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"He leaves me rolling on the floor," said Olson about his phone conversations with Thomas. "I want Trinity House to be a creative outlet for the community."

Thomas is a funny guy who paid his dues performing in small bars and clubs before there were places like Joey's Comedy Club and Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

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*Bill Thomas
Comedian*

His later opened for the stars including Kenny G, Wayne Newton, the Temptations, and the Four Tops. WXYT listeners might remember Thomas, who did a comedy show for the AM station for over five years.

Lately he's been working the corporate circuit, making executives and their staffs laugh.

"Being a comedian," he said, "is the most creative, gratifying art form. You say something and people laugh, and you've done your job. If you don't, you move on to something else."

Laughter, Thomas believes, is good medicine, and he wants the chance to tickle your funny bone Friday and Saturday at Trinity House Theatre.

In school, Thomas was the sarcastic guy sitting in the back row

who made people laugh, but never got in trouble.

What's so funny? Lots of things, like road construction in Michigan. "We're the only state that closes highways on weekends," said Thomas with a chuckle. "And then there's the spoof I do of a motivational speaker, the foremost consultant for change."

He makes you think about things like how the song *Revolution* became a Nike ad.

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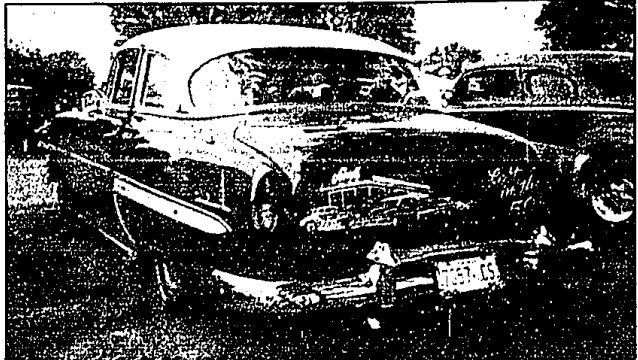
Pamela Ratliff Rumely of Livonia cares about education, and kids. That's why she threw her time and energy into organizing the "CARE Charity Cruise" and Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Saturday, June 3.

Event proceeds will go to help Children's Academic Resources for Education, a new program designed to reach out to the special educational needs of children at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

"This is being done on behalf of children who don't have parents looking out for them," said Rumely.

The CARE Charity Cruise welcomes all Harley-Davidson Riders, H.O.G. Chapters and Motorcycle Riders. Led by Chris Edmonds of WNIC FM 100.3, the riders will meet 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3 for coffee and doughnuts at Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills on

Cruise, show to benefit children



Cool: This car is one of the classy vehicles that will be on display 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, during a Charity Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Grand River Ave. At noon they'll restage at the starting point, Holmes Middle School on Newburgh Road in Livonia, and be escorted at 1 p.m. to Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh at Eight Mile Road.

At Greenmead there will be a Charity Car Show, of cars 1970 and older from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The show is being hosted by the Motor State Street Rods. Pre-registration is \$10, registration day of the show is \$15. Admission is \$2 adults, children ages 12 and under, free.

The Classics will play '50s and '60s music. There will be a raffle, games, and refreshments available for purchase.

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