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Above, the Friesen's F-150 at a vintage gas station in Abbotsford.

Cool Blue

Kim and Cindy Friesen's 1979 Ford F-150 Pickup
Story by Kim Friesen, photos by Scott Ferguson

It was terrible news. I heard that Ford was going to discontinue the 460 Engine after 1979. So.... I did what any big block Ford fan would do and went out and bought one before they ran out (of course the 460 returned in trucks around '83). That's how and why I purchased this new 1979 F-150 on October 13, 1978 from Musgrove Ford in Vancouver. There were lots of trucks on the lot but I spotted this blue and silver truck out in the back row and thought, love the colour,

hope it has the right equipment! A couple of days and \$10,199 later I was driving my new pickup equipped with the following options- 460-automatic trans-3.50 traction lok-ranger lariat package-tilt steering-hd towing-tinted glass-dual batteries and dual tanks. The dealer also installed air conditioning-cruise control-AM/FM 8 track-rear slider window and

rear bumper. It also came with "reduced sound exhaust system" that sounded like a compressor with a huge air leak when you stepped on the gas. That system was quickly tossed in favour of a set of duals. Unfortunately my time with the truck lasted only slightly longer than that single exhaust system. Somehow I became sensible and thought a house might be a better investment so the truck went to live with my dad for the next 15 years, where it was kept in the garage and used sparingly, which, in hindsight was probably a good thing because who knows where that truck would be today. In 1996 my dad decided it was time to downsize and the truck was back in my garage. My wife Cindy drove the truck for the next couple of years and was asked on numerous occasions "is it for sale?" and "what engine's in it?". To which she replied "no it's not for sale" and "I don't know"

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Below, the big 460 V8 can really get up and go, and Kim demonstrates this every once in a while to keep us on our toes.



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but it's something big". I think Cindy is coming around and now actually knows what size the engine is so when people ask she can give them an educated answer. So next time you see her make sure you ask her "what's the Ford got in it?" just to keep her on her toes. With only 79,000 km the truck is still in very good original condition, and still wears most of it's original paint. The truck originally came with dog dish hubcaps, but last year I found a set of factory aluminum wheels and had them refinished and installed. Big improvement! The 460 still gets up and goes pretty good, but you pay for it when you get your 2nd mortgage from Petro Can to fill the 142 litre tank. In 2004 the truck will be 25 years old and I can apply for collector plates, after some minor under-hood detailing. The truck will see lots of sunny day cruising when we're not out in the convertible Cougar. Oh, and by the way, the truck does not seem to run that well on the first and last day of the month in case you were thinking about moving. Ha ha.



Above, the F-150's interior. Basic, but it does the job.