

Strolling down memory lane

It has been my privilege for several years to write a weekly article for the News Herald. I remember Mike and Doug giving me the liberty to choose whatever topics I like. There is always something special about having the latitude to pick the subject on your mind. I have written about our community, and special people, but mostly about subjects of the Biblical persuasion.

As I was thinking about new thoughts concerning future articles, I thought about some of the vehicles I have owned over the years. Do you remember the first car you owned? Now, if you are a guy, cars mean a lot more to you than it does to the girls. Every young guy, when I was growing up, wanted to own a muscle car. The only thing that stood in my way of owning one of those sporty vehicles was the money it took to buy one. I used to drive through Paul's Car Lot with my beat up car and just dream. There were Corvettes, Super Sport Chevy's, and any other powerful machine you could imagine. Doesn't that bring back old memories?

Now, let's get back to our first cars. When I



JUST A THOUGHT
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turned sixteen and got my license, my dad gave me my first car. It was a 1953 Pontiac four-door that was black with a white top. When Diane and I would go to the Hi-Way Drive-In it was too long to just pull into a parking place. You would have to pull up, backup, and then pull in. It looked like a funeral home car, but it had some special features. It was built so well that you could sit on the hood, leaning back on the windshield, and watch the movies. It was truly a tank, and it looked like one. The amazing part was that I didn't care because I had a set of

wheels and I was finally driving my own car.

From the days of the '53 Pontiac we moved on to a '59 Chevy, '61 Impala, '63 Impala SS, and the list goes on. Cars have always been an important part of my life. There is a real satisfaction that comes to a young man as he sits behind the wheel of his own vehicle.

It is amazing to me how life changes us from the days of our youth. Yes, I still like muscle cars and I always will. However, I drive a pickup truck these days. Vehicles have changed drastically since the days of my youth, some things for the good, and some not so good. I enjoy the satisfaction of getting in my vehicle, turning the key, and hearing the engine start. There was a time that was a questionable issue. I don't carry jumper cables anymore because they are not needed. I can push a button and roll up the window, hit another one and the A/C will cool me to whatever temperature I choose. I can also enjoy a stereo system that I would have died for as a teen.

Someone said it best when they said, "We've come a long way, baby." When it comes to vehicles that is so true. I hope

you have enjoyed my stroll down memory lane. There is no doubt it has caused you to reflect on precious memories. Just a note, I would still enjoy

taking another spin in that old '53 Pontiac, but I imagine it was crushed for scrap years ago.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Aurochs

5. Central Dravidian language

10. Split pulses in Indian cooking

14. Tropical starchy tuberous root

15. Well known constellation

16. About aviation

17. Bowfin genus

18. Proper

19. Expression of annoyance

20. Cabbies

22. Bro or sis

23. Spiritual leader

24. Where football coaches work

27. Old TV part

30. A way to color

31. Touch lightly

32. Surround

35. Breached

37. Aristocratic young woman

38. Dry ravine

39. Hebrew measurement units

40. Supporter
41. Type of sword

42. Influential Irish playwright

43. Witch

44. Flower cluster

45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend

46. Psychedelic amphetamine

47. Actors' group

48. Cool!

49. Salts

52. Group of SE China

55. Illuminated

56. Semitic Sun god

60. Water (Spanish)

61. Employed

63. Japanese ankle sock

64. Fishing fly

65. Some pheasants are this

66. Literary name for Ireland

67. Must have

68. A way to write

69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. American state

2. Hindu model of ideal man

3. Type of acid

4. Drenches

5. "The Raven" writer

6. Emerged

7. Alpha Centauri: __ Centaurus

8. Democratic Presidential candidate

9. Hostelry

10. Fathers

11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring

12. Member of a Semitic people

13. Lesotho monetary unit

21. Lots

23. Jewish address for "Sir"

25. Male parent

26. A way to get

27. Body part

28. Seam in an organ

29. Landlocked African country

32. Process for producing ammonia
33. Fluid accumulation in tissues

34. Bugged down

36. Native American tribe

37. Unfashionable person

38. Female grunts

40. Well known

41. Gurus

43. Norse mythological site

44. Tell on

46. __ Farrow, actress

47. Cotton fabric

49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems

50. Clouds

51. Satisfies

52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany

53. Phil __, former CIA

54. Japanese seaport

57. Female horse or zebra

58. 1st month of ancient Hebrew calendar

59. Trigonometric function

61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)

62. Insecticide

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