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Debbie has truly become my favorite aunt, too!

Mary Leo Grant
Troy, MI 48098

"Bow Wow" the Nodding Dog remembers Woodward...

Boy, in those good old days I had a view of Woodward that was doggone great!

I was put in the rear window of a '66 where I'd nod to my followers.

I'm frayed now, and my nods are down, but I'm ready again to nod at the Big Woodward Cruise.

Al Harrison
Farmington, MI 48338

A Bird Drops on Woodward

It was the summer of '65 and my '62 'Vette was washed and waxed to its shining glory. Back then I washed it every day, anyways. I picked up my favorite girl - she looked beautiful in her white party dress. We hit the Totem Pole first and were cruisin' towards Ted's for dinner. The sky was clear and sunny except for one bird that flew over us and bombed her on that dress. What



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Ferndale Classic Car and Truck Show
City Hall, 9 Mile East of Woodward
With: Jeff Jennings
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Memorial Park - Royal Oak
Woodward and 13 Mile Road
With: Tom Force
- 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Harmony House - Berkley
Woodward & 11½ Mile Road
With: Laura Brosnan
- 7 p.m.-12 mida. - Duggan's Irish Pub
Woodward & 13½ Mile Road
With: Don Phillips

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a mess.

Cheryl Clark (Hillier)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Imagine this...a hot summer night in 1963, a new Buick convertible with the top down and a 16-year-old raring to go with instructions to be home in a few hours.

Later, I pulled into the driveway and dad was waiting for me. He checked the mileage not believing I drove over 100 miles up and down Woodward. GROUNDED AGAIN!

Anne Meek
Southfield, MI 48076

When you attend the Ferndale Classic Car and Truck show on Aug. 17, 1996, you'll see hundreds of makes, models and motors. Keep in mind as you stroll along admiring the "rides," every cruiser has stories to tell. They'll give you the life history of their car at the drop of a hat. I know the fabulous feeling I get when I shine up my ride before a cruise night or a show. By the way, do you want to hear about my car, right? My name's Anne Meek, and here's my story:

At the time, it wasn't a well-known fact, but the Little Old Lady from

Pasadena had a rival right here in Ferndale—my grandmother!

Frances O'Dell lived on St. Louis. As the spring of 1971 burst forth, she decided she'd look around for a new car. She wanted something smaller than the 1963 red Olds 88 she'd been driving, so she sold the Olds to a nephew and headed over to Cauley-Serra Chevrolet on Woodward in Ferndale.

Frances knew exactly what she wanted—something smaller. Keep in mind that the early '70's was the era before fuel emission testing and many popular cars were big gas guzzlers. My grandmother just wanted a car to drive back and forth to Farmer Jack's on Nine Mile and to St. James Church on Sundays. And maybe a trip to Farmer's Market and Hagelstein's in Royal Oak.

So the salesman at Cauley-Serra sold her a lime green (hot color then!) 360 V-8 Camaro. I still have the original vehicle title. She paid \$3,427.68 cash.

I wanted that car so badly! I was a junior in high school then. I would cruise Woodward with my friends in my mom's red Gremlin, which was fun, but what I would have given for just one night out in Grandma's Camaro!

Frances didn't drive the Camaro every day. I remember how she'd go out to her car in the garage and "warm it up." When she passed away in December of 1982, the Camaro only had 11,000 miles on it. After 11 years!

My uncle, Ben Simmons was the joint owner of the Camaro and kept it for a couple of years afterward. In August of 1985, he sold it to me for \$1. Best buck I ever spent!

I had the Camaro restored in the

spring of 1994. It took my body shop man five weeks. New grill, new skins, new paint job. The only modification I made to the original was a Kenwood stereo and dual exhaust system. The restoration was my 40th birthday present. I figured I may be getting older, but now I've got the ride I'd dreamed about in my high school days. By the way, I just rolled over 49,000 original miles on it the other day.

Stop by the Ferndale Classic Car and Truck show presented by the Ferndale Citizens' Benefit Foundation on Saturday, August 17, 1996 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of Nine Mile and Woodward. You'll see my Camaro and hundreds of other classic cars. The event is sponsored by Ed Schmid Ford, Credit Union One and Northland Collision. It's a terrific family fun event!

Gerald Bolster
Royal Oak, MI 48067

7 p.m. Saturday, Summer 1960, car ('53 Chevy four-door with Holly Wood wolf whistle, '55 Buick hubcaps, rear speaker with Vibramatic) and me ('44 male Detroit, West side, flat-top hair with fenders, white T-shirt, Dobie Gillis striped sport shirt (untucked), chino slacks, white socks and pennyloafers) are washed and polished. Time to pick up Louie and Danny and head on out to Woodward for an evening of adventure.

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