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Presidents Message

“SHOWTIME”

With fond memories still vivid in our minds, we anxiously anticipated the arrival of this year’s Classic Car Auction. “Maybe I’ll get to drive a Rolls Royce, a Bentley or a Maserati, okay I’ll even settle for a Cobra .”



On Wednesday, the excitement mounted as huge trailers pulled up to unload their shiney cargo. All of us queued up impatiently waiting to jump in and park the first batch of “timeless beauties.”

Thursday was a completely different day. The pace picked up at an alarming rate.....200...300...400 cars, all needing to be parked and staged for the auction the next day. In spite of the amount of work necessary, all of our club members banded together to “Git-R-Done”. By Thursday evening, we were so tired that all you wanted to park was an automatic, with power steering, and praying it started the first time.

Showtime! Friday morning. Every car was parked where it was supposed to be.....well almost.....

Running in and out of the event center, looking for the next car to be auctioned off, I stopped at the top of the stairway to catch my breath. Gazing out over the parking lots, I didn’t see 400 cars. What I saw were..... blue club shirts, rushing back and forth, jumping on and off golf carts, dodging between cars trying to locate the next one. Again hoping it would start, trying your best to squeeze into the car, driving them up the ramp, then scurrying back to the lot to do it all again.

Pride and satisfaction overwhelmed me as my eyes filled with tears of total satisfaction. What a club! What a fabulous group of friends. In spite of the aches and pains, we were all pitching in to get the job done. At that moment, for me, there was no greater feeling of belonging.

By Saturday afternoon, after pushing more cars than some sixteen-year-olds, there wasn’t much energy left. However, we had proven to ourselves that the “Golden years” can be pretty damn good. Especially if you can share them with supportive friends. By the next morning, we all needed some WD 40 for our aching joints. Thank You!

Craig Henry



CAR FOR SALE

25,000 B.C. ROADSTER...RUST FREE, AIR BLOWS COLD, FOOT BRAKES, WELL UNDER TEN MILLION MILES.WOOD BODY PANELS ORIGINAL SEATS..THIS IS A SOLID CAR!!

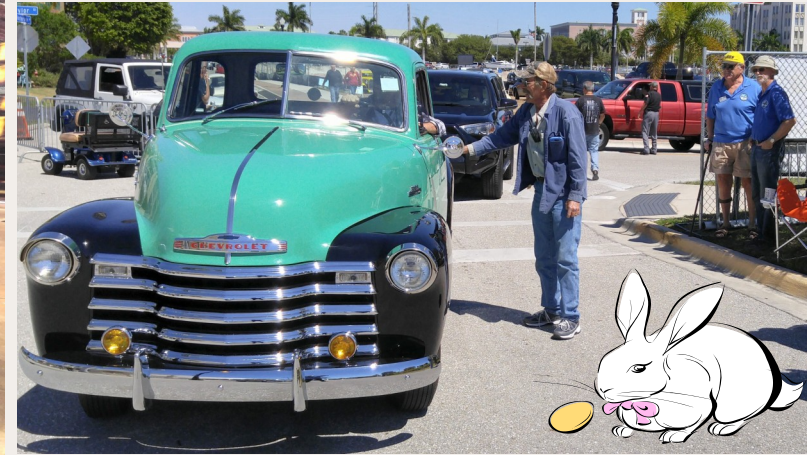




Thanks to the women in our club for pitching in. We could not have done it without your encouragement and support.







What a weekend, not 1 but 2 Auctions!! Add to that confusion by throwing in an all day car show and you have the formula for a long but entertaining weekend. The pictures speak for themselves. The only way to create memories is to experience something new and enjoy doing it with friends. We will be talking about this experience for a long time. Don Cox took some time out for an unscheduled nap; Bob Henry literally got stuck in a "T" Bucket roadster; Red Franke took a few minutes to recall how to start some of the older ones; while Mike Mystian and Rich Benson gave starting instruction to Mike Sundin on how to start a 700 HP Cobra! Great time - Good Friends!



With more than 25 guys and gals inside the clubhouse, the call for “Let's all go out and wax the trailer” found only a few dedicated workers. I think we might have to cut back on the donuts and pastries!





Member Ron Morgan owner of Complete Auto invited us to their Customer Appreciation day cruise-in. Ron Nagle, a long time member of our club, wanted to join the biker's club until he found out what the initiation procedure was!


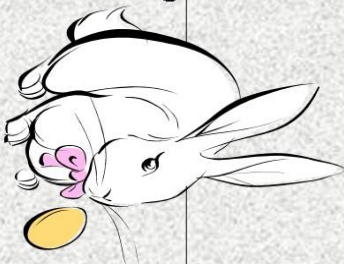


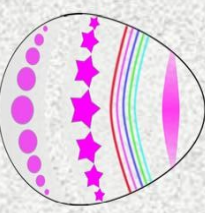








You would think that Bob Collett's Sunshine Church would have some connections regarding the weather. It seems as if every year they manage to pick a cool one! However, it didn't stop us from enjoying the show. It is on our calendar for next year!



Peace River Car Club Calendar

April, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EVERY Thursday Shell Factory 4 - 7:30p</p>						<p>1 Fabulous Dearborn Street 4 - 8p</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9 </p>	<p>10 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a</p>	<p>11 </p>	<p>12 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a <u>Charlotte</u> Classics Cruise-in Perkins, N. Port 4 - 8p</p>	<p>13  <u>Club</u> <u>Meeting 7p</u> <u>Moose Lodge</u> <u>Dinner 6p</u></p>	<p>14 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a <u>McDonald's</u> Cruise-in <u>Port Charlotte - New</u> <u>@ Promenades Mall</u> 5 - 9p</p>	<p>15  MCC Monthly <u>Cruise-in</u></p>
16 	17 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a <u>PRCC Cruise-in</u> <u>CULVER'S</u> off 776 by the <u>Mall 4:00p</u>	18	19 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a	20 <u>Alive After Five</u> <u>(Gallery Walk)</u> <u>Downtown PG</u> <u>5p - 8p</u>	21 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a	22 Ft. Myers <u>Riverwalk 1:30p</u>
23 <u>Luigi's</u> <u>Cruise-in</u> <u>1:00p</u>	24 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a <u>PRCC Cruise-in</u> <u>K'S Pizzeria</u> <u>2000 Rio de</u> <u>Janeiro 4:30p</u>	25 	26 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a <u>Trip to Solomon's</u> <u>Castle - leave</u> <u>Walmart Kings</u> <u>Hwy at 11a</u>	27 	28 Clubhouse Open 9 - 11a	29 
30 MCC Flea Market						

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unless otherwise shown)*



**Dave Beck walked away with a beautiful trophy
at the "HUUUGGGE" Kia show!**

**Gary Poulakis was
proud to receive a
trophy at the
Sonshine Church
Show. But he's even
prouder that he and
Pat are getting
married April 19th!!**



**Peace River Car Club member Bert
Jones was congratulated
for his "Best of Class" award by TV
personality Wayne Carrni from the
show "Chasing Cars." Bert won this
award at the prestigious Amelia
Island Concourse show....
Congratulations Bert!!**

