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**Don Solie (63)** [dg.solie@hotmail.com](mailto:dg.solie@hotmail.com) writes:

Green stamps are something that I recall as late as 1979 and 1980. One of my clients was Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance company in the Detroit, Michigan area. They were owned by HFC and HFC also owned National Rental Car. I used to tell National that I worked for Alex Hamilton Life and get a huge discount for the rental car (my company appreciated the reduced expenses) and I always got green stamps for renting the cars. My wife never collected these things and was typically upset when I brought them home because it was just something to throw away.....until she realized that they could be redeemed for "nice to have" merchandise like stereos and tape players, etc. I guess this was the first of the Frequent Flyer, User, Stayer, Rewards Programs that still offer some very attractive rewards for the various methods of accumulating points. We've made multiple trips to Hawaii courtesy of Marriott and Hyatt that included a week's stay at a premium room plus aifare. Of course the green stamps didn't offer anything that valuable, and by the time my wife started redeeming them she had junked thousands and thousands of stamps and books. I guess that's just the "easy come, easy go" syndrome.

I do recall so many of the thought provoking topics, but nothing really exciting to share. Not that the above is actually exciting!

I do also remember going steady with someone in the Rapids and from PJ Jacobs in Stevens Point at the same time.....neither young lady ever figured it out, and I think this may be the first time I've mentioned or noted this. Some of the '65 class would know at least one party involved and she got even with me ,more than even with me!! But it was the typical double standard of don't do as I do, do as I expect. She figured that our pretty quick and returned the favors many times over. Funny now, but wasn't so funny then, but that's just part of life's many experiences. Great for laughs now, and certainly something I never shared with either of our two daughters.....I think that's how the LORD got even with me.....TWO DAUGHTERS, and I could only pray that they didn't get involved with someone who had intentions like mine when I was their age! I was very lucky, they didn't!

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Reviving old thoughts, yes the girls had dumpy uniforms. But I liked the ones where mom made them wear it an extra year - they became a nice tight fit.

Thinking of party line phones, I ran into one in the early 90's. A friend was ski jumping with my son on Memorial day and crashed. So I took him to the hospital and called his parents, who were at a cottage in northern Wisconsin. Everyone one around the lake was on the same line. I told his Dad I'd call back when I got the diagnosis, and then someone left a phone off the hook and I couldn't call back.

The ER doctor needed permission for treatment and told the nurse to call the sheriff and go door knocking. His uncle solved our problem and came to the hospital. This can happen up there because still are primitive areas

without cell service.

And the 57 chevy - Tom Wallner (63) had a beautiful yellow one. Unfortunately he rolled it in a ditch and said he went off the road while trying to tune his radio. (Remember the old long distance rock stations you could get a night - WLS Chicago with Dick Biondi and KAAV Little Rock, AR)?

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