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Collector

Terry Dockter is deaf and lives in Seattle, Washington. His hobby is collecting old cars and motorcycles.

The reason that I like old cars is that they have a special design compared with today's cars. They are always replaced by a new model and then the details are outdated. Older cars are more classic, I mean big American luxury cars from 1910 and up until the 1960s. Those are my favorite cars. New cars need to meet safety regulations. The government spends a lot of money to make cars safe but then you lose the details that I like in older cars. They have some financial value, too.

I'm not going to sell my cars. It's like hearing people who love music. They listen to it and it makes them feel good. I enjoy visual experiences. That's why I like looking at my cars. It makes me feel good. I actually sold a few. I didn't put the money in an account. You only live once. I have a family and feel that money is meant to be enjoyed.

I like taking old motors apart to see how they were made. It's fascinating and hard to understand what they had in mind when they made them. Old cars fascinate me the most. They were built before all the laws and have the most interesting designs. Many cars are gone. They don't meet today's regulations. But some things have improved.

I often tell people why old cars are unique. The Cadillac behind me has pointy parts in the back and front. If you hit someone, he would be severely hurt but we have other traffic

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safety laws these days. Safety is important, but then cars lose their personality. I love the personality of old cars. I'm stuck in the crazy old days!

A meet for deaf motorcyclists was held in South Dakota, in the town of Sturgis. It was their 50th anniversary. People came from all over the U.S. and even a few other countries. Three of us from our Seattle club went. Our club was founded in 1990. It was amazing! There were lots of people with new and old cars, and I talked to everyone. New clubs were founded and we stay in touch through the Internet. Not all the clubs are active, but they try to be.

The world keeps changing, but I still love old cars.

