

## Some serious automotive iron

Remember the old beer commercials that began "Every Saturday morning, Dave and the boys get together..." and so on? Well, this time it's more like "Every Thursday night, Mike, Lee, Scott and a couple hundred car fanatics get together for a cruise night at the Georgetown Canadian Tire parking lot to show off, compare and just generally salivate over some of the best collector cars in the area..."

If you're into street rods, late '60s muscle cars, or classic sedans from the earlier days, this is definitely the place to be. We're talking some serious automotive iron here, I can tell ya.

I've meandered through the display a few times over the summer, but last week, time permitted me to take a couple hours and really give the autos some close scrutiny.

To be honest, I was in car lovers' heaven. "We get cars from all over," said organizer Mike Boyd, "We average about 150 cars a week, and even though many are local Georgetown cars, we get quite a few from out of town."

Mike says they not only get lots of Brampton and Milton cars, but also from the Oakville, Burlington and Mississauga areas. Cars from Erin, Hillsburgh and Orangeville show up too.

Mike parks his restored '62 Fury hardtop by the CTC gas bar, and runs the music from a sound system in the trunk of the car, pumping out lots of good cruisin' tunes from the '50s and '60s through the PA system.

Local merchant/musician Lee Martin takes his turn at the microphone to help organize and run the weekly 50-50 draw, while Scott Moore helps organize the drivers and make sure they park in the lot properly.

"The three of us have done this by word of mouth for the most part," says Boyd, "They just seem to come from all over to show off their cars."

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adds Boyd, "We have lots of other sponsors who donate draw prizes every week."

Although the prime reason to attend is to peruse the cars, but there's another side.

It's the stories behind the cars.

Take Boyd's 1962 Fury. He told me it was purchased new from Fred Maveal's Chrysler dealership, when it was located on Main Street Georgetown, at the corner of James Street. (Take note Paul Auty— this is a positive Chrysler story. Coming from me, that's significant.)

The car went through several owners, and I recall Mike buying that car in the late '60s. By then, it had gone a long way and many figured it was on its last legs, (or more correctly, last tires.)

But it's gone even further, racking up more than 200,000 miles on its high performance 361 V8, since that day Maveal shook hands with the first owner and handed over the keys.

And a few weeks ago, Boyd was pleasantly surprised to have that same original owner, a lady living in the area, attend the cruise night to see that same car she purchased in 1962.

"She was really impressed," Boyd laughed, "To think it's almost 40 years old, and it still looks pretty good."

As I looked over his Fury, with its immaculate interior and paint, a thought occurred to me.

We should all be so lucky to look that good after 40 -odd years.



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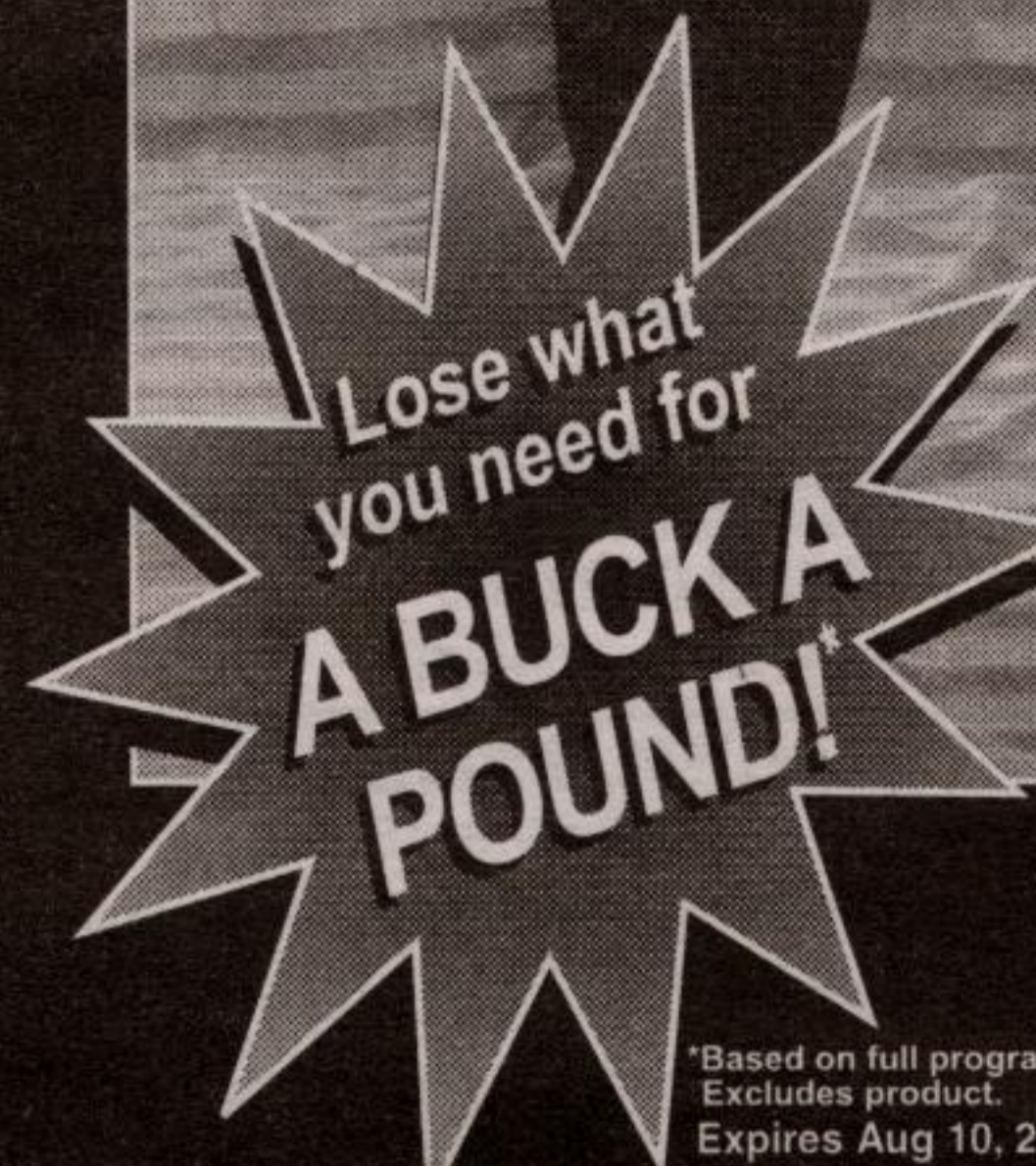
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