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WINTER 2014 CALENDAR

Help keep our club active by planning or coordinating a tour, event or trip.

- Jan 15** - **General Meeting**, 7:30, Elks Lodge 700 NE 10th St., Pompano; 6:00 for supper.
Jan 19 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner**, 9 AM Sat., 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
Jan 25 - **Sample-McDougald House Antique Car Show**, Sat. 10-2, Pompano Beach
- Feb 1** – **Mingling Melodies & Motors Car Show**, Sat 11-3, St. Andrews School, Boca
Feb 4 - **Board Meeting**, Elks Lodge 7:00
Feb 8 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner**, 9 AM Sat., 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
Feb 19 - **General Meeting**, 7:30, Elks Lodge 700 NE 10th St., Pompano; 6:00 for supper
Feb 22 - **St. Max Carnival**, 11-3 Sat, 701 N. Hiatus Rd., Pembroke Pines
Feb 23 - **Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance**, 10-4 Sun., Boca Raton Resort
- Mar 4** - **Board Meeting**, Elks Lodge 7:00
Mar 8 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner**, 9 AM Sat., 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
Mar 15 - **St. Patrick's Day / Army Hope Car & Bike Show**, Sat 11-4, Elks Lodge, Pompano
Mar 19 - **General Meeting**, 7:30, Elks Lodge 700 NE 10th St., Pompano; 6:00 for supper
Mar 30 - **3rd Annual Flyer Pigs Tour and BBQ**, 9:30-4, 10621 El Caballo Ct., Delray Beach
- Apr 2** - **Board Meeting**, 7:00 Elks Lodge
Apr 12 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner**, 9 AM Sat., 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
Apr 16 - **General Meeting**, 7:30, Elks Lodge 700 NE 10th St., Pompano; 6:00 for supper

No printed Oogah Blast in February or April – Email Only!

The dates below in italics are for non-club events. Details and entry fees at:
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SOUTH OF BROWARD BLVD.

- Feb 2 - Dream Car Classics, 10-2, Downtown Hollywood*
Feb 9 - Concours South Florida, 10-4, TY Park, 3300 North Park Rd., Hollywood
Mar 1-2 - Collector & Exotic Car Auction, Miami Beach Convention Center
Mar 2 - Dream Car Classics, 10-2, Downtown Hollywood
Mar 11-16 11th Annual Collector Cars of Ft. Lauderdale Auction, 9-9, \$20, Broward County Convention Center

NORTH OF BROWARD BLVD.

- Jan 19 - YATC Cool Wheels Car Show, 9-4, Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach*
Feb 1 - Family Fun Day Car Show, 10-2, 9530 West Sample, Downtown Coral Springs
Feb 16 - Broward Mall Annual Open Car Show & BBQ Cookoff, Plantation
Feb 23 - Isle Casino Semi Annual Classic Car Show, Pompano

PALM BEACH COUNTY

- Jan 18 - Newport Place Car Show, 11-2, 4735 NW 7th, Ct, Boynton Beach*
Jan 25 - West Park Baptist Church Classic Car Show, Sat 11-3:30 \$10, 4004 Lake Ida Rd, Delray
Feb 9 - All British Classic Car Show, Royal Palm Plaza, Boca Raton
Feb 15 - Sweetheart Benefit CAR Show, 10-3, Olympic Heights High School, 20101 Lyons, Boca Raton
Mar 9 - Pot of Gold Classic Car Show, 10-3, Bedner's Market, 441 two miles south of Boynton Beach Blvd

From The President's Dash

Here we are at the start of the New Year and what a weird end to last year. I mean the weather. Dry season, I don't think so! Let's hope for dryer times ahead as I have a lot of outside stuff to do as I'm sure most of you do as well.

The board is working on a great many things for the up coming year but of course we need your input and help. Have an idea for an event or a location that you would like to see? Let us know.

We have, as owners of the Model A, and members of our club, a unique opportunity not afforded many other club members. We have a group of dedicated members ready and willing to assist you in the repair of your car. As a matter of fact we have several methods at our disposal. If you would like to learn how to repair your own car, we have that dedicated group I spoke of earlier. If you just don't have the time you can drop off your car to our members that will professionally repair your car for you. If you know of someone, a family member or neighbor, that would like to learn how to drive an A, we can help with that as well.

Let us not forget our monthly breakfast that only continues to grow in numbers with members and the cars ever increasing.

See you at the meeting,

Mike

From a "Get Well" submitted by Carol Lawatsch



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From The Editor's Desk

Happy New Year To Everybody! Please read the new "Special Announcements Other Things" page regarding the printed Oogah Blast becoming a bimonthly. This is a new test Blast page for the anybody's use. Send me your submittals for publication.

This issue has quite a few photos from recent club activities. First up are a few photos of the Ford Eco 500 car show Steve Peterson, Terry Nagy and I attended in late November. Next is a page of photos from our annual Holiday Dinner / 2014 Officers and Board installation. Following that are photos Mark Gompertz took at the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society Fall event. The year's last event was the Fall Festival Car Show held December 15th. I couldn't attend that show, but Tony Spaich emailed me a lot of photos for this issue. I was hoping to get some photos in this issue for last Saturday's Ford & Friends Meet, but I've run out of time. Our January meeting is tonight so they'll have to wait until March.

Upcoming events on our 2014 calendar are as follows:

January - The annual Sample-McDougal House Car Show in Pompano on Jan. 25 which is right next to the Elks Lodge.

February - On the 22nd is the St. Max Carnival in Pembroke Pines. We had a great car turnout last year. The next day on February 23 is the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. Word has it that they only allow cars to be shown once every three years to prevent the show becoming stale.

March - On the 15th the Elks Lodge is having St. Patrick's Day Car & Bike Show. This Army Hope charity show is put on by Russ G with DJ Scotty the Music Man. Although this is not yet a Board sanctioned show it sounds like a fun day with lots of side activities.

And finally, on Sunday March 30, at Casa Ford in West Delray, will be the Third Annual Flying Pigs Tour & all you can eat and drink BBQ. It starts at 9:30 this year to give us a little more time on the tour.

John

Special Announcements & Misc. Things

THE OOGAH BLAST WILL BE BIMONTHLY IN 2014!

Over the past couple of years the club has been experiencing rising printing & postage costs associated with the Oogah Blast. It is now consuming about \$20 of your \$30 annual dues, leaving only \$10 per family for full year's worth of club events, activities and parties. Additionally the Blast has required in excess of 40 hours each month to update, edit new articles, touch up photos, prepare photo collages, create a new cover and prepare for printing. I know we all enjoy the end result, but it has become too much of a burden each month for me to continue without going to a bimonthly publication. The Board has decided it will be in the club's best interest if the OOGAH BLAST is not printed and mailed in the months of February, April, June and October during 2014. Instead, in those months an abbreviated Oogah Blast will be emailed to our members containing an updated calendar, new announcements & event details. This next issue will be in March. The Board and I personally thank you for your understanding.

John Ford, Oogah Blast Editor

Jerry Carbone is missing a MARC Judging book from our October All A & T Show. If you were one of the judges, check to make sure you don't have it. Call Jerry if you do. 954-675-7341

Mike's has really strong A karma. Below is a photo our daughter took of her family ten years. I about fell over backwards when I found it a few days ago in a box of odds and ends buried in a closet. Recognize the big guy in period clothing. What are the odds of him being in a ten year old family photo? Our 4 year grandson on the far right is now 14! This was 7 years before I even went to my first car show and became interested in A's. You cast a big shadow, Mike. What other closets are you in? John Ford



The Ford Eco 400 Nascar race and All Ford Show was held on a beautiful Nov 27th Sunday at the Homestead Motor Speedway. The show was mainly Mustangs with only just a few Fords older than 1960. Steve Peterson's 28 Speedster was one of the stars of the show taking one of the top three prizes. Not only did he get a chance to show his Speedster to famous race team owners Roger Penske and Dick Rousch, he also was interviewed by Car Show TV which was later broadcast on cable. Terry Nagy also got a chance to show his car to Roger Penske.



I on the other hand got no celebrity respect, damaged my frame towing it to Homestead suffered an overheated engine and a later power failure on the ride home on the Turnpike. That's my A on the trailer in front of our house. Thank goodness the neighbors weren't outside. Oh, the horror of it all! John Ford

Points awarded at the 2013 All A & T Judging Show

<u>HERITAGE CLASS</u>				
4-	DAVE SCHMIAT	1931 COUPE	246	POINTS
3-	JOHN FORD	1931 TOWN SEDAN	317	"
2-	ALLEN DAVIS	1931 VICTORIA	346	"
1-	MARY VOIGT	1931 FORDOR	350	"

<u>PRESERVATION CLASS</u>				
5-	ERICH GOMPERTZ	1929 PICKUP	352	POINTS
4-	CAROLYN HOUSE	1931 VICTORIA	362	"
3-	RICK CHAVEZ	1931 COUPE	370	"
2-	DAN FORTIN	1931 PICKUP	375	"
1-	RON LAVERGNE	1929 PHAETON	389	"

<u>MASTER CLASS</u>				
5-	BILL STONEMAN	1929 PICKUP	389	POINTS
4-	MIKE CLINE	1931 COUPE	404	POINTS
3-	MARK GOMPERTZ	1930 ROADSTER	406	"
2-	HAROLD FEINBERG	1931 CABORLET	410	"
1-	TONY SPAICH	1931 COUPE	420	"

<u>BEST OF SHOW</u>				
	AUDRE FRANZ	1931 COUPE	459	POINTS

<u>PEOPLES CHOICE</u>				
	MARK GOMPERTZ	1930 ROADSTER		

SPECIALITY CLASS:

STEVE PETERSON	SPEEDSTER
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Gwen
Hammar



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Scotty & Shannon
McElroy



Mike & Frank Vitetta

Jason & Jennifer
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Mike
Cimorelli

Grandma
Vitetta



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Ft. Lauderdale Historic Society Museum Open House and A show. Due to limited space there was room for only five A's: Mark Gompertz's Roadster, Eric Gompertz's Pickup, Mike Vitetta's Fordor, Carolyn House's Victoria and Steve Peterson's Roadster. They had a wet day with a small turnout. A lot of time was spend on the museum's front porch out of the rain.



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Fall Festival Flea Market Show

First let me take this moment and give a big thank you to Stravos for hosting us again this year at the show. Stravos cooked hot dogs for all that wanted them and had supplied water as well.

We had over twenty cars at the show this past December and it seems to have gone off without a hitch. Members arrived early to see that our spaces were truly reserved for us. We had a tent to gather under and a table with club information to give out and we answered questions about our club and our cars. It also seems to be a day for repairs as we often find a member or two that need a thing or two to get their car running in top form.

The weather held out pretty good with only about a minute of rain. I hope those that left during the rain did not get caught in it as they drove away, because it was over in short order and no more rain for the rest of the show.

I saw a great many cars that are not normally seen at the smaller shows as well as cars, well let me just say that anything after 2000 is just a used car; is it not?

Awards were given out at about 3:30, David and Melissa Schmidt won a trophy for our club.

Overall it was a good day with a good turnout. Thank you all that came for the day.

Mike Vitetta



3RD ANNUAL SAMPLE-McDOUGALD HOUSE OPEN HOUSE & ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW



**January 25, 2014
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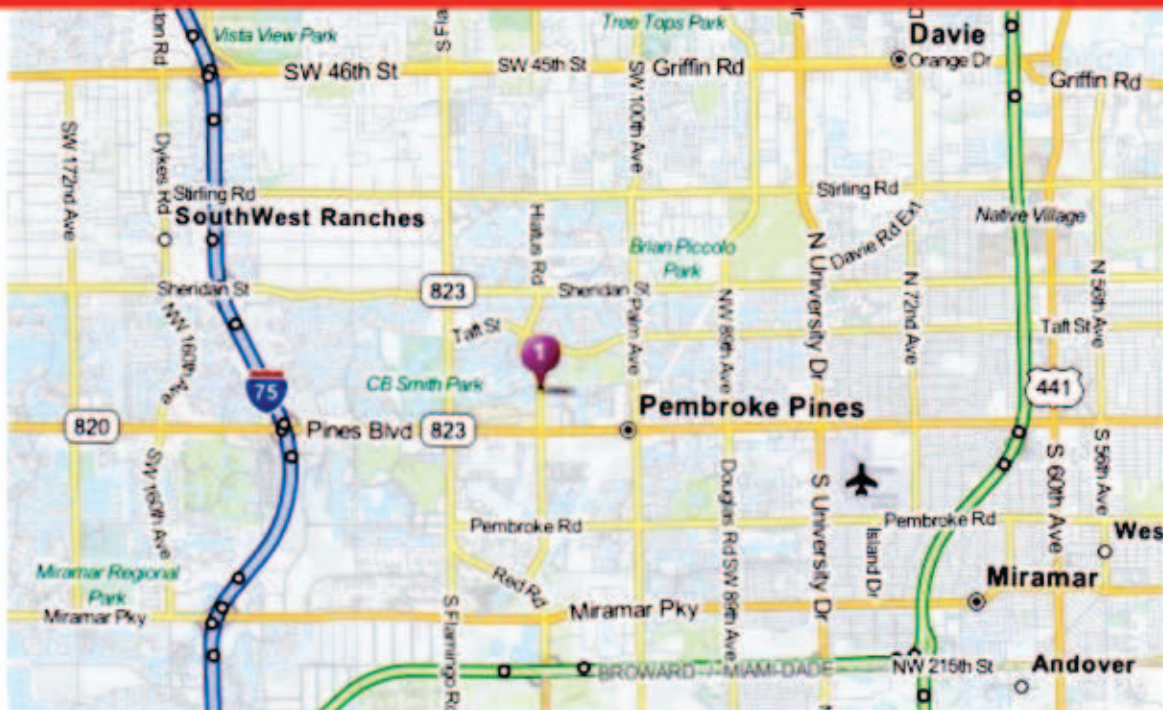
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Tony Spaich's Blast From The Past

WHEN WE WERE NOT AFRAID OF THE DARK

CHRISTMAS PARADE "95"

The Pompano Beach Holiday Parade was a little longer this year. We started out at the Pier, right on the beach road and what a display of humanity. Six High School bands with 50 or more people in each band. All trying to be louder than the next group. Two groups of Campfire Girls and Brownies each consisting of 100 youngsters about 8-10 years of age. Every conceivable type of float mounted on trailers or trucks. Pompano's 1926 Ward LaFrance antique fire engine. Police on horses and motorcycles, K9 units and reserves. Pompano's mayor riding in a 1926 Rolls Royce. Ely High School Honor guard and R.O.T.C. (200 total).

Our own Dr. Vic Nelson riding his 1896 High Wheeler Bicycle. A truck full of clowns, Joshua Tree pre schoolers (75 children). Hopewell Church choir (30 people). Broward County Mummers (what a sight) they were terrific! I could go on and on, there were 50 groups total.

All the above confusion was along the beach in the staging area!!! At 6:30 P.M. we started to move and it all came together and what a sight to see. All the spectators along Atlantic Ave. were in for a treat. Our Model "A"s were Oogahing our way down the street, some decorated, some not, but either way they were applauded and as usual the youngsters (ages 3-90) were yelling "Blow it again."

Richard and Dorothy Page were so broken hearted, their horn gave out half way through the Parade. I don't think Richard would have been that hurt if he had blown an engine. About 200 feet from the end of the Parade, Jim and Gwen Hammar's Vicky died from too much Aahooga and not enough fuse! But thanks to Dr. Vic Nelson he prescribed a new fuse and all was well again.

The Pages had a house mounted on top of their coupe, I think it was Snoopy's but who knows, it was fascinating as to how the house didn't blow away! There wasn't any judging this year but we know who the most loved group was, don't we?

After the parade we invited all who participated to our house for a pizza party. Hope you all enjoyed it, I did. Special thanks to:

- 1 Bob & Mary Nobbs & their Phaeton.
- 2 Jim & Gwen Hammar & Vicky
- 3 Frank & Barbara Vercooteren & their 29 Sport Coupe
- 4 Carol Johnson driving Dr. Nelsons Red Santa Clause Express pick up truck
- 5 Bob & Cathy Collins & their 1930 Tudor
- 6 Richard & Dorothy Page (& Snoopy) & their 31 Coupe
- 7 Bill & Genny Parker & their Black Beauty 30 Sport Coupe
- 8 Jim Bechtel & the 29 Fordor
- 9 Frank Kraehler & the Model T Center Door
- 10 Carey & Betsy Thomas with their 29 Coupe
- 11 Last but not least...Tony & Helen Spaich with their pride and joy Theola, their 31 Coupe

Hey gang it gets to be more fun every year. Sure would like to see more cars next year.

A special thanks from Santa and all of Pompano Beach.

Tony Spaich

And a special thanks to Tony & Helen for all their efforts in co-ordinating this affair. A big job well done as usual. Thanks from all of us!

MARY VOIGT'S FASHION PAGE

WINTER

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 hori-



zontally 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.

Reprinted from Model A News Jan - Feb 1968

Mike Vitetta's Tech Tips

Ammeter

The next time you are going to connect a trickle charger to boost your battery, connect negative clip to one terminal of the junction box on the firewall and the positive clip to a good ground, such as a cylinder head nut. A connection to one of the wing nuts will allow a reading on the cars ammeter while the other one will not show a reading.

Cleaning SmallParts

To clean small parts, use a metal bucket on a electric hot plate filled with Tide & water. Just run it on LOW temp. It will strip grease, crud, varnish like deposits, paint, etc. down to the metal!! Also softens & cleans carbon from pistons, rods, valves, even crankshafts & camshafts, heads, and pans.

Cheap ultrasonic foot washer with Tide & aquarium gravel does nuts, bolts, and small stuff really well!

Lighting Circuit By Lynn Sondena

The fourth electrical circuit in the Model A is the lighting circuit. It consists of the headlights, tail light, brake light, brake light switch, dash light, and interior lights on special closed cars. Also, the light switch, bulb and necessary wires. I have also grouped the horn and windshield wiper into this circuit. It could be argued that they do not belong here.

The number one problem in this circuit is grounding. A poor ground will cause dim or no lights at all. The second cause can be shorts in the wiring circuit. Shorts are where hot wires touch metal (ground). If a wire is crushed or rubs against something long enough it will cause a bare spot in the insulation. This bare spot will cause the short. Corrosion can also be a factor. Use a small brass wire brush to clean terminals, the end of bulbs, and light sockets. It is also a good idea to coat these connections with dielectric grease, as it prevents corrosion and promotes better contact between the two surfaces.

To test this circuit it is best to have a 10 foot piece of 16 gage wire with alligator clips on each ends, this will be used as a temporary ground. Hook one end directly to the battery + positive post and the other end can be used to test for grounds.

You will also need a test light with a probe and a multi meter is also helpful. No wiring diagram is supplied with this article. They are present in most Model A books.

What does AR stand for?

"A" stands for the first design of a part, and "R" means the part is kept in stock for REPAIRS to fix cars that used the earlier design of that part, because the later design won't work. Early 1928 wheels is one example.

There is a move on to stop using the word AR and start using early '28. AR is correct for parts, but not the car as a whole.

Many of the "AR" parts are for the earlier cars but even the 400-A Convertible Sedan which was only built in the last half of 1931 had "AR" parts. "AR" really does not mean much if anything. To make it meaningful one would have to say "Early 1928 AR" parts. But I think just "Early 1928" is enough to get the meaning.

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