



The Pin-MAR News



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The Pin-MAR Antique Car Club, Inc. is a not for profit corporation founded as a club in Pinellas County Florida in 1964. The club's founders were dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford. The club now enjoys 135 member families from all walks of life who restore and enjoy a large variety of antique and collector cars. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, usually at Heritage Village, or as announced in this newsletter. The club conducts tours, outings, an annual Picnic/Antique Car Show, and sponsorship of the Heritage Village General Mercantile & Garage. It's a fun, all volunteer club for the entire family, with annual dues (June 1-May 30) set at only \$20.00.

PIN-MAR BREAKFASTS IN JANUARY

The first breakfast will be 9:00 on Tuesday, January 7, at Kim's on Starkey Road, one block north of Ulmerton.

The second breakfast will be 9:00 on Thursday, January 23rd at Another Broken Egg Café at 2554 North, McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater.



JANUARY MEETING

We will meet at Heritage Village in the Pinellas room at 6:30 pm on January 2, 2020.

Our speaker will be Dave Cox with Royal Image Detailing who specializes in Mobile Detailing, Paint Correction and Ceramic Coatings. He'll give a short presentation and then answer any questions we may have about keeping our rides looking good.

BIRTHDAY TOUR DETAILS

Who: Anyone & Everyone

What: New Years Day Birthday Tour

When: Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

Time: Noon - Tour starts

Where: SHINE Murals Downtown St. Petersburg

Starting: Northeast Park Shopping Center, it's the Parking lot behind McDonalds at 300 38th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Ending: Ford's Garage, 200 1st, Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Parking: Two options: You can find metered parking on the streets around the area or you can enter the parking garage off of Second Street South with the Big Rowdies sign over the entrance. It's the the parking garage above Ford's Garage. If you park there and bring your ticket down to lunch they will validate it covering the first three hours of parking.

Members, spouses, significant others, kids, grandkids, extended family, friends or anyone you want to bring is okay with us. **Just please text your name and the total number off people that will be with you to Mike Culotta.** We're trying to get an approximate count since we have a private room reserved for our lunch and we also want to make sure they're staffed and ready for us. Oh yeah and we need to **make sure there is plenty of** Birthday cake for everyone too, Last year we had so many we had to ditch the private room, takeover the restaurant and they had to call in additional staff. **If you don't text then please call or email Mike and let him know how many will be in your party.**

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PIN-MAR's
**39th ANNUAL
NEW YEARS
DAY
BIRTHDAY
TOUR**

WHO: ANYONE & EVERYONE

PARKING LOT BEHIND THE MCDONALDS AT
300 38TH AVENUE NORTH, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704

ENDING: FORD'S GARAGE 200 1ST AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701

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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by: Bob Croslin

Oh man. It's Christmas night and we've spent our entire day doing nothing. Some people might say "Well Bob, it's what you do best." How can I argue with that? But, in only seven more days it'll be a new year and decade and it'll be a leap year so that's one more day I can practice my trade. However, my idea of doing nothing gives me lots of time to read books and surf the web for cool stuff. Recently I came across the story of Noraly, a Dutch Geochemist whose career began with working in Australia and many other countries for about five years before dropping out to travel the world. So far, Noraly has traveled beginning in Kuala Lumpur and ending in London. The current trip began in Buenos Aires, Argentina and will end in Alaska. She's currently in Chile going up the Pacific side on that route. Yes, I said "She." This 32 year old woman is travelling solo on a Royal Enfield Motorcycle and is documenting her amazing trip on the internet. Today, while I was expertly doing nothing, she rode through Chilean volcanic mountains on roads and over bridges Indiana Jones would have said "No Way" on. Her narration and video is wonderful and her excitement over the freedom she's enjoying is infectious. How does this relate to old cars? Well, don't you feel better when driving your old car, especially on back roads or side streets? The windows are open and so much more to see at 35mph than 55 or 60. Away from town you can smell flowers like jasmine and see the detail in things that are a blur in your modern car. You hear things that are drowned out in our modern cocoons. Having two Fords, we often hear parts falling off. That's what touring is all about regardless of whether it's through the historical sections of St. Petersburg, mountains in WV, or peanut farms in GA. New Years day is our annual Birthday Tour since our cars are all a year older on New Years Day. This one is a perfect tour for even the oldest of our cars with very little traffic and mostly side and back streets, plus ending at Ford's Garage in downtown.

See you next year.

Oh, if you'd like to meet Noraly, and you should, you can find her and Dhanno at <https://www.itchyboots.com/about>

Let's Tour!

<https://youtu.be/dwFORLl8zc4>

CLASSIE LASSIE CORNER

by: Linda Hatley



Please contact Linda Hatley for details on any upcoming Classie Lassie events!

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Photo by Ginny Lyke.



2020 PIN-MAR CALENDARS

Once again, Mike and Tyler have worked their magic and we have new calendars. If you're a member in good standing, you can pick up your free calendar at the meeting. Additional calendars are \$10 each with ALL proceeds going to the HV fund used for keeping the vehicles running, store repair, caboose restoration, signage, etc. Please take a moment to Thank Mike and Tyler for doing this three years running.



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PIN-MAR SHIRT & JACKET ORDER FORM

Please print this out, fill it in, and bring it to the meeting along with cash or check. Contact: the McCabe's @ emmettm1@yahoo.com.
We have t-shirts and hats in stock. Other items are ordered quarterly to take advantage of volume pricing.

Date _____

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Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____

Polo Shirt Style-Light Blue with Navy Blue Logo

Polo Shirt Sizes are *S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL* for men (Item No. K500) , *XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL* for ladies (Item No. L500).

Price is \$20.00 each.

Sport Shirt Style Oxford-Light Blue with Navy Blue Logo

Sport Shirt Sizes are *S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL* for men (Item No, 47383), and *XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL* for ladies (Item No. 48283).

Price is \$27.00 each.

Jackets- same style for Men and Ladies

Sizes are *S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL* (Item No. J701)
Price is \$50.00 each.

T-Shirts-Full color process digital print gray (Item No. 29M).

T-Shirt sizes are *S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL*.
Prices is \$20.00 each.

NEW ITEM!

Hanes V-Neck T-Shirt for Ladies Navy Blue with Light Blue Logo or Light Blue with Navy Blue Logo

Sizes are *S, M, L, XL, XXL* (Item No. SO4V).
Price is \$16.00 each.

NEW ITEM!

Gildan V-Neck T-Shirt for ladies Available only in Navy Blue with Light Blue Logo

Size **XXXL** (Item No, G500VL).
Price is \$16.00 each.

Hats

One size fits all (Item No. BX002).
Price is \$20.00 each.

Banners

Price is \$15.00 each.

ORDER NO: _____
SIZE: _____
PRICE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CAPTIONS AS GOOD AS THE PHOTO!



This finishes this series of pictures!
Next month will start a series of pictures called:

MILITARY PICTURES

Remember to bring in your tabs!

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PIN-MAR PEOPLE (News and Gossip)

by: Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore



Pin-MAR Christmas Banquet photos courtesy of Jim Jordan.



We're very sad to learn that **Anne Amos** passed away recently. She had surgery to improve circulation in her legs and passed away unexpectedly. **Anne** was simply a delightful person to be around. Our condolences go to **Bill**. Also, recently joined member **Russ Heuckler** passed away recently. **Paul Dobbin** had his other knee replaced recently and is doing better than with the first one. **Paul** isn't happy with "this aging process" but **Inge** tells him it's better than the alternative. Let's hope 2020 finds us all in better health. **John & Cecelia Smith** got the 1917 Model T touring on the road and learned about T oil leaks which were quickly fixed and they drove it all around Dunedin and Ozona with the Model T club and then the Dunedin Christmas Parade. Disney World has nothing on **Frank Quillen** when it comes to Christmas decorations. The bright light reported by the ISS turned out to be Frank's place on St. Pete Beach. Had they been able to look inside, they'd have found an upside down Christmas Tree. **Frank** stands on the ceiling to decorate it as **Tom & Joanne Melodayo** watch in awe. The St. Pete Christmas Parade was short but it was very good to see **Jim & Sandee Irvin** out along with **Bob & Beth Croslin**, **John & Cecelia Smith** and frequent guest **Charles Plantania** and son. The Pinellas Park Christmas Parade was enjoyed by **Bill Shrive** and his grandson **Trent**, the **Croslin's**, **Gareth & Deb Eich**, **Ron & Pam Egger**, **Patrick & Kim Morgan**, **Jim & Lisa Jordan**, and **Rick & Nancy Frazee**. Glad to report that **Bill** and **Trent** made it through the parade without backfiring this year. **Jim & Mary Ellen Bader** welcomed son **Tim** and his family for Christmas. **Bill & Nereyda Brown** will be traveling to Madrid, Spain this year for daughter **Celia's** wedding. If you remember, **Celia** is a gearhead and enjoys touring in

Spain with her '29 Model A Coupe gifted to her by **Bill**. **Fast Eddie Daniels** has been slowed down by a crack in the engine of his Model A race car which isn't much older than it's owner. As of January, new member **Wilbur Douglas** is retired. We hear **Anita** really enjoyed her new floor jack for Christmas. **Jim & Eileen McGinn** are expected to be along on the Birthday Tour. It's been said that **Sid Meyer** uses a garage stretcher to get his and **Belva's** Reatta in and out. **Ron & Sherri Roberson** had a full house for Christmas too with Ron's mom, son **Jason**, and grandson **David** joining them. Did we mention that **Jane Sutch** and **Ron Golly** tied the knot in Savannah, GA after **eloping**? That's the third Pin-MAR marriage we're aware of after **Len & Linda Parker** and **Ben & Linda Umberger**. Any more? **Ron & Sherri Roberson** rescued a stray cat that had been hanging around their church. **Sherri** says that it was meant to be since she has always been allergic to cats, but Calvin doesn't bother her!



Rumor has it that Cruisin at the 'Cap is on hiatus. Due to all the construction, the Cruise in at the Capitol Theater in downtown Clearwater will not be held this year.

C'mon, folks! I know there are more things going on with y'all than appear here. Tell us about your trips, outings, additions to the family or the garage. Just drop a line to Bob or Ron. Send a card, make a call, hire a blimp, but keep us in the loop.

Aunt Blabber and Adeline Moore

2020 CHRISTMAS BANQUET PLANNER NEEDED

We need some new blood to help plan out our 2020 Christmas Outing as Bob & Beth are burned out. It's pretty much anything you'd like to do. No, Mike, Machine Gun America is out. Seriously, who's got an idea for something different this year.

★ Sherri's Tidbits ★

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

Compiled by Max Bowen



- 2nd SANDY TRIPP
- 3rd SHERI BLAKE
- 9th NEAL BLAKE
- 12th ROSIE SHOTZBERGER
- 13th SHERRY CRABTREE
MARTHA VAN STEENBURGH
- 19th SANDEE PFISTER
JAMES PFISTER
- 23rd RANDY CRABTREE
ROLAND MARTENS
- 25th JOHN SMITH
- 30th DON SHOTZBERGER
- 31st BETH CROSLIN
BETTY MILLER
LISA JORDAN



Please let the editor know if she has missed your Birthday!



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THE CARS AMERICA LOST

By Hollis Rule

STUDEBAKER Part XVIII



The Merger

Studebaker Sales Fall

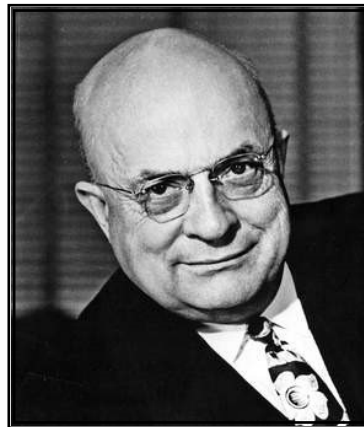
As we learned in the last issue, in the early '50s, Studebaker's sales were falling at an alarming rate. With their all new "Car of the Future", the beautiful Loewy Coupe, 1953 and '54, should have been banner years for the company. However, by 1954 sales had dropped drastically to a mere 68,708 units, about twenty percent of sales just four years earlier. There were a number of reasons for the drop in sales, and we'll take a look at them in a "postmortem" issue. However there was one problem that brought Studebaker sales to a screeching halt, and that problem was not in South Bend. As a matter of fact, the problem was over two-hundred miles away in Dearborn Michigan. The problem was in the person of Henry Ford II. During WWII, mismanagement at the Ford Motor Company was responsible for the loss of no less than \$10 million a month. The U.S. government, concerned that the vital Ford dynasty would fail, called Henry Ford II (Edsel's son and Henry's grandson), home from the navy to save the failing company. In 1945, Ford II assumed the role of president, and the daunting task of saving the company was underway. Soon the company experienced a turnaround, and was once again a money maker. However, that wasn't enough for the younger Ford. It had never set well with the Ford family that Chevrolet had taken the number one sales position. Ford was determined to take the lead once again at



Henry Ford II



all cost. In 1953 Ford began what was later called the "Ford Sales Blitz". Ford began a major advertising and price cutting event to recapture the marketplace. Chevrolet had no choice but to respond, and the price war was on. Soon, to a somewhat lesser degree, Plymouth joined the fight. The price war continued through 1953 and '54 with a twofold result. Ford won the top sales position for a time, and because they were unable to compete, the sales blitz crushed every independent. In mid-1953, on the brink of extinction, Henry J Kaiser hammered out a merger deal with Willys-Overland. Kaiser closed its massive Willow Run plant and moved operations to the antiquated Toledo, Ohio Willys-Overland plant, renaming the company Kaiser-Willys. On May 1, 1954, George Mason of Nash Motors purchased Hudson, merging the two operations under the American Motors name.



Henry J Kaiser



George Mason

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RUNNING ON EMPTY

by: Ron Roberson

Bob Kuhn's '39 Convertible

When I was a teenager in Southern Ohio in the 1960s, I was always around old cars. My dad was in a local hot rod club, so there were always hot rods and drag racers around, but the club also had a contingent of members with antique cars. One of Dad's buddies was a guy named Bob Kuhn, who owned a trucking company in Middletown. Bob owned a beautiful 1939 Ford deluxe convertible, maroon with tan interior, that he entered in local car shows. The car was a real beauty, professionally restored and detailed to the max. One day another club member, Harold (Mike) Michael, told us the story behind the car. Mike and Bob had gone to high school together in nearby Germantown, Ohio, and they were best friends. They both liked '39 Fords, and just after WWII they both set out to find one. Soon the two had matching 1939 Ford deluxe convertibles. Life progressed with careers and families, and both buddies eventually sold the matching cars. They had remained good friends over the years, and both were charter members of the Middletown Pacemakers Hot Rod Club. Each went through a procession of cool cars; Thunderbirds, Rancheros, a Deuce roadster, Mustangs, and so on. But then in the early 1960s, Bob wanted to find another '39 convertible. With Mike's help, and the help of Alex Slamka, another old friend and club member, they followed up on every lead they could find for '39 Ford convertibles. The quest led them throughout Southern Ohio, Indiana and Northern Kentucky. The leads kept turning up cars that were deteriorated beyond reasonable restoration, or '39 Fords of some other body style that had been mis-represented in the ad. Ironically, one of the cars they found was the very car that Mike had owned in 1945. He toyed with the idea of buying it back, but it was too big a project for him at the time. They kept looking, and they eventually found the car that Bob would buy and restore. The three buddies then did the lion's share of the restoration themselves, farming out only the paint and the upholstery. It was this car that led me to a long-term love affair with '39 and '40 Fords. When Sherri and I purchased our 1940 Ford sedan two years ago, my mind kept wandering back to Bob's '39 convertible, as well as other '39 and '40 Fords that I had encountered over the years. Bob Kuhn held onto the old Ford and left it to his son when he passed away in the 1980s. An article appeared in the *Middletown Journal* newspaper in June of 1988 that told the story of the

car. Bob, Mike and Alex are all gone now, but the story of the quest for a '39 deluxe convertible stands as a testament for the three car buddies and the love of an old V-8 Ford.

See you on the road.



FOUR-DOOR '39 FORD BOUGHT BY LATE BOB KUHN 25 YEARS AGO
From left, Harold Michael, widow Shirley Kuhn, son Steve



WELCOME

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**2-1931 Model A Ford Tudor's, 1979 Fiat
Spyder 2000, 1960 Cessna 172A**

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THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY TOUR Southeastern Touring Group, April 4th-6th

by: Debra Eich

Continued from last issue-Saturday Continued.

Along milepost 54.8 a sign described some of the various names given this historic transportation corridor, each name suggesting who traveled it and for whatever reason. Some called portions the Chickasaw Trail or Path to the Choctaw nation. In the early 1800's it became the Boatmen's Trail and the Mail Road. When trade shifted to river travel on steamboats, sections of the Natchez Trace became local roads while others faded into the landscape. We saw many examples of this transition, with signs pointing to "The Old Trace" with dirt pathways visible through the tree line. In 1938 President Franklin Roosevelt signed the law creating the Natchez Trace Parkway, that was completed in 2005. The Sunken Trace at milepost 41.5 definitely is one of those abandoned trails described. We saw first hand the hardships those early travelers must have experienced, as we walked along, even a short section, of this 500-mile path, with steep banks of maybe 10 feet up, except they had wagon loads of supplies, pack animals, or moved from place to place by foot. Fortunately, all we had to do was scurry back up the bank and get into our Model A cars and drive down the highway, without much fuss, mosquito bites, broken legs or snake bites. Lunch, our next meal was at French Camp. The cabin built of white oak logs, hewn to fit with broadax and adze, was built around 1820, and served as a meeting place for Choctaw Chief, Greenwood LeFlore and his chiefs for tribal negotiations. It was later restored as a Bicentennial project and is now the Council House Café, operated by French Camp Academy, providing training opportunities for its students. The academy is an interdenominational Christian boarding home to serve children who live in troubled households. Originally established in 1885, by a group of Scotch-Irish Christians, under the Presbyterian Church, it was a girl's school, but opened to boys later that same year. Initially, the school was intended for children of Native Americans and white settlers who lived in the French Camp area. The school continues to serve grades K-12 and the High school students may attend a vocational technology program in the Choctaw Vocational Center in Ackerman, MS. All the bread for the restaurant is made at French Camp. After taking pictures of the buildings on the property, I did hit the Gift Shop for postcards and a gift for Holden. I had picked up something for Anders back at the Lotz House in Franklin, TN. Two more cars left the tour, in Ridgeland to drive back to the Atlanta, GA area Sunday morning. But we will see them on another tour in West Virginia in May, so our goodbyes were short. The rain is coming down again that afternoon, as we pull into Natchez, MS to stay the night. After settling in, the hotel limo dropped us off downtown for a bite to eat, if we can only find somewhere that the local high school students have not already booked in advance, since it was prom night. Fortunately, the rain stopped before picture taking time down by the Mississippi River began. No, our group did not photo bomb their pictures, but instead took our own photos of the sun setting along the river. The group of us walked back up the street and after several failed attempts, swarmed into a local pub for dinner. Sunday as we leave Natchez, MS, we are off for an unbelievable surprise locale, the Windsor Ruins, located

in Gibson, MS. What a spectacular view as we rounded the tree line, along this muddy dirt road, and are welcomed by 45-foot tall brick and masonry covered, Greek Revival columns. 23 have stood the elements and are yet standing, along with five partial ones, all that remain of this once stately 23 room home built in 1861 by Smith Coffee Daniell II for his family. He once owned 21,000 acres of plantation land in Mississippi and Louisiana. Ironically, Mr. Daniell lived in his stately home for two weeks after its completion, then only to die. The mansion survived the Civil War, and was destroyed by fire from ashes from a guest cigar, in 1890. Sections of metal grill work, remain connecting the top of the columns and one metal staircase that can be seen at the Alcorn University, just up the road. Of course, another photo op of the cars. This one was too good to pass up! Lunch time again, as we drive to the Old Country Store along US 61 in Lorman, MS established in 1875. This 130-year-old building, was once a, dry goods store selling much needed items, from work boots, fabric to dry goods and cotton. The creaky wood floors, rusty signs and shelves of dishes, jars, lamps, fans and other garage sale finds stacked on shelves, floor to the ceiling, give it that air of a by gone era. Mr. Arthur Davis, the owner, famous for his fried chicken, also offered up an array of buffet style home cooked dishes and desserts of bread pudding, and fruit cobblers along with a scoop of ice cream. His grandmother taught him how to fry chicken and he is teaching his sons to do it the same way, crispy on the outside and moist on the inside. If you left hungry, it was your own doings. But all good things must come to an end as we reached that fork in the road, that meant the end of the Natchez Trace. Our next adventure will just be a drive to the hotel for the night, to prepare for our drive back to Pensacola on Monday morning. Monday AM after breakfast, Gareth and I departed Moss Point, MS, after we said our farewells at breakfast and thanked Happy and John Begg, for a super, well planned trip. The rest of the tour group will continue on to Fort Walton Beach, Albany, GA and home to Irmo, SC without us. Thank heavens I picked up a roll of Brawny Weather stripping while in Ridgeland, MS, because the skies opened up in Mobile, AL. I could hardly keep up with the blowing precipitation coming in through the windshield where it joins the roof. It was 10:30 AM on Monday as we pulled into Pensacola, 1,348 miles later, without a glitch. We pulled down the ramp on the enclosed trailer, and Gareth backed the 1931 Ford Cabriolet up into its mobile garage, for the drive home. We lashed it down and mopped off the raindrops endured on this last leg, and discarded the soggy, disposable weather stripping in the garbage. Gareth and I loaded the Expedition with what was on the floorboard and back window of the Cabriolet, coats and miscellaneous detritus that had accumulated in the car over the last seven days, mostly postcards, pamphlets and my notebook. One last meal with Great-Grandmother and Judy, our parking hosts for the week and we were off, next stop home. Gareth and I pulled up to our house about 10:30 PM that Monday night, weary but grateful to be back. With that said, we are already planning our next adventure in mid-May to Elkins, West Virginia, to the MARC Mountain Memories Tour that had to be called off September of last year, due to hurricane Florence that blew into the coast of North Carolina. Until then, we will unpack our bags catch up on the laundry, mow the lawn, read the mail, hug the family and attend our grandson's baseball games. This next trip, I will be sure to grab my hat though, before we hit the road and are off again on another adventure.



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MORE RESOLUTE TREES



My Sister's Tree Is Eating Her Fence



This Tree Growing Through A Fence

Life,Uh... Finds A Way



PIN-MAR DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

The new membership year begins, January 1st. The annual dues are \$20.00 and are due January 1st. Make your checks payable to Pin-Mar, and mail to Gareth Eich, at 205 21st Ave NE, St. Petersburg, 33704. Please, call at 727-418-1449 if you have any questions. If dues are not paid by March 1st, we will remove your name from the membership list and discontinue sending the newsletters. Please also let us know if you have any updates to your membership information like phone numbers, home address, e-mail, birthday. etc.



Last of the Resolute Trees and The Natchez Trace Parkway Tour. New article from Debra Eich next month!

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April 17th, 2020 from 6-9pm
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April 18, 2020 from 9:30am-4pm
Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance

April 19, 2020 from 9am-1pm
"Nickel Tour" of Historic Tampa



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Calendar of Events / What's Happening

If you know what's happening, this is the place to share it! We must all help to keep this list up to date. Write it down and send to Sherri Roberson, Editor. mom3plus1@ymail.com

Pin-MAR's Sell, Swap, Wanted Market

Ads are FREE (2 months) to Pin-MAR Members and friends. Here is your chance to clean out the garage and find new stuff. Please have ads to the editor no later than the 15th of the month.

JANUARY 2020

- 1st Birthday Tour**
- 2nd Pin-MAR Meeting at Heritage Village @ 6:30 pm in the Pinellas Room.**
- 7th Pin-MAR Breakfast**
- 18th North Ward Tour**
- 23rd Pin-MAR Breakfast**

FEBRUARY 2020

- 6th Pin-MAR Meeting at Heritage Village @ 6:30 in the Pinellas Room.**

MARCH 2020

- 5th Pin-MAR Meeting at Heritage Village @ 6:30 in the Pinellas Room.**

Note: Activities in **BOLD** print are **Pin-MAR** sponsored activities. Classic Lassie events are in **purple**...open to all Pin-MAR ladies. Information on page 2. Heritage Village events are in **blue**. Pin-MAR breakfast information is on the front page.

CHAPMAN 40 COUPE

by: John Chapman

I was inspired by Ron Roberson's Co-president's message in the December, 2019 Pin-Mar News. We share the love of '40 Fords. When we (Sandy & John Chapman) were "discovered" in 1982 by Pin-Mar members, Don Lorrier and Paul Dobbins, we had our 1940 Ford sticking out of the garage just a few blocks from Don & Lynne's place. We became members of Pin-Mar and experienced much and created many great memories in our '40 Ford with our kids, the Crosclins, Wards and Fraze's daughters all around the same ages of 6-8. I wasn't born until that '40 was 8 years old. There's something about 40 Fords I have always loved, even when I built my first model of one at 8 or 10 years old. Fast forward to 1994, when we



purchased our current 1940 Standard Coupe from Blair Nelson. Blair is an interesting fellow that cared for his vehicles. We purchased 2 trucks from Blair prior to buying the '40 a couple of years later. Blair was such a great "caretaker" of these vehicles that I felt as

though I had to prove my worthiness before being able to purchase the trucks, a 1939 P/U and a 1936 ton and a half flatbed. The '36 Flatbed was used as a stage for Pin-Mar's Maderia Beach car shows years ago. The 40 coupe (pronounced coo-pay) "coops are for chickens" as Les Henry reminded us, was purchased new in St. Petersburg at Grant Ford on 9th St. We are the 4th owners of the car. Don't

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remember who #1 was #2 Jim Greenly, #3 Blair and #4 us. It is straight as an arrow and rust free. As Ron's 40 we have upgraded some things to accommodate today's traffic. The car is now 12 volts, electronic ignition, LED lights, turn signals, 15" wheels and a 3.25 rear end gear. The flattie is a bit tired and due for a freshening and it's 1970's lacquer paint (painted by Chuck Eichenburg) is in need of a new shine. The "St. Petersburg" tag topper was restored by Bob Croslin and is displayed with pride. The '40 coupe has done a Glidden tour a Sentimental tour among others. The now 80 year old black 1940 is still going strong and is the pride of our collection. I've been asked many times over the years if the car is for sale? My standard answer is that "It will be in my estate sale". We aren't known to many of the current members and aren't able to attend many Pin-Mar events as we have lived in Sarasota for 35 years. We are John & Sandy Chapman we also have a 66 Ford F100, & a 65 Sunbeam Tiger. Hope to see more of you in 2020 Starting with the Birthday Tour.

