

"Racing"

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lanta, he hit a telephone pole and was taken to the hospital. He slipped out of the hospital that night and was in Macon, Georgia, in time to start Sunday's race-which he won.

Red Byron was one of the 35 founding members of NASCAR and also the first NASCAR Champion. Red Voght was from Washington, D.C. According to his son, he quit school in the fifth grade. But by the age 16, he was manager of a large automobile repair shop.

During the Prohibition Era, he ran illegal Canadian whiskey from the Canadian border to the White House for three different presidents, receiving \$100 per carload.

He is credited with coming up with the name, NASCAR. "Rapid" Roy Hall was a free spirit who was literally hell on wheels. Arriving in Daytona in 1946, Hall cut doughnuts in the street. When arrested, he explained he wanted to go to jail because the Daytona hotel rates were too high.

Tin Klock entered 187 races and won 40 times. In 1961, he was banned from NASCAR because of an attempt to unionize drivers for better driving and safety conditions. The ban was lifted in 1965, but he never returned.

Lloyd Seay was a legend long before television and big bucks entered racing. He once won three races over a period of nine days.

Bill Elliott began his career in 1976. He has 11 poles, 11 wins and a \$1-million bonus. With brothers, Ernie and Dan in the pits, Elliott won the Winston Cup Championship. The idea of building the 44 acre and 44,000 square foot facility on Highway 53 as a race-oriented visitor attraction 45 miles north of Atlanta was a natural one, based on the early history of stock car racing in and around Dawson County.

Dawsonville is a place where the memory of fast cars, illegal whiskey and whirlwind encounters between runners and revenue officers is only a generation old.

In fact, five of the first winners at Daytona hailed from Dawsonville. Included in the museum are thousands of donated racing memorabilia.

car hoods, quarter panels, original artwork, race hero memorabilia, cars, license plates, gas station pumps, local track signs and photographs. But probably one of the most viewed attractions is a real whiskey still.

"Before we could set it up we had to sign documents not use it to produce anything," said Marty Williams, President of Thunder Road USA. "It's that won't be any problem."

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Does anyone remember bench-type car seats?

This past weekend I took my 1970 Lincoln Mark III to "Snapper" Clark in Irvington, Alabama. It had developed a few rust spots around one of the headlight covers, which is what will typically occur after a car sits in a garage for a few years along the humid Gulf coast.

"Snapper" is a young man, who like me has had a few women problems in his life. But aside from asking me questions about how to handle women, he is a pretty good body man and mechanic.

His latest problem centers around his young wife seeming to think they should buy some property and move out of the country home and acre lot his family gave him a few years back. "Snapper" is one of those late back people who works hard, but the thought of a big mortgage scares him. He's not a stereotypical of what some northerners refer to as Bubbas because he doesn't chew tobacco, have a potbelly, or drink much beer. He's just set in his ways and doesn't want to go head-over-heels into debt.

This Mark III is not the first Lincoln I've owned. There were two others. I had both of them at times in my life when I had a need for speed. Some Freudians might say I have a compulsion for large and flashy cars because of my poor southern upbringing. Growing up in the 1940s and '50s, my family was poor, but back then no one noticed. Everybody was on the same level.

My father built the house I still own. He operated a flower nursery and mother was a housewife. I actually ate better at home than many times after I was out on my own. Daddy saw to it that we had meat at every meal.

At home it was ice cream and pie for dessert. Later in life, it became corn bread or die.

We had a 1953 green Chevrolet pickup that I was allowed to use on dates. What really stands out about this truck was its bench-type seat. Yeah, the girl could smuggle right up next to you.

Nowadays, that is as old as the dinosaurs. The bucket seats did away with intimacy and a lot of other things that went on in the front seat of a car.

In 1959 I was in the Navy and stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. My wife lived with her parents in Las Vegas. Usually I was able to get a three-day weekend pass to visit her.

One weekend while visiting her, I bought a 1951 Lincoln. It was a big, green four-door monster of a car with an outside sun visor over the windshield, and recessed headlights. I spent every weekend for about six months rebuilding the big flathead V-8 in it.

Finally, the engine was finished and put back in the car. Everything had been tightened and it was time to go for a test ride.

My brother-in-law, Clayton Cockrell and I headed north from Las Vegas on the highway to St. George, Utah. It was a nice scenic ride through open desert and mountains. After about 50 miles we stopped at a gas station, filled it up with gas and headed back to Vegas.

Everything about the Lincoln was running perfect.

By this time I felt as though the engine had been broken in and I put the pedal to the floor on a downhill stretch of road as we crested Ely Mountain. The engine roared to life.

Pretty soon telephone poles were going by so fast it was hard to count them. The feeling was one of weightlessness. The bumps in the road could hardly be felt. The windows were all down, and that was the closest thing to flying without an airplane I ever experienced. I looked down at the speedometer cable was way out of sight, past the 110 mph mark.

I glanced over at Clayton and he didn't look so good. The color of his face was alternating from a dull white to a funny kind of purple.

Suddenly, water droplets started appearing on the windshield. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, so I knew something wasn't right in the engine department. The amount of water increased, and then the smoke started rolling out the rear end. I had blown the motor in my prized Lincoln.

We made it to the foot of Ely

Mountain and left my hotrod Lincoln on the side of the road and hiked back into Vegas. My brother-in-law sold my Lincoln to some kids who later cut the top off and turned it into a desert buggy. I almost cried.

The second Lincoln I owned was a black 1965 sedan with suicide doors.

Outside of three beautiful girls (my children) it was the love of my life. It was tough having to give it up.

I still remember the words my ex-wife spoke in the courtroom, prior to our divorce proceedings, "Say your prayers, you're going to need them," she told me. But I never dreamed she would hit me that far below the belt.

I wound up with the house and the

13 acres and a large monthly alimony payment, but I lost my Lincoln.

It was painful losing that car. Unless you're a man who loves classic cars, you can probably never understand how someone could bond with a car.

I found my present love sitting in the front of James Hollingsworth's junkyard in Dog River, Alabama in 1996. It was turquoise with a white vinyl top. I bought it for \$600 and drove it home. After six years of personal restoration and several thousands of dollars, my new love looks awful good.

She's ready to be driven. Now, if I can just find someone who still likes to ride in a car with a bench-type leather seat my life will have gone full circle.

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