

Self-proclaimed 'genius' says he can double mileage

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A self-taught Mississauga inventor who claims he can double the gasoline mileage on current-model automobiles, is taking his innovation to Prime Minister Trudeau and possibly to the Opposition leader Robert Stanfield.

Eugene Gruber of Paisley Blvd. says he will go to Ottawa next month and take Trudeau and Stanfield for a spin on Parliament Hill.

Gruber hopes to meet the two leaders and explain his latest gas-saving invention.

In a nutshell, the Mississauga freelance millright engineer, developer and mechanical designer claims he has redesigned the standard engine carburetor allowing forced air to be mixed with gasoline, thus producing a "leaner" mixture. The remainder comes from a special muffler and an oil-bath air-filtration system.

The new device, narrowed down to three modifications, will produce an increased mileage at a parts cost of about \$60.

Gruber said this week that he is "absolutely positive" that he will be driving to Ottawa. For this purpose he will use a Continental Mark 5, equipped with his gas-saving device.

"Before going to Ottawa, I'll send a telegram to both political leaders, advising them of my arrival time", said Gruber. "I'm very optimistic that Bob Stanfield will take time out to inspect my home-made invention".

But, he is a bit skeptical about Trudeau's reception. "He may find an excuse not to show up for the demonstration", said the Mississauga inventor. "In that case, I'll try to see other Government officials who might be interested in my work".

And speaking of Gruber's work, one must say it has been non-stop for almost eight years. During this time he has worked on three American-built vehicles, trying to perfect his innovation. From about 50 modifications he has created three which are producing the desired results.

With one gallon of gas, Gruber says he is able to drive close to 35 miles, almost doubling the previous mileage. If all goes well, he says, an average driver can expect to save up to \$1,000 a year, if he decides to use the \$60 invention.

Gruber is also thoroughly convinced that he needs a go-ahead signal from the federal government in Ottawa to launch his marketing project.

"I am looking for a manufacturer right here in Canada. But, first I need the government approval and also a world-wide patent".

The soft-spoken, do-it-yourself engineer has reached the stage in his career where he can relax a bit. However, he's not the man who will allow his brain to take a holiday.



Mississauga inventor Eugene Gruber empties a gallon of gasoline into his test car which he drove to The Times office to demonstrate his \$70 invention. Next month he drives to Ottawa.