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They could be a lot more productive if they would stop considering engineers over 45 geezers, and then lament about an engineer shortage that in reality doesn't exist. My layouter is certainly marching onto 60 by now yet he just finished a stellar job. That was after midnight yesterday. He cranked 20 hours on Saturday and finished about a week ahead of schedule. I wouldn't be surprised if this guy would still pull that off when he's 80. Oh, and the (very active) CEO of one of my clients had celebrated his 80th many moons ago.

The long retired mother of a friend got a temp job to help an office catch up on their back log of typing and other office work. My

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friend was
approached by the boss and asked if he could get his mother
to slow down as
she had done all of the work asked of her – and all of the
work of the much
younger women as well. He declined to try!

Happens in all kinds of jobs. We just took delivery of five cords of wood. Last year the younger driver made it half way up our driveway which we thought was already really good with that huge truck. But it still meant 10 hours of schlepping it up with a wheel barrow. Today el chefe came, an older guy. Vrooom, went almost all the way up, jumped out and asked us where we wanted it dumped. "Oh, that's fine, you can't really get any farther." "Sure I can, look, there's still a few inches for maneuvering." Backed up a lot more and dumped it at the perfect spot so we already had 80% of it stacked by lunchtime. I asked him how long he drives such trucks. "Since I was a boy."

No doubt Health and Safety would have tut–tutted at the "few inches for maneuvering." given an opportunity. I expect they'd want yards.

Incidentally, I heard a story of a young kid here who was 'run over' and killed by a vehicle whose parking brake had failed who simply didn't get out of the way. It was suggested that today's kids simply don't grow up with risk as a factor in their lives any more and consequently can't react to dangerous situations.

That also shows a serious lack in drivers education. I never leave my car unless the parking brake is engaged and tested (by releasing the regular brake) plus the gearbox is in reverse. Even in our garage. With a large truck there will also be at least two chocks.

In America cars with automatic transmission typically also have the feature that you cannot remove the ignition key until you have put it in "Park". I think some Saab manuals also have that where the key won't come out unless in reverse.

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Regards, Joerg

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