



PINMAR NEWS

DELIVERING YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING AND NOT HAPPENING



A company called *Green Cars*, which promotes hybrid/electrics, did a commercial shoot on Wednesday, June 29th. The Heritage Village H.C. Smith Store was used as the backdrop for both the video and still shoots. The storyline followed a young couple driving a Jeep hybrid and exploring our old store. Here's brief view of the filming as witnessed by Ron Roberson, our President and docent extraordinaire. Speaking of docents, if you've got some spare time. Let us know!



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IT'S AUGUST... TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

The new membership year begins, January 1st. Annual dues are \$20.00 and are due January 1st. If dues are not paid by March 1st, we will remove your name from the membership list and discontinue sending the newsletters. Also please let us know if you've got a new phone number, email or moved and have a new home address so we can update our membership contact information.

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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH @ 6:30PM

NEXT CLUB MEETING

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



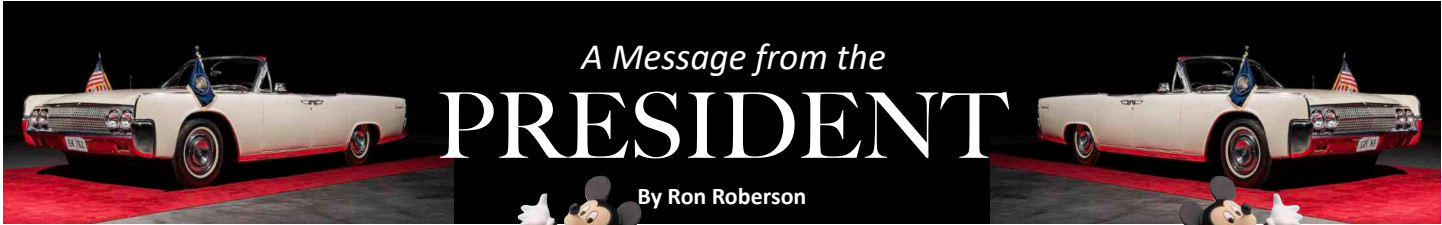
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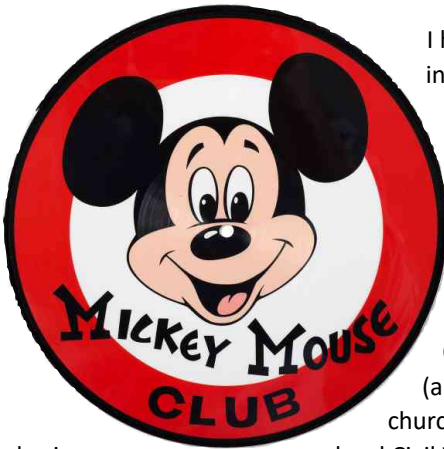
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The Pin-MAR Antique Car Club, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation founded as a club in Pinellas County, Florida, in 1964. (Pin-MAR is an acronym for the Pinellas Model A Restorers) The club's founders were dedicated to restoring and preserving the 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.



Car Clubs



I have been in many clubs in my lifetime, including a number of car clubs. I grew up in my dad's hot rod club, but I have also been a member of the local Camaro club, The Studebaker Driver's Club, Christian Cruisers (a club I started in my old church) and Pin-MAR. I was

also in a local Civil War Roundtable, and several professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, ASTM and the American Industrial Hygiene Association, where I was tapped as a Fellow.

My love for clubs started with the Mickey Mouse Club, which first aired in October of 1955, about six weeks past my 5th birthday. I never missed a club meeting, and quickly developed a crush on an older woman of 13 named Annette Funicello. I loved the club's welcoming warmth and all the activities depicted. They always closed the show with a very special musical message that made me feel like I was really part of a group.

M-I-C,
See you real soon!
K-E-Y,
Why? Because we like you!
M-O-U-S-E



About the same time, I started attending the hot rod club meetings with my dad. At one of those meetings, a charter member named Fred May nominated me to be an honorary member, noting that my attendance was better than most of the other members. The club voted me in unanimously, waiving the rule that a member must be at least 16, and they gave me a membership card, which promptly went into my Mickey Mouse wallet. The car and the wallet are long lost to the ages, but I can still picture



the card in my mind, with the member's age listed on the card as 5. When the hot rod club disbanded in 1966, I was heartbroken, being just short of that 16th birthday, where the membership would be real. The upside was that I still had the crush on Annette and never missed a Beach movie. Still better, the old hot rod club in Ohio reorganized in 2008, and I am again a member.

When I reached my twenties, moved from Ohio to Florida and started my career, the clubs I joined tended to be the professional societies, and I got away from car clubs. Then I got married, started a family, and we were soon in the local Camaro car club.

All that being said, our membership in Pin-MAR is my longest running car club membership at 15 years so far, and it has been very much enjoyable. The club is hands on and active, and I love the tours, picnics, car shows, projects and the great friends we have made. It is the only car club that we have belonged to that is largely couples and includes activities that appeal to everyone. And I love the fact that we have lady members with their own cars.

There is only one other club that I have enjoyed longer than all the others. That would be the Clean Plate Club, where I am a member in very good standing. See you on the tours. Let's go to a restaurant. Why? Because we like you.



RUNNING N EMPTY

By Ron Roberson

The Safety Can

For the past century or so, people have been transporting gasoline in gas cans for use in lawn mowers, generators, motorboats, go-karts, minibikes, dirt bikes, race cars and any other gas-powered vehicle that cannot be readily filled directly from a gas pump at the local gas station. Over the years, these gasoline cans have been available in metal or plastic, coded red in color and carrying some kind of labeling indicating the intended use for transporting gasoline. To my personal knowledge no human being was ever injured who used these cans for the intended purpose following common sense safety procedures, like not using gasoline to start a barbecue grill or refilling the gas tank on a hot lawn mower. This represents thousands of people transporting gasoline in cans for use in gasoline powered machines for more than a century. That being said, someone, somewhere decided that the world needed safer gas cans, and today we have a myriad of products that are largely impossible to use.

With me, this began about ten years ago, when my lawn mower gas can (2.5 gallon) was looking a bit worn, and I decided to buy a new one. I noticed the new and “improved” safety spout advertised on the plastic can. It consisted of a sleeve over the spout that had to be pulled back against a spring in order to allow the gasoline to exit the can. The first time I tried to use it, I could not lock it open, following the picture directions, so I had to apply pressure against the spring continuously as it poured. Within seconds my fingers began to ache, and I had to let it go. I repeated this procedure several times, until I gave up on filling the mower tank. I immediately began investigating a way to remove the spring device, and within a few minutes it was broken. I removed the entire spout, poured the gas into my old can using a funnel and set the “new improved” model on a shelf in the garage, where it still rests today.

Then we went through a hurricane and lost power, I fired up our generator and soon learned that the three five-gallon cans that I had purchased for the generator would not be enough in an extended outage. I went to buy a new five-gallon gas can, and having learned nothing from the previous experience, I got one with a “new and improved” safety spout. This one required a pull back against a spring and a twist to lock it open. I went to fill that can, and the gas station was out of the non-ethanol gasoline that I use in all the classic cars and all the small engine devices (i.e., anything with a carburetor), so I filled it with regular with 10% ethanol. It turned out that I didn’t have to use that gas in the generator, so I decided to pour it into Sherri’s PT Cruiser and refill the can with non-ethanol. I immediately ran into a problem in that the spout would not fit into the PT Cruiser’s nozzle size limiter. I decided to transfer the gas into my mower can which has a slimmer spout, and I immediately broke the safety valve. I was finally able to get the gas out of the “safety” can by replacing the “safety” spout with one from an older style can. Once emptied, the new “safety” can was placed next to the other “safety” can, never to be used again.

Recently, I made some progress on my long-term Studebaker pickup truck project by replacing the gas tank. The old tank was partly full of (very) old gasoline. To drain that tank, I decided to use the two long forgotten “safety” cans, but I was still a few gallons short. I searched the web for cheap five-gallon gas cans, and I found a reasonably priced version at a local wholesale club outlet. However, all the cans I located were of the “new

and improved” safety type. I read the reviews on the can that I chose, and two reviews were particularly interesting (and hilarious) as both users described safety devices that broke on the first use, and both blamed the US EPA for complicating an otherwise simple device. The second review went so far as to describe in detail how to modify the safety valve and also remove a flame arrester that made filling the can nearly impossible. I cut and pasted both reviews and ordered two of the gas cans.

The point of all this is to illustrate how a simple device can be rendered useless through the advancement of safety, which is there to protect that 1% of the population that is careless, uninformed or just plain moronic enough to hurt themselves with most anything they touch. This is the reason that your new car manual warns you not to drink the battery acid. It is the reason that the label on a bottle of sleeping pills warns you of drowsiness, and that box of Preparation H suppositories warns you to not take them orally. There’s a warning label for a chainsaw that tells you not to hold it by the wrong end, and a label for a jet ski that warns not to use a lit match to see the fuel level. They put a label on a car sun shield that tells you not to drive with the shield in place, and some egg cartons now warn you that the product inside may contain eggs. My Dremel tool warns users that it cannot be used as a dental tool, but the best one ever is the warning on a baby stroller reminding users to remove the child before folding up the stroller.

See you on the road. Be careful if you keep a gas can in the trunk.



Upcoming Events


NO MEETING IN JULY

PIN-MAR
NO MONTHLY MEETING




MONDAY JULY 4



PARADE AND BREAK BREAKFAST OPTIONS TO
CELEBRATE



MONDAY JULY 4

SAFETY HARBOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE

Date: Monday, July 4, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Safety Harbor


Notes: If you feel celebratory, you can join in with The Suncoast T Club for the annual Safety Harbor Independence Day Parade. Afterwards, they're going to air conditioned Applebee's for lunch. Lineup is by 9:00 AM on Bayshore Drive 2 blocks south of Main Street and the Safety Harbor Spa.



MONDAY JULY 4

THE ST. PETE JIM SUTCH TOUR TO
BREAKFAST

Date: Monday, July 4, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Northeast Shopping Center
294 37th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704



Notes: Departure from the Northeast Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 AM. The lot is located directly East of the McDonalds at 3800 4th St. N. in St. Petersburg. We'll finish up about 45 minutes later at The Hanger Restaurant

THURSDAY AUG 18

CLASSIE LASSIE
LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, AUGUST 18, 2022
Time: Noon
Location: Bahama Breeze
3045 North Rocky Pint Drive
Tampa, FL 33607



Info: See Classie Lassie page and flyer in newsletter

Thursday AUG 4

PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING



Thursday SEP 1

PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING



Thursday OCT 6

PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING



Thursday NOV 3

PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING



DECEMBER
NO MEETING

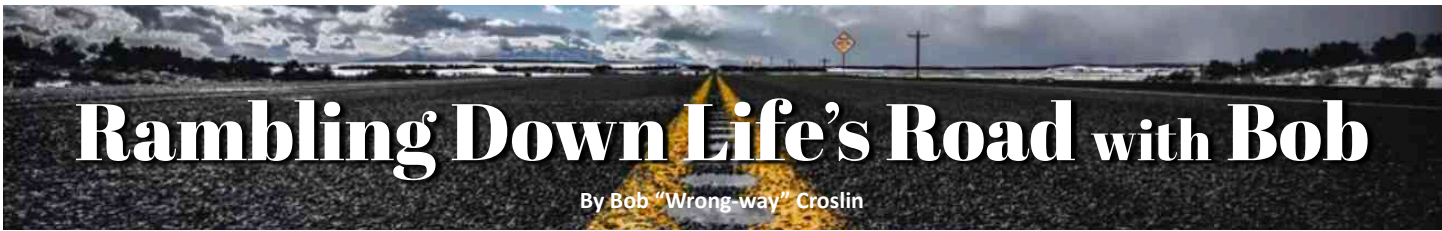



SUNDAY JAN 1

45TH ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY
BIRTHDAY TOUR

WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP!

If you know something that's happening and think it should be shared. Email it to culotta@mac.com. It's up to all of us all keep this page up-to-date.

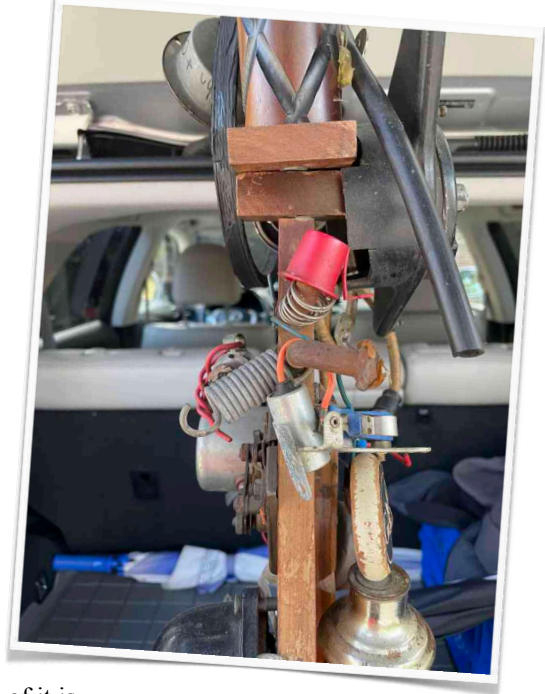


Rambling Down Life's Road with Bob

By Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin

Words of Wisdom and Inspiration for JULY

OK, a little more on the Lorrier/Siegle Award/Trophy for the insomniacs. Hopefully I don't repeat myself but if I do, your memory isn't any better than mine anyway. In the upper left is a Model T ammeter attached by Cecelia Smith in 2019. Pretty sure the car is still on the roadside. Next to it is a little bitty fan belt nut the writing on the duct tape label is worn off. Anyone claim this? Who donated the red battery cap? Who gave up a Ford points and condenser and the brake spring? All these are hanging on two big spikes that somehow found their way into the rear end on Ron & Carol Wilton's 1929 Town Sedan Ron bought to drive while doing a show quality restoration on a 1930 Tudor. They were on a tour along Park Blvd when the bent one got between the ring and pinion causing the A to stop short and shattering the R&P into pieces. No one has ever figured out how they got there. If you didn't know Ron, you missed knowing one of the smartest and talented people I've ever known. Ron once dropped out of MENSA because they were "too boring." The curly red wire is hanging off a shorted out light socket. Anybody? Who claims the brake spring?



of it is.

Lost firewood? Another Ford condenser.

Is a pattern forming? The wire and spark plug is likely from a Ford flattie, but whose? Don's '35 perhaps? Or one of Dobbin's rolling roadside tech sessions? Behind the spark plug is a fuel

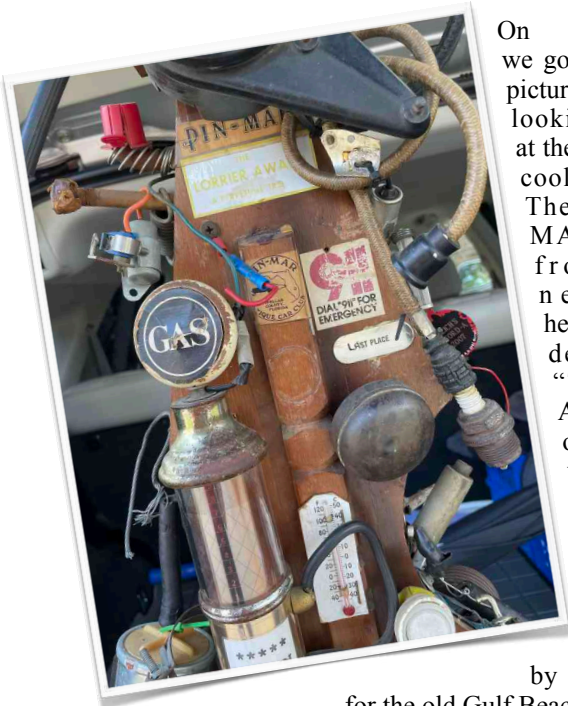
filter and dog tag claiming it to be from Deb and Gareth's '29 Model A in 2007. The "Last Place" is awarded to all who have had custody of the award. The float is likely a Zenith float. Going lower we find another Model A condenser. You'd almost think they were a problem part, wouldn't you? More next month unless every member sends me \$10.


On we go to picture 2 looking at the front. Lots a cool stuff here; The word Pin-MAR was cut from an old newsletter header. The decal stating "The Lorrier Award" was one I made when I still worked at Honeywell. The visible Gas pump was from a trophy made

by Lem Cooter

for the old Gulf Beaches Car Show.

I haven't a clue what the wooden piece to the right





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The Classie Lassie Corner

By Ginny Lyke

*Ladies, grab your hat and shoes,
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*Our June classy lassie luncheon was held at Hula Bay.
The view and food did not disappoint.
We decided to take a break in July and we'll resume in August.*

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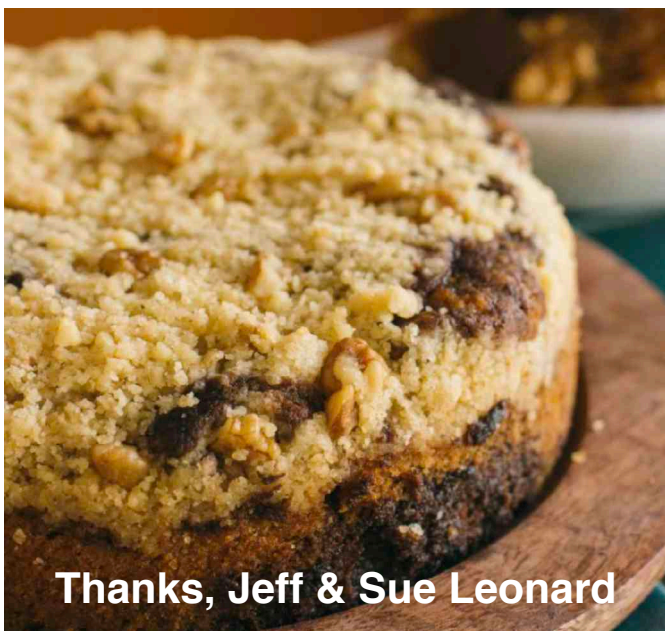
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WHAT: CLASSIE LASSIE 'GET TOGETHER' AND LUNCHEON
WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 @ NOON
WHERE: BAHAMA BREEZE
 3045 NORTH ROCKY POINT DRIVE, TAMPA, FL 33607

If you're interested in joining them for their next get-together, see the flyer in the newsletter and RSVP. As always it's going to be an incredible time with a good meal and great friends.

NOTICE: If a COVID issue arises affecting our luncheon; you'll receive an email notifying you of the change or cancellation.

FAVORITE Family RECIPES

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Thanks, Jeff & Sue Leonard

Calico Crumb Cake

40 min | EASY | Serves 1 Cake Lover

For the Topping:

Combine the following until crumbly and set aside:

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts

Melt 1 - 6 oz. package chocolate chips over hot water in a double boiler (or microwave) and set aside to cool.

For the Cake:

At low speed, beat for 1 minute:

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Beat until smooth, then pour into a greased 13 X 9 inch pan. Swirl in melted chocolate, then sprinkle with crumb topping.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35-40 minutes.

NEWS GOSSIP

By Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore

Ben & Linda Umberger came home from touring in Indiana with a new child



in the family. Linda's even going to learn to drive a T since it's so cute. The newbie is a 1916 depot hack and will make a great tour car. He was also in a magazine fixin' the T with **Gareth Eich** and **Phil Maurici** supervising. Ben also divulged his secret identity. A little Bat-y if you ask me.




From **Kay Lee**: As you may know I am still on the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Board. Was in Kerrville TX last week for the National Convention. Was a good turnout but hot and humid. 106 one day and of course everyone keeps the hotels, etc. freezing cold. Lots of Model A's and only 18 cars for judging. There are fewer and fewer cars that show up for judging. I would rather drive them!! Our Central Illinois A's have an outing tomorrow to Wheel O'Times in Peoria. Should be interesting as we haven't been there for a couple of years and they change it out quite often. Of course Kalamazoo, MI in September and Hershey, PA in

November. And all kinds of things in between with the A's.

You know that I am also on a board where we are building a school in Uganda. This is our 5th year and it is so exciting. Went there in 2019 and had planned to go back this year but want to wait another year due to Covid. Planning on 2023.




John & Barbara Messmore have advertised their amazing Sweet Sage Cafe in the Pin-MAR newsletter like forever. If you don't make a pilgrimage there, you're missing a lot of fab food and a fun time enjoying all the cool stuff there. I mentioned to John he's looking



How does 5 = 50?

We sell Aquafina bottled water in the General Store. We normally pick up the Aquafina from local grocery stores, and a 32 bottle case costs about \$5. We sell them for 1.50 each, so 32 bottles yield \$48.00 when sold. So now you know how "Five will get you 50". We are asking club members, who want to take part, to buy the Aquafina 32 pack at the store and bring them to the club meetings. You could also just donate \$5 designated for the program. That way the club's water sales are entirely profit.

Please note that if you inadvertently buy another brand, we cannot legally sell it through the store per our contract with Pinellas County.



younger every time I see him. John says he's dyslexic - he's 37, not 73.

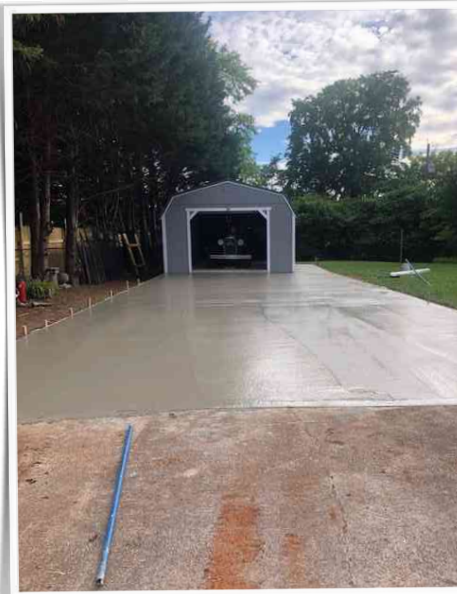
Billy & Shera Bie; what have you guys been up to?

Ken Harper is putting a new radiator in the SS396 Chevelle and the Model A is getting an engine overhaul.

From **Steve Wickizer**: Just completed my new garage with concrete driveway. Inside 3 Model A's with one of a friends



and my 1979 Fiat Spyder. So nice to get them all covered in Knoxville, Tennessee.



John & Cecelia Smith: We took the Model A up to Macon to Tour with the Southside Model A club. Two days of driving the hills/mountains and visiting old mansions. What a great time. More work done on the '22 Ford pickup. The radiator just came in so I'll be firing it up for the first time in 50+ years very

soon. Still battling with Panama but the end is in sight. Our plant should be up and running by next newsletter.



What is it? A recent visitor to the store showed me this picture of a thingamajig with a line level screwed to it. Any ideas what it is and used for? Please let **Bob Croslin** know.

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 TELEPHONE: 813-289-7922
WHEN: THURSDAY, August 18, 2022 @ NOON

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



A nice collection of cars attended the Fathers Day Show at the Arden Courts Memory Care Center. They included, Lon Mackey, Bob Croslin, Rick & Pat Whissel, Dawn Ward, Chip Katterhenry, Bill Shrive, and Ford Easton. It was warm but enjoyable to see both the Dad's and Mom's looking at the cars from their youth.



ON THE ROAD IN JUNE



Ben & Linda Umberger touring Indiana, buying a 1916 Depot Hack and getting A little Bat-y. Summer is here!



Happy Birthday

JULY

11th Bill Hawkins

13th Judith Ann Zeoli

16th Ed Daniels

19th Craig Dorman

20th Joann Corbin

22nd Anne Farley Bill Miller

24th Linda Harper

31st Linda Parker

Happy Birthday



CLASSIFIEDS
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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

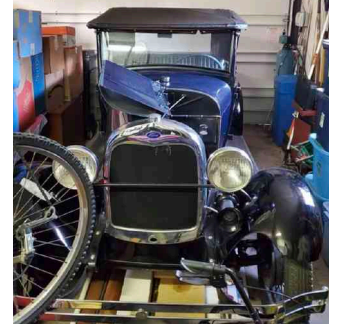
For Sale: 1930 Model A Chassis. Frame, Engine, Trans On 1940 Steel Wheels. Call @ Jack 813-313-8338

For Sale: 1918 Oldsmobile 5-Passenger Touring, Older Restoration, Stored In Heated Garage In White River Junction, Vermont. Can Arrange Easy Showing, Aaca Senior Awards Status, Also, National Antique Oldsmobile Club Award. Talk To Me Reducing Inventory. Svbnh@aol.com Asking \$19,500.00 Call Sky @ 727-584-5588



For Sale: 12V Siren. Works Great And Not So Loud As To Attract The Wrong Type Of People, Namely Police. Small, Only 3 1/2" Dia X 7" Long. \$40. Call Bob Croslin @ 727-656-0345

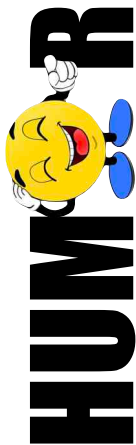
For Sale: 1960 Studebaker Lark Viii Four Door "Susie"... Two Owner, 88,300 Original Miles, Rebuilt Flightomatic Trans...Rebuilt Brakes, Nearly-New Tires, One Repaint (Beige) Asking \$8,900 Call John @ 727-522-1522



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

For Sale: 1958 Chevy 4 Door Biscayne, 283, Powerglide, Asking \$9K, Call Tom @ 815-357-8365

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