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It was a late Friday afternoon, overcast, as I pulled into the condo's parking lot. As always, meeting this month's "Hottie", I was given the standard greeting "Hello, my life is not too interesting", as we sat down in his living room. And with that we began a most interesting interview.

Born in January of 1937 to Catholic parents in Hartford Connecticut, the fourth of 4 children, our "Hottie" became fatherless at the age of 6 months. However, this loving father working for an insurance company, provided for his family, so that his mother could stay at home to raise the family. Our Prime Timer attended Catholic grade school and graduated from public high school in 1954. Prior to his graduation, he always enjoyed his summers throughout his childhood at the beach, enjoying and helping with the family business of renting cabins at Old Lyme Beach, Connecticut. This was his foundation for his future professional calling of Beach Bum.

After high school he worked for a local insurance company in Hartford Connecticut, but was promptly drafted into the army. Serving as a technical librarian for two years, he returned to Hartford. He spent the next 21 years working in the insurance and banking (Commercial Mortgage Property) industry. Having had enough of the corporate world, he decided to go out on his own, and with his background in mortgages and property became a land baron in the Springfield Massachusetts area.

He successfully managed his properties for the next 25 years, learning all one can about rental property repairs, tenants, rent collection, area housing codes, leaking roofs, plumbing leaks that occur in the middle of the night, and all the other joys of being a land baron.

Our "Hottie" never lost sight of his true calling of being a beach bum. Having to manage all his property, being in two long term committed relationships he managed to get to Florida at least once a year to enjoy the Marlin Beach Hotel. At age 61 he began to plan for his retirement. He then started to travel to Florida one week a month and discovered Haulover beach. This was the one and only beach where he could finally practice his one true love of being a professional beach bum. On 9-11-2006 he sold his last property, his retirement planning was now complete; he packed up his truck with all his worldly possessions, and headed to Florida and the beach.

Our Hottie was an avid skier, spending 40 years of his life skiing the best resorts in New England. He enjoys his circle of friends, movies and theater and was involved with Prime Timer's in Boston, Connecticut and Fort Lauderdale. He is a loyal and true friend, and has assisted many of his friends during stressful times in their lives. A true Prime Timer, a wonderful friend and very interesting guy, always positive and fun to talk to. Can you identify this month's "Hottie" beach bum?

