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NEWS

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"I COULDN'T even say which is my favourite," says Sheffield classic car aficionado Steve Wright of his collection. "They're like my children - I love them all."

Steve, aged 57, from Millhouses, lives for his cars. All late 1950s and early '60s American models, they are kept in a garage in Rotherham, to which Steve escapes every weekend.

For Steve the lure of these streamlined machines goes beyond mechanics.

"Every car has its own smell and sound," he says. "You learn to recognise it in each and, the minute it changes, you know something's not right."

A stocktake of Steve's collection reads like the lyrics of a Beach Boys song.

He has a 1958 Ford Edsel, a 1959 Ford Thunderbird, a 1959 Dodge, a 1959 Plymouth Fury, a 1959 Chevrolet Impala, a Buick Electra 225, and a 1963 Buick Riviera.

"The Buick Riviera is a very special car," says Steve. "It was the first to have angular shaping, not fins, which set it apart from everything. It was intended to be like a Ferrari and a Rolls Royce and to go round bends really well - not many American cars are known for that."

The car was not only a design classic, it's high-performance too.

"Even now, compared to modern cars, it handles

American dream collection of cars

Steve's list of motors reads like lyrics to Beach Boys song



Joy: Steve Wright at the wheel of his Chevrolet Impala

IN BRIEF

Oven gloves on lit hob start a blaze

FIRE broke out in a kitchen on Plowright Way, Gleadless Valley, Sheffield, after oven gloves were left on top of a lit hob. The family was alerted to the fire by their smoke alarm.

Fire crews were called to an electricity box found smouldering in a house on Firth Park Road, Firth Park, Sheffield. The fire at 12.30am on Sunday was accidental.

Smoke at bakery

FIREFIGHTERS in Sheffield were called to Lily's Bakery on Penistone Road after a light fitting caught fire in the early hours of Saturday. It caused smoke damage but staff still managed to work.

Crews were also called to a row of garages behind houses on Bevan Way, Chapelton, where a Kia car was burnt out at 8.10pm on Saturday.

Houses burgled

A POLICE probe is under way into burglaries of two homes on the same Sheffield street between 9am and 11am last Wednesday. The homes on Oldfield Road, Stannington, had locks on their back doors forced open.

yourself rock drums!"

The books had got trapped in the car's interior, untouched for years.

"It's amazing," says Steve

mechanic for £10,000 - then I took my young son, Marcus, out in it and he was getting sleepy, so I said, 'Lie down and go to sleep if