

I am always mindful of the goal of writing, which is to enable young people to have the chance to learn how to keep their hunger to learn and experiment how to keep the creativity alive inside themselves. In today's world I believe the education system does everything it can to stamp out that questioning and fascination with the "why not?" inside them. That's the ticket inside each child, the chance to experiment to see just what they can do. I already ran too long by the parameters given...but I think it's worth it.

When I was a kid, my mother was a world-renowned concert pianist, Carnegie Hall, BBC in London, and I'd go to see what she was working on. Mom was a beautiful powerhouse as well as an enabler for me to see what I could come up with on my own. I did a lot, made my own laboratory in the basement, invented countless items, patented a number of them and thanks to mom's encouragement, had a number of them enter the adult reality.

Even as a preteen, I was corresponding with John Delorean who was then head of PMD, Pontiac Motor Division. This was way back when, but I created a moveable spoiler that lifted up out of the trunk area to create a downward thrust to increase traction. Mr. DeLorean liked the idea but concluded that cars don't need that much traction on a normal highway. History proved him wrong, as the Ferrari team started playing with the idea several years later. (It was a good idea.)

In the interim, my dad was a pilot and I desperately wanted to learn to fly. I was too young to do anything else and so I mowed lots of lawns during the week to get enough money for flying lessons at a tiny airport near Hackettstown, N.J.. Lots of wild anecdotes, which I'll leave out, but I had already learned an important lesson: Protect that Weird Little Child Inside you...at all costs. It's good advice for anyone, any age. For what it's worth, I had a question right away for my instructor pilot. "Why don't airplanes have windshield wipers?" Turns out, they don't need them cuz you're flying so fast, the air blows the rain instantly away. Huh.... I designed and installed a small air compressor under the hood of my old Chevy and never needed wipers again. FWIW, BMW picked up on the same idea and did the same thing. It works, but America wasn't open minded at the time. I could literally go on and on, but you get the idea. The kid that lurks inside of us, should be protected at all costs.

Accomplishments: Between 13 and 14 thousand large sculptures sold to galleries, corporations and private collectors. 32 published books and novels, Roughly seven patents and patents applied for, Tempest Officer, Launch enable Officer for the Titan II missile, and Jet pilot during the Vietnam War. Biggest accomplishment of all: Keeping my wife of 50+ YEARS amused enough to stick with me. Now, THAT is an accomplishment
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