

The Gar Wood Mansion was a sprawling 43-room estate on Detroit's Grayhaven Island, built by speedboat inventor Gar Wood in 1927 along the Detroit River. It is famous for its grand features like an extensive boat house (including flying boat), indoor pool and world's largest pipe organ inside a home. Gar sold the property in the late forties as his retirement kept him in Miami at his Fisher Island property.

Greyhaven was abandoned for almost 2 decades before it was leased by 19-year-old Mark Hoover in 1969. It became legendary as a counterculture hub for rock bands like Stonefront and visiting musicians such as Sly & the Family Stone and The Allman Brothers, Johnny Winter, Cactus, with Leon Russel even recording there.

After the music came the motorcycle gangs and the continued decline of the majestic property.

In June of 1976, a fire destroyed Greyhaven.

The incredible property stood for nearly fifty years with a bizarre history for more than half of it.

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