobby please feel free to contact your provincial NAACC Director and we will do what we can to help. Working with the Provincial & Federal Governments is what we have been doing since 1967 in order protect the automotive hobby from Legislation that can negatively affect us. We are here for you, the hobbyist, and look forward to your interest and input, so please feel free to contact us.*

Also, don't forget to check out the websites of our strategic alliances with TechForce Foundation, America's Automotive Trust, RPM Foundation and the American Hot Rod Foundation, and their Facebook pages.

Last, but definitely not least, please note that the NAACC has a new mailing address this year!! Please send in your membership and any correspondence to:

**Bob Ford**  
**NAACC Membership**  
**PO Box 202 - RPO Centennial SQ**  
**Mount Pearl, NL**  
**A1N 2C2**

I have included a mailing label for your convenience

Meanwhile, we need your clubs support to show the legislators across our Country that we have a large united front! Please renew your membership as soon as possible and return with the attached form.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or your Provincial Director as listed on the left of this page. We look forward from hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

Bobby Ford  
NAACC Membership/NL Director

# *The Ladies Page!*

## Susan Wojcicki



**Net Worth: \$350 Million**

Susan Wojcicki was born in California and studied history and literature at Harvard University. Google was founded by [Larry Page](#) and Sergey Brin in Susan's garage back in 1998, and Susan went on to become Google's first marketing manager a year later.

Since handling Google's takeover of YouTube, Susan Wojcicki has become the CEO of YouTube.

## Gina Rinehart



**Net Worth: \$11.7 Billion**

The Australian billionaire Gina Rinehart is the richest person in Australia and the 6th richest woman in the world, with a personal fortune of \$11.7 billion.

Rinehart is the chairman of Hancock Prospecting Group, a mining company which, to put things into perspective, produces 30 million tonnes of iron ore per year.

Rinehart became chairman of the company when her father passed away in 1992, and since then has become one of the richest female entrepreneurs in the world.

# Potential headache ahead.

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

**If you are stuck, you will find the answers on the last page.**

1. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?
2. Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?
3. A truck is stuck under a bridge and the driver cannot get it out. A man walks by and stops to help. He easily gets the truck unstuck. How did he do it?

## TECH TALK

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

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### Looking Beyond the Cooling System for Common Overheating Cures

By [Jason Lubken](#)

#### Overheating



The hardest part about keeping your gauges out of the red on a street rod usually happens after you start changing what the factory did. But wait, isn't the core of street rodding all about changing the factory design? After V-8 engines get dropped in place of four and six cylinders, space becomes a premium and you're left with figuring out how squeeze the biggest [radiator](#) you can fit

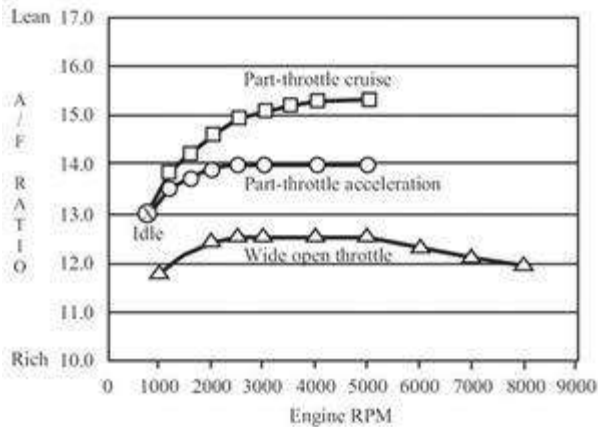


into a cramped engine compartment. The struggle comes in when there's no longer a standard guide to use — you become the engineer so to speak. But with the technology involved in today's performance parts, there shouldn't be any reason we can't keep our rods running cool. There may not be a set-in-stone guide on how to keep every street rod cool, but there are some known good rules to go by when it comes to the cooling system.

One of the first things you can examine is: at what point is your engine overheating? Does it happen all of the time or just when you're in traffic? The radiator must have air moving across it to carry away the heat, so if you're on the highway and it stays cool, but at a traffic light it starts to overheat, the issue is usually related to airflow. The next questions you can ask are: do you have the proper cooling fan in place? And are you using a fan shroud? Consider the path of least resistance — the same is true with airflow. If you have a shroud in place to channel incoming air, it's forced to travel through the radiator.

So what happens when you have already replaced the radiator, the water pump, and added a new cooling fan, but the car is still running hot? If we look at the source, a stock engine produces about 42 BTU per horsepower and after performance upgrades even more. When a vehicle is overheating and you have new components in the cooling system, it's time to start pointing your finger somewhere else. The engine may be creating too much heat due to factors other than the cooling system.

## Air/Fuel Mixtures



Typical Engine A/F Ratios  
Figure 1

A proper air/fuel mixture will help your engine run cool and to its full potential. Most overheating issues related to air/fuel ratios are the result of a lean mixture, which causes the cylinders to run hotter. On most carbureted systems, fuel pressure typically ranges between 5 and 8psi at all speeds. It's important to maintain that pressure under all load conditions, because if it drops off at higher rpms, you run the risk of going lean. As a general rule of thumb, most stock engines use roughly 14.1:1 to 13.4:1 air/fuel ratio at idle and slightly richer at high rpm. So having a quality [fuel pump](#) and a correctly

tuned and jetted carburetor is a must for proper fuel efficiency.

There are a few ways you can check your air/fuel mixture. Many automotive shops use an exhaust gas analyzer, but not everyone has access to tools such as this. As an alternative there are several aftermarket manufacturers who supply air/fuel monitors and wideband tuners that provide readouts from the exhaust. Or another way to gauge your fuel mixture is by examining your spark plugs for abnormal burn characteristics.

## Ignition Timing



Considering the principles of ignition timing, if the spark occurs too soon or too late, the cylinders will run too hot and the engine can suffer from power loss. If the spark happens too soon, the engine fights against cylinder pressure which may cause a pinging problem. When the spark occurs too late it won't completely burn compression gasses which creates more heat that the cooling system has to dissipate.

The optimum ignition spark timing will vary with engine speed, load, and air/fuel mixtures. And the correct ignition timing involves more than just setting the initial timing; the amount and rate of the mechanical and vacuum advance curves are also very important to avoid overheating. This is because cylinder pressure is much higher at wide open throttle than at midrange. The lower the cylinder pressure is, the more time it takes to complete the combustion process.

## Checking the Thermostat

You should always use the correct [thermostat](#) for your engine. Without a thermostat the engine would have no way of regulating the minimum heat range. The bottom line is that the manufacturer designed our engines to run with them installed. Every engine has an optimal heat range to run efficiently, in general 190°F to 210°F. On most carbureted engines, a common thermostat used is a 180°F.

You can check the function of your thermostat a number of ways. One method is by letting the engine come up to operating temperature while feeling the upper radiator hose, once the thermostat starts to open, you should feel the hose start to take pressure and get hot. You can also use an [infrared heat gun](#) on the thermostat housing to observe the temperature change as the engine warms up. Some may even remove the thermostat and check its function in a pot of hot water with a cooking thermometer.

## Water Pump and Pulleys



If a water pump is leaking it almost always means the pump has failed and needs replaced. Before you install a new pump, always check to make sure the impeller spins freely and has minimal end play. If it's a high performance engine, high flow water pumps have been proven to help with coolant flow. You should always use the correct size [pulleys](#) according to what was on the engine from the factory. It's not recommended to install under-drive pulley kits on street driven vehicles. Undriving the cooling system (spinning the water pump slower) can lead to poor cooling performance.

If you're buying an aftermarket water pump be sure to pay attention to the direction of rotation. Some of the later style aluminum water pumps with a serpentine-belt drive system used a reverse rotation pump, which can lead to serious headaches if overlooked.

# *Buy & Sell.*



## **FOR SALE. VIC NORDSTROM.**



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***OPEN TO OFFERS FROM 109 CLUB  
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***OR 250 652 5631.***

***An exceptional offer on a great original.***



## **1940 Ford coupe for sale. \$55,000 C**

1940 Ford for sale. Information is courtesy of Nanaimo VCCC Member Clay Thompson.

**This car is a great find, local car, Clay.**

Frame off restoration 1700 miles ago. Contact Fred De Marco [demarcofred@gmail.com](mailto:demarcofred@gmail.com)



**FOR SALE: 1955 PONTIAC 2 DOOR HAEDTOP. \$22,000 C**



**This beautiful 55 is up for sale by club member KEITH SMITH.. Extensive high quality restoration on a rare true classic. If you are interested please call Keith at 250 479 3618 or email at [smithks@shaw.ca](mailto:smithks@shaw.ca)**

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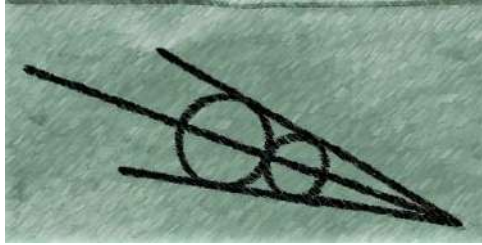
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- ✓ One professional repaint done in 2012
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- ✓ First year of hydraulic brakes new master cylinder installed in 2020
- ✓ Open to serious offers more pictures and video available upon request.

**[LucasByrne@hotmail.ca](mailto:LucasByrne@hotmail.ca)**    **Lucas Byrne**





**EARLY FORD V8 CLUB RG #109.**

**AUCTION FINAL RESULTS (SO FAR)**

**CLOSING DATE FINAL IS OCT 31/22**



**Craftsman portable air compressor. 2-HP, 17 gallon with hoses. Some damage on cover case.**



**Three-ton jack – good roller. Alltrade professional**



**Heavy duty jack stands. Two ratchet types and two lever lock. Sold as a full set only**

Sears Craftsman **portable** sandblaster system



Sears Best Craftsman Spray Gun



Last one of a world-famous transmission collection. Needs a good home. Open to any reasonable offer. Test drive available in your own vehicle anytime, UDOIT. Will paint it if needed.



Who doesn't want a near perfect collect of **6 volt** Ford coils. Eight in total. Just think how good this will look on your fireplace mantle.



A great engine stand for your spare flathead. Works great and could be painted in a colour of your choice for a small additional fee. Pink is not allowed of course!



Northeast amber slow lites. 6 Volt exterior mounts. Original unused still in the display packaging.



***FOR SALE: 1947 FORD FOUR DOOR.***



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***A few of the features.***

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- 3. Rear end is 8" stock.***
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- 5. New upholstery kit installed, as well as a new headliner.***
- 6. Body is in excellent shape – no rust! High quality black paint.***

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# ***2022 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 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	<i>Al Wills</i>	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

# *The History Spot.*

## Soybean Car

In the early 1940s, Henry Ford experimented with making plastic parts for automobiles. These experiments resulted in what was described as a "plastic car made from soybeans." Although this automobile never made it into the museum's collections, it remains a good example of innovative design.

### What is it?

The "Soybean Car" was actually a plastic-bodied car unveiled by Henry Ford on August 13, 1941 at Dearborn Days, an annual community festival.

### What was it made of?



The frame, made of tubular steel, had 14 plastic panels attached to it. The car weighed 2000 lbs., 1000 lbs. lighter than a steel car. The exact ingredients of the plastic panels are unknown because no record of the formula exists today. One article claims that they were made from a chemical formula that, among many other ingredients, included soybeans, wheat, hemp, flax and ramie; while the man who was instrumental in creating the car, Lowell E. Overly, claims it was "...soybean fiber in a phenolic resin with formaldehyde used in the impregnation" (Davis, 51).

## Who helped make/design it?

Henry Ford first put E.T. (Bob) Gregorie of the Styling Department in charge, but was not satisfied. He then transferred the project to the Soybean Laboratory in Greenfield Village and to the care of Lowell E. Overly, whose formal training was in tool and die design. His supervisor, Robert A. Boyer, a chemist, aided him.



## What was it used for?

The car was exhibited at Dearborn Days in 1941. It was also trucked to the Michigan State Fair Grounds for display later that year. Many people ask us about Henry Ford's experiments with making plastic parts for automobiles in the early 1940s. These experiments resulted in what was described as a "plastic car made from soybeans." Although this automobile never made it into the museum's collections, we thought we would address the myriad questions we receive about this unique and fascinating vehicle.

## Why was it built?

There were several reasons why Henry Ford wanted to build this car: 1.) He was looking for a project that would combine the fruits of industry with agriculture. 2.) He also claimed that the plastic panels made the car safer than traditional steel cars; and that the car could even roll over without being crushed. 3.) Another reason was due to a shortage of metal at the time. Henry hoped his new plastic material might replace the traditional metals used in cars.





## Why weren't more 'soybean' cars built?

The outbreak of World War II suspended all auto production, and therefore the plastic car experiment. A second unit was in production at the time the war broke out, but the project was abandoned. By the end of the war the idea of a plastic car had fallen through the cracks due to energy being directed towards war recovery efforts.

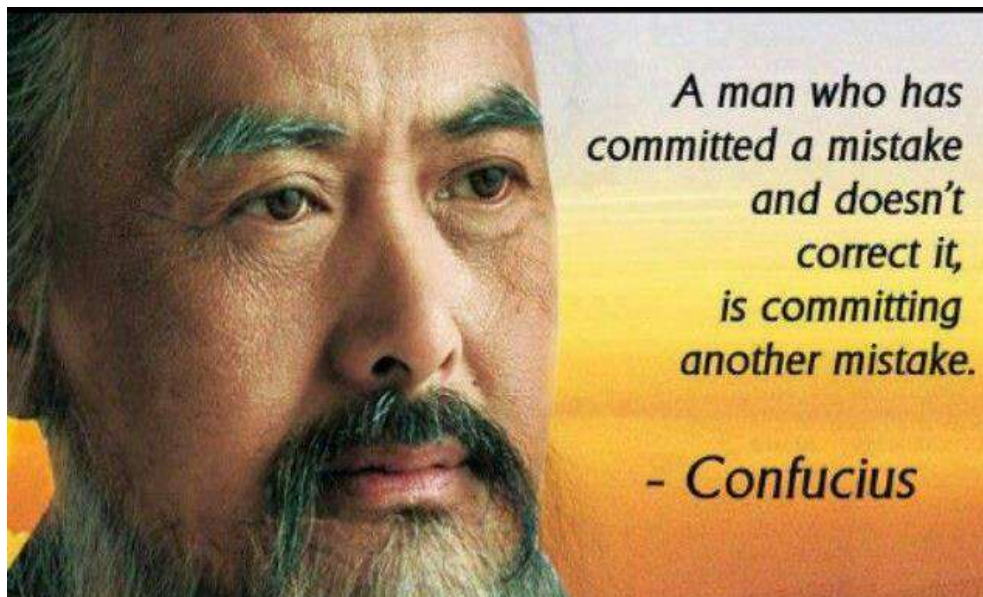
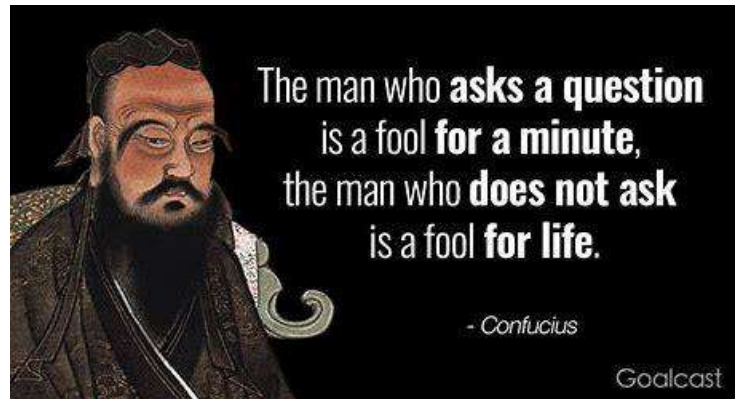
## Where is the car today?

According to Overly, the car was destroyed by E.T. Gregorie (Davis, 51).

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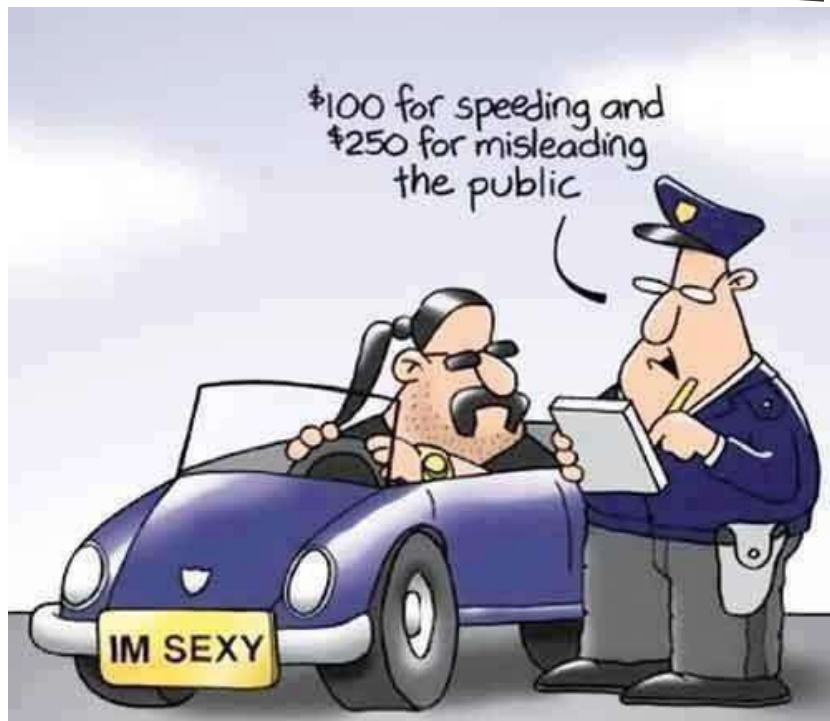
The famous picture of Henry Ford hitting a car with an ax is not a picture of *the* soybean car. It was actually Ford's personal car with a plastic rear deck lid made to fit it. He liked to demonstrate the strength of the plastic, and the ax he used would fly out of his hands, about 15 ft. (a rubber boot was placed on the sharp end of the ax) into the air.

Time for a little Confucius:





**JUST FOR FUN**



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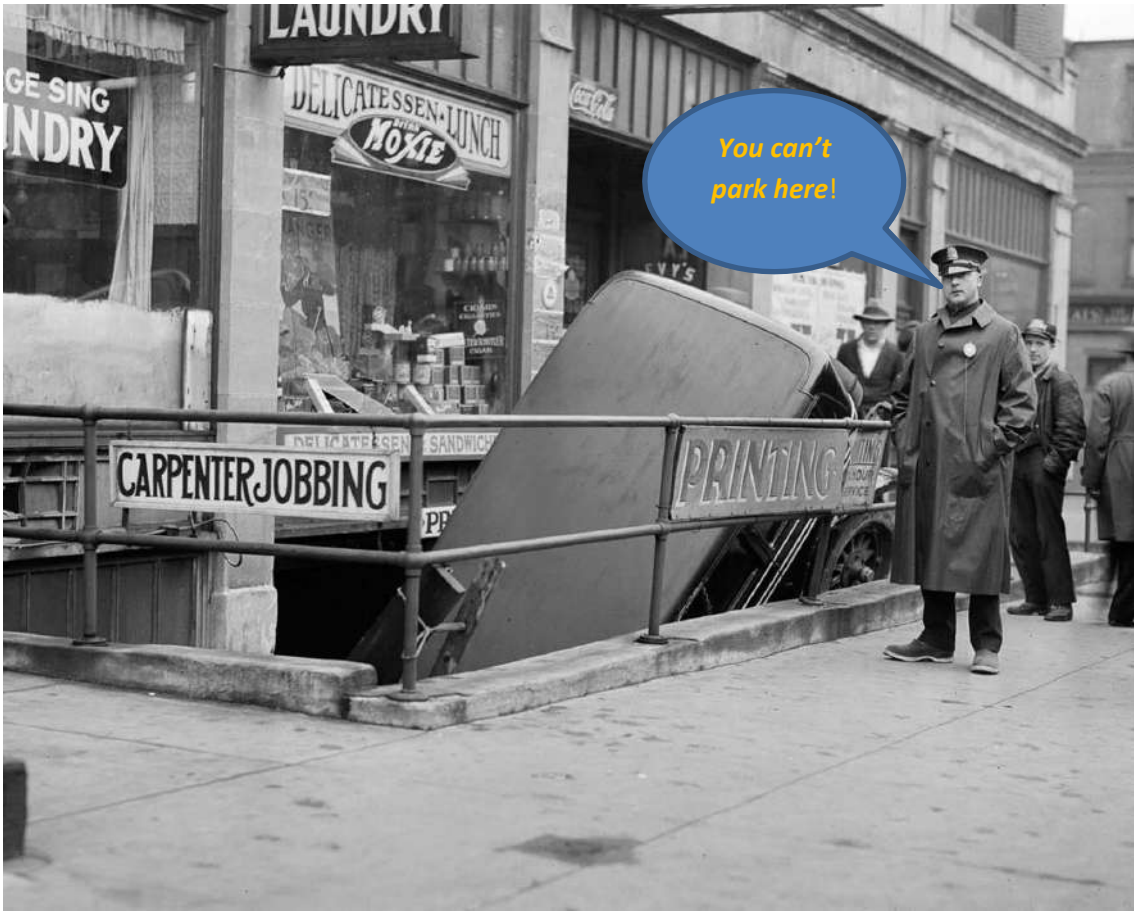




*Parking problems with BC  
Ferries. Early days of course*











## *Rib Ticklers at last....*

A man frantically calls the doctor and says, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart now!"

"Is this her first child?" the doctor responds.

The man replies, "No! This is her husband!"

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I saw a lady in tears at the store.

She said she had lost an envelope with her tax refund inside.

I gave her \$100 because I felt sorry for her.

Plus, I had just found about \$1,600 in the parking lot.

A proctologist had been in practice for 20 years and had settled into a very comfortable life with his future very secure. So, he decided to fulfill his REAL dream and become an auto mechanic.

Having entered mechanic school, the former physician received the results of his first test back with a score of 200%.

Confused, he asked the teacher why his score was so high.

“Well”, said the teacher, “the first part was taking the engine apart and you did that perfectly, so you got 50%. The second was to put it back together again and you did it perfectly and got another 50%. The other 100% was for doing it through the tailpipe.”

### The answers you have been looking for!

A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?

**An hourglass, with thousands of grains of sand**

Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?

**Nine. Two parents, six sons, and one daughter. All of them have one sister (not six sisters).**

A truck is stuck under a bridge and the driver cannot get it out. A man walks by and stops to help. He easily gets the truck unstuck. How did he do it?

**He let the air out of the tires.**

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*So long until next time!*

