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That day when...

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OH YEAH!

Good example of it's better to get forgiveness than permission...

I've long forgotten who dreamed up this stunt in the early 80s, but the names Dobbin, Lorrier, and Monk certainly come to mind. The idea was to do a group photograph with all our old cars and in period costumes in front of the old Tramor Cafeteria on 4th St. and 2nd Ave. S. We set the time for very early Sunday morning. Permission? "We didn't need no stinkin' permission- we're taxpayers!" Everyone moved the cars into position to appear like a row of cars were diagonally parked, a row heading south and a row heading north. The shot was to be taken from on top of the Masonic Lodge portico across the street. The temple was very helpful with this. Imagine how helpful they'd have been if they'd known about it.

A St. Pete police cruiser pulled up along 1st Ave. S to see what was going on. Either Don Lorrier or Ed Monk went over to speak with the officer and told him we had permission from the city (we didn't) to block off 4th St. and from the St. Petersburg Times, who owned the Tramor at the time (didn't have it there either.). The cop nodded his head and drove away. We knew we only had moments to get the shot. Everyone scrambled to get in place, and the photographer climbed on the portico and quickly took the picture. Oh, I forgot to note that we apparently forgot to get permission from the Masons, either. A few of the cars were already departing when the officer pulled up again on 2nd Ave. He checked us out and found we were illegal and just nodded and smiled, knowing he'd been hoodwinked.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS BELOW

CLUB INFORMATION

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.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD @ 6:30PM

Pinellas Room @ Heritage Village 11909 125th Street, Largo, FL 33774

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A word from our

VP

Ron Roberson

OUR LITTLE SPRUCE COUPE

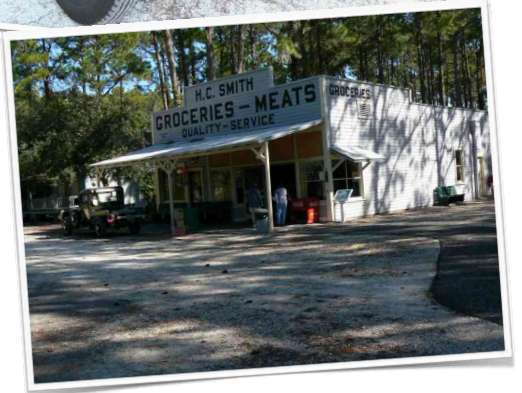
One of the premiere artifacts on display at Heritage Village is our 1925 Model T coupe in the mercantile garage. The coupe was donated by the family of Gene Meyers, who was a popular docent in the HC Smith Store for years. Gene often drove the Model T to the park, and he was known for playing the banjo to entertain the visitors at the store. When Gene passed away in 2011, his family donated the car to the Pinellas County Historical Society for use in the garage display.

Of the 15 million Model T Fords built between 1908 and 1927, only a small percentage were coupes. When Ford introduced the Model T in 1908 the available models included mainly roadsters and touring cars with optional removable fabric tops. Even the early trucks were “open cockpit” roadster models. In 1910 Ford added a town car sedan and by the mid-teens there were Tudor (two door) sedans and fixed top coupes, but these cars were not popular at first. In his book, *Henry's Wonderful Model T*, author Floyd Clymer describes working as a salesperson at a Model T dealership and receiving their first coupe from the factory. The coupe was shipped with six touring cars, which sold very quickly, but no one wanted the coupe. It was soon assigned to Floyd as a demonstrator.

So what caused the resistance to riding in a coupe? The Model T pre-dated safety glass. People did not want to ride in a glass box when they were used to being out in the open. They were afraid of receiving cuts, in the advent of an accident. Safety glass, or laminated glass with a layer of plastic sandwiched inside two layers of glass, was invented by Frenchman Edouard Benedictus and Briton John C. Wood, who received a patent in 1909. It was first applied to goggles during WWI. Early versions tended to darken and become brittle, but improved plastics soon improved the quality of laminated glass. When Ford introduced the Model A in December of 1927, it was the first car in the US to have a safety glass windshield as standard equipment. Sales of Model A Fords included more closed cars than open cars, as coupes and sedans became more and more popular. The acceptance of closed cars came with the advent of safety glass in automobiles. This makes our Model T coupe a relative rarity, and we are very lucky to have it in our garage display.

So why do I refer to our '25 T coupe as the “Little Spruce Coupe”? A few years ago, the HC Smith store had to be treated for termites. The infestation was centered at the back entry door of the garage. The termites had also infested the Model T coupe, which incorporates a sheet metal body over a wooden body frame. Cars of today don't attract termites, but in 1925 termites could be a problem for cars. The coupe became part of the termite treatment, and I began referring to it as our “Little Spruce Coupe” with apologies to the Beach Boys and their 1963 hit song *Little Deuce Coupe*.

The nickname “Little Spruce Coupe” is taking some literary license. Depending on what you read, Henry used poplar, maple, ash or other hard woods in the Model T, but none of those rhyme with the word “deuce”. See you on the tours. Bring an old coupe if you have one.



Upcoming Events

**THURSDAY
AUG 3**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



NO AUGUST BREAKFAST

NO AUGUST TOURS

**THURSDAY
AUG 24**

**CLASSIE LASSIE
LUNCHEON**

Date: Thursday, July 24, 2023
Time: Noon
Location: Clear Sky Restaurant
13079 Park Boulevard
Seminole, FL 33776



More Info: See Classie Lassie page and flyer in newsletter

**THURSDAY
SEP 7**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY
OCT 5**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY
NOV 2**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**SATURDAY
NOV 11**

**HERITAGE VILLAGE
ARTISAN FESTIVAL**

FORMERLY KNOWN AS COUNTRY JUBILEE

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Heritage Village



Notes: We will need volunteers to work the H.C. Smith General Store and we'll need a dozen or so classic rides to be displayed around the store like we've done in the past.

**THURSDAY
DEC 7**
More Details
Coming



**SUNDAY
DEC 17**

**CLASSIE LASSIE
COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Date: Sunday, DECEMBER 17, 2023
Time: 1:30 pm -4:00 pm
Location: Linda Hatley's Home



Info: Come in festive holiday attire and bring: 3 dozen cookies of one kind and a snack, appetizer or finger food to share. Come with one of a kind cookie, go home with a variety of cookies for the holidays. Linda will provide drinks, plates, plasticware, etc. Mark your calendar.

**MONDAY
JAN 1**

NYDBT.
NEW YEARS DAY BIRTHDAY TOUR



**THURSDAY
JAN 4**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY
FEB 1**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**THURSDAY
MAR 7**

**PIN-MAR
MONTHLY MEETING**



**SATURDAY
MAR 23**

ANNUAL PICNIC
ENJOYING A DAY IN THE PARK TOGETHER

**SATURDAY
MAR 30**

HV CAR SHOW
ANNUAL HERITAGE VILLAGE CAR SHOW

WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS CALENDAR... EMAIL MIKE CULOTTA AT CULOTTA@MAC.COM

RUNNING ON EMPTY

By Ron Roberson

CARS IN

Most anyone who is into antique and classic cars, will also be interested in the movies that feature them, and it is likely that we all have our favorites. Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy made a long and successful comedic career by traveling in, and sometimes mutilating, Model T Fords. Movies with great chase scenes like "Smokey and The Bandit", "Bullitt", and "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" can be great fun to watch over and over. Great racing movies like "Grand Prix", "Rush" and "Ford Vs Ferrari" include fantastic racing footage that can please any race fan. Those old corny 1950's hot rod movies like "Hot Rod Girl", "Drag Strip Girl", and "Hot Rod Gang" kept some neat car scenes on the drive-in movie screens throughout that decade. And any hot rod historian will tell you that two hit movies in the mid 1970's entitled "American Graffiti" with Milner's '32 five-window coupe and "The California Kid" with Martin Sheen's flamed '34 Ford boosted street rodding, at a time when the muscle car had era nearly wiped out the traditional hot rod scene.

Being an auto racing enthusiast, there are several classic favorites that I usually watch annually. The first is "The Lively Set" from 1964, starring James Darren, Doug McClure and Pamela Tiffin. It features road racing, drag racing, a Bonneville record attempt, lots of scenes with an experimental Chrysler Turbine car, and an illegal race at a closed drag strip with two really cool Ford roadsters. The depiction of racing is technically quite good, and Pamela Tiffin is drop-dead gorgeous. (Oops, did I say that out loud?).

The second on the list is "To Please a Lady" from 1951 with Clark Gable and Barbara Stanwick. Gable plays a race driver, who goes from midget cars to Indy cars all the while squabbling with a lady reporter, played by Stanwick. The racing scenes are amazing, and the Indy cars of that era are superb. The

MOVIES

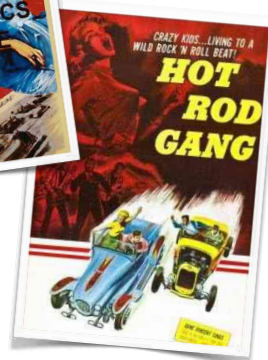
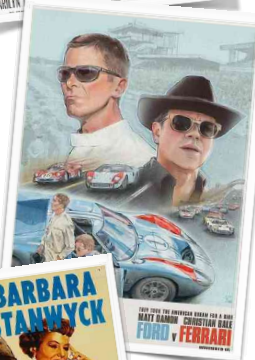
acting, the photography and the story are all top-notch, and there is a great segment with the Joey Chitwood Thrill Show from that era.

The third movie is "The Big Wheel" from 1949 with Mickey Rooney as a brash kid who wants to follow his deceased father in becoming a race driver. In the course of the story, he graduates from track roadsters to midgets to Indy cars. The racing scenes are amazing, and this is the only Hollywood movie to my knowledge that features scenes with oval track roadsters, an often overlooked but historically significant racing segment that preceded stock car racing and coined the term, "hot rod".

The fourth on my list of annual viewing is a 1979 movie simply titled "Hot Rod" with Gregg Henry, Grant Goodeve and Robin Mattson. A drifter, played by Gregg Henry, enters a big drag race and goes head-butting with the son (Goodeve) of the town boss played by Robert Culp. It is a David-and-Goliath story with a low-buck racer up against a high-dollar racer with a lot of clout. The race event scenes are great, and the story keeps your interest throughout.

There are many other great racing movies, including "The Great Race" with Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood, "Excuse My Dust" with Red Skelton, and "Greased Lightning" with Richard Prior, Pam Greer and Beau Bridges. The "Cannonball Run" series, "Gumball Rally" and the hilarious '80s romp, "The Hollywood Knights" are non-stop fun. Others like "Two Lane Blacktop" and "The Last American Hero" have a cult following, and the Bowery Boys, in the 1953 movie "Jalopy", bring cheating to a new level when they accidentally invent a powerful fuel additive that turns their tired Model T into a bomb.

I'm sure our readers can come up with many more favorites. Hollywood has been cranking them out since "Burn 'Em Up Barns" and "The Crowd Roars" in the early 1930s. See you on the road. Maybe we can take in a drive-in movie.



The Classie Lassie Corner

By Ginny Lyke



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



Eight Classie Lassies spent the afternoon at the Columbia in Sand Key. Unfortunately, a few regulars were unable to attend due to illness. However, we were pleasantly surprised by the visit of Uta Storz, who was in town from Athens, Georgia, where she now resides since the passing of her husband, Wolfgang. Please reserve your spot for next month.

WHO: ALL PIN-MAR LADIES AND THEIR LADY GUEST
WHAT: CLASSIE LASSIE 'GET TOGETHER' AND LUNCHEON
WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023 @ NOON
WHERE: CLEAR SKY RESTAURANT
 13079 PARK BOULEVARD, SEMINOLE, FL 33776

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

FAVORITE Family RECIPES OF THE MONTH



Thanks for sharing the recipe Sue Leonard

Sunrise/Sunset Pasta Salad

15 min | EASY | Serves 6

Ingredients:

For the Dressing:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup dijon mustard
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. grated garlic
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

Whisk all ingredients for the dressing & set aside.

For the Salad:

- 1 lb. Penne Pasta
- 4 cups red grape tomatoes, halved
- 4 cups yellow grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 cups fresh sweet corn kernels (or frozen, thawed)
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 yellow bell pepper,
- All seeded & cut into julienned strips
- 1 - 16 oz. jar banana peppers, drained & sliced

Directions:

Cook the pasta in salted water according to package directions, drain under cold water, & allow to dry slightly before assembling salad to help dressing adhere to pasta.

Pour dressing over the pasta into a large bowl, and toss to coat. Gently stir in all of the other ingredients, and mix gently.

Arrange the salad onto a large platter, and garnish with half moon shaped slices of lemons & oranges to look like a Sunrise/Sunset.

HELP . . . WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

NEWS GOSSIP

By Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore



Sam & Karen Reams have a new to them addition to the family. Back in the 80's Sam's grandfather, Frank Holloway built a '31 Model A roadster pickup with a V8-60



in it. After Frank's passing the car was sold and ended up in northern Michigan. Sam learned it was for sale along with a matching trailer. He and Karen flew in to inspect and brought it back home to Florida



Jason Roberson got to experience the Sebring driving experience on July 9th. Jason and the Goblin did quite well, and the car drew a lot of attention in the paddock, being the only open wheeled car and the only home built car entered. The

event is called the *Gravity Rally* and it benefits the *Vettes for Vets*, a Corvette club that raises money to help needy military vets. Jason got to drive at speed in four novice sessions, hitting 100 mph



on the long straight. **Dad** got to ride along in the mid day parade that was limited to 45 mph, and that scared him. It was really a fun day.

Len & Linda Parker are back in town from their six week 'vacation' in Maine. Five of the six weeks Linda enjoyed rehab after a freak fall fractured her pelvis in three places. She's walking again using a walker and by her own description, "back to my ornery self."

Sid & Belva Meyer report: Our auto related adventures started as we returned to our Indiana home with a stop in Mt Airy (Mayberry), NC for at tour with other Buick owners. In May, we traveled to Bowling Green, KY, for our 40th trip to the Buick GS Club National meet. There was a great car show and lots of drag racing. Not letting any grass grow under our feet (well there was mowing to be done when we were home) we participated in the ACD Club Spring Warm-up and the Back to the Bricks tour which visited Auburn, Indiana for two days before going to South Bend, IN, and Battle Creek, MI. With a car in the trailer we then took off for Morgantown, PA for a Buick Tri-Regional event that included the Northeast GS/GN Club. Now, it was July and the local AACA Region hosted the AACA Spring National Meet in Auburn. We then hopped on a plane for

Spokane, WA, for the Buick Club of America national meet. It was our first time to visit that area so we took a couple of days for sightseeing which included a drive to the top on Mt. Spokane. The haze from the Canadian fires was obvious at this height. More adventures are planned in the upcoming months. Hope all are doing well.

Croslin Thunderbird Update: After the transmission was rebuilt, I screwed up the front pump with an incorrect installation. My trans guy, Larry was kind enough to re-do it to get all the metal filings out for a sweetheart price. Wednesday, July 26, the trans slipped home correctly and finally, the car can go back together before my free labor returns to Nebraska.



Gareth & Deb Eich went T touring in Wisconsin. They needed old gas so they pulled into this almost modern gas station. Gareth and I just returned from Baraboo, Wisconsin and the Model T Ford Club International. 200 Model T's were in attendance and 58 kids ages 2 to 17 participated too. There were train museums, a circus museum and performance, munitions museum where nitroglycerin was used as the propellant. An Indian agency that worked with Ho-Chunk Indians was "resettling" them, cat games, fashion shows and rough roads. There was plenty to see and do!

Hi Gang! Therese and I are off on a road trip. We're presently in Michigan visiting my dad. Then we go to New York for a Franklin Car Club national meet. Then

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we drive around New England visiting Therese's sisters. Then we head back home. The old 1959 Jaguar is running and driving but needs a few issues addressed to complete the upgrades. Cheers, Jim & Therese Eby



There's a new addition to the **John & Cecelia Smith** ranch. After **Chase's** untimely death, it was too quiet around the Ranch. So a trip to the SPCA and we found Sam. He is a 10 month old black Lab. All we know about his past



was he came from Franklin County because their facility was overcrowded. Having a puppy in the house has really

changed our routines. When not chasing after the dog, Cecelia continues to enjoy gardening around the house. **Mother Nature** snapped off one of our huge oak trees. Took us a bit of work to get it all cut up and burned. Work on the Willy's has come to a temporary stop. I have an inch and a half tear in my left rotator cuff and will need surgery.



Good news! **Cecelia** returned from Panama with a new pet for her garden. She named him **Fluffy**.

Emmett and Ronnie spent a fun few days with their grandson in Ft. Myers and visited the Edison/Ford Museum. Lovely afternoon visit but definitely not a summer activity. They also took some time to check out Ft. Myers Beach which still shows the much of the devastation from last years hurricane season. Grandpa caught a fish and grandson still asking for a rematch.

Emmett, his son **Matt** and grandson **Lil Emmett** spent three days at the Mecum auction in Kissimmee as guests of Lil Emmett's uncle. Very exciting time as his uncle purchased one of the premium cars and they even made it on TV.

Classic Lassies that could use a prayer or two. Unfortunately Anne Farley still suffering with shingles, Beth Croslin under the weather and Ginny & Emil Lyka have Covid after a trip to Vegas with their son. Looking forward to a speedy recovery for all!

Also, **Jerry Workman** is dealing with a health issue so please keep him and his family in your prayers.



Ken and Linda Harper This was our first day of a 26 day adventure in Alaska and Western Canada. L to R: me, Linda, our good friend Dee, and our son Kenny. Dee and I have been friends since we were 15, we attended the same church. In 2018 we started talking about this trip to celebrate our 50th anniversaries. Sadly Gene got sick in early 2020 and went to Heaven. It wasn't Covid 19, but an unusual fungal infection in his lungs. Dee said if we still went to Alaska she wanted to go. So here we are.

The trip was a once in a lifetime trip. "You can't take it with you" all of the kids said, "go spend it and have fun!" So here we are. It was tiring, busy, short

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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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Rambling Down Life's Road

By Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin



The Long Term Cost of Do-It-Yourself

For most of us old car nutz when we were young we monkeyed with cars. Our first car was a less than ideal car from the back row of the local buy here - pay here lot. Mine was a 1953 Plymouth Cranbrook my dad found in a storage garage in downtown St. Petersburg. It was in amazing condition for about a week before I managed to tear off the right front door through sheer stupidity. Anyway, with a replacement door from a '54 from a junkyard, I got it repainted and began a lifelong course of "fixing it up." That

meant a set of Western Auto port-a-walls and a scam voltage enhancer from J.C. Whitney. Thus began a lifelong habit of doing things myself and learning from the mistakes.

Most of us held full time jobs but evenings and weekends would find us working on some automotive or home repair project. Often, we ended up doing something over one or more times until we got it right or we'd screwed it up so badly we had to call a professional. Our kids would brag to

their friends how their dad could fix anything. Until we couldn't. In our late 20's Beth and I added two rooms to the back of our first homes. We extended the kitchen and put in a San Juan pool. We dug and poured the footers, built the walls, installed the fireplace, the wiring, and constructed the roof. All we contracted for was the pool itself, the concrete finishing, and the additional cabinetry. Almost all out of pocket. Neither of us knew what we were doing but we'd think it out and do the most

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logical thing and it usually turned out well and right. And just think of the money we saved.

One good thing about aging is that our mental library of how to do or not to do things expands exponentially. "Well, I screwed up such-and-such and this is similar so I won't repeat the same mistake." Of course we often made new goofs, but we continued to learn, often to the point where we can suggest to a professional that they might be making an error. I've learned that pretty often a true pro will listen to you and double think what he or she is doing. The wanna-be's ignore you and go right ahead. If they screw up and have to fix it, they're learning on your time.

One bad thing about aging is that even with that 50 year wealth of knowledge, we're declined physically to the point where we simply aren't able to fix stuff we used to do fairly easily. So we turn to a pro to come in and take care of the problem and are gobsmacked** when the bill is presented. One problem with being a life-long DIY'er is we never become acclimated to the true costs of getting stuff done that the average person has. Wooo—ie! Sticker Shock! There's a good chance the bill may be higher because we hover over the pro telling them how we used to do "it" in a fraction of the time. I tend to hover and ask questions about every motion or piece of equipment. Wouldn't it be great if all of us 60 plus guys could get together and write up all our experience in a big book? Still, we probably would never read it and wait for the movie.

** (gobsmacked) bet that word never appeared in a Pin-MAR newsletter before.

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nights of sleep, busy, tiring, beautiful scenery, busy, tiring...but worth every moment.



Ron and Cindy are friends of Dee's daughter Missy who live in Fairbanks. They took us around the first day for a personal tour of Fairbanks and some special things to see. It was so kind of them and

we had a great day before the trip really started on June 24th. You can see the tributes to Alaska's first residents, the Pipeline for which all legal residents get an annual check, and some Reindeer up at North Pole. It really isn't the North Pole, but the town of NP.



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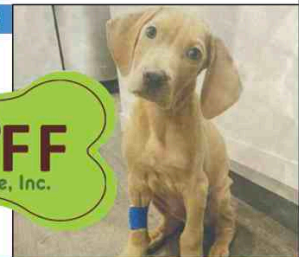
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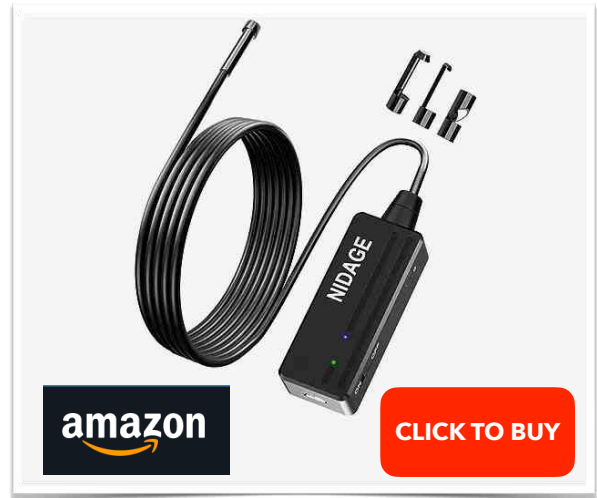
Cool Tools You Should Know About

By Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin

I hear many of our members say they just can't work on or maintain their old cars anymore. Of course, one problem is when dropping a nut or wrench while under the hood, it falls into the same place that dryers send socks to.

By now, most of us have smartphones. Did you know there are endoscopes that hook up to smartphones? Some hook up by cable, others via bluetooth wirelessly, and they're not at all expensive. I bought my NIDAGE endoscope on Sunday at around 12:00 noon. It was delivered by Amazon Prime by 4:30 PM. It took me about ten minutes to have it working as its instructions were very easy to follow. And it works great! It has a light that you can make lighter or darker and uses the whole screen as its picture.

These little guys work with both iPhones and Androids and the size of the picture is easily adjustable. How great would it be to be able to see when you're working in a blind spot. Mine was \$33 including tax. I suppose you could also do an at home endoscopy or colonoscopy, but I don't think I will.



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NEWS

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday May 1 at 7:30 PM at the Fla Federal Building at 49th St. and 9th Ave N. in St Pete.

For those who missed the May meeting, may your paint peel and your color run for lack of knowledge about preparation for paint on your antique car.

We had as guest speakers, Chris Rath from Painters Supply and Jim Markin from the Dupont Company. Film strips on products and preparation steps were shown and discussed. It was a fine presentation and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

NEW MODEL A's

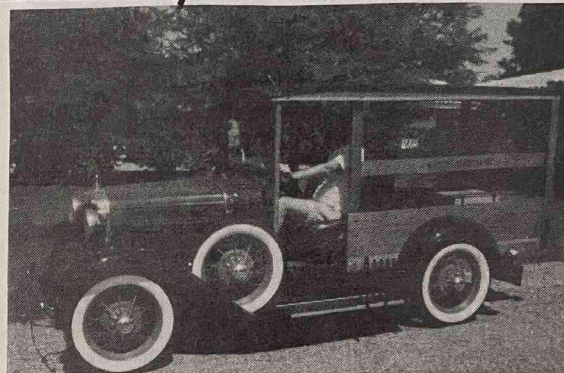
By now most everyone has heard of or seen the ad for the new 1979 "Model A" and wondered what it's all about.

Well, I drove over to Bill Currie Ford in Tampa to look one over and talk to Tyler Phillips, the salesman for the car. Unfortunately, neither Mr. Phillips nor the car were there. In fact, the first car won't be at the dealers until September, with the earliest delivery being in February, 1980. Are they worth \$5950? Well, if the car is done as nicely as the color brochure I'd say they would be.

The car is a glass body ('28-'29) with a 2300 cc Ford engine and 4 spd, disc/drum brakes and all 1979 Ford underpinnings. The car comes with a light yellow color as standard, with black fenders and aprons. The attention to originality on the standard model is pretty good, but the 19" wheels, chrome horn, and headlights with black shells and chrome rims do spoil it a bit.

It comes in four versions; Standard, Deluxe, Super Deluxe, And Custom (\$5950, \$7450, \$8950, \$12,500+ respectively). Options range from all the gingerbread from all 1/2 Model A years to the comfort and convenience items of today.

Well, if six grand seems a little out of line, just compare it to the stripped Pinto or Rabbit of today. Not really so bad after all. is it?



CROSLIN & THE EIGHT YEAR PROJECT

Eight years ago Bob Croslin heard about a near mint Model A Roadster on a farm near Inverness, Florida. Armed with \$250 and the will to win, Bob went to Inverness to see this jewel. Sure enough, there it was, a 6 wheel 1930 Deluxe Roadster---plus--- a pick-up and a tuff tudor-- all disassembled and spread out over about 1/2 an acre of farm land. Mint they were not but all for the price of one!!! WOW!

Pleased with his find he began what would be 6 trips with a flatbed trailer to get it all home. Bob remembers loads with parts falling off at highway speeds and not stopping to pick them up. He says some of the stuff had some signs of age and slight neglect, it was not all N.O.S. out in that field.

With all this stuff it turned out that the front of the roadster with its two welled fenders, was the best for his use. None of the bodies met the space needs of the growing Croslin family --- So--- a huckster was the plan with the extra parts a barter goods. The Roadster body was strapped to the top of Bobs VW and taken to Ormond or someplace and sold to somebody else to make the national winner out of.

After about 5 years of intermitant restoration the car made its first public showing as the tent anchor at the 1976 Gulf Beach Car Show. At that point it was a drive-able chassis, a good display and a fine anchor.

In 1977 the car again came out for the Gulf Beach Show, with hood, fenders and body frame in place (looked more like a car). In 1978 came back complete with lights, top, side and a Urkin contract.

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This months Blast from the Past is from June 1979 or 44 years ago

Happy Birthday

AUGUST

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- 9th DARRELL FARLEY
- 11th ANITA DOUGLAS
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For Sale: 1990 Buick LaSabre, 52 K miles. AC, automatic. Very nice original car and a good driver. New headliner and a recent tune up. Make an offer.
Contact Ken at 440-390-0492 (Friend of Ron Roberson).



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
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For Sale: 1958 Chevy 4 door Biscayne, 283, Power glide, \$9K,
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For Sale: '31 Model A Roadster Always garaged, in great shape.
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For Sale: '30 Model A chassis. Frame, engine, trans on 1940 steel wheels.
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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...
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WANTED and NEEDED

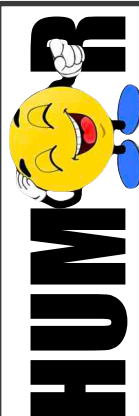
We currently have a complete set of newsletters for the club. But we're missing a few, and to compile a comprehensive library of PIN-MAR Newsletters, I need your help.

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
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