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HERE'S TO THE FUTURE

Now, we bravely head into a new decade together. We have been through a lot together, as a club, in the past nine years. New friendships, new experiences and new goals to be met and achieved.

Even though we embrace many aspects of a time gone by, namely our beautiful "old iron" cars, we also have been placed in what was once the future. It is no longer the future but the present and we embrace that as well.

We have a story in this issue about what you are seeing and how reality can be manipulated. In this instance, a fanciful exploration of what might be and how it once was. What goes around, comes around.

As a club, we have many friends among us. Hopefully we are all friends and not merely acquaintances. Many of us have needs that can be met with the help of our friends, whether it be with one of our fine cars or with our

prayers in the matter of our personal health. Our activities help to keep us connected with one another both as a group and as individuals enjoying our time together.

In this issue you'll see just what we have been up to in January and February. You'll also be able to peer down the road a bit to see what we have in store in the coming months as we enjoy the fine weather once again.

It's time to get those cars shined up and ready for the road again. We have our annual Saint Patty's dinner that you'll not want to miss. Then there is the "Pies In The Park" soiree in March. We have a new event for April that we have never done before. Then there is "Cinco de Mayo" in May along with our "hoagie feast" during our stint as the feature club at the May Spanish Springs cruise in. Busy times for KOTR in the very near future!

AI, It's ALL THE RAGE TODAY

Our web mechanic, Rich Courmettes, enjoys doing AI videos for our club events. We hope you enjoy his creativity and humor. He finds an appropriate still hi-res image, adds background and text, writes a cute script, chooses a matching voice (or clones a known one) and sends it all through "D-iD.com" an AI voice and narration generator. In 45 seconds he gets a short video we can share with you for an upcoming event. "Carlos", "Knucklehead", "Maggie Beginner" and "Trixie" are just some of the funny videos he created. You can see two dozen of them linked on the lower half of our magazine page <https://kotracc.org/newsletters.php>].

There are hundreds of videos out there now that are completely AI generated. The background, signage, main character, multiple characters, camera movement, narration, music, voice and even song lyrics, if any, are all generated by a powerful computer. Yes, a computer can now write a new song and music and sing it too! The "author" just writes a 3-10 sentence prompt" (description of the scene). Then, the very high powered computer (using Nvidia processor chips) goes to work for a few minutes (or hours) and comes up with a few seconds of video. Words like "cinematic" "vintage" and "realistic" gives it that certain feel the computer understands.

In the course of Rich's research he has come across a few that are "RETRO" styling. It's interesting that the computer generates a 1950s or 60s style car into the future. Restyling a 1952 Buick or a 1960 Chevy makes these real "objects of beauty". Wouldn't you love to own

something like these? See some examples here and on the next page. You can find these videos by going to YouTube and search on RETRO REWIND or ones with lots of voluptuous AI women with RETRO FUTURE. Have fun! Here's some direct links for some stylish retro autos:

Just click on either image here to be transported to the world of AI imagery,





Click on these pictures if you want to see more of what AI can do!



Remember, the music, cars, buildings, rain, crowds, traffic and models in these videos are NOT real. Everything is AI computer generated.

Before There Was AI, There Was HI! (Human Intelligence)

As amazing as those AI illustrations are, consider the car that is shown below. It was designed and built by Norman Timbs in 1948, an engineer and “gear head” to say the least. At a cost of nearly \$10,000, a small fortune at the time and 4 years to

complete. Click on the picture to see the story of this amazing creation. After two restorations and near devastation this car is on the road yet today. It was featured at this year’s Amelia Island Concours. There is no replacing “Human Intelligence.”



SHOWCASE CAR SHOW



KOTR kicked off the new year on January 4th with an invitation to The Villages Showcase Car Show in Brownwood. It was a rather cool evening as the sun began to set and the street lights came on to light up the night. We were blessed with the prime location around Paddock Square where everyone would get a good view of our cars.

Top left, our line up featured Dennis Doucette's beautiful 1938 Chevrolet coupe. Lower left is our newest member, Tom Clemintone sitting with his gorgeous 1951 Ford Vicky, complete with a dinner from the drive-in.

OUR KOTR SPRING SCHEDULE



KOTR MARCH Calendar

13th - St. Patty's
dinner 5:00
McCracken's
30th - Pies in the
park 2:00



KOTR APRIL Calendar

16th - Retro Bowl
Party 4:00
The Train Station
Inverness
30th - Ice Cream
Run



KOTR MAY Calendar

7th - Cinco de Mayo
mas dos
17th - Cruise In
21st - Ice Cream Run



Gone Fishin' at Saint Paul's Fish Fry January, 24th



Every Friday evening, Saint Paul's Polish National Church in Bellevue, serves up a wonderful "Fish Fry." But, they also have fried shrimp and chicken tenders as well. KCTR tries to dine there at least once each year. It's a casual affair where we gather with good friends, some we have not seen for months and spin old yarns and the latest gossip as well. New friends are always welcome at a KCTR event and we had several at this scireé.

It seems that nothing brings good friends together like a casual diner with good food and wine. At Saint Paul's you can bring your own wine if you choose as Rich Courmettes pours a glass. KCTR took up more than an entire table to seat our nearly 30 hungry participants. CHEERS!

BE MY
VALENTINE

HUGS
AND
KISSES

SWEETS
FOR
MY SWEETY

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RICCARDO'S

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?



The King Of The Road Car Club loves to celebrate the holidays and Saint Valentine's Day is no exception. Each year we treat our honeys to an evening out with the gang. This year we had 19 members show their love with dinner at Riccardo's in Bellevue.

Above, Gordon Platt and family await the arrival of their entrées.

On the left. old friends reunite over garlic knots and a few beers, waiting for dinner.

SAINT PATTY'S DINNER PARTY

IT'S A KOTR TRADITION

Thursday, March 13th

5:00 p.m.



**Reservations are a must for
this event, seating is limited.**

**Do not be disappointed,
Make your reservations
NOW!**





Remember Granny Smith?

It Is Time Once Again For

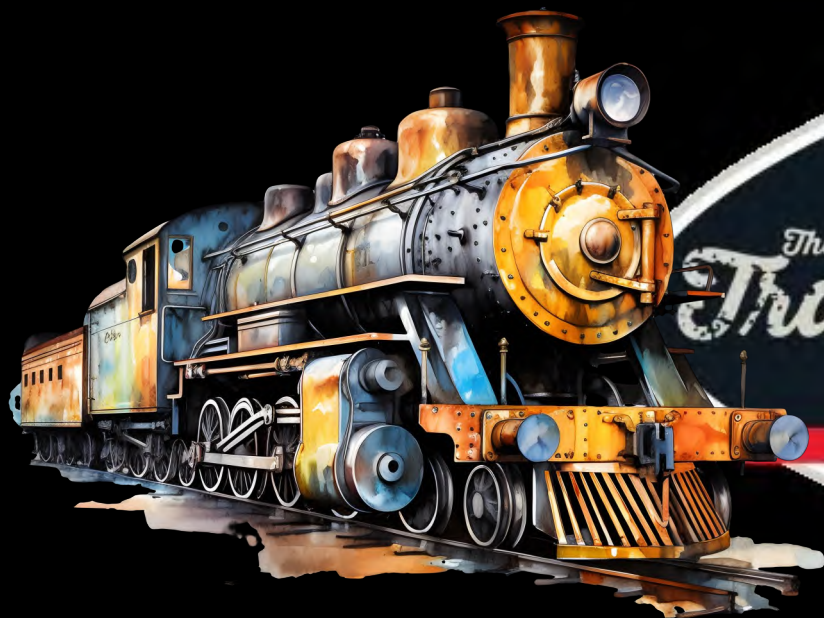
PIES IN THE PARK

*Lake Miona Park, Rainey Trail
Sunday, March 30th 2p.m.*

This was such a big hit last spring, everyone wanted to do it again. So get your “baker’s hat” on and bake up you favorite pie to share. Not a baker? That’s OK too, bring one from your favorite bakery. Home made pies will vie for best pie. Let us know that you’ll be there. It’s a heck-of-lot-o-fun, you’ll see!

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The Train Station

INVERNESS FLORIDA

A UNIQUE GATHERING PLACE

April. 16th
4:00 pm

Retro-Bowling
and
Dinner

only \$10.00 / pp

Pizza Party
Ice Cream too

Duck Pin Bowling
High Game Wins Big!
reservations a must for this one!



Let's Hear It For Ice Cream and Old Cars!

Coming, April 30th
Sunset Delights' Wednesday Cruise In
7:00pm, Route 27/441 Summerfield

