



# PINMAR NEWS

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**IT'S MARCH... 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, MARCH 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.



As I have gotten older, I have made a special effort to try to stay in shape. I walk for exercise, with a goal of 10,000 steps per day, and I hit the goal on most days. I do all of our yard work, and I still tackle minor home projects and minor maintenance and repairs on our collector cars. There are aches and pains along the way and a lot of naps, but I can still walk the larger swap meets, when the opportunity arises.

Sherri and I walk our dog twice daily, with a morning route and an evening route taking us in different directions. The evening route takes us past a preschool that also has an after school program for younger kids. Their large playground backs up to our dog walk route, and we can hear the kids through the large privacy fence. On most evenings, there are balls and toys beyond the fence, and I am quick to pick them up and drop them back over the fence.

On one such evening we could hear the kids noisily playing on the playground while waiting for parents to pick them up. I could see a soccer ball that had gotten over the fence, and I began to direct the dog toward it, so I could send it back. Then I see a youngster climbing to the top of the monkey bars and calling for me to get the soccer ball for them. I heard another kid ask, "Is someone going to get the ball for us?" The monkey bar lookout answered, "Yeah, an old guy is getting it for us."

I turned and looked behind me to see the old guy, and I quickly realized that there was no one behind me. Then I looked over at Sherri, my loving wife of 42 years, who was doubled over

laughing at the kid's "old guy" comment. As I picked up the soccer ball, a new inspiration hit me.

The fence included a gate that allowed some visibility at ground level by peering through the gaps. I could see the smaller kids lining up near the fence, and several chimed in, "Throw it to me! Throw it to me!" At this point, I should explain a couple of things. First, growing up as a science nerd, I did have some small level of athletic DNA. I played Little League baseball for five years as a starting shortstop, and then adult slow pitch softball for another decade. Second. The years have not been kind to my shoulders, and I have tendinitis in both of them. I can lob the ball (like making a foul shot in basketball) painlessly but the overhand action of throwing a fastball or passing a football comes with pain. With that in mind, I reared back like Nolan Ryan and flung the sphere with all my might. It cleared the fence. It cleared the dozen little snot-nosed kids waiting for me to throw it to them. It cleared the monkey bars and sailed over the head of the self-appointed lookout and town crier, and it bounced to a stop just a few feet from the school building. The pain was excruciating, but I knew in my heart that had Ben Roethlisberger seen that pass, he would have been proud to know that we went to the same college. It was a victory for septuagenarians everywhere.

For the next three days, I could barely move my right arm. See you on the tours. I'll be driving the Power Glide until further notice.



## 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.*

# SHOW AND SHINE

*Under The Oaks*

# CAR SHOW



**SAT. MAR. 19** 10:00 AM  
2:30 PM

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*and don't miss*  
*the show*

# RUNNING N EMPTY

By Ron Roberson

## Kurtis Kraft Ford Midget Racer

Every now and then something shows up on Facebook that is completely worthwhile. In the past year or so, I have seen a 1960 photo of a dragster that my dad built (posted with some 1960 NHRA Nationals photos), a 1955 photo of a family reunion that had a 5-year-old me in the front row (posted by a long-lost cousin) and the midget racing poster that is depicted with this article.

I follow some old car pages on Facebook including Model A Fords, V8 Fords and '39/'40 Fords. I also follow some old-time racing pages including '50s/'60s drag racing, 1950s Indy car racing and '40s/'50s midget car racing. My grandfather, Bill Lovelace was co-owner of a Kurtis Kraft midget racer in 1948 and '49, which led me to an interest in both midget racing and Indy car racing in those specified eras. The car came out of Frank Kurtis' shop in June of 1948, and it was powered by a Ford V8-60 that had been built by California engine guru, Clay Smith. The car was driven mainly by Gene Force from Richmond, Indiana, who would later race in two Indy 500s, but two other drivers also had seat time in the car. One was Dick Frazier from New Castle, Indiana, who was a top roadster driver of the era. The other driver was a local racer named Jack Seither. The race team was located in Middletown, Ohio, but most of their racing took place in Indiana, which was dotted with small oval tracks, due to the proximity of the nation's first and most famous speedway.

The poster on Facebook caught my eye, when I saw the racing venue as being the 16th Street Speedway, which is a stone's throw from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Then I saw the list of drivers entered for the advertised race, and the list included Indy greats Troy Ruttman, Jack McGrath, Duane Carter and Roger Ward. Then I saw Gene Force and Dick Frazier listed, and my interest sky-rocketed.

The poster is advertising a race on Friday, July 27th. With that information, you can go to a perpetual calendar and determine the year. You can use any number of web sites to determine in which years July 27th fell on a Friday. I was hoping that it would fall into 1948 or 1949, when my grandpa owned the car. When those years didn't match, I kept moving forward until I got to 1951, and that was the year of the ad. The calendar repeats every few years (leap years interrupt a perfect seven-year cycle), and the next closest years (1945 and 1956) would not match the driver's list as well as 1951. Racing would have been suspended in July of 1945, as WWII had not yet ended (and Troy Ruttman would have been too young to drive). The poster also states that the track is under the AAA Contest Board, and AAA pulled out of racing after 1955, which eliminates the 1956 date. I had used the perpetual calendar trick often when dating old newspaper clippings when I was researching the book that I published in 2002. It is a neat trick for determining the year, when you have the date and the day of the week.

Frank Kurtis built first class midget racers and Indy cars in his Glendale, California shop, starting with midgets in the 1940s and then Indy cars through the '50s and into the '60s. My grandfather had a good friend named Herb Dome, who owned a home-built



midget racer with a V8-60 Ford engine. Herb was a front-end mechanic, and he was an expert at setting up an oval track race car. His low budget racer did okay, but he longed for a first-class midget racer. In 1948, Herb teamed with my grandfather and purchased a brand-new Kurtis Kraft V8-60. They took delivery in June, put Gene Force behind the wheel, and proceeded to win the first seven races they entered. In all, Gene Force won 29 features in 1948, most at the wheel of this car.

With his success in midgets, Gene Force earned a seat in an Indy car for the 1951 Indy 500 and finished a respectable 11th. He made several more attempts at Indy during the 1950s without qualifying, and he made the race for the last time in 1960, when a mechanical failure took him out early, and he finished 28th. Gene had a long race career in both midgets and big cars.

Dick Frazier was a top roadster driver in the Midwest. He appeared on the cover of Hot Rod Magazine in September of 1948 after setting a record at Winchester, Indiana for the



fastest half-mile oval track time ever recorded. Hot Rod Magazine was interested in that feat, because a “lowly” hot rod roadster had beaten the record time previously held only by sprint cars. Dick also made several attempts at Indy in the late ‘40s and early ‘50s, driving for the Granatelli Brothers, without qualifying. At that time the Granatelli Brothers were trying to break into Indy running two old (1935) Miller Ford cars with their Grancor hot rod Ford V8 engines.

The No. 5 midget shown below is the one my grandfather co-owned. He is standing behind the car (left) along with Herb Dome (right), and Gene Force is at the wheel. (This photo is reprinted from my book, Middletown Pacemakers, The Story of an Ohio Hot Rod Club). My grandfather sold his interest in the car the year before I was born, but I have spent countless hours researching midget racers starting with three photos I inherited. Finding that poster image on Face Book brought back a lot of memories. See you on the road.

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# Upcoming Events

**Thursday**  
**MAR 3**

**PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING**



**SATURDAY**  
**MAR 26**

**PIN-MAR'S ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 2022  
**Time:** 10:30 AM start and **Lunch at noon**  
**Location:** Walsingham Park (Shelter #4)  
12615 102nd Avenue  
Seminole, FL 33778



**SATURDAY**  
**MAR 5**


**ST. PETE BEACH ISLAND FESTIVAL**

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Location:** Gulf Beach Historical Museum  
115 10th Avenue  
Pass-a-grille, FL 33706  
**Cost:** \$20 Donation / Registration Fee

**SATURDAY**  
**APR 2**

**TAMPA BAY AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM TOUR**


**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 2022  
**Time:** Working on it...  
**Location:** You'll know when we know...  
Mark your calendar and plan to be there. The tour will take us to an amazing museum and then to a nice restaurant where we can share stories and eat together.



**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAR 16**

*Monthly*  
**BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Kim's Family Restaurant  
2101 Starkey Road Units L4/L5  
Largo, FL 33778



**Thursday**  
**APR 7**

**PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING**



**SATURDAY**  
**MAR 19**

**SHOW & SHINE UNDER THE OAKS**

**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
**Location:** St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
705 Michigan Boulevard  
Dunedin, FL 34698  
**Cost:** Free Registration

**Tour:** Chip Katterhenry will lead a tour group to the show, beginning at the McDonalds on the corner of Keen Road and East Bay Drive in Largo. Departure at 10:00 AM.



**SATURDAY**  
**APR 16**

**EASTER WEEKEND CLASSIC & VINTAGE CAR SHOW**

**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Heritage Village  
11909 125th Street North  
Largo, FL 33774  
**Cost:** Free registration / Donations Encouraged

**Thursday**  
**MAY 5**

**PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING**



**WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP!**  
If you know something that's happening and think it should be shared. Email it to [culotta@mac.com](mailto:culotta@mac.com). It's up to all of us all keep this page up-to-date.

**JUNE and JULY NO MEETING**






# RIGHT PLACE... RIGHT TIME!

On Saturday Cecelia and I attended JJ's memorial service. We were asked to drive one of our classic's from our collection, and chose the '59 Chevy Pickup.

After the service, since we were down county on Indian Rocks Rd we figured we'd stop at Antique Alley and Cecelia could do a little antiquing. After that we headed towards home taking the scenic route up alternate 19 and then east on Tarpon Rd. As we were passing through town we decided to stop at the Court of Two Sisters' antique shop. While the sign on the door said closed, the door was still unlocked and when asked they didn't mind us popping in for a quick look around.

Cecelia spotted a treasure trove of antique hats. They were all great and fit perfectly. She couldn't decide which one she liked the best. The owner was with us as we were the last customers and the only ones in the store. She gave encouragement on each as Cecelia tried them on. Finally I told her to just buy them all.

While we were wrapping them up Cecelia and her chatted about what she was going to do with them. Cecelia told her they were for riding on tours with the club. That's when the owner realized the '59 parked out front was ours and commented about us liking old trucks. She then asked if I'd be interested in buying another. And while I wasn't in the market for another car/truck I always say sure I'm interested - you never know where it could lead.



So she took my name and number and said she would pass it on to her friend. The next day was the St. Pete Yacht Club Car Show and I commented to a few people that I heard there was a really old truck that might be for sale. Just about the time the show was over I got a call from the gentleman and he said he was selling his dad's old truck. It was a 1922 and had been in his dad's barn/building since 1970. I was intrigued and left the show early. I went home, dropped off the show truck, grabbed some cash (you never know) and Cecelia and we headed to Holiday to see what he had.

On the way Cecelia commented "What do you need another truck for?" and my heart sank. If she's not onboard it's not worth getting anything. We arrived at the place and it was an OH MY GOD moment for both of us. A 1922 Model T pickup that has been sitting for 52 years! It was buried behind years of accumulated treasures (some might be crude and call junk). And it had a valid Florida title from the early sixties. A little fine haggling ensued. By the next afternoon it was dug out, loaded on my trailer and residing in my shop.

The backstory on it is that in the early sixties the gentlemen I met had purchased a Hubmobile and was going to make a hot rod out of it. A cousin offered to swap him the Model T for the Hubmobile because the Model T would make a better street rod. After the swap his father said no to the idea of a street rod because the truck was in too nice of condition. It turns out the truck has been in the family since new and he wanted to keep it as his grandfather and father had it and so the dad took ownership of it. The truck started its life as the family car. Then when they





purchased their next car it was converted into a truck to deliver wood from the family saw mill. Most of the older homes in the Tarpon area have wood in them from thier mill that was transported in this truck. It was used by their family around Tarpon Springs for nearly fifty years and it was a regular in all their parades. Something happened in 1970 and the truck was parked. (The son doesn't know why) Then life got in the way and the truck became less and less important and faded away behind the other things stored in front of it. This past year his dad passed away and they were liquidating his estate and uncovered the truck along with a lot of other antiques, treasures and junk. So they reached out to the Two Sisters to help with the sale of some of his items.

Funny how being in the right spot at the right time and being friendly and talkative can bring unexpected rewards.

Our plan is to set it aside for now and move it to the back barn out of the way and temptation to fiddle with it. We have a project going already (the '53 Wileys that I promised to have on the road by Cecelia's next Birthday). Ultimately we will go through the mechanical parts and make sure the truck is safe and road worthy. The body is original and he have no plans to do anything with it besides possibly a coat of clear coat to slow any future rusting.



*Time to Picnic in the Park!*

**Annual**

**PIN-MAR**

**PICNIC**

**Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ 10:30 am  
at Walsingham Park Shelter #4**

(12615 102nd Ave, Seminole, FL 33778 • Shelter #4)



It's that time of year again when everyone shines up their ride and cruises on down to Shelter #4 at Walsingham Park to show off their ride and enjoy some great barbecue and fixin's from Sonny's. Of course, the club covers the meal cost but not the desserts. So bring that special dessert you're always talking about and share it with all of us. The more desserts, the better. We all like desserts!

# Rambling Down Life's Road with Bob

By Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin

## Words of Wisdom and Inspiration for March

What's the big deal with the General Store? A lot of folks don't know our relationship with the Heritage Village General Store and Garage so I thought I'd bore you with our history. Back in 1986 or 1987, we had a very active member and former president named Don Lorrier. Don was one of those gregarious people whom you simply could not dislike. At home, he had a little collection of General Store items. One day he'd visited Heritage Village and at the next meeting, he excitedly told the club all about the place and what a great place for a car show.

In 1987 we held our first car show there calling it "Picnic in the Park". It was Free and for Pre WWII vehicles. It was a huge success and we fell in love with the place. Don decided the Village needed a General Store and Garage. He found one for the taking in Virginia where he and his wife were re-locating.

At one point, 35 of us had signed up to go up, disassemble the store and bring it back to the Village. At that time, Ken Ford, the Village director, learned that the old H.C. Smith store located on 5<sup>th</sup> St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. in St. Petersburg was available as All-Children's Hospital had acquired the property. It was perfect! It was local, built in 1915 with the garage added in 1933, and at a cost \$1. With the help of Roesch House movers, the store entered the village at 5:00 AM on March 1, 1988.

Once the building was placed on the slab, the work began. Originally it was thought the building was solid but we learned that it was actually pretty rotted and held together with paint. The members of Pin-MAR went to work with weekly Saturday work parties replacing siding and painting. The garage came together first. Leslie Henry, former curator of The Henry Ford Museum and AACA National President brought us a book published by Ford Motor Co. in the Model T days for newly signed Model T dealers to build out their existing structures.

The layout of the garage was done using a plan taken from that book, so it's pretty authentic.

It was amazing how things were acquired. Donations came from members, the general public, and park store rooms. Mac McClain donated the 1925 TT truck which was painted metallic green. A gallon of old black lacquer was donated and Don supplied a portable gas powered compressor from his rental business. We took the truck out into the woods, sanded it, taped it off, painted it and drove it back with all aboard. John McComb got out of the hospital and came out to change a tire on the clincher rim using a bottle jack and 2x4. He said he came because we were too dumb and would injure ourselves. Two weeks later John passed from cancer. I brought an overhead projector from work and one evening we projected signage on the exterior and painted it. For almost two years, every Saturday that wasn't a tour was a store work day.


Although we had a lot of help from others, Pin-MAR pretty much built and stocked the store, garage, post office, and barber shop. We've arranged the donation of five historic vehicles. Many of us have served as volunteer docents over the years. However, you don't have to be a member to be a docent, nor is it a requirement of Pin-MAR membership. We do it because it's fun and interesting.

Pin-MAR is an antique car club first and our relationship with Heritage Village is a mutually beneficial one. We held 23 Annual car shows there and intend to restart them again on April 16. We're still going strong after 58 years and we feel the General Store relationship with the Village has a lot to do with that. The store is by far the most popular exhibit in the Village and that is the reflection of all the fun and hard work our membership has invested over 35 years.

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# The Classie Lassie Corner

By Ginny Lyke

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



All Smiles... Everyone must have enjoyed their lunch...

Left Bank in St. Petersburg is where all of our Classie Lassies's gathered for lunch and fellowship on February 27th.

Where and when will they gather in **March**?

Keep a close eye on your email. Details will be coming soon.

If you're interested in joining them for their next get-together, call or text Ginny Lyke at 727-688-2000. It's going to be an incredible time with a good meal and great friends.

**So don't wait. R.S.V.P. NOW!**

### OUR NEXT GET-TOGETHER



**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



## Turkey Patties

15 min | EASY | Serves 4

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1/4 cup panko crumbs
- 1 egg white
- 2 tablespoons minced scallions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- Zest, juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

### Directions:

In a large bowl, blend ground turkey with panko, egg white, scallions, garlic, soy sauce, parsley, lemon zest and juice. Shape into 4 equal patties. Heat canola oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook turkey patties for about 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until cooked through.

## HELP . . . WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

If you've got an appetizer, soup, salad, side, entree or dessert recipe you would like to share please email it to [culotta@mac.com](mailto:culotta@mac.com)

# NEWS and GOSSIP

By Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore

After an exhausting search of Jim Jordan's garage by **Emmit McCabe, Mike Culotta, and Lisa Jordan**. The keys to Jim's Model A and the Club that was on the steering wheel were found. Then **Gareth and Debra Eich** showed up, and Gareth got it running and was gracious enough to drive it to the Jim's Services the following morning. It was a beautiful service at Serenity Gardens Funeral Home in Largo. Pin-MAR members and family sharing stories of a member, friend, father, and wife.

**John & Cecelia Smith:** Our big news is on the cover.

**From Debra Eich:** Between raking the brown fuzzy oak tree droppings and oak tree leaves, we are single handed filling up the garbage bin in the alley. **Gareth** noticed creamy oil in the '34 Ford so has one head off but that was not the culprit, so is working his way over to the other side and hoping for the best and not a cracked block. We are gearing up for T tours in March, June and July then A tours in the Fall. Mixed in with our grandson's baseball games, we don't have much time to get into trouble, which is most likely a good way to be.

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club's Vintage Motor Classic was little cold and wet. But it was great to see so many members show up. **Mike Culotta, John Smith and Emmit McCabe** were onsite and volunteering from before the sun came up. Also congratulations to **Wilbur and Anita Douglas** who took how the People Choice Award for the Pin-MAR group that day and to AAA for helping **Frank Quillin** get his bird home when it refused to fly at the end of the day.

**February** means it's time for **strawberries, shortcakes, and milkshakes at Parkesdale Farms**. Great turn out for the tour, and downtown Plant City for the monthly Cruise-in.

We also need to take a moment and recognize the **PIN-MAR** tradition of presenting **Valentine carnations** to all of the ladies attending the February meeting. **Gareth**, all of the ladies present at the last meeting appreciated the thoughtfulness.

**From Jim "Mongoose" Eby:**

I was temporary caretaker of the family's 1919 Series 9 Franklin for a few years. During that time, Therese and I drove the car north, south, east and west. In 2019, I decided it was time to pass the car on to brother Tom. This left a stall conspicuously empty in my garage. In January 2020, I stumbled across a sad '25 Franklin coupe in the back of a damp, termite infested warehouse. Lacking the self-control of a normal human being, I struck a deal with the owner and trailered the car home. Then the Covid pandemic hit and I turned to the car for entertainment while in lock-down. With help from wife Therese and brother Bill, the car was completely disassembled and then reassembled to fit the style of a 1940's era hot rod. On January 1, 2021, I drove the car on its first tour sponsored by Pin-MAR. Since that time, I've driven the car to

Key West for no good reason and Amelia Island for a Concours d'LeMons show as well as weekly drives along the Gulf coast. Becoming bored with normalcy, I registered the car in a drag-n-drive event called ÔSick WeekÔ. This is an event in which the competitor drag races their car at 5 race tracks over 5 days. They must also drive the car without outside assistance from track to track following a specified route. My total distance for this event was 967 miles.

**Day 1**, was Florida's Bradenton Motorsports Park. The day was uneventful. I ran a 24.3 sec quarter mile @ 55.9 mph. Then packed up and hit the road by 2 pm. I rolled in to Orlando Speed World around 8 pm, ate a quick dinner and pitched my tent. Heavy rain was predicted for the next day which prompted the promoter to cancel Day 2 racing.

**On Day 2**, I was up early, packed my tent and hit the road for Gainesville in an attempt to get as many miles behind me as possible before the rain hit. The route led up the east coast and at Daytona Beach the rain hit. Luckily it was a light rain that lasted about 1.5 hours. I rolled into Gainesville with plenty of daylight left to pitch my tent and eat a gourmet meal of peanut butter and jelly burritos.

**Day 3**, I was lucky to get an early run down the track clocking 25.0 sec @ 55.3 mph and was on the road to Valdosta, GA. Very soon into the trip, the engine began missing badly. I found that a vacuum tank valve seat had fallen out of the vacuum port allowing the engine to suck gasoline directly into the intake manifold. I pushed the seat back into the cover and staked it using a screwdriver and hammer. This was the only mechanical issue with the car for the week. I continued my drive to Georgia with only stops for gas, groceries and a hot Starbucks mocha.

**Day 4**, I ran my slowest quarter mile for the trip; 25.5 @ 53.9 mph. The air density was very heavy and I did not compensate by richening my carb. The car came off the start sluggish and then the engine went flat on the last eighth mile. No worries, I packed up and hit the road to Ocala and a party at the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing.

**Day 5**, was back at Bradenton. Having only one quarter mile run required to complete the event, I decide to Ôrisk it allÔ with a hard run. The weather suited my carb setting and the car came off the line hard. I ignored all protocols for shifting non-synchronized transmissions and hammered the gears hard with much gear grinding, clutch slipping and engine over-revving. My inhumane automotive abuse paid off with a best ever 26.067 second ET at 57.31 mph. I packed up, attended the awards ceremony and drove the car home with a warm glow.

**Bob & Beth Croslin** are back on the road to health after sharing a bout with Omicron. Folks, please get vaccinated.

Tyler Culotta's

# DID YOU KNOW?

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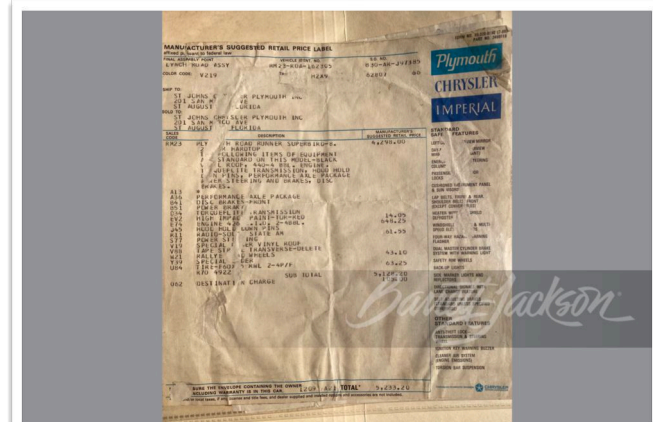
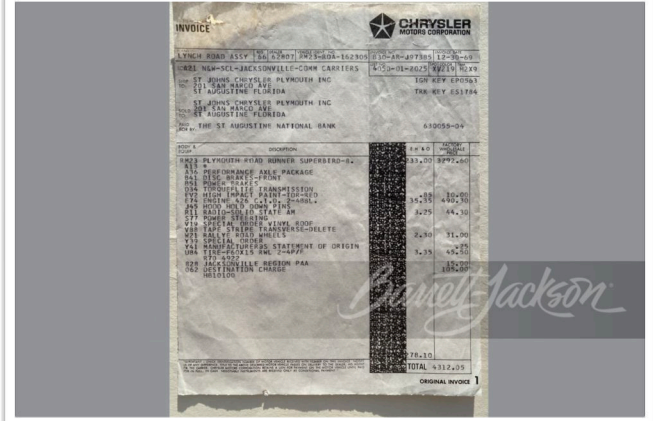


Auction	Scottsdale 2022
Location	Saturday Showcase b-6
Reserve	NO RESERVE
Status	Sold
Price	\$990,000.00
Lot	1400
Year	1970
Make	PLYMOUTH
Model	HEMI SUPERBIRD



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In case you haven't heard. Heritage Village has re-opened, and we need your help. If you can even work just one shift a month, it'll help. Take it from those of us who have been privileged to enjoy working shifts in the past; the folks you'll meet have some of the most interesting and exciting stories. If you're not a volunteer and want to become one call or email...

**Sue Schneck**  
**727-582-2472 / sschenck@co.pinellas.fl.us**

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**To Benefit the Toy Makers of East Lake**  
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**East Lake United Methodist Church**  
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**\$25.00 Day of Show**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY:** In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate entrants, participants and spectators: by execution of this form release and discharge the Gulf Coast Region of the VCCA and the East Lake United Methodist Church and any show sponsor or affiliate and of and from any and known or unknown damages, injuries, judgments, and/or claims of any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his or her property. Participants are liable for all guests registered under their name.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# PIN MAR HISTORY 101

By Paul Dobin



## The Birthday Tour Tradition

As I remember it, Back in 1978, Don Lorrier and I found that Sunday was the best day to drive our antique cars because of low traffic volume, and people often left their garage doors open after church so we could see all of the vehicles. Better yet, we once found and bought a 1932 Dodge while driving around and looking in garages.

Some other PinMAR folks expressed an interest in going along, which they did. Pretty soon, we had quite a line of antique vehicles causing traffic while riding, mostly in the Northeast & Southeast parts of St. Petersburg on Sunday mornings.

We started laying out these rides and quickly learned to pick routes without traffic lights, left turns, and four-lane roads. We looked for long stretches without stop signs and left turns to make it easier to stay together. Still, we lost slowpokes on occasion, which was the birth of written instructions.

Then we got to thinking was there a better day than Sunday to drive our cars? Yes, New Year's Day! Until then, it was all word of mouth to get participants in Pin-MAR. We decided to call it "The Birthday Tour" because all the cars got a model year older on

January first, and we put it in the December 1978 PinMAR News, and it went quickly from 12 vehicles to more than 20 on New Year's Day.

When we were a small group, we could decide to go somewhere afterward to eat. With a larger group, we had to plan and find an eatery that wanted forty or more all at once. Each successive year we had to find another tour route and another restaurant.

Every year, Inge and I did that by laying out and driving the route and writing the instructions for nearly 30 years. We toured the Beaches, Tampa, on the Courtney Campbell Causeway ( we drove on the sea wall). We took the Gandy Bridge to Davis Island in Tampa; we went Old US 19 to Tarpon Springs, the Pier, Weedon Island, the Pink Streets, Ft. DeSoto, Clearwater, Bradenton, Albert Whitted Field. The Clearwater Air Park, Feather Sound, Seminole, Gulfport, Safety Harbor, etc. It was a ball and became a tradition that continues to this day.

The largest number of cars (that I can remember) to do the Birthday Tour was 61. It's a great way to start the New Year especially since it's open to anyone with a car and a time on New Year's Day. Mark your calendar; it's only 307 days away.



## Looking for something to do?

A family event held in the infield of the Daytona international Speedway.  
**Friday, March 25 and through Sunday, March 27, 2022**  
<http://www.turkeyrun.com/>



## MARCH BREAKFAST

**Who:** Breakfast lovers who enjoy talking  
**What:** Food and conversation with friends  
**When:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 9:00 am  
**Where:** Kim's Family Restaurant  
 2101 Starkey Road Units L4/L5  
 Largo, FL 33778



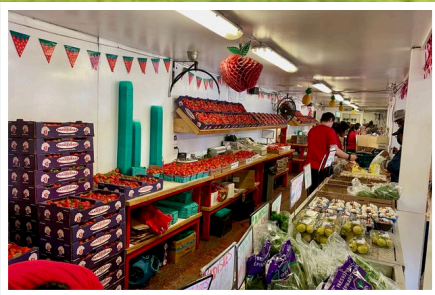
PIN-MAR's Annual **Strawberry Tour** to the Parkesdale MARKET

**WORLD FAMOUS SHORTCAKE!**

**19<sup>th</sup>** **SATURDAY** 11:30 pm

Starts at McDonalds @ 9600 4th Street North in St. Petersburg  
 RSVP by clicking on the link in this email...  
 and you'll be registered to WIN... Shortcakes!  
 Questions: Call Mike @ 727-433-0995

# A few pictures from the Strawberry Tour



# ON THE ROAD #1

Happy Birthday

MARCH

1st Stephen Wickizer

7th Cecelia Smith

8th BILL BROWN

14th JOHN MESSMORE

15th LON MACKEY

16th GARETH EICH

17th NEREYDA FONTE-BROWN

18th BETTE ANDERSON MARG EASTON

26th CAROL LEWIS

31st ERIK DALEMANS

Happy Birthday



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All ads need to be submitted to the editor no later than the 15th of each month



**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

**Snowbirds Need A Garage:** Pin-Mar Member Needs Inside Storage For Our 1972 Chevy Pickup From May 1 - Nov 1 If Anyone Knows Of Someone Who Has Room And Wants Some Extra Money  
Contact Roger @ 248-736-7933

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

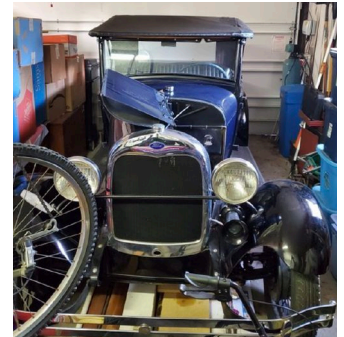
**For Sale: 1918 Oldsmobile 5-Passenger Touring,** Older Restoration, Stored In Heated Garage In White River Junction, Vermont. Can Arrange Easy Showing, Aaca Senior Awards Status, Also, National Antique Oldsmobile Club Award. Talk To Me Reducing Inventory. Svbnh@aol.com  
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**For 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: 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: Predator Eagle 16 Ft. Open Car Hauler** With 4 Wheel Brakes. Less Than 4,000 Miles, Brand New Spare, Anti-Sway Bar And Hitch And 6 Nascar Quality Hold Down Straps, Reroslin29@gmail.com  
Asking \$2500.  
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**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. So I Thought I Would Send It To The Local Clubs And You Guys Can Forward It To Everyone. Thanks!!!  
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