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Posting:	TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 1
Poster:	Janice Fournier	
Date:	27 June 2006 6:29 AM	

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays,

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk!-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 2
Poster:	John Tormey	
Date:	27 June 2006 4:23 PM	

Spot on, Janice! Born '37. Do I know you?
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Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 3
Poster:	William Brainard	
Date:	27 June 2006 6:28 PM	

Golly, how did we and our parents live through it!

Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 4
Poster:	Janice Fournier	
Date:	27 June 2006 8:29 PM	

Probably not... There is about 9 years difference in our ages. I graduated from Windham High in 1964.

Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 5
Poster:	William Brainard	
Date:	28 June 2006 6:16 AM	

My brother John graduated from WHS in '61; Tom went there as a freshman then started his sophomore year at the brand new Coventry High School in September 1961 and graduated in June '64. In 1960-61 I was a student in grade one in the old Center School in South Coventry Village. It closed for good in June 1961 and principal Myrtle Carpenter Adams had a retirement party. Mrs. Adams was a stern woman; our superintendent was Royal O. Fisher who with one look could make the most vicious gang member student behave. The other teachers in the four room Center School were Mrs. Jansen, first floor next to Mrs. Adams and on the second floor was Mrs. Ruth Haling and Mrs. Alice Waterman. Haling and Adams retired in 1961. Mrs. Jansen went on to teach at George Hersey Robertson School as did Mrs. Waterman. Mrs. Waterman retired in the early 1970s and died in 1993 over 90 years old. Mrs. Jansen taught at Robertson till 1976 and died last year at age 89. The old Center School built in 1867 was to become the new Coventry Police Station but was mysteriously destroyed by arson in November 1965. Its school bell is currently displayed in Coventry Town Hall. It really was a wonderful place to go to school. Hot lunches were brought down from Robertson School and school mothers helped out every day.

Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 6
Poster:	John Boudreau	
Date:	29 June 2006 8:27 PM	

I think my fave 50's car is the Buick Roadmaster Riviera in red with a white top !

Posting:	Re: TO THOSE WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!	Posting 7
Poster:	John Boudreau	
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