





KING OF THE ROAD ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

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Here We Grow Again

It has been nine years, this coming June, that the King Of The Road Antique Car Club has gathered to share our love for driving our great cars and enjoying the camaraderie of the members. We have grown from those early days as a chapter of AACA. We are now an independent car club, able to enjoy the benefits of an open membership. As an independent club we have continued to grow, responsibly. A group of enthusiasts that enjoy meeting on the road, driving our cars to points of interest around the area and dining too. It seems as though we have morphed into a "Drive N Dine" club, and that is not at all a bad thing.

The few shows that we do each year expose our club to local aficionados of antique cars and perhaps encourage them to join with us as we explore the

possibilities that abound in our area. A club should be a group of friends helping each other to better enjoy the benefits of their chosen hobby, to get the most out of that affiliation with each other. We are the only area car club with an active web site and a newsletter to keep you well informed. KOTRACC is unique in this way.

As we continue to grow into the future it is hoped that you the members will continue to share our club with your friends that are not members. Invite them to join you at our activities. A friend of yours most certainly might well fit in with the rest of the "flock." You do not need to own an old car to be a member of KOTR, it's enough that you enjoy and appreciate them. This is how we grow responsibly, friends helping friends to live better together, the KOTR way.

A True THE WOODIE King Of The Road



1950 Packard Station Sedan

The roots of the woodie wagon run deep into the age of the automobile. The earliest use of wood was of course in the carriages prior to the advent of motorized vehicles. It's primary use was in commercial vehicles such as depot hacks and other delivery trucks. Wood was universally used as the body frame work over which sheet metal was hung. The first record of a wood bodied automobile was the 1923 Star station wagon with the body by Martin-Parry Co. It wasn't until 1929 that Ford made the first production "woodie station wagon."

With advances in steel production in the 1930s, making a wider sheet for expanded stamping capability, the

turret top became the preferred construction method. Allowing for reduced cost and greater efficiency. The woodie went from ordinary to a more custom form for the refined customer. The gentrified population in Europe especially, referred to these as "shooting brakes." A modern version for going hunting. The true woodies reached their pinnacle of design in the late 1940s and early 1950s. They became the estate wagons of the wealthy.

A modest return to the woodie occurred in the 1960s thru the 1980s with "faux woodgrain." But the grandeur was gone and soon faded into history. Today it is but a memory for the "boomer generation."



1942 Chrysler Barrel Back



1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster Wagon



1953 Buick Roadmaster Estate Wagon

These were true Kings Of The Road



Nothing Screams Louder Than; Ice Cream Run!

For the KOTR membership

Throw that in with a cruise in and you have a real party going on.

On February 28th we journeyed to Sunset Delights in Summerfield for their Wednesday night cruise in.



New member Terry Woods brought his 1967 Ford Mustang to the party.



Terry Woods chats with Diana and Bill Bray while enjoying their treats.



Bill and Carrollyn Hunt drove their new Rivian pick up to show everyone.



KOTR webmaster, Rich Courmettes chats with Richard and Nancy Buehrig.

THE PENNBROOKE 2024 CAR SHOW

March 9th saw KOTR on the road to the 2024 edition of the annual Pennbrooke Car Show. We were able to put 16 cars on the show field that sunny morning. We had some invited guest with us also, we thank Stefanie Nyffeler for extending the invitations to those folks that soon became members thanks to Stefanies' largess. At the last moment she bought her 50/50 tickets and won! She then paid the dues for her three amigos to become our newest members. They are: Mike and Dorothy Chernago, Steve and Lark James, along with Frank Fox and Marcie McDowell. We welcome you to the KOTR family. They all drive Studebakers too, how unusual is that?



Gordon Platt putting a little shine on his '72 Olds 442



Urs and Stefanie Nyffeler's beautiful 1963 Studebaker Avanti



New member Lee Wells brought his gorgeous 1969 GTO



Dave and Michele Mudge's '55 Chevy Belair always draws attention



KOTR MAY Calendar

9th - Nueve De Mayo
La Perla Tapatia

18th - Spanish Springs
feature club

21st - Ice Cream Run
Sweet Alps



KOTR JUNE CALENDAR

10TH - SUMMERFIELD
SUITES
10:00 A.M.

OPEN



KOTR JULY Calendar

OPEN



SAINT PATTY'S CELEBRATION



Each March KOTR celebrates Saint Patty's Day with a road trip to a local Irish pub. This year we returned to O'Keefe's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Tavares where we had a sumptuous meal on the front porch. There was a lot of corned beef and shepherd's pie on the tables and plenty of Irish beer as well. Always a good time when we celebrate the Irish.

To the left is Paul Brown, Barb Platt's brother who likes to join in on KOTR outings. Above center is Carol Schweitzer clad in her Irish tiara of shamrocks. On the right we have a table full of our newest members along with Stefanie Nyfeller. They all drive Studebakers and they stick together like glue.

Pies in the Park



Dee O'Donnell, Ellen Harcourt and Stefanie Nyffeler



Dee O'Donnell, Frank O'Donnell, the winner, and Ellen Harcourt



Leif Drexler arrives in his 1914 Model T Ford

The second annual KOTR "Pies In The Park" event was held in ideal weather conditions on March 24th in Lake Miona Park. Every participant brought a pie, either homemade or purchased to share. The homemade pies were judged by our beautiful duo of "pie tasters," Ellen Harcourt and Dee O'Donnell. After considerable contemplation and plenty of calories a winner was chosen, Frank O'Donnell's coffeecake pie. Second place went to Stefanie Nyffeler for her quiche. We all agreed that there will indeed be a third annual "Pies In The Park" come next March.



SAINT PAUL'S FISH FRY

NEW ON THE MENU FOR KOTR



Above, new members Mike and Dorothy Chernago drove over from Tavares to join our soiree for the evening.

Top center Dee O'Donnell, Ellen Harcourt and Pat Behrens enjoy all the good fare.

Top right Rich Courmettes enjoys his fried shrimp along with a bottle of his fine wine that he brought with him.

Bottom center, Lark and Steve James (new members) chat with Urs Nyffeler.



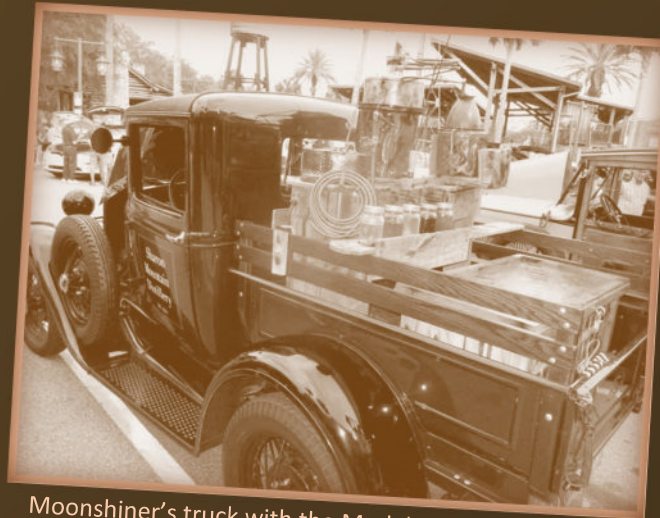
A new event was on our calendar for April this year. On the 19th of March KOTR hit the road once again, off to Belleview for the weekly fish fry at St. Paul's Catholic church. What a feast it was, the portions so big. You could also have fried chicken or even shrimp. Excellent service by the friendly volunteers. We'll be going back again in the fall when y'all return "home."

BROWNWOOD

Showcase Car Show April 27th



Diana, Charlene, Bill and Jimmy waiting to go in



Moonshiner's truck with the Model A ford club



Dennis Doucette's beautiful 1938 Chevrolet coupe



Our new Studebaker contingent parked in front of McAlister's



Dee McDonnell's 1991 Nissan Figaro

There were seven car clubs displaying in this Showcase show with more than 100 cars. It took nearly one hour to stage that many cars. KOTR was the last club in and we were split into two sites, ten of us beside Prima Steak House and another eleven in front of McAlister's Deli. A great turn out for KOTR.

Other clubs showing; Tesla, Model A Restorers, Tin Lizzies, Classic Thunderbirds, Chrysler Convertibles, Village Vettes.