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Cool: John Reed's 1960 Pontiac Catalina will be on display at the Autorama at Cobo Center this weekend. At right is a peek at all the chrome the vintage auto boasts.

## Wheels

### He'll be at Autorama with his 1960 Pontiac Catalina

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John Reed's 1960 Pontiac Catalina is way too cool for fuzzy dice. Instead, a shrunk head hangs from the rear view mirror. Reed is a gearhead from way back. The Farmington resident has attended nearly every Detroit Autorama since 1966, has shown two of his own show cars over the years, plus a couple of customized low-rider bicycles, too. "I've been fooling around with old cars all my life," said Reed. "Some nice, some were project cars that never got finished."

He'll show off his latest net of wheels at the Cobo Center show, which opens Friday 4-11 p.m.

Reed's light green Catalina is long and low, featuring a lowered suspension and custom white rolled and tucked upholstery. John describes the engine as "basically stock," but it has enough chrome for the front end of a '50s Buick.

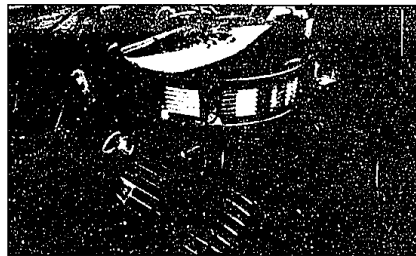
Subtle striping highlights the light green paint job.

Reed found the car in California last fall. It was in show condition when he bought it. He replaced the low-rider wire wheels, so popular in southern California, with spoked chrome mag wheels. The new look is classic Woodward Avenue.

The 48th annual Big Knart Detroit Autorama takes place February 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. Hours are 4-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.- 11 p.m. Satur-

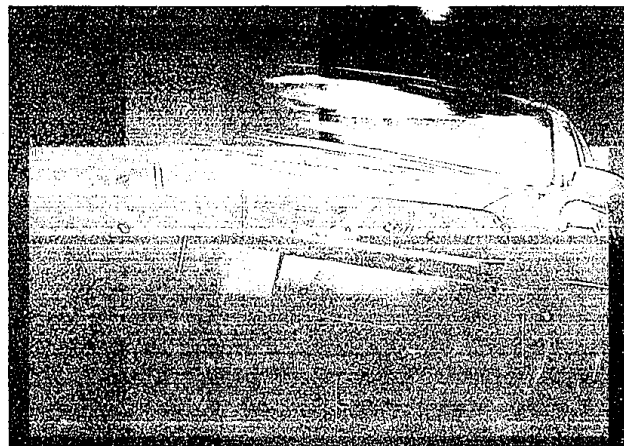
day; and 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12.50 at the door. Kids under 12 years are \$5. Discount advance tickets may be purchased at Kmart, Big Knart and Super Kmart stores.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, kids under 12 are \$4. The show features hundreds of hot rods, custom cars and classic vehicles. For information, call 248-650-5560.



Stock: John Reed, a longtime car enthusiast, describes the engine of his 1960 Pontiac Catalina as "basically stock." Reed found the car in California last fall. He replaced the low-rider wire wheels, so popular in southern California, with spoked chrome mag wheels. And in classic 1960s style, Reed's Catalina is a light green with striping to highlight the auto.

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- The Attorney, Steve Martin
- Wolf Man, Michael Connelly
- Atlantic Point, Clive Cussler
- Carolina Moon, Nora Roberts
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- Animal House, John Grisham
- Daughter of Fortune, Isabel Allende