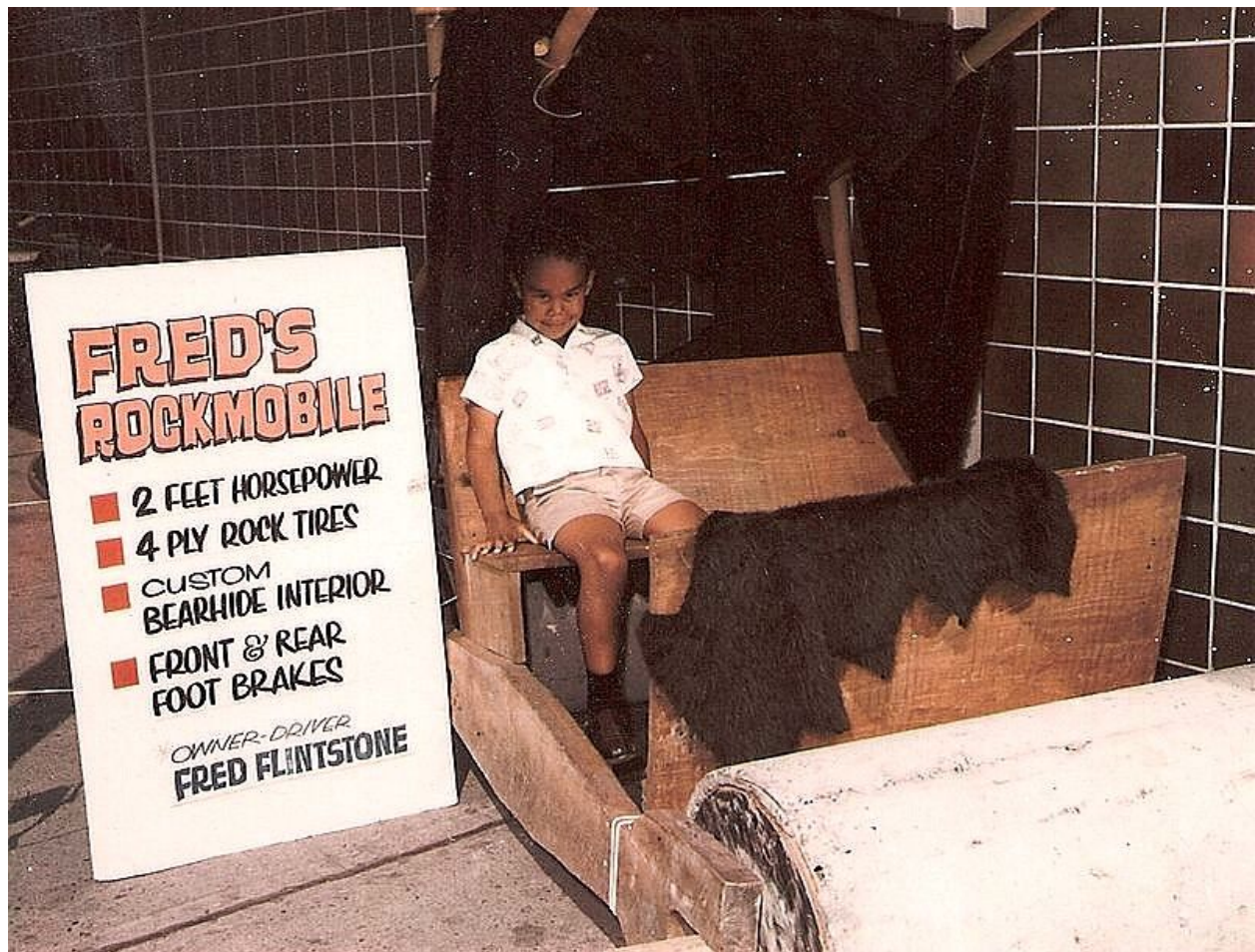


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The Flintstones come to Towers!

I remember being about 4 years old (1968) when "Fred" & "Barney" from The Flintstones came to the Towers Parking Lot at the Scarborough store. I lived just south of Lawrence, off Brimley Road.



But I think the highlight of the Fred & Barney show was that they had Fred's Flintmobile car set up at the west end of the store and I got my picture taken in it. (Click for a larger view.) There was a stage where the oversized characters (much like you would see at Wonderland today) sang and danced and told jokes. Funny...even at 4, I was still aware and yet slightly disappointed that they were only guys in suits...and not the real Fred & Barney. Just like when I fell asleep when my parents took me to see The Ice Follies featuring Snoopy. (It's not Snoopy, just some guy in a Snoopy outfit!!) But I enjoyed the show no less.

But I think the highlight of the Fred & Barney show was that they had Fred's Flintmobile car set up at the west end of the store and I got my picture taken in it. I still have the photo somewhere. If I can find it, and if you would like a scanned copy, I can send it to you.

Many years later, like 1977, there was a guy in my high school that used to have a steal-to-order Record shoplifting enterprise. Students (not me, I guarantee you. My parents would have put me under bright lights and attached electrodes to my armpits while they interrogated me where the record came from) would basically tell the shoplifter what record they wanted, he would go to Towers during lunch, and come back with the record (or 2 or 3) in the front of his coat, obviously a vocation only performed in colder temperatures.