

## BIG BLOCK

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The year was 1965 when I bought a new Plymouth Fury III, two-door, hardtop. We had the car one week when we loaded up a camper and the family to see the World's Fair in New York. I managed to put 24,000 miles on the car that first year. After which, I sold the car. The fellow who bought it from me drove it twelve years, and only put on another 24,000 miles. He was now getting up in years and had caused a fender bender. So, he asked if I wanted to buy the car back. This is the only car I've owned twice, and thought it would now make a nice work car. The Plymouth was still a rust free car, and I managed to find both a rust free fender and a bumper to replace them.



About this same time our daughter was dating a fellow who was driving a 1970 Buick Riviera, and he wanted that '65 Plymouth bad.



The Plymouth had the 383 C.I. engine with automatic. However, I had always been disappointed with the car's performance in the quarter mile. That Riv had a 370 horsepower, 455 C.I. engine, and it would run!

The Riviera was in great condition, and I thought as near as I lived to work it would not matter how much gas that big block wanted. The fellow with the Riv said he would trade cars even up, and at the time, I thought I needed 370 horses!

That big block Buick would pass almost anything on the road, except for a gas station! Believe it or not, when you put your foot in the four-barrel carb, you could actually watch the gas gauge go one way, and the speedometer go the other way!

With the price of gas today, I am sure glad that I am not feeding that 370 horse big block! The Buick Riv ended up being my trade-in on a new 1978 Thunderbird! I have now owned the T-Bird 33 years. Boy I must be getting old. When I was younger I didn't own some of my cars that many days!

