

Saskatchewan British Car Club To the Rescue  
1957 Prefect Start Up Trip  
Notes and Observations Bob Burton  
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In the spring, just about the time of British cars at Irish Bars we heard from Vivian. She had a 1957 Prefect that she wanted to get running. It had been sitting for many years, about 25 years it seems. A friend from her home town who now lives in Regina came out and worked on the car, he attempted to get it started. As Vivian had contacted me she needed battery. She wanted to know the type and where she could buy one. Our information source was Club President, Bob Forward, the type of battery required for the Prefect was passed on to her. She later contacted us about another issue, and again Bob supplied the needed information. Come this past fall, we heard from one of the two guys who had been trying to start the Prefect, they were stumped!

We contacted them to get the whole story, got a group together, gathered supplies to go, and Bob Forward joined us after the Regina Clinic Day he conducted.

Five Regina members and Bob journeyed to Vivian's home near Raymore. We were joined by the two lads from Regina who originally tried to start the Prefect. They had wondered what had been stopping them and wanted to see it run.

Bob Forward led us in our task, installed the carburettor which had been cleaned, and installed the fuel pump setup to pump fuel from a gas can. The cause of no spark was tracked down and repaired with no extra parts required. Then came the moment of truth. With everyone watching closely, the engine was cranked. With Bob at the controls and pumping of the throttle, the engine sputtered. More cranking and it sparked to life. Bob made adjustments to the mixture and throttle, and soon it was running well. All were smiling!

Vivian was truly happy. This may be the only running 1957 Prefect in Saskatchewan. Still needed is more TLC, brake and clutch hydraulics, to be roadworthy!

Vivian made us a lunch, we sat and enjoyed a sandwich and a good visit. Bob later commented “it was a great day in Saskatchewan”. Our Club led by its president has again help out on someones desire to bring an LBC back to life!!