

Good times

Original cruisers tell tales of old days



Memory quilt: This quilt features a Chrysler 426 Hemi engine and an old "Route" sign.

Marilyn Burgel, former Huntington Woods resident

"Black-and-white with an engine on it" - that's the quilt my son, Max, asked me to make. My artist daughter drew the first engine. My second son, a mechanical designer, altered this and made the engine templates for me. I also got a lot of free technical input from my husband, who works for Mopar, and my three sons. My fellow quilters in the Great Lakes Heritage Quilters' Guild encouraged me along the way.

In addition to the Chrysler 426 Hemi engine, Woodward Ave. and the old days of street racing in the Motor City are represented by the "Route" sign on the quilt's lower left side. A steering wheel, shifter and a racing flag are also incorporated into the design of the 60 by 60-inch quilt entitled "Power to the Max."

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During the summer of 1980, my family was moving and we rented a 30-foot Jartran enclosed van. After a hard day of

moving the household items, my friends and I were planning to go cruisin'.

We put a picnic table in the back, started with about four of us and picked up a hitchhiker with a boom box on the way to Woodward. Combine this with a cooler of beer and we had a mobile party! Our first stop was Northwood Shopping Center, and it didn't take long to fill the cargo bay with 50 or more people.

We went up and down Woodward picking up every hitchhiker and cooing any car full of girls to abandon their car and join the party! (Some came to save on the gas money!)

We had a great time that night and did not make it to bed until after 4 a.m. What great memories!

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My husband's favorite young Aunt Debbie was in town and wanted to check out her nephew's new girlfriend. After cruising Woodward and a drive-in pit stop, she reported back to the family, "They were made for each other!" Now we've been married over 30 years, and

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