**Wayne Geall**

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| Although Wayne was born out west in Lloydminster, his roots run deep in Woodstock having arrived here in 1942 by troop train. 1942 by Troop train? Hold on, Just how old is this guy? Well actually, it was his dad who arrived by the troop train. His dad had been assigned to Woodstock as an instructor at the wartime Woodstock Training Grounds and the family never left.  How the city has changed! When he started school, in spite of living on Devonshire Ave, Wayne attended Tollgate. A long | E:\2013 NEW MEMBERS\Wayne Geal.jpg |

walk on short legs. But in those days Woodstock ended half way across Devonshire and the Gealls lived on the north side. In grade 10 he bought his first car and Wayne suggested that his preoccupation with automobiles may explain why his academic career went, in his own words, "kaput". He's been ‘a bit of a car guy' ever since. Right now, he has a Jaguar and a '55 Thunderbird, both convertibles, a 'Florida' car down south and a van for day- to- day driving.

In 1960 Wayne married Dorothy Metherell, a Woodstock girl, who, in Wayne's words, "never moved out and is still stuck with a 'Woodstock guy." in time, Wayne became the proud father of two daughters, Jackie and Peggy. After settling down, Wayne had a few jobs but no real career path. After a time Wayne and Dorothy decided that he should try to find a career suited to his interests and strengths. Aptitude testing pointed him toward insurance, undertaking and, strangely enough, floral designing was on the short list as well. He chose insurance.

In 1964, Wayne took the plunge and rented his first offices on Dundas Street at sixty dollars a month. He enjoyed the insurance business and he claims that he'd still be in the business today but he just got too old. Wayne's ability to consistently meet or exceed the goals set by the agency sales incentive programs offered by the large insurance companies meant that he was able to fulfill a childhood ambition to ‘see the world'. Over the years Wayne and Dorothy were able to travel to Europe many times and spend holidays in Hawaii and the Caribbean. In 2001 he retired. He and Dorothy spend six months of the year at their home on Summit Crescent just north of Pittock. The balance of the year is spent either in Florida or with visits to see their teen-aged grandchildren. So, in the summertime, keep your eye out for Wayne. He'll probably be driving by, and let’s hope the top is down.