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Fall At Last

Wowee! It is fall again, gone are those steamy, hot days of this past summer! Now we can get our cars out on the road again and enjoy them as they were meant to be used. Taking short, little jaunts, to points of interest with our good friends.

We have a few activities on our schedule for the balance of this season; November has us at The Train Station in Inverness for an afternoon of duck-pin bowling and some fantastic food, a great time was had last year so it deserves repeating again. Before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us. This year we will be returning to Riccardo's Restaurant in Belleview for our holiday party.

We will also be adding some car shows to our itinerary in the New Year. You can read the story of our participation in the New Covenant Methodist Church first ever car show on October, 10th, a show we will want to follow up with in the months ahead. Another show is the PDQ car show. Both in our neighborhood.

Also in the months ahead are some car collections that we have not visited for several years. We have several new members that have not had the pleasure of these outings. Of course there will be the good food stops as apart of the day, that is a KOTR given. Old cars and good friends with good eats, that is what KOTR was founded on so many years ago!

The Cover Story

By James Rentz

Let's get in the way-back machine and travel some 36+ years to 1990, my father, a car collector, had passed away. Among his collection of cars was a 1953 Rolls Royce, LWB Silver Wraith limousine. He bought the car in 1963, and it quickly became the "wedding car" for the family and friends. Both my brother and sister as well as myself had the pleasure of being carried from the church to the reception in the luxury of this fine automobile.

In the 90's I used this car for touring with various car clubs on weekend outings, especially in the fall. One beautiful fall Sunday we traveled to Drake's Well, the birthplace of the American oil industry, in Titusville, PA. The route was on the leaf covered by-ways of Western Pennsylvania. I was fascinated by the reflections of those trees and leaves on the hood of that magnificent car, constantly changing as we rolled along. That deserved to be retained for future memories. The following Monday, when the sun was just right I posed the car in my driveway and made a number shots to recreate what I had seen the day before. It's those memories, of those rides, in the great cars from our past that truly last. Not just pictures of the cars, but the feelings that were experienced back then.



Above is the "wedding car" on June 6th, 1969, Pat and I on our way to the reception some twelve miles away.

Below is the car as we toured with it in the 1990s. Wish I had this one back!





WING DING

September, 9th

a KOTR Drive-N-Dine







King Of The Road was at it again on September 9th, when we cruised to east Leesburg and Cousin Vinnie's restaurant. They are famous for their chicken wings, but everything else is super as well, a great fun spot for our club.

Above, Gordon Platt, checks out Mike Creed's 1972 Ford LTD convertible in triple black.

Sixteen members and friends joined in on this activity to kick off KOTR's fall season.

Lake Mirror Classic FIVE

Photos by Rich Courmettes





The annual Lake Mirror Classic Concours car show takes hundreds of hours of preparation by hundreds of volunteers to bring it all together. It takes but a few hours for "Mother Nature" to make it a mess, a rainy weekend.

Top left is Frank O'Donnell's 1970 Maserati Ghibli, all spiffed up to sit in the rain. "Just Ducky" was appropriate for the soggy afternoon.





September

There is just something special about the month of September. The days are getting a little shorter and a little cooler, a time to relax with good friends around the dinner table. In September, KOTR members and their friends like to gather at Oakwood Smokehouse in Lady Lake for an evening with lots of stories and laughs to cap off the summer season. Fifteen members and friends took advantage of the opportunity to gather for good car talk and other lies. We do have a good group, don't we?



Above left, we have Bill Bray, Stephanie Nyffeler, just in from Switzerland, and Rich Udell and Pat Rentz. On the right side of the table, Diana Bray sitting next to Nancy and Richard Buehrig. Way back in the corner are the Drexlers, Leif and Donna.

To the right are guests Ralph Coogan and Pat Behrens with Ellen Harcourt and Rich Courmettes.





Second Saturday Car Show

The New Covenant Methodist Church on Woodridge Drive, initiated a car show on the second Saturday of each month, the tenth of October. Forty cars were displayed in the shade on the grass at this inaugural event. KOTR and friends had nine of those showing. We had wonderful "Circle of Liars" where we sat telling stories of our cars and such. Late, solo arrivers parking next to our circle were invited to join in with us. It was a great time to show, 9:00 til Noon. The next is November, 14th and the church is asking for canned goods as the entry fee. This is a wonderful way to gather and show!





Leif Drexler invited some of his friends the "Tin Lizzies" to join with us as we staged in the grass under the oaks.

Below are the range of KOTR cars on display, with Bill Bray's GT 350 Mustang, bought new in 1966. Ain't that great?





Top right, the "Circle of Liars" starts out small but as the morning progressed and sun rose higher in the sky, we moved to grass and continued with whoppers. Newbees joined in on the conversations too, no tale too tall to tell.



ICE CREAM IS ALWAYS NICE!

For "snowbirds," a good welcome back to Florida is an Ice Cream Run. No one does it better than KOTR. September 28th had us drive to Wildwood and the Russell Stover store there. Just back in town are the Copes and the Brays. Ken Cope drove his Nash Metro, one like you have never seen before and Diana Bray drove her Mustang convertible, new to the area. Now they have two Mustangs to show and go. They are here for good now!









Thirteen members and friends made their way to Russell Stover's. The ice cream is always a hit, but the star of the evening was Ken Cope's, pink Metropolitan, custom, sporting a Chevy small block and custom interior. I suspect that we'll be seeing a lot more of Ken and his Metro.



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