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Katrina's Auto Impact

Two Years Later...

The aftermath of Katrina and two other hurricanes in 2005 continues to take its toll on the U.S. automotive industry.

- The hurricanes damaged an estimated 571,000 cars and trucks.
- About 301,000 of those vehicles are listed in an online registry at nicb.org.
- An estimated 250,000 have returned or are expected to return to the road.
- Insurers designated thousands of damaged vehicles to be destroyed.
- Dealers and consumers have bought some vehicles, unaware of the damage.

Source: Carfax Inc. National Insurance Crime Bureau. (Automotive News: September 17, 2007)



Hurricane Katrina near peak strength on August 28/05.

Two years ago, Hurricane Katrina wrecked or flooded hundreds of thousands of cars and trucks along the Gulf Coast. Some are still reaching the used-vehicle market, their damage undisclosed to dealers and consumers. No one knows exactly how many. Industry

and consumer groups say many vehicles battered by Katrina got new, "clean" titles in other states that hid their flood damage. The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council is investigating about 30 Louisiana vehicles imported into Canada this year.

Staff Profiles



John Mifsud, Professor (AutoTech) is a Centennial graduate and has been teaching for 13 years. He is the driving force behind the annual Show and Shine event held each June. John and Eda have two daughters (Kristina and Stefanie). When not cruising in his boat, John chairs Heritage Vaughan (preservation of old building in Vaughan).



Kesie Uthayavannan, Office Assistant (Automotive and Motorcycle) has an Associate Degree in Business Administration (Excelsior College in New York) and a Diploma in Psychology and Abnormal Psychology with Counseling. Happily married to Rajah, Kesie's interests include Cricket, Badminton (College Champion), music and travel.



Ray Holmes, Coordinator (Honda) graduated from Dr.G.W. Williams and then Centennial's School of Transportation where he has taught for seventeen years. Ray and Mary have very busy lives raising three sons. In his leisure time, Ray enjoys fitness, bike riding and computers. He is also reputed to be a great dancer.

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Wheels & Wings...

Hyanide (Concept Vehicle)



Although they're all personal methods of transportation, a motorcycle, an ATV and a snowmobile have very distinct functions. Wouldn't it be great if one vehicle could handle all of the different road conditions for which each of these vehicles are designed? Enter the "Hyanide", a concept vehicle designed to do just that. Some people call it the "tank motorcycle". Because only a small part of the tread needs to be touching solid ground to keep the Hyanide moving, it would be virtually impossible for it to get stuck. The Hyanide will also be fast and agile in part because its treads are much lighter and more flexible than the treads on a tank or bulldozer. Tillman Shlootz and Oliver Kellar designed the Hyanide. Shlootz (26) is a student of product design and machine engineering. Kellar (24) is a product design specialist schooled at HFG Offenbach. They created the Hyanide for the Michelin Challenge Design held in January 2006 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



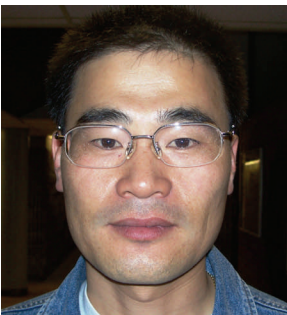
United Way Campaign— October 1 to November 9

Ashtonbee's kick-off to the United Way campaign got off to an early (7:00 a.m.) start on Monday, October 1. Did you know that only 10% of all individual charitable giving in Canada goes to Social Services? This makes your gift to United Way all the more important! In just one year, United Way agencies were able to

accomplish the following and much more:

- Enabled more than 4,000 newcomer participants to find employment
- Helped 40,000 young participants (under 7) increase their success in early education
- Provided 290,000 nights of shelter and 948,000 meals to the homeless

Watch for more info on how you can help.



Xianwei Bu moved to Canada five years ago and graduated from Centennial's Auto Tech program last year. Now thirty-seven years old, Xianwei is a proud father of an eight year old daughter (Fan Bu) and supports his family by working for Witmer Transportation in Mississauga as a driver. His job often takes him to new and exciting places. He recently took 40,000 pounds of steel wire to Texas. According to American rules, he can drive up to 11 hours per day and be "on duty" (non-driving job

duties) for an additional three hours. He was able to complete the Texas job in a total of eight days (return). Hauling loads of shampoo, toothpaste, etc. to Pennsylvania are just routine trips that can be completed in two straight days. In applying for his first Canadian passport, he needed a "guarantor" to authenticate his identity. Who did he think of? Professor **Rick Davis** of our School of Transportation. See Rick to learn the new rules the Canada Passport has developed effective Oct. 1/07.



1962 Raleigh Bicycle at full capacity.



Larry Goldin—President of OPSEU Local 559

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