

1st Annual OCALA PUMPKIN RUN

Horsepower in Horse Country

The Ocala Pumpkin Run presented their "Horsepower in Horse Country" event on October 28th-30th, 2011. This was their first annual show, and it was obvious that LOTS of planning had gone into making it something special.... which indeed it was. The site was the 400 acre Castro Farms at 7700 N.W. Highway 27, and the rolling manicured grass location was a scenic and expansive area that not only handled this big inaugural event and everything associated with it, but could accommodate the growth that I'm sure this show will see in the future.

Unfortunately rain and threatening skies moved through the area, and without question kept the



Upon talking to Gary Turtle from Sarasota, he informed me that his 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe has been driven through all of the lower 48 states, and has racked up 55,446 miles. You wouldn't know it by looking at it, since the car is still great looking, including the dark blue paint with great flames, gray leather interior, banjo style steering wheel, and American mag wheels. The license plate reads "STEEL 3W", so I'm betting it is all steel.

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car show count from being what it would have been otherwise. We were told that around 300 pre-registered vehicles didn't attend due to the forecast for rain. Even still, there were 1,673 cars and trucks that made their way onto the show field, which of course made it an amazing sight. Everywhere you looked there were great cars and trucks to enjoy. Luckily the rain

LEFT: When I got to talking to Ocala resident John Fore, he informed me he did pretty much everything on his 1957 Ford Thunderbird himself....which with all the modifications was quite a lot!

The car is basically an '88 Mustang wrapped in a fiberglass '57 Ford body, with items including a 5.0 motor, overdrive automatic, 4-wheel disc brakes, air suspension, seats from a Honda Civic, GPS system, DVD player/stereo system, plus red and gray vinyl upholstery. It had been finished for about 6 months, and was looking good. John, you did a great job!

RIGHT: It was neat to see a new Dodge Challenger parked next to a 1972, both painted purple with white R/T stripes. We didn't get the owners' names, but we certainly enjoyed their cars.

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didn't materialize as much as was originally expected, allowing for everyone to have fun. A total of just over 44,000 people came through the gate to take it all in, and included many happy families who enjoyed over 25 free kids activities. The VIP party on Friday night benefited the Children's Home Society of Florida, and was a great success. The proceeds from the spectator parking went to benefit the Shocker Park Softball League in Ocala, and was also a great success for them.



This cool 1948 Lincoln Continental looked like it just rolled off the assembly line, and belongs to Mike and Carolyn Ferlisi. Under that big hood lies a flathead V-10 engine, the paint is light yellow, and the interior has a bench seat with maroon leather and beige cloth upholstery.

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ABOVE: Wagons have been hot for a while, and this 1959 Ford Country Squire 9-passenger wagon belongs to Rober Schlenk of The Villages, FL. It was bought new by Robert's parents on May 25th, 1959, has always been in the family, and has been registered and driven every year since it was new. It is white with woodgrain side accents, is powered by a 292 V-8, and has logged 182,000 miles for the Schlenk clann.

BELOW RIGHT: This 1967 Plymouth Belvedere II is a survivor, and has the original silver paint, black vinyl top, silver and black vinyl interior, 318 engine with a 2 barrel carb, 727 3-speed automatic transmission, factory A/C, and 27,000 miles. It belongs to Dave Pimault, who must be mighty proud of his all original beauty!

The event had judged car classes, with plenty of awards. When all was said and done the Best In Show winner was Ed Nash and his beautiful 1971 Camaro, which received a custom made Ocala Pumpkin Run trophy, and the offer to have his car showcased in their published materials next year. In addition to the car show, Horsepower In Horse Country took on a fair-type ambiance and included a car corral, swap meet, many

live bands, vendors, artisans selling hand crafted items, plus tons of food vendors. Their goal was to make it a family friendly event, and there was truly something for every member of the family to enjoy....whether they liked cars or not.



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The organizers of Horsepower In Horse Country would like to thank the many volunteers and participants that made the inaugural event a great success. A little rain couldn't keep it down! With the fall show under their belt, the Ocala Pumpkin Run organizers then turned their attention to their Spring Horsepower in Horse Country event, which will take place on March 9th-11th, 2012, again at the spacious Castro Farms on Highway 27. Ocala is historically known for horse farms, but twice a year auto enthusiasts are going to flock to Ocala for a different kind of horsepower...the automotive kind! For more info on the upcoming March show you can visit www.OcalaPumpkinRun.com, E-Mail Info@OcalaPumpkinRun.com, or call 352-620-9998. Make your plans to attend now, and we'll see you there! **CN**



With the show being held only 2 days before Halloween, some of the cars were decorated for the occasion. This 1929 Ford Roadster Pickup had a skeleton bride and groom by the front tire, but the airbrushed flaming skulls and various other skull accents are part of the car's normal theme. It has yellow paint, late model wheels, brown vinyl bench seat, and an inline 4-cylinder engine. Rex Rice out of Riverview is the owner.

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Villages Club Receives Award

Congratulations to The Villages Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America for being a recipient of a 2011 National Award for service to the AACA and the antique car community. Their award will be presented at the 2012 Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Saturday, February 11th, 2012, as the culmination of the AACA Annual Meeting held that weekend. Chartered in November 2010, the club is open to The Villages residents with an interest in vehicles more than 25 years old.



by Ken Caskey

Rods and Ends

Living in Florida we're lucky in that we have pretty good "cruising" weather all year long. And while we have more of an opportunity to enjoy our rides than some of our northern friends, the spring right through to the fall can bring some awful hot weather. Street rods and cruisers on the whole, all seem to share a common trait. They run hot. After packing in A/C, tranny coolers, and a bunch of horsepower, invariably it becomes a battle to cool the beast. But if you think more antifreeze/coolant is the answer, check this out. Straight water in your radiator will actually conduct **60%** more heat than a 50:50 mix of water and antifreeze/coolant. I've known guys that simply keep adding antifreeze/coolant to their system each time it needs topping off. In which case they may actually be adding to the problem instead of helping solve it. Of course straight water does not offer your radiator, water pump and engine block the corrosion protection (and in the case of the water pump, lubrication) that the antifreeze/coolant will. However, reducing the antifreeze/coolant content of your system down to say 15 percent should increase heat transfer greatly - in some cases it could result in your engine running up to 12 degrees cooler. If your ride is pushing the 200 degree mark a 12 degree drop should be a welcome sight on your temp gauge. Of course there are also products that you can buy which can be added to your cooling system that will not only drop your running temps lower but also offer corrosion protection and lubrication as well. One final note: if you plan a rod run to New York in December the 50:50 mix of antifreeze/coolant will need to be replenished. But for the most part in sunny Florida who needs antifreeze???

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