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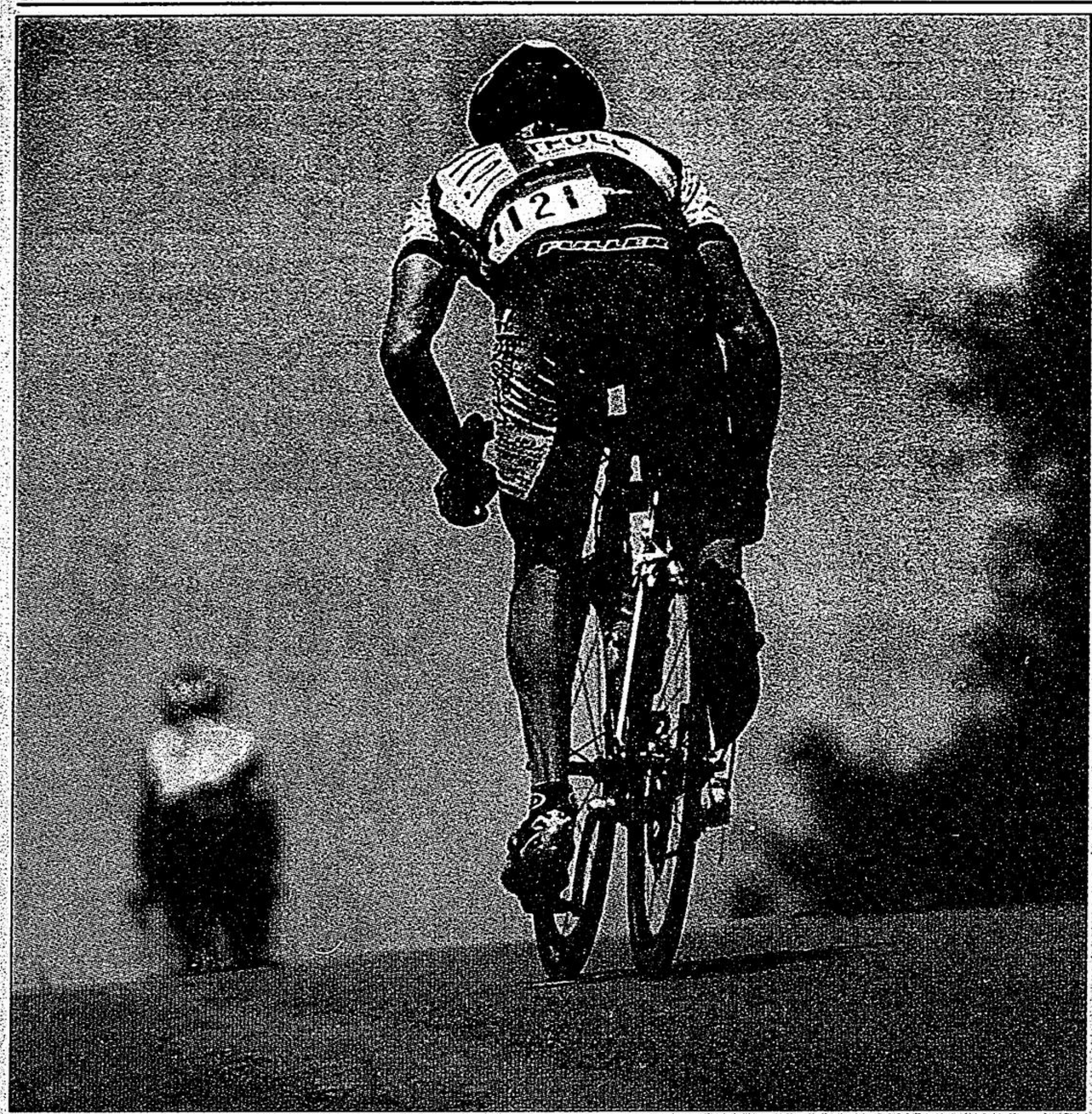

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# Classic car show pulls in to town Sunday

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There will be hundreds of antique, classic and souped-up cars, not to mention the hundreds of stories that go with them, at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Sunday.

They're there for the annual antique and classic car show, which the museum has held for the past 33 years.

Among the rows of cars, trucks and other vehicles will be a 1955 Chevrolet Belair, painted teal and white, and a 1949 Chevrolet pickup truck with a black primer coat.

They belong to Vandorf resident Mike Breau, who has been fascinated with cars since he was about 10 years old. Once he grew up and could afford it, he got the life-size Belair since he had the same toy model car when he was little.

He began working at a gas station when he was 12, developing a love of cars and the work and skills that went into restoring them.

The truck is a different story: it took him on a bit of an adventure. He first owned the vehicle when he was 14 and living in Don Mills.

About 15 years later, he went on a search for the same vehicle, finally finding it with the help of some friends and re-purchasing it. He's been working on it for about the past five years.

Parents didn't buy their kids cars in those days, he said. He had to get one himself, fix it up and maintain it.

Mr. Breau has brought his vehicles to the museum's annual show for about nine years.

The 1955 Belair, with its unusual colours, makes heads turn when the Breau family sets out for a ride.

"It is nice when we can get into the car and enjoy it together," Mr. Breau said.

Although the car is from another era, inside it has all the modern conveniences such as air conditioning and a 1997 fuel injection motor. That makes it more environmentally friendly than the older models.

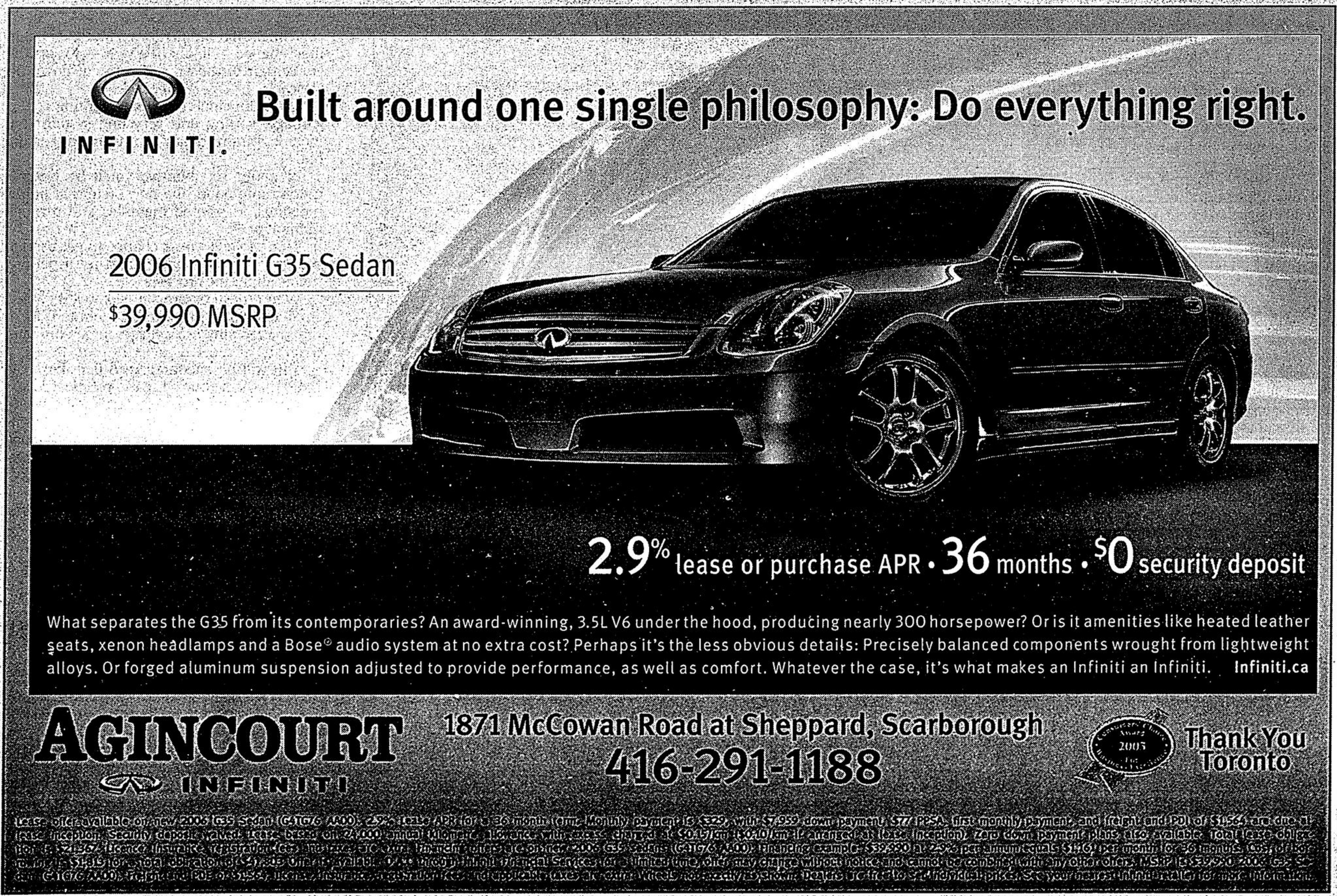
The hobby of owning and working on older vehicles has really taken off, Mr. Breau believes.

It seems that a lot of baby boomers are at the stage where they have some disposable income, have always wanted one special vehicle and could now purchase it.

He and other car enthusiasts will be on hand to talk to visitors.

The show takes place at the museum grounds in Vandorf at 14732 Woodbine Ave. (south of Aurora Road) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Along with the vehicles, there will be games, music and magic demonstrations.

Admission is $5 per person, and $12 per family (four people). Children under seven are admitted free. The rain date is Aug. 20

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