



William Thomsen: Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. I was born in January 1940.

“It was a dark and stormy night““I started life as child““In the beginning“man, do I have writers block or what?

After graduation, from good ole Whitmer High, I joined the Air Force (ours), went through Basic Training which included some unusual testing. Apparently one of the test results indicated that I would make a good spy. So off I went to “spy school”. After graduation I was sent overseas where I worked for the National Security Agency for about 5 years. I spent some time in Scotland, which was fantastic duty, and some time in the Northwest Frontier in Pakistan which was scary. Overall it was a fantastic and I wouldn’t trade the life experiences for any amount of money.

After the USAF, I returned to Toledo and got a job at LOF. Left after a few years and went to Owens-Corning Fiberglas in a marketing position, and eventually stayed in Marketing, advertising, and sales until I retired. While doing all that I landed another sweet job as one of Champion Spark Plug’s motorsport photographers. I covered the Indy 500, NASCAR, open wheel racing, boat racing and off-road racing. Had a blast with that and have some great memories and pictures from some great places.

I have been married to my wife Judy for 13 happy years (43 all together; well the first few counted), then you know how it goes, a year here, a year there) . We both love to cook and travel and do both as much as we can. We’ve been to Great Britain and Europe three times and loved it and we’ve also done a couple of cruises, one where we were chased all over by a hurricane.

There you have it, the condensed life and times of one of your classmates.

My Favorite Memory of Whitmer High:

The Panther Grill stands out as it was owned by one of my dad’s good friends, both of whom were Whitmer graduates. The football games were also memorable, as was gym class with good old Stacy which not being a jock pretty much sucked for a skinny, non-athletic kid like me! I still can’t stand volleyball!

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