

Points East

By: Ike Adams

My daughter, Geneva Marie, was born in August of '75 and it made sense to name her for both her grandmothers, two of the strongest and most wonderful women I will ever know.

To be fair to him, my original intention was to call her GM but find her from all sides of the family, as well as from members of the carpool I ride between Berea and London was, vehemently, negative in regards to calling a baby girl something that could be confused with an automobile company.

I'm not sure why because most folks back then didn't hesitate to name their cars after a girl.

I called my Volkswagen "Hilda" at the time and my Dad called every car he ever owned, "Old Betty."

Someone in the carpool had "Susie Q." My brother had a GTO named "Francis," (a name that could go either way, gender-wise) but he always made feminine reference as in, "She can outrun the Word of God" which meant that he could speed away in "Francis" from a certain preacher who was not keen about the attention he paid a certain teenage daughter all hours of the night.

In other words, it was okay to name a car after a girl but not generally the other way around. Come to think of it I don't know "lady" women, "Impala" or "Chevelle," or "Nova" or "Fairlane" or "Charger" et al., even though I was once married to a "Baronessa," who mostly made my life "Tasty." I was acquainted with a girl named "Corvette" back in the sixties but she was a hippie who had 'glacially' changed her name from Mabel and she had a daughter named "Skyler." The point being, that naming baby girls after cars is highly unusual but not totally unprecedented.

Actually, even though most are nicknamed, I know a bunch of guys named after car parts. "Tireless Dinkins," Ball-joint Blair, Four-barred Stampy, Fan-belt Collins, Camshaft Newsome and Stick-shift Blackburn come to mind. Camshaft, though, is from up around Hayes, Virginia and I'm pretty sure that's the name on his birth certificate. At least he signs his checks that way because he just paid me for a pipe.

Anyway, we wound up calling Geneva Marie, "Genevieve." (And I'm pretty sure that L.C. Adams had a 49 Chevy with the same name back in the fifties.) So Genevieve, now 26 years old, who lives in Philadelphia by recent way of Boulder, Colorado, came to visit last weekend with my 10 month-old and only grandson, Mazzy.

The last time I had seen "The Max" he was 12 months old and it was possible to put him in a play pen, where he could touch anything with any number of those little touch-eyes-and-they-make-a-noise toys. Lots of go-go-jump and gas-gang. Put him on the floor and he could scoot from point A to point B by grooving and exerting tremendous effort as long as the points were less than 6 feet apart.

So Genevieve brought him into my house last Thursday night, just him on the floor and I'm anxious to see how much better he crawls than last time. Except he doesn't crawl. In less than three months he has perfected a form of locomotion that is sort of a combination of slide, slither and climb at a speed approaching 90 miles an hour. It's less than three seconds before he can leave the kitchen and be in this living room some 60 feet away at which point he can grab a handle on the over-the-door cabinet with one hand and dump 75 video tapes in the floor with a single backstroke of the other.

While I am putting the video back in the shelf he can and does return to the kitchen in a blur of motion whereupon any cabinet at floor level is systematically and forcefully emptied of pens and pencils, canned food, cleaning material, garden hose, etc. and he becomes a master of putting away stuff that might cause him harm. In the meantime he can and does open the oven door and the dishwasher and he is even bold to see which he should climb into first. Instead of using common sense, I decide to secure the refrigerator.

I frantically look for wooden spoons and rubber bands to secure drawers and shelving doors and then I hear Genevieve yell, "OH NO!!!" because "The Max" has found the cat's food bowl and he has both fun full and is studiously deciding which to eat first. In the meantime the cat starts climbing the curtains because he is old and cantankerous and knows that I will stop him if he scratches the tiny human being who wants to pull his tail again.

About the time I had the boldness to "Mazzy-proof" on Saturday, he and Genevieve had to leave. But they are coming back in June and I intend to call in a consultant to examine the place before they get here. I'll really love to spend time with them without running about with spoons and rubber bands.

I'm sure I went through all of this when Genevieve was a baby but I've forgotten. In the meantime, as auto makers go about naming new models, I think they should observe Mazzy in his crawling sprees. Any new 4-wheel-drive that can ultimately go anywhere and do anything should be named "The Max." I've already copyrighted the name and licensing is available.

Dear Editor,

As a life long resident of Flat Gap Road in Mt. Vernon, I would like to express my concerns for the attention from law enforcement officials that we, the community, seem to only receive around election time. It would be nice if an election took place twice a year, every year, simply because of the extra patrolling in the area that seems to occur. Maybe that is an understatement, because extra patrolling would not express the patrolling that rarely takes place in a non-election season. Also, a more frequent election could end the occurrence of positions being abused by so many officials presently in office.

Last week, I witnessed several arrests in the area that were long overdue. My neighbors and I agree that this seems to simply be a "show" that is put on by officials needing some extra votes during the election.

I would just like to say that my community is well aware of the upcoming election and our vote will represent the service that has been provided to us during the entire span of each campaigner's position in office. If someone wants to retain a current position being held, they need to consider their duties to the community throughout their career and they would be readily assured to remain in that position with little or no campaigning during upcoming elections.

My community, along with many others throughout the county, is overwhelmingly shared with convicts, drug dealers/abusers, thieves, etc. But there are many more good people that reside here that deserve much more protection than has been provided in the past. Maybe voting in a new face with fresh ideas is an excellent option for our community and others to consider.

Norma E. Darnell
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

I have driven past this dog, that was dropped several weeks ago, and my heart breaks each time I see it. This dog has been waiting in the same spot for weeks. I have worried if the dog had food, water and it has shelter at that time the dog had no shelter.

This dog has shown a great deal of patience and hope. The nameless dog has not left the same area, approximately nine tenths of a mile from Burnt Ridge Road. The dog is waiting for the owners to return, and take it home where it knows security, and love, why else would the dog will be waiting for the owners.

Saturday, March 30th, my husband and I were traveling Big Hill Road, and we noticed that someone had built this dog a shelter from the rainy and cold weather. Someone was

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even-thoughtful enough to place a mat outside the entrance, and left a funnel coat inside for the dog to lie on. There is a bucket, to the right of the shelter full of water. Outside the shelter there is literally a buffet of dog food, table scraps, fast food and as I had a photo left, a man stopped on the side of the road to give the dog Kentucky Fried Chicken.

It is amazing how many people

have shown the same concern that I have for this animal. Different people are stopping several times a day, to give this dog food and water. But the fact cannot be ignored that this dog needs a loving home. I do not know how much longer the dog will survive on the side of Big Hill with all the heavy traffic passing by each day. The other option is the animal shelter, which the dog will have about the same chances as finding a good home there.

The dog looks to be two years old, and appears to be pretty healthy. The dog is approachable, but is shy and doesn't seem to be very trusting.

I hope with these photos, and information I've provided, will help to find this dog a good home, or urge the owners to take responsibility for their dog and take it home.

Sincerely,
Summer M. Chastren
Berea, KY



Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following business, community leaders, parents and individuals for their support to Project Graduation Celebration 2002. We greatly appreciate each and every one for helping to make this a huge success.

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Re-Elect

John Holbrook Magistrate District One



First of all, Faye and I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Magistrate in District One for two terms.

I am running for reelection and again asking for your support in the Democratic Primary May 28, 2002.

I promise to serve you as your magistrate to the best of my ability.

Thanks again for your support.

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I realize how important it is to keep track of every dollar spent and not to waste taxpayers' dollars.

I was able to update the facilities in the jail, including adding a visiting booth, drunk tank and new cells without ever asking the fiscal court for any additional funding.

Part of that comes with being a full-time 24-hour seven day a week Jailer, something I did and will do if elected to this office.

I ask for your vote and support again and I am looking forward to serving the people of Rockcastle County once again.

Thank You,
Billy Kirby

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