

I know there have been many stories of frustrations swirling around, so I figured this would be an excellent time to give everyone a quick update on the H.C. Smith General Store, so everyone is on the same page.

Let's start with the obvious... The store was closed during the pandemic and was the first building to re-open, welcoming visitors back to the park. Soon after the re-opening, PIN-MAR's Annual Heritage Village Car Show took place in April. Finally, it seemed like the world was becoming normal again.

Then in late May, volunteers at the store noticed a liquid spilled in the garage area on the workbench and the surrounding concrete hexagon tiles. After a closer inspection, they believed it was possibly some mercury and notified the Heritage Village staff.

Once staff looked at the spill, they followed the proper procedure by closing the General Store and notifying the county of a potentially hazardous material spill. The county then contacted their hazardous waste



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Things You Should Know!



PIN-MAR is a not-for-profit corporation founded as a club in Pinellas County, Florida, in 1964

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month

at 6:30 pm in the Pinellas Room

at Heritage Village.

No meetings are held in

June, July and December



Pin-MAR stands for the (Pinellas Model A Restorers) The club's founders were dedicated to restoring and preserving the Model A Ford.



DUES

Annual dues are just \$20.00 and due on January 1st of each year. Memberships run from January 1-December 31

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST @ 6:30PM NEXT CLUB MEETING

Meetings are held in the Pinellas Room @ Heritage Village 11909 125th Street, Largo, FL 33774



The Pin-MAR Antique Car Club, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation founded as a club in Pinellas County, Florida, in 1964. (Pin-MAR is an acronym for the Pinellas Model A Restorers) The club's founders were dedicated to restoring and preserving the Model A Ford. The club now accepts members with all makes, models, and years of vehicles. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at Heritage Village in the Pinellas Room or as announced in this newsletter. The club dedicates time and resources to Heritage Village, including volunteers who run the H.C. Smith General Store, care for the period garage display, and maintain the park's antique vehicles. The club also conducts tours, outings, an annual Picnic, an annual 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 (Jan1-Dec 31) set at just \$20.00.

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CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS In 17 In Victory At Indianapolis 500 Mile Race



They say that necessity is the mother of invention, however some great inventions came to us by chance or even accidentally. Consider the history of these common transportation and/or household inventions.

- The airplane propeller was developed and patented by Wilbur and Orville Wright during their development of the first heavier than air flyer in 1903.
- 2) In 1860 Étienne Lenoir used an electric spark plug in his gas engine, the first internal combustion piston engine. Lenoir is generally credited with the invention of the spark plug. Some sources credit Edmond Berger, an immigrant from Togo, with creating a spark plug in early 1839, though records show he did not receive a patent for his device. Patents for improved versions were granted in 1898 to Nikola Tesla in the US and Robert Bosch and Frederick Simms in the UK.
- 3) The windshield wiper was invented by Mary Anderson in 1902, a lady from Alabama who was visiting New York City and got the idea while riding a streetcar in the snow.
- 4) John Boyd Dunlop was a Scottish inventor and veterinary surgeon who spent most of his career in Ireland. Familiar with rubber surgical tubing, he re-invented pneumatic tires for his child's tricycle and developed them for use in bicycle racing. Another Scotsman, Robert William Thomson had patented "Aerial Wheels" in 1845, some 43 years earlier, but the invention was largely ahead of the demand.
- 5) The electric starter for automobiles was invented by Charles Kettering, who formed the Dayton Engineering Laboratory Company, later shortened to DELCO. The first vehicle to incorporate an electric starter was the 1912 Cadillac.
- 6) The pizza box was invented by Tom Monaghan founder of Domino's Pizza and the first home pizza delivery.
- 7) The first carburetor was invented by <u>Samuel Morey</u> in 1826. The first person to patent a carburetor for use in a petroleum engine was <u>Siegfried Marcus</u> with his July 6th, 1872 patent for a device which mixes fuel with air.
- 8) Automotive fuel injection was invented by California dry lakes racer and hot rodder Stuart Hilborn, who was trying to solve the problem of alcohol fuels destroying carburetors in race cars. It was first demonstrated in 1949. By 1955 all 33 starting cars in the Indy 500 ran Hilborn's fuel injection.
- 9) The inventor of the first waterproof fabric, mating rubber with cloth, was Charles MacIntosh of Scotland. He is remembered mainly for inventing the raincoat, which bears his name. His invention was also applied to conveyor belts.

10) Charles Goodyear invented vulcanized rubber in 1844. His invention made rubber tires possible, however he never owned an automobile or a

 blimp.
11) Foam rubber was invented in a rubber production plant accidentally when a compressed airline broke and landed in a rubber vat.

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- 12) Silly Putty was a failed invention toward a new type of rubber. It was made into a toy when a marketing person saw the chemists playing with it.
- 13) Union Carbide introduced Prestone antifreeze in 1927. The antifreeze was developed by chance, when an employee noted that the section of the river never froze where they dumped their ethylene glycol by-product that had no known commercial value.
- 14) Safety glass was invented by a French Chemist named Edouard Benedictus. In 1903 a lab accident resulted in coating a glass flask with cellulose nitrate plastic. When dropped, the flask shattered, but it did not break into pieces. In 1909 he filed a patent, when he learned of injuries to passengers caused by flying glass in a local car accident. In 1911, he formed a company to manufacture Triplex safety glass, made from two layers of glass with a plastic layer between. The first vehicle in the US to offer safety glass was the Ford Model A, which had a safety glass windshield.
- **15)** Post-it Notes were invented when 3M employee Art Carr sat next to a chemist in the company lunchroom and noted that he was looking for a sticky bookmark to mark the pages in his hymnal when he sang in the church choir. The chemist made some makeshift sticky bookmarks for him using a glue prototype formula that had been discarded, because the glue's adhesion was not permanent.

See you on the tours. I'll be driving an atomic car invented by Tom Swift.

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RUNNING By Ron Roberson

The Maurie Rose Connection

Recently I purchased a 1941 magazine ad for Champion Spark Plugs. It included photos of drivers Maurie Rose and Floyd Davis, who teamed to win the Indy 500 race that year, and it proclaimed it to be the 17th year that Champion Spark Plugs were used in the winning car. (At that point there had only been 31 races since the inaugural Indy 500 in 1911). In 1941, Rose and Davis were teammates, Maurie being the top driver and Floyd piloting the No. 2 team car. Rose was leading the race and Davis running 17th, when Rose's car dropped out. At the next pit stop, on lap 72, Rose relieved Davis in the No. 2 car and proceeded to work through the pack and win the race. It would be the first of three Indy wins for Maurie Rose, as he



repeated in 1947 and 1948 before retiring after the 1951 race.

This ad caught my attention quickly, as Maurie Rose is the only Indy 500 winner that I ever met. That happened at the NHRA Drag Racing Nationals at Indianapolis in the late 1960s. My dad was the crew chief on a B/Gas Dragster, and I was a skinny teenager making the transition from high school to college who served as the low man on the pit crew. Maurie's son, Maurie Rose Jr, had been drag racing for several years, and this year Maurie Sr. had gotten the bug and was campaigning a C/Gas Dragster. Maurie Sr. was in his early 60s at the time, and with his Indy 500 background, a 140-mph dragster didn't scare him. Our two classes were called to the staging lanes, and I could see him ahead of us in the next lane standing by his car. I was surprised that there were no onlookers, but a three-time Indy winner from two decades ago was not that interesting to the drag race crowd. I was quite shy in those days (I've since gotten over that) but I really wanted to meet him, so I ventured over and asked how he was doing. In his sixties, Maurie was a wirely little guy with gray hair and a gray mustache (much like I am now). He was very cordial, and began to tell me about his car, which he had a hand in building. Here I was, speaking with one of history's greatest racing drivers, and he was just another car guy. He truly loved racing, and he was having a blast with his hobby dragster. Maurie lasted a round or two before being eliminated in the class racing, but I don't think that he minded missing the winner's circle this time. He was just happy to be there.

A second connection to the vintage ad, was the Champion Spark Plugs brand. When we were drag racing in the 1960s, Champion was supplying spark plugs to us free of charge. They would sometimes ask us to try different heat ranges and report back on the performance. We had a similar deal with Valvoline, who provided free oil, and we were a test car for Iskenderian racing cams and sometimes tested experimental cam grinds. The accompanying photo is a promotional photo from 1963 with driver Jim Neeley in the car and crew member Bill Shockey shaking hands with the Champion sales rep, who happened to be the 1952 Indy 500 winner, Troy Ruttman. The strange angle of the photo put the Champion sticker on the back of our car at the center of the photo. Too bad I missed this photo shoot. I could have met a second Indy 500 winner.

I found the 1941 ad in a local antique shop. If I see a stack of old ads for sale, I am bound to go through them. Every now and then I'll find one that I just can't pass up.

See you on the road.

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More Lorrier/Siegle Award/Trophy (every word is true!)

So, a little more LSAT history. There are several sets of unmarked Model A points and condensers on the award. For some reason, I remembered a story behind at least one set, that being the only car in Pin-MAR that broke down in a funeral procession. **Don Lorrier** took possession of a stripped Model A coupe from a Brooksville barn back in the cars among the historic homes of Hyde Park in Tampa. **Hollis Rule** agreed to drive one of **Bill Brown**'s Auburns to the event. The Auburn began to sputter and quit and Hollis rolled into the parking lot of a funeral home.The owner came out and asked if he could help. Hollis asked him if he could have the car buried. Bill Brown, do you remember

70's. He got it loaded on a trailer and brought it back to St. Petersburg. A bunch of us were at the McDonalds across from Tyrone Mall. Don pulled it in back under a street light.

After we all finished eating and gabbing, we went out to look it over. Don had along a gas can and battery in hopes of driving it onto the trailer, so he hooked up the battery and gas can, turned the key and it started instantly which none of us expected. None of us expected the **rats** that came flowing out of the exhaust



what went on the LSAT for that? And, did you ever get the Auburn dug up?

For this month, let's look at the front middle of the award. Notice the sticker that reads "**DOBBIN** Gas, good to the last drop" Paul used to run out of gas frequently. You or me would get frustrated at doing that, especially as often as Paul did. But Paul was quite proud at having done so. He once ran out of gas with me as a passenger on a Sunday morning. We coasted into a side street where a sweet little old granny lady was mowing

pipe, gas tank, and from under the seat. Thousands of them at least, probably more. Now you have about 10 grown men jumping and screaming like little girls trying to avoid the rats who were just as frightened as we were. Don sold the car to a guy who did an amazing restoration on it. It later belonged to **Harold & Betty Warrington**. They drove the car from St. Petersburg to the top of Pikes Peak and back and a year later drove it to the top of Mt. Washington and back. Later the car was owned by **Ray Anderson** and then **Randy Harden** in Dover.

At one point during Harold's ownership, we lost a valued and loved member, **Ed Monk** to pancreatic cancer. His wife **Bev**, a former Pin-MAR president herself, asked us to drive our old cars for the funeral and subsequent graveside service. So, as the parade of vintage cars rolled solemnly through Memorial Park Cemetery, Harold's coupe backfired a couple of times, then died in the road to the gravesite. A few of us got and pushed Harold out of the road, earning him the dubious honor of becoming the first and only winner whose car died in a cemetery.

But wait, there's more! One year we did a showing of old

her lawn. Without shame, he talked Granny out of her lawn mower gas to get us home.

The thermostat is from Frank Quillen's '57 Thunderbird which performed exactly as two-seat T-birds were designed to do overheat. The little piston with a hole in the top is a reminder of an overnight tour we did to the Edison home in Ft. Meyers. On the trip home, Rich & Nancy Fraze' '29 Model A Sprout Coupe flung (flunged?) A fan blade straight up into the radiator neck, crushing it. A roadside technical session was held where the highly skilled Pin-MAR 'mechanics' pounded the neck back round and reattached the radiator hose. There is one skill all Pin-MAR 'mechanics' excel at - breaking things. They broke off the remaining fan blade and in order to keep air flowing through the radiator, we got on the interstate where maintaining minimum speed, number two piston decided to relocate itself to somewhere other than the cylinder where it was supposed to be. Who owns the little bakelite plate with the coil connector melted? Just to the right of that is an ignition switch from Charlie & Elaine Waterhouse that bit the biscuit on an OldTown tour.

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Had a nice turnout for the July 4th Tour. Bob & Beth Croslin drove their Model A, Charles Plantania and Roger & Barbara Vieno drove their Corvette's while the others drove modern to avoid the heat. Joining us were Lisa Jordan, Ron & Sherri Roberson, Chip & Alice Katterhenry, and John & Lynette Gill. Sure was nice to see Roger & Barbara active again.



Christmas in July. Someone was on Santa's "Good list" during the first six months of the year and lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time when Lon Mackey decided to pass along his 1930 Model A Woody Wagon to its next owner. Of course, the next owner left Lon with a nice bag of coins, and everyone was happy. Now the only question is what's he gonna get next.

We learned that **Ron & Jane Golly** are down with Covid, but are recovering slowly. Also heard that **Belva & Sid Meyers** and **Tyler Culotta** were down with Covid too but are recovering. Get better, kids.

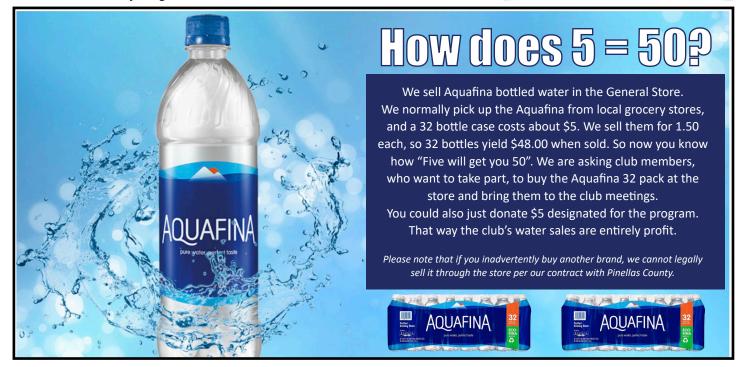
Ginny Lyke reports that Emil Focht took a fall and scraped up his arm but is on the mend. Ginny's got a very nice 1997 Buick for sale. It qualifies for both AACA and VMCCA touring if you need an air conditioned ride.

Len Parker reports **Linda** is doing better, even driving herself for a hair and nails appointment/

Last month I wondered what **Billy & Shera Bie** were up to. A week later I pick up the Largo/Bellaire Bee and who's on the front page but Billy! He was being reunited with his Anona Elementary Schoolmate **Joyce** **Walsingham Nicholson** from 70 years ago. The reuniting took place at the Indian Rocks Beach Historical Museum with both Shera and the IEB mayor present.

John & Cecelia Smith took the model T to the Safety Harbor 4th of July Parade. Boiled out almost a gallon of water creeping down the parade route. Presently re-wiring the '22 model T. Almost ready to see if it will start. Sold our '65 blue/white Chevy pickup to a friend. He and his son are going to give it the TLC it is craving. We had to cut down a couple of big pine trees due to





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bark beetles getting into them. So we turned them into a swing.

Panama threw us another curve ball. Now they won't accept notarized documents they have to be Apostilled. Yeah, I had to google it too. Any rate, the documents are at the State Dept. waiting to have the official State seal put on them. Unfortunately, what took a week pre-covid now takes 2 months so we are in a holding pattern -AGAIN!



Brando & Joanne Pistorius are off to an Alaskan Cruise the last week of July! Looking forward to the cool weather, although it was poor timing, with that

Sweet Sage

being the last week to accept applications for the August 1 deadline with the **Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance**. Bless our volunteers for keeping the machine running while we are gone ;-)

Jim Eby said he's finding that pouring a babbitt bearing in an aluminum rod is not a trivial task. The cause of failure of the old hot rod connecting rod was a failed bond between the babbitt and the connecting rod bore. So, he's working on a solution. The shop that originally

reconditioned his rods is upping their game with new and improved tinning solution as well as tighter controls on their process. At the same time, he's working with **Pauter Machine in California** to specify a custom CNC rod that utilizes modern bearing inserts. I don't know which way I'll go. Stay tuned for breaking news. In the mean time, he's off on another road trip to Dad's in Michigan, then a brother's in Virginia, then the "Franklin Trek" national Franklin Car Club meet in New York. **Cheers, Jim & Therese Eby**





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The **Classie Lassie Lunch** Ladies, grab your hat and shoes, We've gat some misbehavin' to do.!



Join us as we get together for a delicious lunch!

WHEN:	THURSDAY, August 18, 2022 @ NOON
	TELEPHONE: 813-289-7922
	TAMPA, FL 33607
	3045 NORTH ROCKY POINT DRIVE
WHERE:	BAHMA BREEZE
WHAT:	CLASSIE LASSIE 'GET TOGETHER' AND LUNCHEON
WHO:	ALL PIN-MAR LADIES and THEIR GUEST

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

TO BARBARA VIENO AT 727-525-8101 or Rvieno@Tampabay.Rr.Com

Hope to see you there! Barbara Vieno

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disposal company, which confirmed that it was mercury, and remediation began.

All contaminated materials were cleaned or removed, including several dozen hexagon concrete tiles and the workbench.

Once the "all-clear" signal was given, the store re-opened to the public. Yes, the store, not the

garage. Since it's summer and there are fewer visitors, it seemed like an excellent time to inventory everything in the garage and dispose of anything that wasn't appropriate for the 1920s - 1930s-era garage. Especially since no one knew how the bottle of mercury got into the garage, and neither PIN-MAR nor the HV staff could find the inventory list done many

find the inventory list done many years ago.



So here's the plan:

- 1. Clean and prep the garage for painting.
- 2. Install shelves on the West wall of the garage.
- 3. Apply a fresh coat of paint in the garage.
- 4. Inventory and organize everything as it is placed back.
- 5. Move vehicles back into the garage.
- 6. Re-open it to the public.

The inventory is in progress, and on Tuesday, August 9, guys from the county trades department and some PIN-MAR



members will thoroughly clean and prepare the garage for painting.

Then county trades department will build and place shelves on the West wall of the garage so items will be more visually appealing for those visiting.

Once all of that is completed, the plan is to paint the garage sometime around August 15. Then

items will start to be put back on the walls and shelves. If the staff cannot find replacement tiles to replace the ones removed, those areas will be filled in with gravel or covered by the cars until we can get the correct tiles to replace them.

If everything goes smoothly and we have a good turnout of volunteers to help clean, paint, and place the items back in the garage, we'll have the garage open again in early September.

Given a basket of lemons, we've chosen to make lemonade. We all know that the garage needed

this attention, and maybe that's why, out of nowhere, the mystery bottle of mercury appeared. It may have just been the garage gods calling for HELP!

Thank you for remaining positive during the process, and join in and help if you can. Afterward, we'll all gather in the garage to celebrate.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 727-433-0995 or if you would rather email me you can send it to culotta@mac.com.



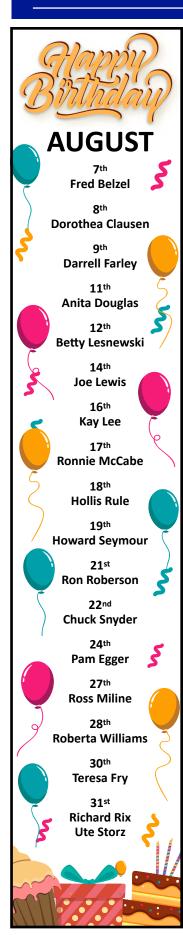
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Ads are free for two months to PIN-MAR members and friends. All ads need to be submitted to the editor no later than the 15th of each month

For Sale: 1954 Sedan Delivery Just Completed 1/20. '69 Vette 350, Turbo 400. 10 Bolt Rear, Front Discs, Power Rack & Pinion Steering, Vintage Air & Heat, Side And Rear Cameras, Power Seats, Full Windows (No Vents), Tires 16" Front & 18" Rear & More. Paint Ppg Lexus Grey With Pin-Stripping, All Done. Over \$68,000 Invested, Asking \$31,000. Call Frank @ 727-367-4016

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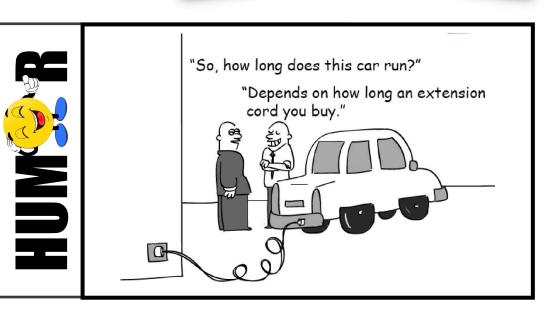
For Sale: 1960 Studebaker Lark Viii Four Door "Susie"... Two Owner, 88,300 Original Miles, Rebuilt Flightomatic Trans...Rebuilt Brakes, Nearly-New Tires, One Repaint (Beige) Asking \$8,900 Call John @ 727-522-1522



For Sale: 1929 Model A Roadster Hey Everyone, Someone Here At Work Knows Of An Individual Selling Their 1929 Model A Roadster. He Asked To See If There Was Anyone Local That Is Interested And I Can Give You His Number. *Call Adam (@)* 352-255-7468

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