

THUNDER ROAD, VOL 40

The Central Florida Thunderbird Club
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On **Sunday March 15th**, 20 members of the Thunderbird Club celebrated **St. Patrick's Day in Orlando** at the home of club member Davis Mainz. David is the owner of a rare '05 Inca Gold Thunderbird. Made at the end of '05, there were only about 80 produced.

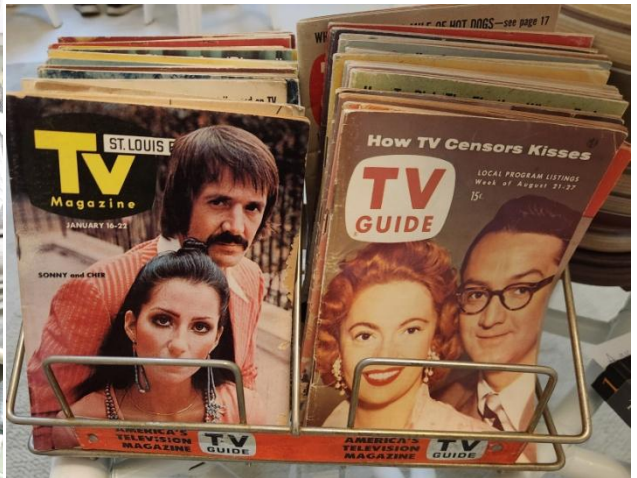
David provided the brisket and the set up. The rest of us brought the side dishes. As usual lots of deserts!

David is a bachelor who has tastefully decorated his home in a 1950's theme: Philco T V (while there, Danny Thomas, Make room for Daddy was on to watch), a unique refrigerator with a door that can be opened from either side, a pink stove and a most wonderful Jukebox. There was a lot of family memorabilia in his bedroom including his parent's original bedroom set, and photos of both sides of the family tastefully framed on one wall. David has his father's WW II uniform preserved in a glass case in the den.

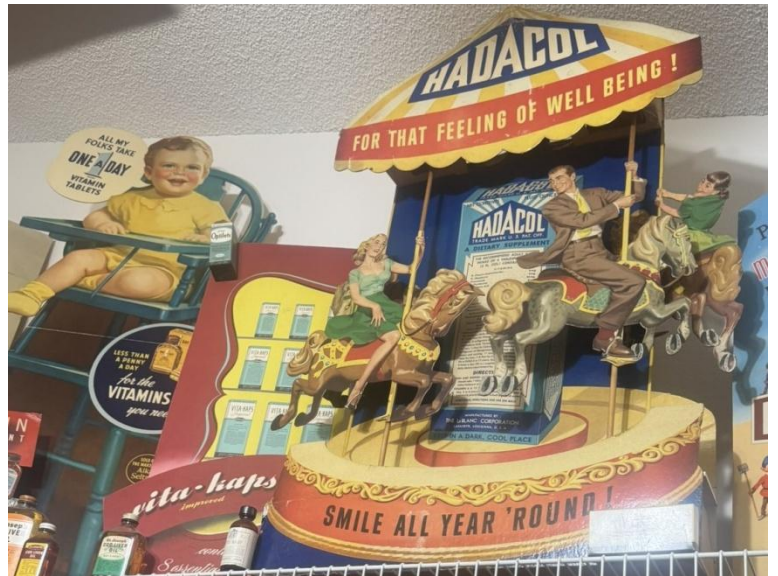
David's primary collection is of nutritional/pharmaceutical products, with quack cures and weight loss schemes from the 1920s to 1950s. There is a TV show (Collector's Call) about his collection. This can be seen on TV services (FUBO, Sling, etc) that carry the MeTV network. It is hosted by Lisa Whelchel (Blair on The Facts of Life TV show). David's episode was "Vintage Fitness Fads", aired on June 22, 2025 (episode 11) and is streaming. Davis also has a – not your average - bottle collection.

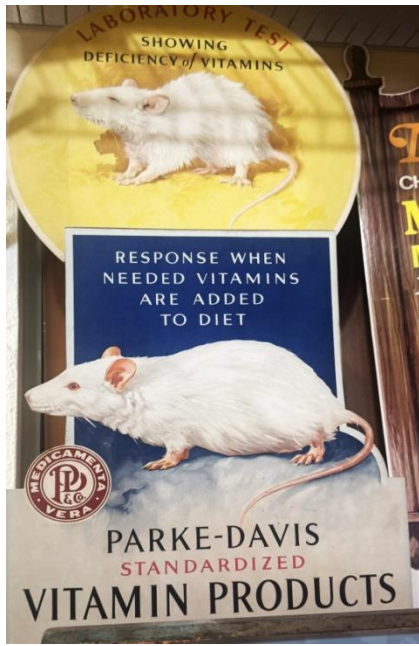
A fascinating time was had by all!

As soon as he returns from his travels, David will be writing about his collections. This will be published separately, including more pictures.









GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO VINCE CIECKA.
VINCE HAS AN '02 RED 'BIRD
Looking forward to seeing Vince at our events.

On Saturday, March 21, the monthly car show at Spruce Creek Shopping Center was well-attended. Without the monthly showcase at Spanish Springs Square, this is a really great place for our members to gather and show off our beautiful Thunderbirds.

Classic Cars and BBQ Cruise-in
Monthly on 3rd Saturday
4-7pm
at the Spruce Creek Shops
on Rt 441 in front of
Innovative Concrete Coatings.
You **MUST RSVP John at**
352-1913-1547
so that he can have enough
parking spaces and food.



This event is done RIGHT! There are BBQ ribs, beans, slaw, dessert and cold bottles of water. There is a 50/50 drawing with half the money going to Cancer Research. There are trophies, window plaques and participant voting. There are shaded areas, music and available indoor bathrooms. Plus, there is a great ice cream parlor next door! Thanks to John and his family and staff for a great new event!

APRIL EVENT!!! On Wed, April 22 **AIRBOAT RIDE AND LUNCH**

Member Don Lapierre has made arrangements with **All-American Air Boat Tours** in Inverness. George, the owner, has two boats, each seating six people. This will be a one hour lunch-time tour with 12 members going out onto the water while 12 members have lunch at **The Cove Pub & Grub**. This is at the same location from where the boats are launched. When the boats return, the groups will switch places. If more than 24 members sign up, divisions will be made accordingly.

We need to try to have each boat filled with 6 people to keep the cost (because of high fuel price) to \$50.00 per person. George is able to get to places most people can't imagine and is extremely different than most other rides.

[Note: Like the LaPierre's, Don and I, have been on this airboat ride and take our company on it. It is the best. And the Pub & Grub has delicious food. We eat there quite often.]

We will meet at Brownwood at 10AM (behind the medical center) and **caravan with our Thunderbirds** for a 30-minute ride on Rt 44 to Inverness. For your GPS, the address is: **1242 So. Cove Camp Point, Inverness**. Lunch/boat ride is at 11 for the first group then when they return after the hour, the groups will switch places.

RESERVATION MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY FOR LUNCH AND FOR THE AIRBOAT. They are separate businesses located near each other.

Ralph's computer is not well (it's dead), so

RSVP Carole (missphit243@aol.com),
but be sure to say if you are going to do both or just one (lunch or boat)



MEMBERS,

**Please rate, on a 1-10 basis, what events you would like to do,
and put the month you would like to do it in.**

April- May - June - July - August - September

1. Eaton Beach - Weirsdale - Sunday Brunch 9AM-1 PM
2. Burnyzz Classic Car Show Room & lunch @ Flying Boat Taproom.
3. Drive 44 West to 19 and Homosassa State Park- Manatees, etc.
Then have lunch at a restaurant on the water.
4. Drive everyday cars (?) to Deleon Springs for famous
Pancake Breakfast
5. Dora Queen paddle boat - A/C lounge & upper deck bar -
and entertainment. Then lunch at O'Keefe's Irish Pub
6. Silver Springs glass bottom boat- Lunch @ Mojo's
7. Equestrian Center - Ocala - Have Ralph's Pub with Burgers etc –
This involves a lot of walking.
8. Daytona Race Track Museum & track tour- Caravan in reg. Cars
9. Weeki Wachi - Mermaid show - driving tour and lunch some where
10. www.grandviewclydesdales.tours Dunnellon,
Daytime Tour I've been there - great experience

RSVP (EMAIL) Carole (missphit243@aol.com)

Or RSVP (TEXT) Ralph 352-322 9686 (Ralph's computer is down)

