

# Hills man is rewarded for stopping car thief

Farmington Hills resident Patrick Carpenter earned a \$1,000 reward in the Automobile Club of Michigan's ACTION program recently.

ACTION is the acronym for Arrest Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood. Carpenter's quick reaction to suspicious activity resulted in the recovery of his neighbor's stolen 1984 Corvette.

Carpenter, a 33-year-old manufacturer's representative, saw three men break into Michael Schmidt's car Dec. 5. Carpenter called Farmington Hills police, who arrived in time to chase one of the trio as he drove away in the Corvette. Police recovered the car, but the thief escaped on foot.

While still on the phone with police, Carpenter saw the thief's two accomplices jump into their car, unnoticed by arriving officers. He described the escaping pair's vehicle, then chased them in his car. Several miles from his home, police spotted Carpenter and the fleeing man and arrested the two accomplices.

"With the help of persons like Carpenter, the Auto Club is working to cut car theft," said Auto Club Farmington manager Van Weber in presenting the \$1,000 check. "Since our program began, we have handed \$21,000 to 20 witnesses who helped police make 22 arrests for auto theft and break up one chop-shop operation."

Twenty-three vehicles have been recovered through the ACTION program, the Auto Club said, noting that 145 valuable calls have been received to date and that 39 investigations are in progress.

To help put chop shops out of business and reduce car theft, the Auto

Club is offering free vehicle number etchings for members only five days a week at the Southfield Clair Center, 24101 W. Nine Mile. The vehicle identification number is etched on car glass to deter thieves. A total of 36,000 vehicles have been etched statewide since the program started.

Anyone who witnesses a car theft, can identify a car thief, or knows the location of a chop shop is urged to call police, then the ACTION hot line at 1-800-AAA-LOSS (822-5677). Or mail complete information to ACTION, Automobile Club of Michigan, P.O. Box 6006, Dearborn 48121.

UNLESS REQUESTING anonymity, the individual should include a name, address and telephone number. Anyone requiring anonymity should include a code number and follow up with a telephone call or mail to establish contact.

The Auto Club requests that informants provide a summary of the information given to police, including the name of the police agency and the identity of the chop shop. Information given will be used to verify that a police report was made.

ACTION was kicked off on July 15 to help stem the rising number of vehicle thefts in Michigan. In 1982, 60,000 vehicles were stolen, an average of 165 cars daily.

Under the ACTION program, a \$1,000 reward is paid to people who provide police with information leading to the arrest and prosecution of a person stealing an Auto Club member's car. Up to \$10,000 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of chop shop operators or organized car thief ring members.



A big smile crosses the face of Mike Schmidt, seated in his 1984 Corvette, while he takes his keys from Patrick Carpenter who aided police officials in recovering the stolen vehicle. Looking on is AAA

Club Farmington manager Van Weber who awarded Carpenter with a \$1,000 check for his heroics.

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## Shoemaker named to honor society

James Shoemaker of Farmington Hills has been inducted into the Tau Beta Pi national engineering honor society at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Shoemaker, a junior in LIT's mechanical engineering program, was chosen for membership on the basis of academic merit and had to meet the approval of a screening committee, the LIT engineering faculty, and the national Tau Beta Pi office.

The top students in the junior and senior classes become eligible for membership in December and May of each year. Juniors must be in the top eighth of their class.



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