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Newsletter

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News In The Making

Sherrie and Fred's new home in Bracebridge will be an Endurance II Modified.

I'm pretty sure that every house we have is "modified" and that's a big part of being a custom builder. With our in-house auto-cad department, we can change the roof lines, add gable ends, lift the house up and drop the garage because of site conditions; flip the house, revise the whole floor plan if you want! Add a powder room. Make the master bedroom bigger. Make two bedrooms into one. It's endless and wonderful.

This home is so modified that we almost need to call it "The Endurance III". They have kept the beautiful vaulted ceiling in the open living room - dining room - kitchen area. The rest of the home has been adapted to their taste and life style. Rock was found very close to the surface when we dug the foundation, so that dictated some of the changes to the elevation. Since Fred and Sherrie live quite far away, we're really glad that technology helps us keep in touch. We expect them to move in this spring, and meantime we are progressing on schedule.

An option our Customer's often take us up on is to put 2" thick styrofoam under the concrete floor in the basement. The purpose is to make the floor warmer, and drier.

If you like science, you'll like this: The earth under your Muskoka home is always about 46°F (8°C), and we are always striving for air temps of about 70°F (21°C). When warm meets cold and humidity is too high (eg. open windows in summer in a thunder storm) condensation happens! Sometimes the floor is not just damp - puddles can appear! Also - since heat moves from warm to cold, the cold earth under the concrete pulls the heat out of your little grandchild's bottom (or your feet) down into the cold earth below, which makes the feet feel very cold.

So now the good science - the styrofoam creates a heat resistant layer between the earth and the concrete so that heat will not pass readily through to the earth below. This will allow the concrete to warm up to something closer to the air temperature you are trying to create.

Now don't you just love science!!



COTTAGE LIFE SHOW 2016



See us at the

April 1-3, 2016

The International Centre
Toronto

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Come visit us at our booth
- You never know who you
might run into!



Two blondes were sipping their Starbucks when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of sod. "I'm going to do that when I win the lottery," announced #1 Blonde. "Do what?" asked #2 Blonde. "Send my lawn out to be mowed."

**ATTENTION
GENERAC OWNERS**



Be sure to keep the snow
shoveled away around the
perimeter of your Generac
so the exhaust is clear.

Family Christmas Party



check out www.frenchsfinehomes.ca for more pics

2015

Merry Christmas

*Santa Claus Parades
Bracebridge & Huntsville*



Merry Christmas



2015 Parade Theme - "Be a gift to the world"



In November the "French Family" received the following letter from Ford Canada as a follow up to the blog post in October. You can see the blog at:

<http://blog.ford.ca/2015/10/13/f-150-owner-story-bert-french/>

Friday, November 13, 2015

French's Fine Homes & Family
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Dear French Family,

Thank you for taking the time to share your Ford stories with us. We appreciate your dedication to Ford, and for allowing us to tell your story. We are fortunate to have passionate people like you who own our products, and are willing to share that experience.

Henry Ford was fond of a guiding philosophy that, "machinery is useful only as it sets us free to live". This philosophy is still highly regarded within Ford. Our vehicles are more than just transportation and are used as a means to enrich lives on a regular basis. Your story allows us to share that sentiment with others.

Please feel free to share your story online with friends and family, and spread the joy of ownership.

Michael McGarrell
Truck Communications Manager
Ford Canada

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Maintenance Checklist

January

Check and clean or replace furnace filter and heat recovery ventilator (HRV)
Keep snow cleared away from perimeter of Generac
Clean humidifier
Check and reset GFCI
Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
Clean range hood filter

February

Check and clean or replace furnace filter and heat recovery ventilator (HRV)
Clean range hood filter
Check basement floor drain to ensure the trap contains water; refill if necessary
Keep snow cleared away from perimeter of Generac

March

Check and clean or replace furnace filter and heat recovery ventilator (HRV)
Test GFI's
Check sump pump for operation
Clean range hood filter
Keep snow cleared away from perimeter of Generac

ANNUAL SAFETY CHECK:

Door locks
Smoke detector
(change batteries in fireplace and remote at the same time as you change the batteries in the smoke detectors)
Window locks
Potential fire hazards

**** The 4" pleated media filters for your furnace are available at Dean's Home Hardware in Port Sydney.**

About this Newsletter

We mail out this quarterly newsletter to our customers, past, present and future.
We hope you find it helpful and informative.

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If you have some comments you would like to share, please send them to the office or e-mail them to us.
We'd love to hear from you.

WINTER MODEL HOURS:

135 Keith Rd., Bracebridge 705-645-6717
Open Jan 9 to March 4 Sat 10-4

SALES OFFICE IN INVERARAY GLEN

15 Gainsborough Rd., BRACEBRIDGE 705-637-0811
Open Jan 9 to March 4 Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4

Or

Call Main Office at 705-385-2311 for Viewing anytime.



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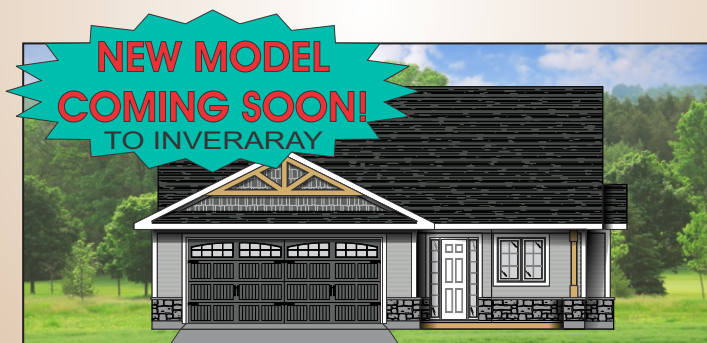
River Front Property
Bracebridge Model
135 Keith Road

To reach our model from Hwy 11, exit at District Rd 118 W (Ecclestone Drive). Turn right onto Keith Road. Watch for signs.

Call 705-645-6717



Our Inverary Glen Sales Centre for the winter is at 15 Gainsborough Road, Bracebridge.
We look forward to seeing you there!



**NEW MODEL
COMING SOON!
TO INVERARAY**

Bracebridge Model

24 Gainsborough Road

To reach our model from Hwy 11, exit Hwy. 11 at District Road 118 W which becomes Wellington Street. Turn left onto Santa's Village Road. Turn right on Gainsborough Road.



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