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49 – 59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc.

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Or if you wish you can send an e-mail to the
Cussy Club at: cussyclub@optusnet.com.au

Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday,
Bi-monthly, commencing at 11:00 am.

The Next Meeting Dates are:

October: 21st General Meeting
December: 2nd General Meeting, at Xmas Party
February: 2008 General Meeting

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury R.S.L. Rooms
Corner of Barkly & Macedon St. Sunbury.
Melways Ref: 382 F 4.**

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Membership.

Anyone interested in becoming a Club Member
can do so in one of the following ways.

Contact the Secretary and ask for a membership
application form to be mailed to you.

Come along to a General Meeting and introduce
yourself to the Club Officials.

Send an e-mail to the Editor and get an application
by return e-mail, or download an application form
from the Clubs web site.

**Visitors are always most welcome
to visit these meetings.**



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone.

Well I hope you have all had a good look at our new web site, and I hope you will tell all your friends to do so also. It seems to be doing a tremendous job in promoting our Club to the rest of the world. The reports from Rob indicate there have been visitors from Australia, China, USA, NZ, Europe, China, Canada & many other countries. If you have not yet visited our web site then please go to www.customlineclub.org.au you will not be disappointed.

We have only had a couple of official Club Runs in the past months taking us to the Royal Hotel in Mornington for a nice lunch, and a very enjoyable Bowling day at Altona and tea that night at the Victoria Hotel Yarraville. More on these in the run reports.

We have a few runs planned for the next few months and the Christmas Party on the 2nd December, so mark your calendars and be ready to rumble.

For my last words this year I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their wonderful effort in running the Club over the last twelve months and I also wish to extend a warm welcome to our new president, Wayne Paterson, and to all the new committee members.

Annual Membership Renewals

As mentioned in the last newsletter Membership Renewals were due on the 1st July, so if you have forgotten to send back your form then now is the time to do so, to ensure your continued and uninterrupted membership of the Club. If you have not paid then another renewal form is stapled to the front of this newsletter, just in case you have misplaced the last one. If you have any questions regarding your membership then please contact the secretary, Rob Brereton, his phone number is on page two.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on the 19th August 2007, at the RSL Hall in Sunbury. The usual meeting matters were dealt with and the new Committee was voted into office. They will continue to run the Club for the next twelve months. Their mugshots next page.

Achievement Award

At the 2007 Annual General Meeting the members present voted for the member who has displayed great commitment and contributed to the Club over the last twelve months. The Trophy was awarded in the memory of Ernie Taylor who was always a faithful member displaying a great love for Customlines and the Club.

This year the Trophy was awarded again to Rob Brereton for his outstanding effort in building the Clubs new Web Site and once again for producing such an excellent Club Newsletter for us over the last twelve months, and in colour also.

Well done Rob, and keep up the good work,

From all at the Customline Club.

*Safe and Happy Cruisin. Your Outgoing
President. Don Macumber.*



Your new Committee for 2007-2008



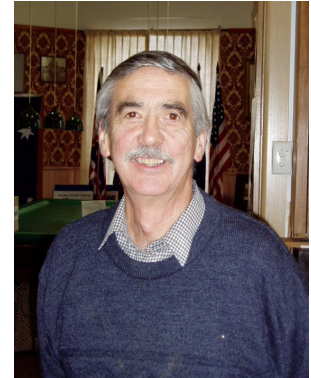
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**Committee Member
June Paterson**

The Committee and Members would like to wish Richard van Egmond and Ian Burgess speedy recoveries from their recent illness and injuries and hope to see them up and about as soon as possible.

The Committee and Members send their sincere condolences to Jim Bryant and family on the recent death of his mother who attained the great age of 99 years.

New Members

[The Committee and Members would like to welcome these New Members to the Club.](#)

Merv & Andrea Macumber Emerald Vic Red 1965 Thunderbird Convertible
Bill Macumber Sunbury Vic Blue 1956 Coupe Ute

Yes, we now have a monopoly of Macumber members and all three are brothers.

All FORD Day

The Kiwanis Club of Geelong Inc is conducting the All Ford Day Car Show at Deakin University, Geelong, on **Sunday 17th February 2008**. Admission for show cars is \$20 per car, which includes showing car, all passengers, show bag and Entry Form. As we have to inform the Kiwanis Club of numbers attending by the 30th November, could you please indicate if you are interested in attending this event with the Cussy Club by replying to the Secretary, Rob Brereton, **by the 14th October**, as arrangements will have to be made at the General Meeting on the 21st October. There will be further news in the next Club newsletter. **Please don't just turn up expecting a Club spot, as you may not get one if you have not replied and booked your spot with the Secretary.**

Don't forget our Christmas Party.

See the flyer attached to the front of your Newsletter. Send back the reply slip, with your payments if necessary, ASAP, so we won't forget to cater for you and your family. To be held at Hawkstowe Park, South Morang. We will be taking the Club BBQ Trailer. Details as per attached Flyer and Runs Sheet. Please return forms by the 14th November, so the committee can organize this function.

From the Editors Desk



Hi All

I hope you are enjoying your new colourful newsletter, as I am enjoying the fact that I can produce some colour to highlight the reports and pictures.

A lot of the members are aware that I have also set up an e-mail list of members so that Club information can be conveyed very quickly and easily when necessary. So if any of you members acquire an e-mail address in the future then please let me know, as I can then add you to the list. Your e-mail addresses will not be sent to other parties and you will not be bombarded with junk from the Club.

Also I hope that a lot of you have visited our new web site and had a good look around. Over the past three months that it has been up and running the statistics tell us that we have had visitors mainly from Australia with a lot from the USA and others from China, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Sweden, Philippines, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, Europe and some other that were unknown origin. Out of these there were 692 unique visitors that had visited the site 1,068 times, looking at 4,692 pages and hitting on 83,378 separate bits of information. Our ranking on the Google Internet search engine is getting stronger day by day which makes our site easier to find for those internet surfers looking for Customline related information. If there is anything that you would like added or removed on the web site then please let me know. The web address once again is <http://www.customlineclub.org.au>

I also find lots of very interesting web sites to visit. So check this one out, I am sure it will keep you entertained for many an hour. <http://www.tocmp.com>



Once again I thank you all for wanting me to continue editing the Club Newsletter, which I am glad to do. I must thank all those members who have contributed to the newsletter over the last twelve months with articles and reports, as without them my job would be much more difficult. I will endeavour to keep you all well informed of the club activities etc, through the newsletter, over the next twelve months.

Rob Brereton.

Newsletter Editor.

PUB RUN

To the

ROYAL HOTEL MORNINGTON

27 May 2007



After leaving home on a fine but cool morning we met up with club member Ian at the Shell Westgate and then proceeded to the second meeting place at McDonalds in Edithvale, arriving there shortly after 10:30am. There we met up with more of the club members, Phil & Cherie, Graedon & Sandra and Rob & Joan. After a bite to eat and a drink we headed off down the freeway to Mornington, and a nice pleasant drive it was.



We arrived at Mornington about midday and after quietly driving down the main street and taking in all the sights we finally parked our cars in the Esplanade opposite the Royal Hotel, where they all looked nice all lined up, but in a gale force wind blowing in from the bay. Once inside we met more members, Jim & Helen and Bill & Bev. We all had a drink or two and a good chat and just before lunch was served Ian & Sue arrived. The menu presented some good dishes but some were better value than others.



We all sat around after lunch chatting some more and having another drink or two till about mid afternoon. Some members explored one of the bars and the very large fireplace dating back to the buildings beginnings. The Hotel is having its 150 Anniversary this year.



Upon leaving the Hotel we discovered a great collection of motorbikes parked outside, all very nice and shiny just like our cars.

After inspecting Robs brake lights and why they were not working we all then shortly after departed and headed for home back up the main street to find that nearly every café had a few motorbikes parked outside.



We had another great day out with the club which was enjoyed by everyone.

June & Wayne Paterson.



Pub Run



Mornington



Some Old Wrecks

Here is a picture sent in by Ian Hayward. It depicts the three loves in his life: His wife Sue, a Plane, and a Cussy. The plane is an old 310 Cessna which is a bit of a wreck, and you can see that it has seen better days. The Cussy is a 1954 home made tray ute, which has also seen better days. And Sue, well she is as charming and lovable as ever. Ian and Sue found these old wrecks, in their travels, out on the Benalla Main Road.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Here we all are at the Club's Annual General Meeting held on the 19th of August 2007. As you can see we had a reasonable turn up of members, but we need more of you to come along and support the Club, as these few members are wearing a bit thin in keeping the Club running year after year. We even have a few members doing more than one job each. A few new faces on the committee might inject new ideas and directions and help the Club to move forward each year.

Also for those present at the meeting the picture below will probably give you a good laugh. It is a sign I found the other day on a shop in Cheltenham. I hope Jim and Helen can stop laughing long enough to read the rest of the newsletter. Ed.



BOWLING AFTERNOON

Oz Ten Pin Bowl



Saturday 14th July 2007

Bowl This Way



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Fairlane Club was unable to attend our planned Bowling Afternoon at the Altona North, Oz Ten Pin Bowl, but never the less there was a good turn out from our Club members.

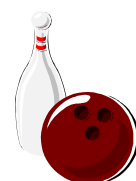
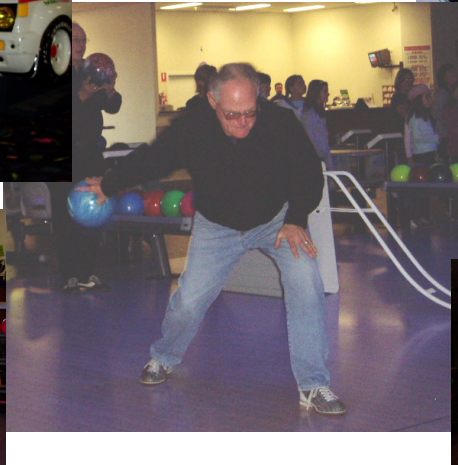
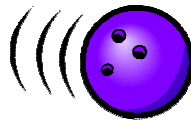
Paul Vella, Ken Lee and my Grandson Coby, were the winners in the three teams that bowled. There was much hilarity from those playing and also from those supporters who were unable to bowl, which provided a very entertaining afternoon of bowling fun. I am sure that if there had been a wooden spoon I would have been the winner of that due to my absolutely abysmal score.



Anyway we all had fun and that's what counts. (Isn't that what all the losers say.)

After our couple of games we all had a chat and a drink and then we cruised down to Yarraville to the Victoria on Hyde for Dinner, and more of a chat over dinner. A lovely end to a very lovely afternoon.

Cheers all. Helen Tuo



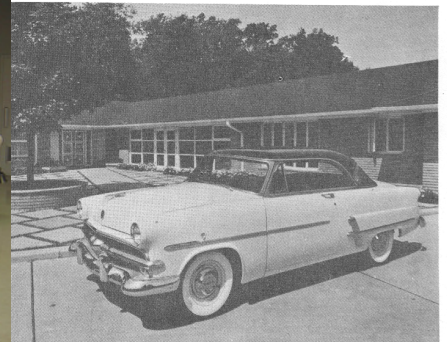
Ford for 1953

Surprisingly, very little style change greeted the public when Ford unveiled its 50th anniversary models, although many had suspected and hoped for tremendous change. The same 11 models were available, all at slightly higher prices. On the colour scene, there were now 12 single tone colours and 14 two-tone arrangements that a buyer could choose from, quite a switch from the "any colour as long as its black" philosophy of the Model T years. Also, there were six colour options for interiors.

The two-tone colours were available as extra cost options on all but the Crestline models, where they were a standard choice. Style leaders of the line continued to be the Crestline Victoria and Sunliner, the latter especially when dressed in its exclusive coral-flame red paint. During the year, a Ford six won the Mobilgas Economy Run with the greatest gas mileage economy of any car entered.

1953 marked Ford's fiftieth anniversary, and the automaker wanted to emphasize its connection to the greatest spectacle in sports, the Indy 500. According to several sources, Ford built over 2,000 Indianapolis 500 pace car replicas for 1953, and the package was so popular that dealers made replicas of the replicas! All of the white pace cars were loaded with options including fender skirts, chrome rocker mouldings, and a continental spare tire mount. Inside, every metal surface was painted gold including the convertible top bows, dash, and rear view mirror, while the vinyl upholstery was a special golden Wheat colour accented with white. On the exterior the cars received gold and black OFFICIAL PACE CAR lettering and a Ford crest flanked by checkered flags.

Like the actual pace car, this car features wire wheels, a rare Ford option. Other options include electric clock (\$15), Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission (\$184), eight-tube AM radio (\$100) and wide whitewall tires (\$27).



The Crestline Victoria Hardtop was really too boxy a car to be considered sporty, even though it was the sport model of the year. Price, \$2,120.

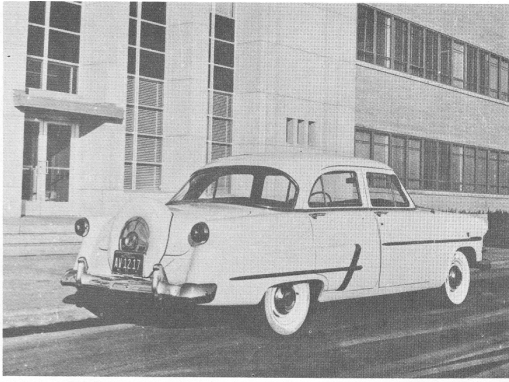
On Memorial Day May 30, 1953, at the wheel of a specially-prepared Sunliner, William Clay Ford set the pace for a field of thirty-three roaring roadsters across the famous yard of bricks at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. At the time, Ford was the fourth family member to pace the 500 field, his brothers Henry II and Benson had driven pace cars in 1946 and 1950, respectively, while his father, Edsel drove a Lincoln pace car in 1932.



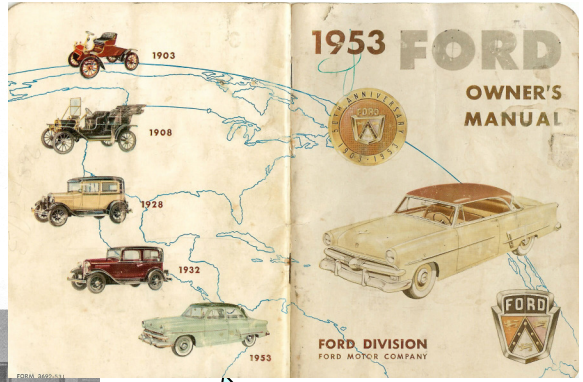
The Crestline Sunliner Convertible, \$2,230.



The Country Squire Wagon was listed in the Crestline series at \$2,410.



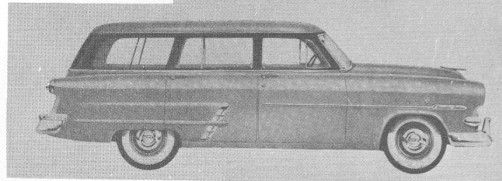
This Customline Fordor is sporting an accessory Continental Spare, sold by Ford dealers. The basic car sold for \$1,860.



The Customline Tudor, \$1,810.



The Customline Club Coupe, \$1,820.



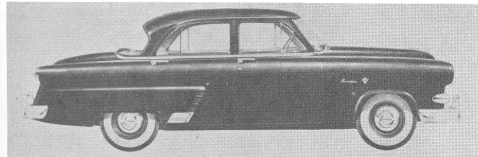
The Customline Country Sedan, \$2,270.



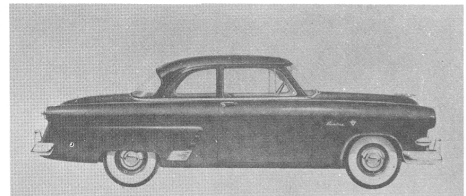
The Mainline Ranch Wagon sold for \$2,095.



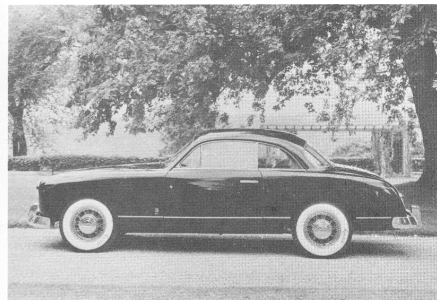
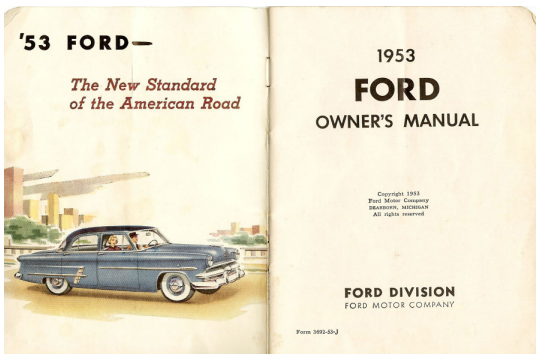
Economy leader for the year was the Mainline Tudor at \$1,720.



The Mainline Fordor, \$1,770.



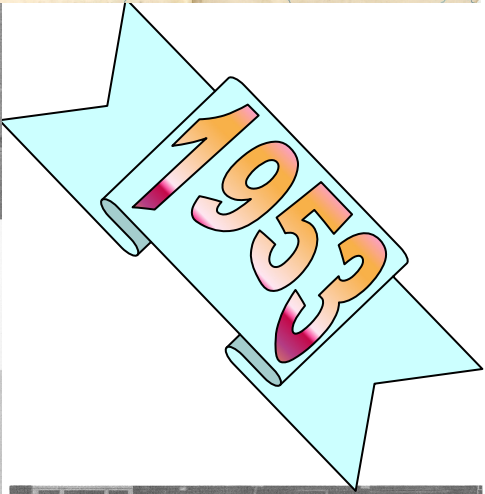
The Mainline Business Coupe, \$1,615.



This attractive Comete four-passenger hardtop was produced by Ford's factories in France.



New in Germany was the Taurus 1/2-Ton Van, equipped with a 38 hp, 4-cylinder engine.



Happy Birthday to You



Best Wishes to these people and all others celebrating their Birthdays during these months.

September

7th Chris Lavery
14th Peter Carroll
18th Barbara Black
18th Ken Lee
25th Cherie Butt
25th Rob Brereton
27th Karen Hird

October

24th Sandra Kilby



November

2nd Ian Hayward
12th Bill Reaper
18th Joan Brereton
19th Laurel Farnham
26th Phil Butt
30th Les Horne

Jest a Moment

“What do you call a country where all the people only drive Pink cars?”

“I dunno”.

“A PINK CARNATION”.

A MOTORIST had locked himself out of his car and a passer-by stopped to help.

“I’ll have your door open in no time,” said the stranger, who then began rubbing his bottom up and down on the driver’s door.

The motorist found this to be very odd, but before he could make comment, all the locks sprang open.

“How amazing,” cried the driver, “how did you do that?”

“Easy,” replied the stranger.

“I’m wearing KHAKI trousers.”

A PASSANGER in a Taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up and over the kerb and stopped just inches away from a huge plate glass window.

For a few moments there was complete silence in the cab. Then the still shaking driver said, “I’m very

very sorry, but you scared the livin’ daylights out of me.”

The frightened passenger apologised to the driver, and said he didn’t realise a mere gentle tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver then replied, “No, no, I’m very sorry, it’s entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I’ve been driving a hearse for the past 25 years.”

A DRUNK was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends late one night and led the way into his bedroom, where there was a big brass gong.

“What’s that big brass gong?” asked one of the guests. “It’s not a gong. It’s a talking clock,” the drunk replied. “A talking clock? Seriously?” asked his astonished friend. “Yup.” Replied the drunk.

“How’s it work?” the friend asked, squinting at it.

“Watch.” The drunk replied. He picked up a mallet, gave it an ear shattering pounding, and stepped back. The three then looked at each other puzzled. Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed:

“You bastard..... it’s 10 past three in the morning!”

Honk you’re horn loudly, if you Love Peace and Quiet!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Official Club Runs are in: ***“Bold Italics”*** with



indicated.

September 2007

2 nd	Hamilton swap meet.
9 th 	<i>“Shepparton Swap Meet”</i> . Goulburn Valley MVDC held at the DECA Complex, 145 Wanganui Road, North Shepparton.
23 rd	Bay to Birdwood Run in Adelaide.

October 2007

7 th	Euroa Show & Shine.
14 th 	<i>“Bendigo Injectors Rod & Custom Club”</i> . 11 th All American Day. Held at the Tom Flood Centre, Waters St, Bendigo.
21 st 	<i>“General Meeting”</i> RSL Hall, Sunbury. See you all there. Corner Barkly & Macedon Streets, Sunbury. Melways Ref 382 F4. Meeting starts at <i>“11:00 am”</i> . Tea & Coffee supplied.
21 st	All makes swap meet, Sandown Racecourse.
28 th	RACV City to Cape run – AOMC. This event is for Pre - 1955 Vehicles.

November 2007

12 th	Werribee Swap Meet, at Werribee Racecourse. (Mel Ref 206 E9).
9 th 	10 th & 11 th <i>“Bright Rod Run”</i> . See you all there as usual.
17 th – 18 th	Bendigo National Swap Meet. Prince of Wales Showground's, Bendigo.
18 th	American Breed 2007. 60's American Car Club at the Manhattan Hotel. Cnr Heatherdale & Canterbury Rds. Ringwood. (Melway ref 63D1)

December 2007

2 nd 	<i>“CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY”</i> , this year to be held at Hawkstowe Park, enter from Gordon's Road, South Morang. (Melway Map 183 H8) We will be taking the Club BBQ Trailer. Meeting at the park at 10.30am. Details as per attached flyer. Return slips to be back by 14 th November.
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January 2008

14 th	Korumburra Swap meet
20 th	RACV/Peter Mac - Rallying for a cure. Melbourne to Mornington Rally. \$30 entry fee, money going to Peter Mac Hospital fundraising. A really good cause.

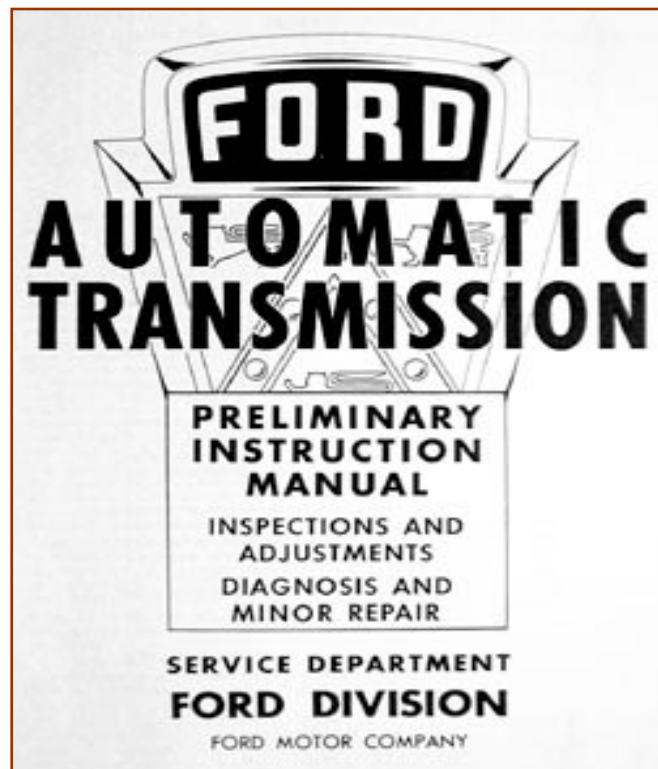
February 2008

17 th 	<i>“All FORD Day”</i> . Deakin Uni Geelong. See <i>BOOKING NOTE</i> on page 4.
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Confucius Say:

The early bird may get the worm,
but the second mouse gets the cheese.



TOOL TIME

Some Definitions.

BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER: (Sometimes called a Hydrometer). This is a very handy tool for transferring sulphuric acid from the inside of your car battery to the inside of your tool box. It is also used for transferring the same liquid to your clothes, foot ware and car paintwork. Of course this all happens after you have determined that the battery is as dead as a door nail, which was what you expected anyway.

31-08-2007 RJB