



# PINMAR NEWS

DELIVERING YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING AND NOT HAPPENING

IN THE WORDS OF WILLIE NELSON, THE '31 IS ...

# ON THE ROAD AGAIN!



*Roadworthy!*  
**AND LOOKING GOOD AGAIN**

You might recall that Gareth, Debra, and their vintage car were featured on the cover of the Pin-MAR newsletter, but unfortunately, it was for the wrong reasons. Last Fall, they were involved in an accident on the final day of the Glidden Tour in Princeton, NJ.

Following the accident, Gareth, Debra, and their 1931 Ford Cabriolet, all suffered damages. Gareth's left leg tibial plate was injured, while Debra's nose was also affected. The right

front fender of the car was damaged, alongside the bowed-in front bumper, broken windshield, and crinkle in the right hood.

Fortunately, everyone involved in the incident survived, and no critical damage was incurred. The engine was able to start, and the vehicle was successfully driven onto and off of the enclosed trailer and then returned to the garage upon

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DUES  
NOW**

renew

**LAST CHANCE... TO PAY YOUR DUES**

Yes, there are still a few who haven't paid their dues. If your dues are not paid by the end of May, we will discontinue sending you the newsletter and all other club information.

Make your checks payable to Pin-Mar and mail to  
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Please, call at 727-709-7246 if you have any questions.

**THIS COULD BE YOUR  
LAST NEWSLETTER!  
DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD @ 6:30PM

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

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

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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.



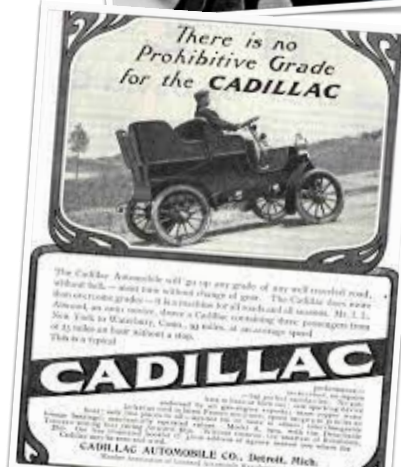


# WHAT A CONCEPT !

The concept of interchangeable parts is one we take for granted in today's old car hobby. If the water pump goes out on our '67 Camaro, Sherri and I can get another one that bolts in place and works just like the old one did when it was new.

However, there was a time in automobile production when parts were not interchangeable from one car to another. In the early days of the automobile most car companies built custom cars to order, so interchangeable parts were not a necessity. Even when Ransom Olds began producing a single model in 1901, the parts were not totally interchangeable from one curved dash Olds to another. Olds had to incorporate a group of fitters (or shapers), who worked ahead of the assembly line filing parts to make them fit together. It wasn't until 1903 when Cadillac production began that an automobile was being produced with truly interchangeable parts.

Henry Leland was a master machinist and an engineer who had learned his craft in gun production in the New England states in the late 1800s. He moved to the Detroit area to cash in on the new automotive craze and built engines under contract for the curved dash Olds. When Henry Ford's second attempt at a car company went into receivership in 1902, Leland was assigned to assess the value of the bankrupt company. Leland suggested reviving the company, and it was reorganized as Cadillac with Leland at the helm. (The Ford Motor Company that we know today was Henry's third attempt at automobile manufacture). Guns had been produced for the US government with interchangeable parts since Eli Whitney



introduced the concept to US manufacture in 1801. However, the concept did not enter automobile production until the advent of mass produced automobiles like Olds and Cadillac. Henry Ford's famous moving assembly line to mass produce Model T Fords at an increased rate (1908) could not have succeeded without interchangeable parts.

In 1908, Leland demonstrated his interchangeable parts concept with a unique stunt held at the Brookland's Speedway in England. Three Cadillacs were driven to the site and parked before an interested crowd. The cars were disassembled, and the parts thrown into a large single pile. Then the three cars were reassembled by arbitrarily picking parts from the pile, and they were driven away while the audience watched. Leland received the Dewar Trophy from the Royal Automobile Club for the demonstration, recognizing it as a major advancement for automobiles.

So what became of Henry Leland? He sold Cadillac to General Motors in 1909, and stayed on as an executive until 1917. He started another car company called Lincoln, and he also produced V-12 Liberty engines for the war effort during WWI. In 1922 with the Lincoln Motor Company in financial trouble, he sold the company to Ford. So, the two US Luxury automobiles that have survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Cadillac and Lincoln, were both founded by the same automotive pioneer, Henry Leland.

See you on the tours. If you have an old Lincoln or Caddy bring it along.

# RUNNING N EMPTY

By Ron Roberson

## CRAIG BREEDLOVE 1937-2023

Speed record ace Craig Breedlove passed away recently, and the news story brought back a ton of childhood memories for me. When I was a young teen in the early 1960s back in Ohio, my dad was the crew chief on a dragster, and I read *Hot Rod Magazine* each month from cover to cover. The issues were filled with news about land speed record attempts, as no less than a half dozen race teams were on the Bonneville Salt Flats literally redefining the whole concept.

It all started in 1960 with Mickey Thompson's *Challenger*, which ran 406 mph against the 1947 record of 394 mph by Englishman John Cobb. Mickey failed to make the required run in the opposite direction (within one hour) to make it an official record, due to mechanical problems with one of his four Pontiac V-8 engines. Then in 1963 Craig Breedlove debuted his jet powered, *Spirit of America* and set the record at 407.447 mph. This opened a whole can of worms as Mickey protested the jet car's record, stating that jet engines provide an unfair advantage since they don't drive the rear wheels and therefore don't have the potential for broken parts. This ultimately led to two separate classifications, wheel driven versus non wheel driven. In the wake of Breedlove's success, more racers with jet powered cars headed to Bonneville, including two Ohio brothers named Arfons.

The year 1964 saw the land speed record set and reset five times. On October 5th, Tom Green driving Walt Arfons' *Wingfoot Express* set the record at 413.199. Then on October 7th, brother Art Arfons bumped it up to 434.022 driving his *Green Monster*. Then on October 13th, Craig Breedlove set the record up to 468.719 in the *Spirit of America* and bumped it

further two days later to 526.277. Then Art and the *Green Monster* came back on October 27th and set it at 536.710. Overall, in the month of October of 1963 the record was raised by almost 130 mph.

In 1965, the records continued. On November 2nd, Craig Breedlove raised the bar to 555.485 mph in his new *Spirit of America-Sonic I*. On November 7th, Art Arfons raised it to 576.553 in the *Green Monster*. Then on November 15th Craig set a new record at 600.601. In that two-week period, the two former drag racers had bumped the record up another 64 mph.

Breedlove's record stood for five years until Gary Gabelich went 622.407 in the rocket powered *Blue Flame* in 1970. Starting in the 1980s the British *Thrust* team of Richard Noble and Andy Green set the record at 633.468 (1983), then 714.144 (September, 1997) and finally 763.035 mph, the first official supersonic record, in October of 1997 in a series of jet powered cars running at Black Rock Desert in Nevada.

The competition in the mid 1960's to set new speed records was unmatched historically due to the rise of jet powered cars. The record surpassed 400, 500 and 600 in a period of three years. In that same period, the wheel driven record was set by Donald Campbell in July of 1964 at 403.135 at Lake Eyre Australia. Then California's Summers Brothers ran 409.277 at Bonneville in November of 1965 in the *Goldenrod* powered by four Chrysler hemi V-8s.

So why would a teenage kid in Southern Ohio be so excited about those land speed records? I knew the history, and I knew that since the 1920s, land speed records were dominated by

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# Upcoming Events

**JUNE and JULY  
NO MEETING**




**SATURDAY  
JUN 17**

**ICE CREAM TOUR**




Keep an eye on your email for details coming by Wed, June 14.

**TUESDAY  
JUN 20**

**Monthly BREAKFAST**

**CANCELED FOR JUNE**

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Location: Our Place Restaurant  
2157 Starkey Road #L4/L5  
Largo, FL 33778



**TUESDAY  
JUN 20**

**Classic Cruise-in  
and Free Food**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
**Time:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Our Place Restaurant  
1101 South Missouri Ave.  
Clearwater, FL 33756



This Classic Cruise-In is a FREE classic car & truck show with FREE Food... (Cheeseburger, Fries & Drink if you bring a classic show car - 2 tickets per vehicle, driver and passenger) Get you ticket at the DJ Trailer! 3 Awards of Excellence **TROPHIES!** Open to all CLASSIC, EXOTIC & ANTIQUE VEHICLES!!!

**THURSDAY  
JUN 22**

**CLASSIE LASSIE  
LUNCHEON**

**Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2023  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** E&E Steakout Grill  
100 Indian Rocks Road N.  
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770



**More Info:** See Classie Lassie page and flyer in newsletter

**THURSDAY  
AUG 3**

**PIN-MAR  
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY  
SEP 7**

**PIN-MAR  
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY  
OCT 5**

**PIN-MAR  
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY  
NOV 2**

**PIN-MAR  
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY  
DEC 7**

**More Details  
Coming**

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS  
AT THE ANNUAL PIN-MAR

**Christmas  
DINNER PARTY**



**MONDAY  
JAN 1**

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Annual**

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**QUESTION**

Who's interested in a July beach tour with a dinner followed by a beautiful sunset ?

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June 10, 2023

Hello Everyone,

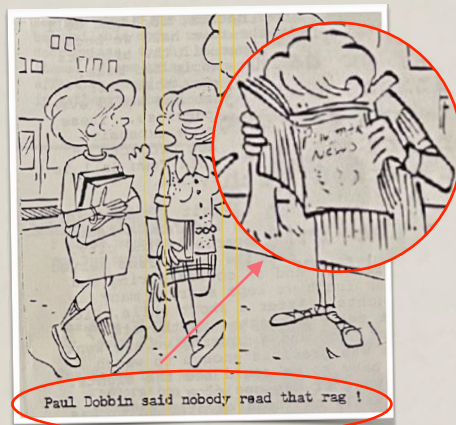
I encountered some technical difficulties during the preparation of this month's newsletter, which caused a delay. I appreciate your patience, and I assure you that I have resolved the issues to prevent any further delays in the future. Recently, I came across an old newsletter for the "Blast from the Past" page 14 that included a cartoon mentioning that no one read our Pin-MAR newsletter. However, the responses I received from our members via emails, texts, and calls over the past week indicate that many, if not all, of our members eagerly await the monthly newsletter and I know Paul Dobbins does since he checks in regularly.

Additionally, I received inquiries about Bob Croslin's well-being, which made me realize that we often pay more attention to our vehicles and technology than our own bodies. It is crucial to pay attention to any signals our body sends us, such as pains, twitches, or discomforts, as they may be indicators of underlying health issues.

We must not overlook these signs and must take appropriate action before they worsen. Just as we maintain our vehicles and technology, we must prioritize our health and well-being to ensure that we can enjoy many healthy years to come.

Best regards,

**Mike Culotta**  
Pin-MAR President  
Heritage Village Car Show Chairman



# The Classie Lassie Corner

By Ginny Lyke



*Ladies, grab your hat and shoes,  
We've got some misbehavin' to do!*



*The infamous Classie Lassies took over a private room at the newly opened SESH on 4th Street, in St. Pete. They had a great time, again this month! However, only one got to play "Find the Oysters!" Reserve your spot for next month at E&E. You never know what you'll miss!*

**WHO:** ALL PIN-MAR LADIES AND THEIR LADY GUEST  
**WHAT:** CLASSIE LASSIE 'GET TOGETHER' AND LUNCHEON  
**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 @ NOON  
**WHERE:** E&E STEAKOUT GRILL  
 100 INDIAN ROCKS ROAD N., BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FL 33770

If you're interested in joining their next get-together, see the flyer in the newsletter and RSVP.

## FAVORITE Family RECIPES OF THE MONTH



### Summertime Jello Party Cake

30 min | EASY | Serves 8

*Everyone loves this cake!  
Perfectly cool for site summertime.*

**Ingredients:**

- 1 Boxed Cake Mix (White/Yellow recommended)
- 1 small box of Jello (favorite flavor)

**Directions:**

- Bake the sheet cake as directed.
- Let it cool for at least 15 minutes.
- Make Jello, as directed.
- Poke holes in your cake every 1/2" using a wooden spoon handle
- Pour your Jello all over the cake
- Chill in your refrigerator at least 3 hours or overnight
- Frost it with Cool Whip!

OMGoodness Refreshing!

HELP... WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!



# NEWS GOSSIP

By Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore



**Dawn Ward** was busy making mini snowmen with the grands out in the Colorado Mountains.

Former Pin-MAR member **Charlie Shell** passed away May 1. Our condolences go to his wife, **Betty**.

**Dick & Mo Grainger** are dog sitting in Virginia, but took some time to visit the VA Transportation Museum.

**Joanne Pistorius** enjoyed a treat as **Brando** took her to Boston for a milestone birthday.

**Bob & Beth's** '56 Thunderbird is still off the road as something broke loose in the torque converter after reassembling it after a transmission rebuild. Stay tuned.

**Lon Mackey** is learning the joy of removing / replacing '56 T-bird ignition switches. He's also learning several new words to describe the process.

**Sam Reams** is hot on the trail of the 1930 red Model A roadster-pickup built in the 80's by his grandfather, **Frank Holloway**. It's come up for sale way up in Michigan. Good Luck, Sam.

**Jason Roberson** is tearing up the tracks in both Daytona and North Carolina with his homebuilt Goblin racer and having the

time of his life doing it. Keep on chooglin, Jason.

**Ford Easton** still has copies for sale of his very fun book, "Stock Car Racing in the 50's". Call 727-644-6722 to get one.

On Sunday before Memorial Day several of our members volunteer their time to decorate the final resting places of our Veterans with American Flags for Memorial Day. They include **Emmitt McCabe, Earl Ray, and Mike and Tyler Culotta**. Please thank them when you see them.



**Ken & Linda Harper** made a trip to Nashville Tennessee to celebrate their youngest grandson's graduation from Brentwood Academy High School. He is going to take a year off before attending Liberty University.

On the day before Memorial Day we enjoyed a nice VA Cemetery tour to see the flags placed on each Veterans resting place. Along were **Sue Leonard, Mike Culotta, Gareth & Debra Eich, Patrick & Kim Morgan** and guests, **Bob & Beth Croslin, Ron & Sherri Roberson Jerry Workman, and Ginny Lyke and Emil Focht**. If I missed anyone, my apologies.

**John Smith:** The big news here at the ranch is **Cecelia** has started enjoying her retirement after 25 years with Dunedin Middle School. Her plans now are to

become a full-time botanist here on the Ranch. We have another trip planned for Panama next week, this time **Cecelia** is joining me. Hopefully we will have time to go up the canal and feed the wild monkeys. The Willy's is continuing along nicely with front fenders, grill, and hood all painted and installed. Working on the doors now.

**Emil Focht's** daughter, **Marsha Ortiz**, age 74, Orlando, Florida, passed away on April 28th from long term medical issues. Please remember him and his family in your prayers and we thank those who have offered condolences.

Going out for breakfast turned into quite an adventure for **Bob Croslin**. While out at breakfast on Wednesday, May 31, Bob realized something wasn't right and didn't hesitate to call 911. He was transported to Largo Medical Center with possible stroke symptoms. He was admitted and, after evaluation, found to have experienced a TIA and had surgery on Monday, June 5 to remove the significant blockage in his right carotid artery. All went well and Bob is back at home recovering. Rumor has it he made a few wrong turns while heading home but eventually made it.

**Remember** if you feel like something isn't right, don't hesitate to dial 911. It's always better to play it safe than ignoring something and hoping it'll pass.



**Model A Tires Needed?** Yes, that's correct. Any chance you've got a tire or two or three or four laying around the



garage. We're in need of a set of used tires for the Model A in the garage. If you've got something you think we could use let us know. We'll be glad to come pick them up at your place.



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It's all about the details. **Bob Croslin** has found a company that does an excellent job detailing vehicles and at a fair price. It's hardly worth buying the supplies yourself its so fair and Daryl is mobile and comes to you. If you're looking to give your classic a little extra attention give **Daryl** a call @ 727-460-4220



**Len & Linda Parker** returned to NC so Len could paint and stain the new garage Len built on the slab of the one lost to fire. He can't complete it a garage doors won't arrive until August.

**Billy & Linda Hawkins** have finally moved to Franklin NC. **Len Parker** helped them load up in St. Pete and drove his van full of their stuff up here and helped them unpack in Franklin under the supervision of **Paul Dobbins**.



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arrival at home. The tour attendees and local community offered their condolences, and the incident was featured as the cover story in the October 2022 edition of the Pin-MAR newsletter.

After seeking medical attention and taking care of themselves, Gareth and Debra began the rehabilitation and repair process for their vehicle. They delivered it to Brandos team at Old Wheel Restoration, who conducted a thorough inspection and uncovered several issues with the frame, wood, mounting brackets, radiator, electrical wiring, tie rod bar, drag link, and windshield.

The process of repairing the vehicle started to ensure that it is safe to drive on the road. After fixing all the mechanical problems, the car underwent bodywork and painting, which resulted in a flawless finish. Additionally, the brakes were also repaired. Although there were many other repairs and fixes done, we can only list some of them due to limited space.

To conclude, Gareth and Debra would like to express their satisfaction with the repairs, restoration, attention to detail, and quality of work provided to them. They highly recommend Brandos and Old Wheel Restoration in Odessa, who also happen to be Pin-MAR members.



# MONTHLY BREAKFASTS FOR JUNE

Who: People who love to enjoy talking and having good conversation with friends  
 When: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 am  
 Where: Kim's Family Restaurant  
 2101 Starkey Road Units L4/L5  
 Largo, FL 33778

There's no better way to start your day than enjoying a great breakfast with good friends!

*The*  
**Classie Lassie Lunch**

*Ladies, grab your hat and shoes,  
 We've got some misbehavin' to do!*



*Join us as we get together for a delicious lunch!*

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**WHERE: E&E STEAKOUT GRILL**  
**100 INDIAN ROCKS ROAD NORTH**  
**BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FL 33770**  
**TELEPHONE: (727) 585-6399**  
**WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 @ NOON**

*Hope to see you there!*

**PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**  
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# Rambling Down Life's Road

By Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin

## My Relationship with Weinermobiles

*Note: Every word of this article is accurate and true. Would I lie to you?*



Back in 1995 I was a staff volunteer on the Great Race from Ottawa to Mexico City. When we did a lunch stop at a small airport in Buffalo a lot of locals had brought out their cars for Show-n-Shine. Included in the event was an Oscar Meyer Weinermobile. The three girls (Hot-doggers) with it were dressed in cute outfits and were auditioning child singers for their new jingle. It was my first time actually seeing a Weinermobile. I asked one of the girls

if I could sit in it while she took a photo of me. She said "Sure" so I opened the door and walked in. It looked like a bomb had gone off in a clothing store with three college age girls living in it. Surprisingly, the front seat was a wide bench seat.

I climbed over the seat and waited for the Hot-dogger to take my picture. At the same time, a guy was talking to one of the other girls and asking her to move the Weinermobile. The girl

walked over to the window and asked me if I'd like to move the giant hot dog across the runway to the other side. "YES!" WM's are 27 feet long and was like driving a U-haul truck. They guided me out onto the runway and had me back it in to an empty area on the opposite side. I was on a cloud. I shut it off and climbed back over the seat. They gave me a Hot Wheels die cast Oscar Meyer Weinermobile as a souvenir.

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Now I've learned that there are not only six Weinermobiles touring the U.S. and Canada, there are also a Weiner Mini, Weiner Rover, Weiner Scooter, and even a Weiner Drone.



Back on February 10, while parked outside a hotel in Las Vegas to officiate weddings, some despicable no-goodnik stole the catalytic converter from a Weinermobile. The two person team of Hot Doggers, "Corn dog Clara" and "Chad dar Cheese" were shocked! The WM was towed to a nearby Penske truck depot and outfitted with a temporary converter to get them on their way to their next appearance. The link is below if you'd like to get the gory details.

Ending an era, Oscar Meyer is renaming them all to Frankmobiles and the Hot-doggers are becoming Frankfurters. Well, shoot. Another piece of American history down the tube.

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British racers running aircraft engines in streamlined cars designed by aircraft engineers. Names like Sir Henry Seagraves, Sir Malcom Campbell and John Cobb filled the history books, and those guys were my heroes. But now we had a new influx of land speed racers that arose from the American hot rod scene. Mickey Thompson, Craig Breedlove and Art Arfons were all hot rodders. I had seen Mickey driving a dragster at the US Nationals. My dad knew Art Arfons, personally, as they both started drag racing in Ohio at about the same time. Craig's car, *Spirit of America* was named for the American quest to bring the land speed record to the US, as was Mickey Thompson's *Challenger*.

The spirit of the American hot rodder is evident in a story about Mickey Thompson meeting Englishman Donald Campbell in the early 1960s, after Mickey's *Challenger* had recorded the one-way run at Bonneville at 406 mph. In discussing car design, Donald asked Mickey if he could see drawings of Mickey's car. "I don't have any drawings", came the response. "I built that thing in my garage at home".

Mickey Thompson, Art Arfons and Donald Campbell have all passed on. Craig was the last survivor of that amazing era. Rest in peace, Craig.

See you on the road and watch your speed.

# Sadly All Good Things Must End



I built this dolly out of my Dad's scrap lumber back in 1966/67 for a Ford 221 V8 a friend and I swapped into his '61 Comet. It's held many different engines, some with transmissions, most without. Recently, while receiving a Y-block Ford engine, we lowered a little too fast and it's faithful service came to an end. In 57 years it had rolled under these:

- |                                   |            |                                 |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Buick 322 V8 .....</b>         | <b>635</b> | <b>Buick 425.....</b>           | <b>685</b> |
| <b>Chevy small block V8 .....</b> | <b>575</b> | <b>Ford Model A four .....</b>  | <b>475</b> |
| <b>Ford flathead V8 .....</b>     | <b>569</b> | <b>Ford 221-302 V8 .....</b>    | <b>460</b> |
| <b>Ford 312 Y block V8 .....</b>  | <b>625</b> | <b>Mopar 170 Slant Six.....</b> | <b>475</b> |
| <b>Mopar 340 "A" V8 .....</b>     | <b>525</b> | <b>Mopar Street Hemi.....</b>   | <b>843</b> |

Amazing the weights it held. Maybe that's why it finally gave up.

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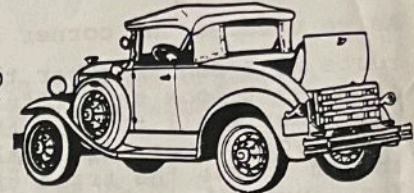
**BLAST**  
FROM THE  
**Past**

# PIN-MAR NEWS

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PIN-MAR, Inc. (Pinellas Model A Restorers) Antique Car Club is a non-profit corporation formed in Pinellas County Florida as a club in 1964. It's dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Fords and other antique cars. Meetings are held the first tuesday of each month, location announced in the monthly newsletter. The club sponsors tours, outings, technical sessions and an annual car show. A fun club for the whole family. Membership of about 65 members, attendance at 3 meetings required to join. Annual dues \$5.

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### SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

This month the meeting will not be on a tuesday night.

Sat. July 9 1983 (for breakfast)

We will be going to the 1890's Bank Restaurant at 601 S. Gulfview Blvd. on Clearwater Beach. Reservations are for 9 am.

We will meet at the Seminole Mall at 8.15 am and drive together to Clearwater Beach in a caravan. There will be a short meeting after breakfast.

It's a smorgashboard of morning food and is known for its quality and decor. The price is 4.25 per person with tax, tip and tour included.

### Special Show Fund Raiser July 22

A opportunity to raise some money for PIN-MAR and put some \$\$\$ in your pocket will occur Sat. July 22 9:30am to 5:00 pm at the Southside Shopping Center (By Cocina Key). This center has just been remodeled and is having a "old fashioned" Grand opening. 10 cars have been promised and payment of \$25.00 per car will be split with the club. Call Les Bennett at 347-0865 for reservations.

### ICE CREAM TOUR DIDN'T MELT

In spite of threatening skies the June meeting and ice cream tour was well attended and enjoyed. Ted Stafford led the early arrivals on a nice drive from Largo to the shelter of Phillipe Park in Safety Harbor. There they were joined by the late arrivals for a picnic supper and a short meeting. Following the meeting all followed the leader to Larry's Ice Cream at Countryside for fattening snacks and chit-chat. All participants made it home before the rains came. Thanks Ted!



Paul Dobbin said nobody read that rag !

Some things never change. 40 years later... Touring and enjoying ice cream



This months Blast from the Past is from July 1983 or 40 years ago



Happy Birthday

**JUNE**

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
Emmett McCabe

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Mary Ellen Bader

**8<sup>th</sup>**  
Rick Whissel

**9<sup>th</sup>**  
John Chapman

**10<sup>th</sup>**  
Joe Goodal

**21<sup>st</sup>**  
Tommy Small

**23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Judy Dailey

**28<sup>th</sup>**  
Sandee Irvin  
John Wirth

Happy Birthday

**C L A S S I F I E D S**  
**SELL • SWAP • WANTED**

*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: '62 Ford Thunderbird**  
Turquoise in color, convertible, Roadster. 390 CID, garage kept, new appraisal, good reviews!! Owned by Sherry's late father. We've kept it in stewardship for 25 years. Now it's time to downsize. Asking \$35K for more information  
*Call Randy @ 727-421-4155*

**Wanted:** Vintage Advertising Signs for the Garage. Gas and Oil, Soda, and or Clocks and Thermometers. Big or small. *Call Charles @727-515-9920*

**For Sale: 1958 Chevy 4 door Biscayne**, 283, Power glide, \$9K,  
*Call Tom @ 815-357-8365*

**For Sale: '31 Model A Roadster**  
Always garaged, in great shape.  
*Call Warren @ 727-542-4158*

**For Sale: '60 Studebaker LARK VIII** four door "Susie"... Two owner 88,300 original miles, rebuilt flightomatic transmission... rebuilt brakes with nearly new tires and one repaint (Beige) asking \$8,900  
*Call John @ 727-522-1522*

**For Sale: '30 Model A** chassis. Frame, engine, trans on 1940 steel wheels.  
*Call @ Jack 813-313-8338*



**For Sale: 1977 MGB Brookland Green**, original owner, and its all original with 41k miles drives great and can be yours for \$29,000 make an offer...  
*Call Frank @ 407-405-5241*



**For Sale: '94 Brookland Bentley** low mileage; one owner; needs some electrical work; new tires and battery. If interested negotiate the price with owner.  
*Call Karen @ 813-833-5122*

**WANTED**  
*and*  
**NEEDED**

We currently have a complete set of newsletters for the club. But we're missing a few, and to compile a comprehensive library of PIN-MAR Newsletters, I need your help.

Below is a list of the missing newsletters. If anyone has a hard or digital copy of any of the missing newsletters, please get in touch with Mike Culotta.

- August 1979
- September 19 80
- November 1980
- September 1981
- December 1981
- January 1982
- February 1982
- April 1982
- May 1982
- September 1982
- October 1982
- November 1982



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On the day before Memorial Day we enjoyed a nice VA Cemetery tour to see the flags placed on each Veterans resting place. Along were Sue Leonard, Mike Culotta, Gareth & Debra Eich, Patrick & Kim Morgan and guests, Bob & Beth Croslin, Ron & Sherri Roberson Jerry Workman, and Ginny Lyke and Emil Focht. If I missed anyone, my apologies.







**HAPPY**  
**FATHER'S**  
**DAY**



**06-18-23**



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