

“Mr. Mustache”

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This is “Mr. Mustache”. As a child, I remember watching my father shave and wanting to be able to shave and have facial hair. I used to take a small Tonka toy hoe from a toy Tonka construction set and lather on some of my dad’s shaving cream. I would slowly scrape the shaving cream off my face with the Tonka toy hoe. I also

remember cutting some hair off of a Gizmo toy I had from the movie the Gremlins. I used Elmer’s glue and stuck the hair from the Gizmo toy onto my upper lip. As a young teen, I began to have facial and have worn some sort of mustache or beard my whole life. Almost all of my face jugs have a mustache and sometimes a beard as a reflection of a personal desire to have facial hair. Maybe



this fascination bore some outgrowth from the ’70s and ’80s era in which I grew up. Charles Bronson, Burt Reynolds, Clint Eastwood, and Lee Van Cleef were often sporting mustaches during these years and it is what seemed to define the masculinity of the era.