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From the Presidents dash

With summer over and kids in school I hope all of you got a chance to get out and enjoy yourselves.

We need to start to think about elections for the coming year and planning for our All A show. We are looking for a few people willing to stand up and assist the club by volunteering to be on the board and members to assist in the planning and execution of the All A Show and Awards Dinner in the spring. I can guarantee that you are never alone when volunteering to head something in this club. If help is ever needed it is there for the asking, we just need a spear head.

Driving at night can be a challenge of nerves in the Model A. The reasons I see and I have read about is the poor headlights on the Model A. It seems there are a couple of reasons for this, incorrectly made light bulbs for the sockets. (The bulb filaments should be pointed not flat.) The reflectors original silver finish is worn or tarnished. The reproduction reflectors have been made with the wrong shape for years. Reproduction lamp sockets allow the socket to turn in the reflector so focusing is impossible.

Solutions;

Brattons has new reflectors made to the correct shape for focusing, and are coated the same way as telescope mirrors are coated. Your original reflectors can be replated as well.

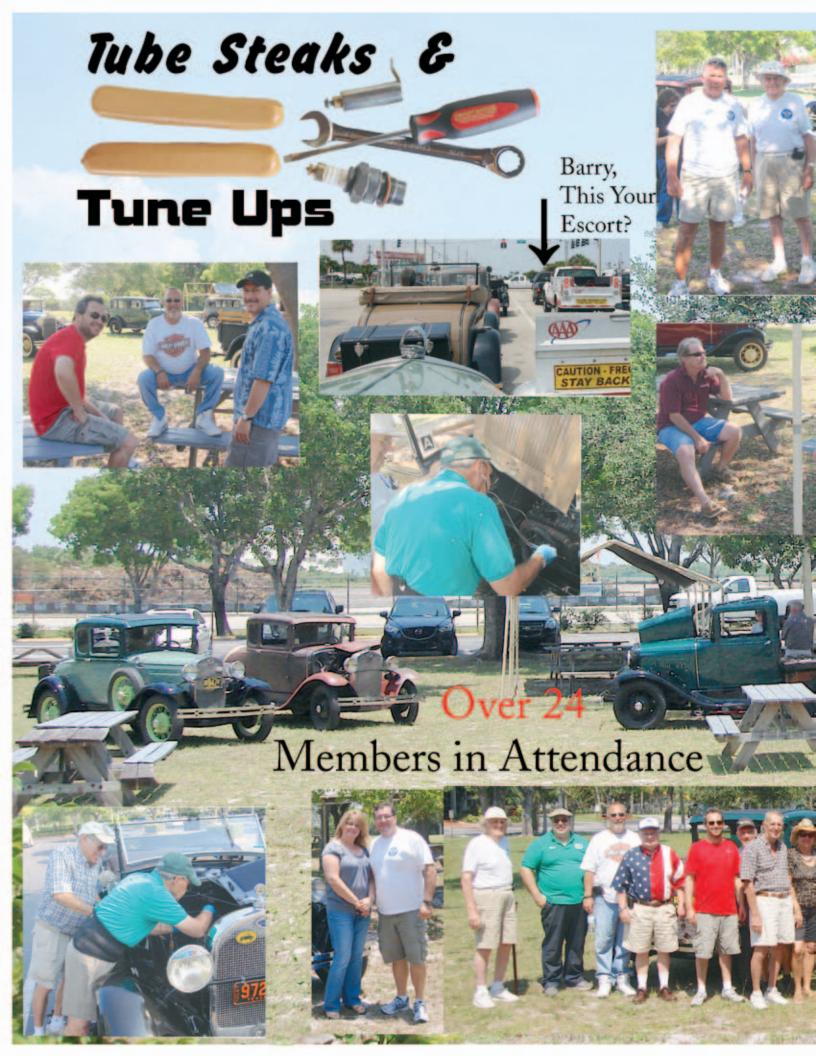
Correctly made sockets are coming according to Bert's in Denver. Lastly bulbs, you need to ask about the filaments when you buy the bulbs.

All these things will give you bright, focused lights for night time driving!

If you look at the calendar you will see we have events planned for the fall but we are always open to suggestions for more.

Lastly, I found these web sites with information on the Miami area. If you come across any sites for Broward and Palm Beach let me know and I'll send them out in an email.

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5 Cars Showed Up





Saturday, May 24, 2014 Tune Up & Tube Steaks

We had the event at the Elk's Club grounds. It was a beautiful sunny day. There were 15 Cars present along with 24 members in attendance. Burgers and Hot Dogs were the fair of the day. It was hot yet again. Many of the Guys were dealing with Fuel and Carburetor issues on some of the cars, with a few minor adjustments made to others areas.

Jerry Carbone and Bill Locklin came with their new Flat bed truck. I like it, they still had some work left to do on it, but its coming along. Caroline House visited while she was home from her long cruise and stayed for just a bit. It was nice to see her.

At 2 pm we were all ready to leave, and as we lined up to go, Barry Fienberg, our lead car stopped. After his father Harold got him going again, we all took our turns in line to leave with Barry as our lead car. Unfortunately, he only got about 1/4 mile away and broke down again. When we caught up to him there was a state Trouper behind him with the flashing lights on. So we all pulled over and pushed him to the side of the road. In a matter of 10-15 minutes we felt it was fixed again. Team work at it's best.

I was talking to Barry and he said that as soon as his car stopped he started his check list. The Trouper walked up and asked him what he was doing? Barry said in just a few minutes there will be more Model A,s coming and they are going to ask him if he did this, that and the other to get going again doing and that made the Trooper to laugh. We started out again and went about 1/2 mile and Barry's car stopped again. We all pulled over and it was a quick fix. I just made sure that my car was blocking the lane so that it was safe for all to be on the road. Sometimes modern flashers are needed.

When David and I got home, he told me that he had issues with our Model A all the way. I guess the gas tank needs to come out?

Melissa Schmidt

Sunday June 15, 2014 Father's Day Car Show at Mizner Park

The day started off early, David was at Mizner Park at 6:30 AM. He was the second car there, but the first car for our Model A's to save our spot so we were all together. I was at home and had the TV News on and they were advertising the show. I looked up to see our Absolutely Antique 31 Coupe. So there was the TV News Guy telling some of the history of the Model A (He got the info from David).

The TV Guy was so impressed with our car, he had David instruct him on how to start and drive it. Then they came on the news again and He started up the "A" and he Drove it. David videoed it for us.

We parked in front of the Amphitheater, and it was a great setup for us to display our Model A's where it would be convenient for people to view our cars. We unfortunately only had 7cars show up in our area out of the 10 to12 that had signed up for the Show.

Jerry, Bill and Sharon who are members of our club parked down the Avenue with the other club they belong to. We actually had a better spot as it was very warm and we had shade and a light breeze. Of course we had a little rain, but it did not last long. We did have lots of people looking at the cars, and many had taken photos. Seems that our car was photographed a lot, and I'm not sure why it was so popular, because the rest of them are in much better shape to look at. I suppose people like to look at something in its really rough stage.

A lot of our members in attendance had family gatherings to get to so they left a couple of hours early. We stayed till the end, and that was great because our dilapidated looking car took a Trophy. One of our members said, that's our second one in a row. So he is going to rub crap on his car so it looks old and antique like ours so he can have a chance to win one to. The rest of us agreed with him.



Editor's Apprentice's Desk

As you will see, this issue of the Oogah Blast is a little larger. This issue covers June to September 1st. The Club managed to be some what busy during this time period. One thing you should note, if you don't see your Car, your Picture or your Name in the Oogah Blast there is a good chance you did not attend those outings or functions shown.

One of the latest outings was to attend a visit to John Ford's house. John does not get out all that much since his operation for Cancer in his leg. So it was set up to visit John for about 1 to 2 hours and then everyone would all go out to have some lunch with John. Well that did not happen. John and Bobbie changed that idea into a wonderful breakfast of Waffle's, Strawberries and Whip Cream. Those who were so lucky to par-take were Jim & Gwen Hammer, Bill & Joan Snow, Harold Fienberg & his Grandson Jacob, Bill Stoneman & Carol Lawatsch, Mike Herbstman, David Board, Audre Franz and myself. Apparently everyone was so full, we didn't go for lunch. On top of this, John offered the Guys that wanted to, to drive his Porshe. I'm sorry more of the members were unable to attend. The full photo of the front and back cover is of the Ford's home.

I sent out E-Mail's to everyone for the last outing, but I got a few bounce backs. So if you can, will you please allow me to send you e-mails, it will help. E-mail for Audre and Dick is { <u>audreyfranz@comcast.net</u> }. Another thing I would like to address. In the e-mail message, I asked to let me know if you where coming or Not. The reason for this was so we could make arrangements with the restaurant and let them know how many were coming. Little things like this do help.

I understand we are going to have openings for Officers in our Club. It would be nice if some new people with fresh ideas would step up and go for the open positions. The same people should not have to do all the work, especially since we have members who seem to do most of the volunteering for every thing that needs to be done. Officers positions are not that difficult to do and others Officers will help them. Also volunteering to do an outing is a big help, and you may come up with something new to do. There is plenty of Officers to help with the project.

Here is another opportunity for the members to voice there opinion on what they would like the Club to do to keep moving forward and growing. Let the officers know what you like about the Club and those things you would like to have changed. Its your Club, don't be afraid to voice your opinion. If you have an idea on something you would like to do, let the Officers know. Send an e-mail or a phone call to any of your Officers or Board Members.



When I asked Sylvio Cote if I could come to his house to ask him a few questions, I got a lot more than I bargained for! Not only did he relate a life story in amazing detail, but we wrapped up our 2 hour interview with an "up close and personal" viewing of his 1915 Model "T" Coupelet which he rescued from 20 years of deterioration and restored to perfect original "Best in Show" condition. Amazing! When he first got it, there had been a tree growing up through it!

Sylvio emigrated to the USA from Alberta, Canada where he had lived in a small town 700 miles north of Montana. The town had a dirt street running through it, and there his father operated a Ford agency. Sylvio's parents died just after he finished High School, and he needed a job to help care for his 3 sisters. He found work in a manufacturing firm, who put him in the "Tool Room" where he gained knowledge and sharpened his natural talent and skills, eventually gaining a 4-year education and becoming an engineer. For part of his career, he spent 10 years in Ormond Beach, Florida, then accepted a job in Ft. Lauderdale where he eventually became manager of a small engineering firm which had to do with developing anti-detection devices for military aircraft. For this job, Sylvio traveled to naval bases and to every state as well as Japan, European countries and to NATO to teach the use of these devices that his group made.

Sylvio had always wanted a Model "T". When he got the first one, he also got a Ford book that taught him how to take one apart and also how to put one back together. So he did just that and, over time, he bought, sold and worked on 6 or 7 Model "T"s. The last one, he recalls was a Model "T" Wide Track. At present, he owns the 1915 Model "T" Coupelet and a 1926 Model "T" Coupe.

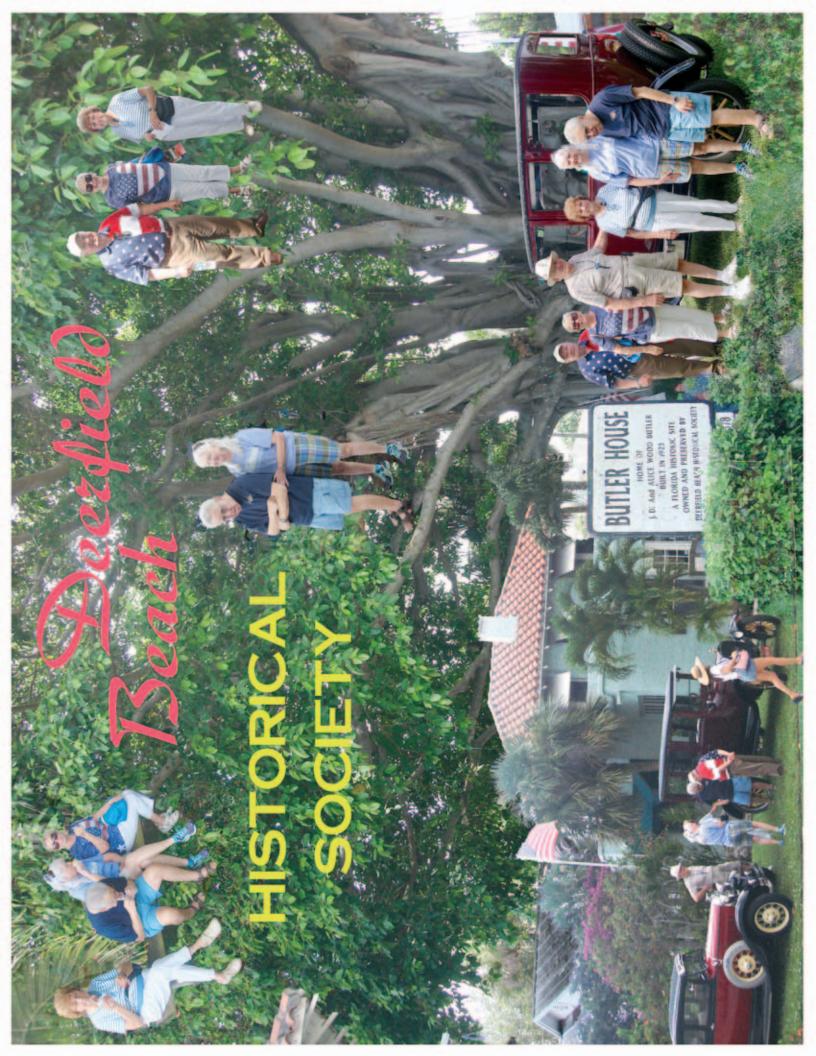
There is only one Model"A" in Sylvio's story-a 1928 Model "A" Sport Coupe which he sold, but he has remained in Gold Coast MARC since it's earlier times, noting that he enjoys the camaraderie and friendships, and that there are too few Model "T" people to make for much Model "T" club activity these days, at least locally.

Widowed for the last 10 years, Sylvio spends his time at his lathe, making things for friends, answering technical questions, and answering mail from friends (he has many) in the USA and abroad. The grand finale of my visit to Sylvio's house was my viewing of his magnificent fully operational steam locomotive, built by his own incredibly talented hands. Besides his participation in MARC, he has also been a long-time member of "Live Steamers", an organization consisting of those who build and run scale model steam locomotives. Is there no end to this man's talent? I think not! At 91 years of age, he's incredible!









Visit to the Butler House

Ron LaVergne Hosted a tour to the Butler House. I talked to Ron about being there, and he thought it would be great to have the Model "T" on the front lawn. As it turned out the Butler House was built in 1923, and that just happened to be the same year our Model "T" was built.

As it happened to be, there were only two cars from the Model "A" Club. Tony Spaich had his 1931 Model "A" and Audre and I had the "T". Ron and Mary Louise along with Trish and Allen Davis drove modern cars. It was wonderful to see Allen and Trish there.

If you have never been to the Butler House, you missed seeing what living was like in 1923. They had a lot of the original furniture and appliance's. There is also a tour through the house, and you can learn some of the history of that time period. On the property is a Banyan Tree that is the oldest one in Florida. If you get a opportunity, you can visit the Butler House the last Sunday of every month.

P.S. We could not keep the "Big Kids" out of the tree.

4th of July

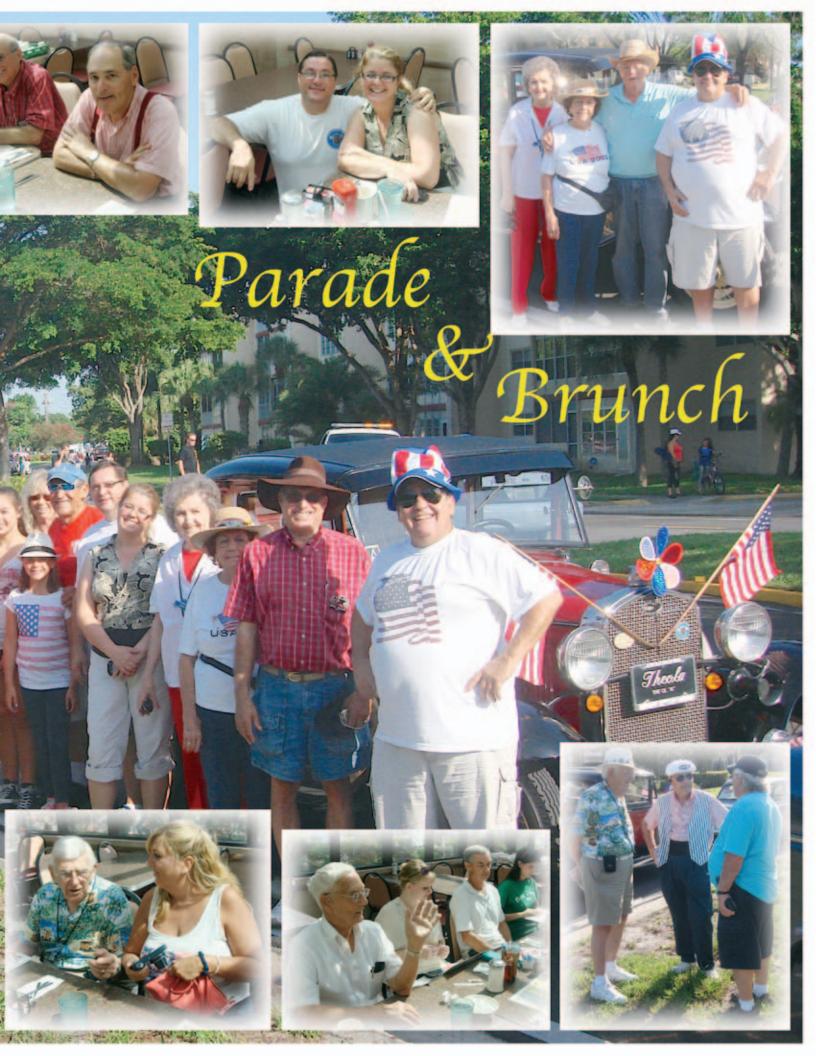
Friday the 4th of July started out as a nice cool day. There were eight Model "A"s and one hot rod that started out from different directions, all headed to the City of Margate for there 4th of July Parade. We were lucky that they put us all together.

Roberto, who brought the hot rod said he was still working on his Model "A". When we got lined up, everyone hurried to decorate there car's. We pretty much just got that done and we were off to start the Parade. When Audre and I went to start the car, it would not start. Well a couple of the Guys gave us a short push and we were off. It was very slow moving and it started to get very hot in the cars, but that's the way it is in Florida.

At the end of the Parade we all stopped to let both us and the cars cool down. Then it was off to Lester's Restaurant for Brunch. Lester's is also where we have our General, Board and 2nd Saturday of the month breakfast meetings. After breakfast I got started right off, but I noticed that Fabio was having trouble starting his car. Then all of a sudden it started and he yelled over, he forgot to turn the key on.

Is this shades of Barry???





Tony Spaich's Blast From the Past

THE OOGAH BLAST APRIL, 1992 HAPPY EASTER! HAPPY SPRING!

18TH ANNUAL ALL MODEL "A" CAR SHOW

WHAT A GREAT CAR SHOW!! We had 37 Model "A"s register and participate in our Show; 28 were judged. What a beautiful group of winners they ALL were!

Tony Spaich was the first to arrive at the showgrounds probably before Dawn! As they began to arrive, the show cars were directed to the portion of the newly paved parking lot nearest Federal Highway. With each arrival, all the details of putting on a show came Frank V. had the together. signs directing the spectators to the Show Parking, Dorothy & Richard Page arrived with the donuts and coffee, Helen Spaich and Jane Orben brought the Food and Liquor Baskets, Jim Stein had everything ready for the judges, the Hempsteads drove up in our Headquarters (their beautiful RV) and things started humming! We saw lots of dusting and polishing being done and last minute primping of the cars, especially by the ladies, Patricia Freund, Ulla Leipold, Marjorie Laubaugh, Dobbins, Joann Karen Christensen.... It was good to see Frances and Mel Kahn. Mel underwent surgery not too long ago and is scheduled for тоге surgery in the near future. New members, Steve Gornto and Jeff Ciociola, were proudly displaying their cars.

Coffee and donuts were much appreciated by everyone and "Good Mornings" were heard all around. Before we knew it. Jim Stein Was calling the judges to their meeting, and the judging began. What a terrific team Jim had organized. Everything went very smoothly and the sheets started to flow into the RV where Jane Sigmon and Helen Spaich were busily adding up the numbers.

We had a wonderful crowd people of enjoying and "A"s. appreciating our Model The advertising that Ron LaVergne did really paid off, many calls were received during the past month inquiring about our show. And, the blue banner Frank V. acquired sure didn't look as big on the fence as it did in our Clubhouse, did it? But, it must have done the job. We saw lots of cameras pointed toward our cars and heard fine comments on the beautiful condition of each. Clark Ballard's car certainly got He's been special attention. working on it, and what he's done looks great! Look for the photo of the 58 point car in this issue. The decision to have our Show a month earlier was definitely the RIGHT ONE !!

Lots of socializing continued through the day until around 3:30 P.M. when we all were preparing to leave. Jim Stein had been approached by a photographer with a specialized panoramic camera. More than a dozen cars were arranged in a curve with Jim Stein being the "marker". The camera moved across the entire curve, and Jim had to outrun it to get in the proper place. What fun we had watching Jim racing the camera. Jim had enough of this play after the 4th photo. Look dozen cars were arranged in a curve with Jim Stein being the "marker". The camera moved across the entire curve, and Jim had to outrun it to get in the proper place. What fun we had watching Jim racing the camera. Jim had enough of this play after the 4th photo. Look for this special photo at our General Meeting.

Then everyone packed up and headed home to rest a bit, take a quick shower and dress for the Awards Banquet that evening.

THANKS TO EVERYONE, THIS WAS A REAL WINNER!!





FASHION

By GINNY SUNDSTROM



The short coat with a wide collar set back from the face and the formal dress with the diagonal cut design were a popular combination in evening wear during 1930-31. There is a slight exaggeration of length on one side, and red camellias add color to the all-white dress of shining satin.

The popular use of ermine, was illustrated in this lovely version of the short evening wrap. The horizontally worked fur is gathered into an incrustation in front, formed by the shawl collar, and then tied by means of scarf ends.

The evening slipper (top) is a Moire fabric with a gold kid lining to match the strap. Just below is a brocade slipper with a smart design in silver and blue. It has a silver leather band and heel.





Scream































We went on our annual August outing that gives us such relief from the South Florida heat and humidity for this time of the year. Jaxson's Ice Cream Shop is just that place for that relief.

You can tell by the smiles on the faces of everyone just how much they enjoy all that home made Ice Cream. I personally want to thank Mike Vitetta for setting up this outing.

We would have driven our Model A's to this event, but between the heat and bad parking area, it wasn't worth taking a chance.

Mike Vitetta's Tech-Tips Setting up the Carburetor on a Ford Model A

The carburetor should be adjusted the way it will be operated normally. If it has an air filter, adjust it with the filter in place. If you have poor results setting the idle, the carburetor may not work properly with a filter, so try it again if necessary without the filter.

1. Start and run the car to warm it up to normal operating temperature.

2. Push the spark advance all the way up (left hand lever). The spark should be left in this position, (fully retarded), for the rest of these steps.

3. Pull the throttle down to a fast idle (right hand lever).

4. Now we will find the "sweet spot" to keep the Gas Adjusting Valve, (GAV), set at. This is the choke knob under the passenger side of the dash.

5. Open GAV 1 turn (CCW).

6. Now slowly fully close GAV, and note that the car should start idling poorly as you approach full closed (CW). Slowly open the GAV back to the point where it speeds up slightly and starts running smoothly. This will be the ideal place to set the rest of the carburetor up. It will also be about the best place for driving, though it can vary with temperature, gasoline brand, etc.

7. Push the throttle back up to an engine RPM for smooth steady idling, at a speed you prefer.

8. Adjust the idle screw so that it hits the stop on the carburetor.

9. Push the throttle all the way up. The idle screw will hold the idle at the speed you preferred, as set in step 7.

10. Adjust the Air Idle screw as follows. Turn it in (CW, which is richer) until the engine starts to run poorly. Note the position.

11. Now adjust the Air Idle screw CCW (leaner) until the engine starts to run smooth. Continue turning the Air Idle screw out CCW until the engine again starts to run poorly. Note the position.

12. Turn the Air Idle screw back CW until it's about half way between the positions found in steps 10

13. Leave it there. You should try to find the spot where it runs smoothest between rich (CW) and lean (CCW).

14. Test drive the car. Check for proper performance.

Author Unknown



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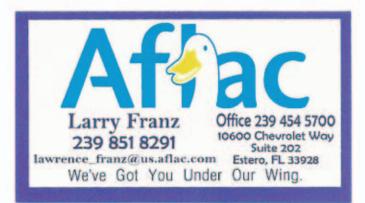
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FALL-WINTER-2014 CALENDAR

Aug 9 - Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate

Aug 10 - Jaxons Ice Cream, Sunday II:30 AM—Till, I28 S. Federal Hwy., Dania Beach Good By to the Good Old Summer Time.

- Sept 2 Board Meeting, 7:00 Lester's Diner
- Sept 13 Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate

Sept 13 - International Model "A" Ford Day, MARK YOUR Calendars

Sept 14 - Elks Lodge Car Show, Sun. 10 AM - 2 PM 700 N.E. 10th St., Pompano Beach

Sept 17 - General Meeting, Lester's Diner, Wed. 7:30, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate

Sept 27 - Creative Workshop Auto Fab. Tour, Sat. 9:30 AM, 118 Hill St., Dania (Drive Modern)

2015 Nominations for Election of Officers - Club Needs Volunteers.

- Oct 7 Board Meeting, 7:00 Lester's Diner
- Oct 11 Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate
- Oct 15 General Meeting, Lester's Diner, Wed. 7:30, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate
- Oct 18 Waterway Cafe, Saturday (time to come), 2300 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens

Need to think about the All "A" Show in Mar. or Apr. 2015.

- Nov 4 Board Meeting, 7:00 Lester's Diner
- Nov 8 Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate
- Nov 19 General Meeting, Lester's Diner, Wed. 7:30, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate

Election of Officers for 2015.

- Dec 13 Holiday Dinner, Saturday 5 pm, Tropical Acres Steakhouse, 2500 Griffin Rd., Davie
- Dec 14 Festival Flea Market car show, Sun. 8 am, Sample Rd & Turnpike
- Dec 20 Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate

Looking Forward to Happy Holidays, a Great New Year and more Club Events

