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Even though Cyril has written his, mine and our history I'd like to tell you my recollections of the changes that have occurred during the past 83 years, ~~that I recall~~. I may not remember <sup>all</sup> the changes <sup>or</sup> in ~~order~~ <sup>the</sup> proper order. But here goes.

I was raised in the 20's

thirties and finally graduated from high school in 1939 and college in 1943. There is always changes but there have been major changes in the last 80 yrs.

The ~~reason~~ <sup>reason</sup> that I feel prompted ~~me~~ to ~~do this~~ <sup>write</sup> about the changes are my thoughts on this day Dec. 17, 2005.

I am in Phoenix, Ariz to attend the baptism of my oldest grandchild, Jordan Burnett.



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I am staying in the Residence Inn of Marriott, as I was showering and dressing I remember my first experience in staying overnight with my parents in a cabin (motel) along the highway - perhaps it was in Kansas, I really don't recall where. It was a small cabin with a stove to heat it. We had our own bedding. I believe it

had a bathroom of <sup>(4)</sup> sorts but it was pretty primitive by today's standards. There were no changes for several years. You must know that this was during the depression & no one had much money. A person was lucky to have a roof over their head & to be able to drive somewhere. Now I am talking about the common folks. Perhaps it was different for the

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the rest.

My parents had a model T in their early months & years of marriage. No one did much traveling but if you did you took your own food & bedding, towels & dishes - no paper plates or disposable silverware. We've come a long way. In this residence in there are

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beds with their own  
linens, a nice bath-hot  
& cold water, there is a  
kitchenette - electric stove,  
refrigerator, microwave,  
dishes, dishwasher - all  
the comforts of home.  
Other hotels, motels could  
not have anything but  
beds-bath etc. In some  
~~there are~~ such things as  
shampoos, shower caps,  
special connections for  
laptop computers, TV



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Some have DVD & VCR players, telephones etc.

Some also food, water etc that you pay extra money for. That is one thing that has drastically changed.

We had a radio, singer in our livingroom. The family sat around at night listening to favorite programs.

TV didn't become avail

able for purchase  
till the mid 40's. My  
parents got one as a gift  
when my father ~~retired~~  
his insurance agency.

We purchased our first  
one 1952. There were  
not many programs to  
even watch but it was a  
wonder. I recall at 5:30  
there was a show called  
Buffalo Bob & Howdy Dooday.  
Our children watched it. I  
could get dinner without  
any interruption. It was





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wonderful. My how  
different TV is now  
in 2005. No one wants  
black & white most have  
colored TV & more than  
one set in their homes.  
now it is becoming quite  
popular to have small  
portable DVD & VCR players  
in the family vehicle so  
children can watch as the  
family travel. Speaking of  
traveling - laws require now

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that ~~one~~ one can be  
without a seat belt.

Babies & children must  
be belted into car seats  
till, I believe, 5 yrs of age.  
Then everyone is fastened  
in place with a seat belt.

When my parents had  
their model T I suspect  
the top speed was probably  
35 or 40. But in 2005  
cars <sup>can</sup> go over 100. In many  
states 75 or 80 miles are  
allowed, usually 65 is



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allowed in normal  
interstate driving ~~in~~  
congested traffic.  
Cars have changed con-  
siderably also. They are  
quite luxurious & comf-  
ortable. They are heated  
in cold weather and air  
conditioned in hot  
weather. I remember when  
I learned to drive it was a  
"stick shift." We had to put

signal turns or slow  
downs or stops with our  
hands out the windows.  
Now of course we have  
controls inside the car  
to show left or right turns  
& automatic red lights to  
come on when we slow  
down or stop. There are all  
styles of motorized vehicles  
such as motor homes that  
are outfitted for living &  
traveling, trailers that you  
attach & haul behind your  
car for short stays.