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Oh, those cool, refreshing breezes have returned once again to central Florida. A perfect time to get those "ol' buggies" ready for a new season of activities for KOTR. We've made it through those scorching summer heat waves, now it's time to enjoy ourselves with our friends out on the road as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season. For November, we have plans for a cheap date nite. Tuesdays are Taco Tuesdays at Fresh Jalapeño with \$2.00 tacos. Always a good time with friends and good food there.

December has us on the road to Weirsdale and the Orange Blossom Opry for a matinee Christmas show and dinner to follow at Gator Joe's. Also in December we will have a redux of last year's dinner and the "Come to the Light" Christmas show at the Live Oak

Community Church in Oxford.

We are always looking for your stories to pass on to our members in KOTR PINS. Tours you may have taken, shows that you have attended or car projects that you are working on. These all make for interesting reading and help to keep us connected as a club.

KOTR is the only local car club to publish a newsletter bi-monthly for its members. This makes you a part of a unique and different style of car club, one that cares to enhance the old car hobby with activities other than car shows. Those are fine a few times a year but do not fill the need to enjoy each others' companionship as well as the cars.

Let's keep KOTR PINS going, it is you that can make that happen!



KOTR Ice Cream Run September 18th



Turn out for this event was lite, but those who did show up had a good time and we even had a special guest join with us, "Hoochie Mama" Udell, Rich's Min Pin companion.

The venue was small but the selection of flavors was big, giving us a unique experience with the combinations we were able to concoct. Very nice boutique eatery that also serves up a variety of Jamaican goodies for that Island feel.





Jim and Pat Rentz in their 1979 Lincoln Versailles. It was a beautiful evening for a ride.



We were seated at two tables, makes for better conversation. Good food, good friends makes for a great time, the KOTR way.



September 25th had KOTR on the road to Oak Wood Smokehouse in Lady Lake for dinner and a good time with friends. Snowbirds were making their way home once again, so we had to catch up on what all they have been up to in the past months. We had 14 members join in on the fun.

Frank O'Donnell brought one of his new knock-off hubs for his Maserati to show the crowd. Automotive jewelry has to seen to be appreciated. Once on the car the WOW factor wanes a bit.



Lady Lake Not Too Scary Halloween Fest

Saturday, October 26th



While we only had four cars show up we were there to talk to prospective members.



Our club tent shows who we are and shelters our Pizza Buffet.



A pair of T-Rexes paid us a visit.



Every October, during the “Spooky Season,” KOTR offers it’s classy cars to enhance the Lady Lake “Not Too Spooky Halloween Festival” experience. The event takes place the Saturday prior to Halloween and local businesses and social clubs come out and offer games and candy for all the attendees both big and small. The kids love it, the parents love it and we love to help them have a little bit of free fun for a few hours.

KOTR sponsors a “Pizza Party” for our attending

members while we watch and talk with the many Halloweeners as well as get some to pose for our cameras.

Above, “Pizza Boy” enjoys some of our leftover pizza slices. The Family that parties together has the best of fun enjoying the evening. Here’s a lad that’s so happy to be out Gettin’ the goodies while Jimmy Cipollone watches from behind.

While we only had four cars this year we are already making plans for next year. Join with us!



TACO TUESDAY

NOVEMBER, 12TH 4:30 PM

\$2.00 TACOS

KOTR CHEAP DATE NITE

Here's your chance to show your "sweetiepie" a good time on the cheap. Great food, pleasant atmosphere and delicious margaritas. What's not to like?

Fresh Jalapeño is on route 27/441 in Lady Lake, south of 466. Plan on a fun evening with friends, on the cheap. Let us know NOW!



A festive banner for the Orange Blossom Opry Christmas event. The banner features a red circular ornament on the left containing a photo of the band members. The word "Christmas" is written in a large, red, cursive font. To the right, the event details are listed in black text. The top of the banner is decorated with pine branches, gold and red ornaments, and white snowflakes.

Orange Blossom Opry

Christmas

**With The
Orange Blossom
Opry Band & Friends**

**Sunday Matinee
December
8th
2:30PM**

KOTR DOUBLE HEADER



We have done this before for the holidays! We start the day with them Matinee performance at 2:30 pm at the Orange Blossom Opry in Weirsdale. You should have reserved your tickets by now. If you aren't into country music then you can join us for dinner at Gator Joe's in Oklawaha at 5:30 pm on beautiful Lake Weir. Reservations are a must for this! Let us know NOW so that we can reserve a space for you at the table.



Season Finale

Here is a great way to close out the 2024 season in KOTR, a cozy, warm dinner with friends at the Olive Garden restaurant. Following that we'll just motor on over to the Live Oak Community Church's "Come to the Light" Christmas presentation outside and it's FREE!

December 19th
dinner 4:30 pm



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COME TO THE

LIGHT



THE JAGUAR XK120

Our cover car this month is a 1953 Jaguar xk120 fixed head coupe (FHC). I inherited this car when my father passed away in 1990. I believe it to have been one of the best looking cars of the era. Unfortunately it was not designed for “husky” gentlemen such as my self. It was a little tight in the interior unlike its sister the roadster with plenty of headroom. The truly highpoint of the XK jags was their 6 cylinder, dual overhead cam engine, almost indestructible. The 120 refers to the top sustainable speed of 120 miles per hour. They were truly a magnificent marvel of engineering.

(1) Hemispherical alloy head, (2) Cast iron valve seats shrunk into the head, (3) Twin overhead cams driven by two-stage chain, (4) Large capacity oil pump, (5) High pressure water pump, (6) Exhaust valves immune to lead attack, (7) Six cylinder engine has 7 bearings measuring 2 3/4 inches diameter, (8) Pistons are of aerolite aluminum alloy with chromium plated top rings offering 100% increase to the life of the bore.



These engines were used in various configurations from their introduction in 1949 until 1975. They were the mainstay of Jaguar roadsters, coupes, saloons and e-types for over 25 years.

Some folks found the SU carburation to be finicky, but once you learned how to tune the SU they were really quite simple to maintain, regularly. Besides they looked really neat along with the polished valve covers like you see in this photograph.