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| Posting: Wile Motors Poster: William Brainard Date: 14 July 2005 10:51 AM | Posting 1 |
| <p>I went to school with the Wile children till they went to private schools. They used to live in Coventry. When did John Wile start Wile Motors? I recall when I was a child it was on Main Street in Willimantic then moved to Route 6 in Columbia about 1963. I think Andy Wile is still involved with the business but don't know whatever happened to John Jr., Bruce and Timmy.</p> | |
| Posting: Re: Wile Motors Poster: Francis "Whitey" Sellars Date: 14 July 2005 2:22 PM | Posting 2 |
| <p>Mr. Brainard, John Wile bought the Olds, Cadillac Garage from Tommy Gordon. It was known as Gordon Motors at that time. I believe that Gordon motors was once at 85 bridge st. the last I knew there was a print shop there. Mr. Gordon moved it to main st where I think housed the maverick laundry. Mr. Wile was a salesman for Mr Gordon along with Oliver Asselin. I think the move to Columbia was in the early 60's. Raymond "Shorty" Breault once worked there at Wile Motors. Jay Handfield is a salesman there now. Great Garage to do business with. Francis Sellars Ellenton, Fl.</p> | |
| Posting: Re: Wile Motors Poster: William Brainard Date: 15 July 2005 3:32 PM | Posting 3 |
| <p>I bought a '73 Caddy Coupe DeVille at Wile's in 1984 for \$800. Drove it for years and loved it. I was the second owner and finally junked it about a decade ago. It was silver with a black vinyl top and red leather inside.</p> | |
| Posting: Re: Wile Motors Poster: Gary Littlefield Date: 19 October 2005 9:24 AM | Posting 4 |
| <p>Wile Motors is still owned and operated by Andy Wile. In fact, we are in the process of purchasing another car from him. Wile Motors is definitely a good dealership, like most of the dealerships in the Willimantic area, owned by local businessmen who care about the community. That's what I like about the Willimantic area, still a lot of local businesses, operated by hard-working local residents who really care about their customers and their community. The mega auto dealerships might be cheaper but you get better service from our local establishments. Andy Wile told me the other day that they moved from the Main Street location to Columbia about 1971. In Willimantic they were located next to Gem Cheverlot on Main Street near Memorial Park.</p> | |
| Posting: Re: Wile Motors Poster: William Brainard Date: 19 October 2005 11:36 AM | Posting 5 |
| <p>I recall when they made the move. It was quite a big thing when they had the ribbon cutting at the Route 6 dealership. My brother Tom bought his '74 Cutlass Supreme new from Wile and the family had the car 11 years before we junked it. Rocket 350 V8! Dad bought a '73 Sedan DeVille from Mr. Murphy when he retired from Sikorsky back in '76; what a creampuff. And I adore my '94 Buick LeSabre bought new by Wile by Mrs. Ruth Sadlon who used to run the Willimantic Hair School. It just turned 75,000 miles and runs like a dream!!</p> | |
| Posting: Re: Wile Motors Poster: Dan Caron Date: 24 October 2005 9:16 PM | Posting 6 |
| <p>I bought my first car at Wile motors in 1968. A 1963 Pontiac Catalina Convertible with 38,000 miles on it for \$800.00. What a car. Wish I still had it. I see them in Hemmings going for over \$20,000.</p> | |