



# PINMAR NEWS

DELIVERING YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING AND NOT HAPPENING

## Drive Your Car To The Totally Tasty Taco Bar



Hello PINMAR Car Club Members, As the warm summer days continue, we hope you are all enjoying the season and making the most of the beautiful weather. With sunny skies and open roads, there's no better time to take our beloved cars out for a spin and enjoy the thrill of driving. Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 21st, for some ice cream.

We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our upcoming August 1st meeting, where we're planning something special for all of our members. We are eagerly anticipating this event and have something fun in store for you. We will be hosting a fun gathering with delicious tacos for everyone to enjoy. It will be a great opportunity for all of us to catch up, share stories, and simply have a wonderful time together. Our car club thrives on the passion and camaraderie of its members, and we can't wait to see everyone there. Click above and RSVP now or keep an eye on your email for the for the Taco RSVP so you can let us know how many you'll be eating and we can make sure we have enough for everyone.

Furthermore, we invite all of you to share your summer adventures with us. Whether you've been on a road trip, attended a car show, or had a memorable drive, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to send us any photos, stories, or updates about how you've been enjoying your summer with your cars.

Remember, PINMAR Car Club is not just about the cars, but also about the amazing people who share the love for them. Each one of you is a valued member of our community. We can't wait to hear your stories and see you at our upcoming meeting. Stay safe, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

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## 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 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:30PM**

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

## CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Upcoming Events


 **JULY**  **NO MEETING**

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**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 4** **JIM SUTCH JULY FOURTH TOUR TO BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2024  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Northeast Shopping Center  
294 37th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

**Breakfast at**  
**The Hanger Restaurant @ Albert Whitted Airport**  
540 1st Street South, 2nd Floor, St. Pete , FL 33701




**THURSDAY**  
**AUG 1** **PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

**THURSDAY**  
**SEP 5** **PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

**THURSDAY**  
**OCT 3** **PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

**TUESDAY**  
**JUL 9** *Monthly* **BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Kim's Family Restaurant  
2101 Starkey Road Units L4/L5  
Largo, FL 33778



**SATURDAY**  
**NOV 2** **HERITAGE VILLAGE ARTISAN FESTIVAL**

**Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Heritage Village



**THURSDAY**  
**JUL 18** **CLASSIE LASSIE LUNCHEON**

**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2024  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** E & E Steakout Grill  
100 Indian Rocks Road N,  
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770



**THURSDAY**  
**NOV 7** **PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

**THURSDAY**  
**DEC 5** **More Details Coming**

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS AT THE ANNUAL PIN-MAR

**Christmas DINNER PARTY**



**SUNDAY**  
**JUL 21** *The "We all scream for an"* **ICE CREAM MEET UP**

**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2024  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Cold Stone Creamery  
2923 West Bay Drive  
Largo, FL 33770

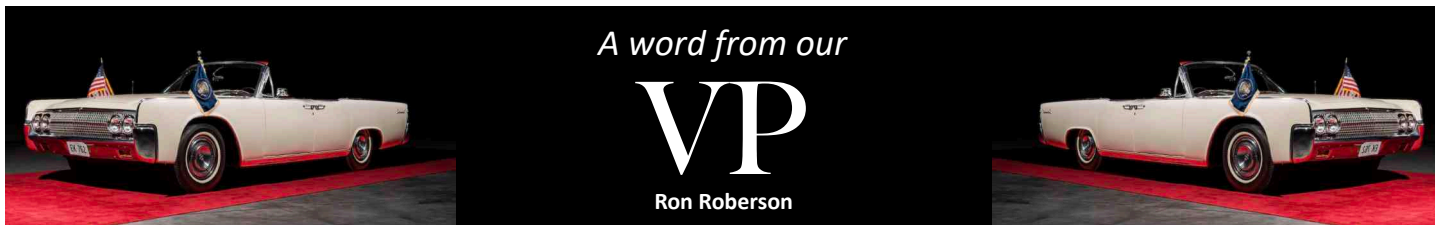


*See ya there!*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JAN 1** **NY.D.B.T. 44th Annual**  
NEW YEARS DAY BIRTHDAY TOUR

**THURSDAY**  
**JAN 2** **PIN-MAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS CALENDAR... EMAIL MIKE CULOTTA AT [CULOTTA@MAC.COM](mailto:CULOTTA@MAC.COM)



A word from our

VP

Ron Roberson

# A LESSON IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

A story goes that in the roaring '20s a successful US businessman purchased a brand-new Rolls Royce. The car performed beautifully, as he proudly drove it around town showing it off as a trophy to his success. Then one day, the car sputtered and rolled to a stop.

He got out of the car, and noticed that the car's hood was locked, and his keys for the car did not fit the lock. He had been given an emergency phone number. He called it and in due time a repair truck came by with a mechanic, who had the key to the car's hood. The mechanic had the car running in short order, and he drove off into the horizon.

Weeks passed and there was no bill for the repair. The businessman wrote to Rolls Royce with the story and asked what he owed for the repair. He received a response that went something like this. "Dear Sir. In the entire history of our company there is no record of a Rolls Royce car ever breaking down on the road."

This story illustrates a thing that we used to call "customer service". Some of you may be old enough to remember customer service, but today it is largely a thing of the past. However, long ago in a land far away, many companies went to great measures to keep customers happy. Today, it is just a memory.

Case in point, when I was serving as Director of Operations at our church, I assisted in setting up our church sound booth for live streaming during the COVID shutdown. The tech booth operator asked me to obtain a dedicated land-line WiFi hookup for the sanctuary building. The church had a phone and WiFi wireless system in the building already, so I went to the same provider to add a dedicated land-line WiFi. On my first phone call to the company, I described what we needed, and immediately the customer service agent



offered a bundle package including cable TV, phone and WiFi. I told them that we just wanted to add the land-line WiFi to our current account. The agent explained that she needed to switch me to another agent to do that. The second agent immediately offered the same TV/phone/WiFi bundle that the first one did, so I went through the entire explanation again. That agent said that I needed to talk to a different person that covered commercial accounts. I left a message with that person, and they never called back.

The next day, I called again, and I went through the same identical process again, talking to three different people who tried to sell me the TV/Phone/WiFi bundle and again I was sent to a special commercial agent who wasn't available. The third day, after two more agents with "bundle" offers, I was switched to a commercial accounts person who actually answered the phone. I immediately explained to this poor sap that he was the ninth person I had been referred to in the past three days, and all I wanted to do was place an order, and if he couldn't do that, please recommend a competitor that can help. He apologized and took the order promptly.

The issue I ran into was a simple one. The customer service people were offered some kind of bonus for selling the "bundle", and as soon as they found out that I didn't want one, they simply passed me on to someone else. Causing customer frustration is 180 degrees out from the purpose of customer service. This system to increase sales almost sent me to a competitor.

The level of customer service experienced by the Rolls Royce owner nearly a century ago is not likely to be experienced today. However, you can sometimes still get results if you push the right buttons. See you on the tours. Drive a Rolls if you have one.

# RUNNING ON EMPTY

By Ron Roberson

## VAPOR LOCK

### BUBBLE... BUBBLE... BUBBLE... BOIL...

People getting into the old car hobby for the first time in our Florida climate are soon introduced to an ancient automotive hindrance called “vapor lock”. You’ll be driving the new love of your life blissfully on a hot Florida day, and out of the blue, the perfectly purring engine will quit on you. Attempting restarts proves futile until the engine has time to cool down. The problem is not the carburetor, the fuel pump or the ignition. The problem comes from heat causing the gasoline to vaporize (i.e., boil) inside the fuel line. This causes a gaseous bubble to form inside the fuel line and that bubble will stop the flow of the liquid fuel behind it. Allowing the engine to cool will allow the vaporized gasoline to condense back to the liquid phase, and the car will start again.

The first place that people attempt correction is the fuel line under the hood, especially any section of the fuel line that runs near the exhaust manifold. Wrapping that section of fuel line with an insulator material like aluminum foil can often solve the problem. An older remedy was to line the fuel line with wooden clip-on clothes pins, which looks a bit hokey, but I have seen that work. In cases where no amount of insulation under the hood solves the issue, the problem may not be in that area.

The fuel line must run all the way from the gas tank to the carburetor, which can be nearly the length of the car in V-8 Fords and many other cars since WWII that have the gas tank at the rear of the car.

The fuel line may be located too close to the muffler or tailpipe, and the problem may occur there. Most old cars have the fuel pump located at the engine, and the pressure inside the fuel line is higher at the pump exit than it is on the vacuum side of the pump. The higher pressure will serve to raise the boiling point of a liquid (hence the pressure cap on the car’s cooling system),

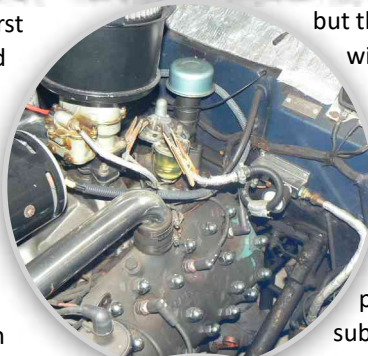
but the lower pressure on the inlet side of the fuel pump will do just the opposite. That section of fuel line with reduced pressure will lower the boiling point which also contributes to the problem. That is generally the condition of the fuel line behind the engine, so the vapor lock problem could be under the car as well. This is the reason that the newer cars with fuel injection, which runs at a higher fuel pump pressure than carbureted cars, will utilize a submersible fuel pump located inside the gas tank. That format eliminates a low-pressure fuel line, since the entire fuel line is located on the positive pressure side of the pump. That higher pressure fuel line with a higher liquid boiling point has eliminated the vapor lock issue in newer automobiles.

When we purchased our 1940 Ford sedan it had some insulated fuel lines under the hood along with a few wooden clothes pins. (See the accompanying photos). It also had been equipped with an electric fuel pump in addition to the original fuel pump. The electric fuel pump is on a toggle switch on the dash. I use it to help start the car whenever it has been sitting for a while, and I would also use it to restart the car if it ever had vapor lock.

Otherwise, we run it on the original fuel pump with the electric pump toggle switch turned off. I have never encountered vapor lock on this car, but it appears that the previous owner might have.

So how do we handle vapor lock problems in our old cars? First try adding insulation onto the fuel line under the hood as the photos show, especially where the fuel line runs alongside the car’s engine. The addition of an electric fuel pump may also help, as the line pressure under the hood can be increased somewhat by a properly sized pump. If those things don’t work, carry a good book with you so you have something to do while the engine cools.

See you on the road. Welcome to Florida.



# NEWS GOSSIP

By Aunt Blabber & Adeline Moore



**The Classic Lassies** met for lunch at Rumba on 4th Street and had some great conversations even though they were short a few ladies who were on vacation they still managed to have a great day.

Lots going on at the **Quillen** house. Frank has been busy with yard work. He replanted 65 bushes and flowering plants that he lost in two salt water invasions into his yard last September and October. He lost two palms, one is still waiting for removal. He also just found a Palm that he wanted in Apollo Beach and will be installing it on the 10th. He also removed old mulch. Laid commercial grade landscape material and then put in 230 -40 lb bags of snow white medium size marble rock. Then just removed 18 concrete pavers that had a crack. Used hammer drill to drill holes in the crack area and then pry up. So this has been several months of projects. Still working on putting in stainless steel gutters and the new solar panels are working really good. Oh yeah what about the cars? They're next on the list. He's just trying to get everything ready for us to tour his home in December. Great job **Frank Quillen**. Send pictures next month.

**Gareth & Debra Eich** are off touring the 2nd week of July to Cadillac, Michigan for a week in the Model T. New horizons not yet visited are always fun. Without our grandson's baseball tournaments on weekends, we are getting a bit restless. Oh well, but not for long!

**Tony Zeoli** is getting excited for the 67th Annual New England Meet, September 11 - 15, 2024 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Sponsored by the Model A Restorers Club

of Connecticut, everyone is looking for a good time. On July 1, the Minuteman Model A Ford had a grand zoom Meeting for the 68th Annual Meet in Boxborough MA in 2025. Cheers to everyone.



**John Smith:** Things are quiet at the Smith Ranch. Been sitting on the couch for the last month with my foot up. **Cecelia** loads me and the wheelchair up on Tuesday and Thursday for a trip down to the plant to have lunch with the employees. Who would believe the highlight of my week is going to work!



**Jerry Workman** writes: Daughter **Shelby Workman** is the general manager at Jersey Mike's on Gulf to Bay if anybody's up that way, stop by and say hi. My other daughter **Jerrica Workman** is in cheerleading at Largo high. They're trying to do fundraisers. If anybody knows anything we can do to help out the girls let me know. Editor:

OK, gang, put on your thinking pants; how can we help?

For those who knew **Dr. Warren Brown**, his daughter **Annemarie** writes about his '31 Model A Roadster, "Yes, we just sold it last week to a lovely gentleman on the East Coast."



**Joanne & Brando Pistorius:** We had a great turnout for our barn warming party at Old Wheel Restorations. A good time was had by all! Check out last months newsletter for lots of pictures. Maybe a Pin-Mar road trip to check out the new place sometime soon!



On June 13th, we enjoyed a beautiful day by taking a short tour along the beach in our classic cars, followed by a visit to Cold Stone Creamery for some delicious ice cream. As you can see from the picture, ice cream never fails to put smiles on our faces! Check the calendar for our next planned ice cream outing in July.

*We would like to feature your stories in our newsletter, so please share what you're doing with us. Don't hesitate to reach out via email or phone.*



# Rambling Down Life's Road

By World Renowned Celebrity Bob "Wrong-way" Croslin

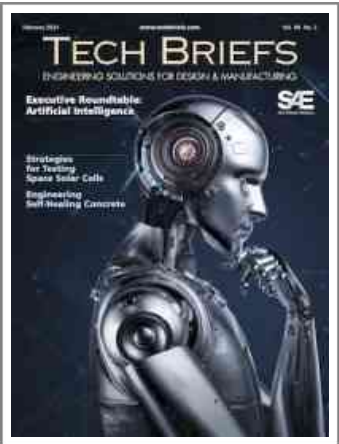
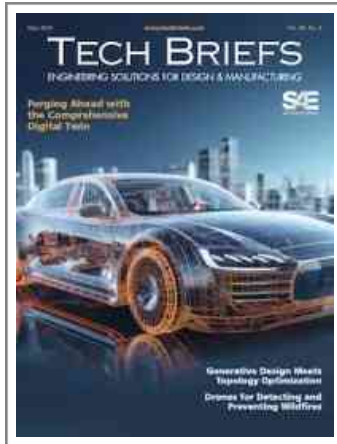
# NASA TECH BRIEFS

Back in the 70's I used to receive a FREE magazine titled NASA Tech Briefs. Many people today don't realize how much technology was developed under the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs. Most was developed by private companies like North American Rockwell, Lockheed Martin, Honeywell, Boeing, and the list goes on. Tech Briefs was a taxpayer funded magazine that featured all the new developments for those programs and their respective patents that allowed people to use those technologies to start businesses, invent cool applications invent cool stuff.

In 1989 a friend of mine, Mike Morrison, used free information from Tech Briefs to start a company called Ocean Optics in a

building in downtown Dunedin. OO was bought later by British company Halma and is now headquartered in Orlando selling more than 600,000 spectrometers each year. Some of their stuff is pattering around beautiful, downtown Mars aboard the Curiosity and Perseverance Rovers.

I've heard people question NASA funding as opposed to using those \$\$ for things here on earth. All of us underestimate the technologies we use daily that sprang from NASA's space programs. Ever hear of cellphones, Lidar, Wi-Fi, AI, and the list goes on. All benefitted from NASA research. Tech Briefs is still being published and can be accessed at <https://www.techbriefs.com/tb/magazine>.



This leads to a cool short article in Forbes about five new technologies that will soon, if not already, be in use on our automobiles. [CLICK HERE](#)

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# The Classie Lassie Corner



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



*The Classie Lassies met for lunch at Rumba on 4th Street. We had some great conversations and although we were short a few ladies (due to summer vacations), we still managed to have a great day. Hurry back ladies. We miss you!!!*

## Classie Lassie luncheon schedule for 2024

- July 18 **E & E Stakeout**, 100 Indian Rocks Rd N, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770
- Aug 15 **Bella Bravo**, 204 Beach Dr NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
- Sept 19 **Roosterfish**, 776 Missouri Ave N, Largo, FL 33770
- Oct 17 **Columbia**, 1241 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767
- Nov 21 (Restaurant To Be Determined)
- Dec ?? **Cookie Exchange** (Date To Be Determined)

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

## FAVORITE Family RECIPES RECIPE OF THE MONTH



## Cinnamon Monkey Bread

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 (12.4 ounce) package refrigerated cinnamon roll dough with icing
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

### Preparation:

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan.
- Mix sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl.
- Set icing packet aside. Cut cinnamon rolls into quarters. Dip pieces in melted butter, coat in cinnamon-sugar, and place in the prepared pan.
- Bake in the preheated oven until dough has risen and top is golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes; drizzle icing over top and let cool in the pan for 5 minutes. Turn the monkey bread out onto a plate and serve warm.



# The Classie Lassie Lunch

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

**THUR  
JULY  
18th**



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

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**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024 @ NOON

**RSVP  
NOW!**

*Hope to see you there!*

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**Notes from the President**

by Paul Dobbin

One of the great benefits of PIN-MAR membership is the association with people we might otherwise never know. Example being the "work party" in the Heritage Village Garage on March 21. At least 15 members turned out and spent the day fixing, wiring, building, painting, cleaning, driving, sorting, and enjoying each others company while improving our hobby exhibit for public enjoyment. I think we all had a good time and got a lot done in the process. Check it out during the Picnic, April 11.

**--Our Next Meeting--**

**Tuesday April 7, 1998 7:30 PM**  
**The Pinellas Room, Heritage Village**  
**10254 125th St. Largo, FLA.**  
 Call 582-2123 for directions

**Program: Period Clothing**

**Speakers: Westerman & Vaughn**

We will be treated to short course in period fashion tips for the upcoming Picnic in the Village. Charlee Westerman and Carol Vaughn with the help of others will make it lots easier to participate in fashion at the picnic. You can participate at the meeting via table #1 or share a 60 second "fashion" tech. tip. It should be fun and educational as well as entertaining.

**Remember our new features at meetings**

- 60 Second Tech. Tips, sharing quick easy ideas.
- Table # 1 **Items for Sale**, a mini swap meet.
- Table # 2 **Reading material** to share, FREE
- Table # 3 **Participation Table**, sign up to GO or DO
- Photo Board** of pictures of people, project & tours



"... And I thought you would be happy to hear that the Ford I bought in '21 is still in daily use ...."

**This months  
 Blast from the  
 Past is from  
 April 1998**

Happy Birthday

**JULY**

**11th**  
Bill Hawkins

**13th**  
Wanda Ray  
Judith Ann Zeoli

**19th**  
Craig Dorman

**20th**  
Jo-Ann Corbin

**22nd**  
Anne Farley

**24th**  
Linda Harper

**31st**  
Linda Parker

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: '28 to '31 Chevy Heads**  
Both are in excellent condition. Asking \$200 each for more info Call Jack @ 727-560-5873

**For Sale: '28-'29 Model A Roadster** Arabian Sands (Tan), asking \$11k for the car. I've also got lots of Model A parts from spark plugs, carbs, distributors, transmission, and much more. Call Ed Pratt at 727-588-0950

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

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

**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: Four Firestone 6.50-16** wide whitewall bias ply tires with

tubes. Two years old with less than 500 miles of driving. Tube age is unknown but were holding air fine. Tread depth is great. I put these on a 1959 Jaguar but decided to switch the car over to Coker radial tires. One whitewall has been "curbed". The whitewalls are showing age cracks but look good from a few feet away. These tires are around \$300 each new. Asking \$500 for all four including tubes. Located in Redington Beach, FL Jim Eby (jimeby@hotmail.com)

**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: Parts from Jim Jordan's Garage.**

- 1) Model A Wheel. (30-31?)
  - 2) Model A Distributor
  - 3) Rear Fenders (Model A?)
  - 4) Window Rain Guards?
  - 5) Steering Gear Box (Model A?)
  - 6) Wooden Wheel (Model T?)
  - 7) Side Mount Mirrors
- Make an offer.  
Call Ron @ 727-430-3226.



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