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## **Coming Events:**

**Monthly Meeting** is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Randazzo's Family Restaurant, 4462 Wabash Street at 6:30 pm for dinner (meeting begins about 7:15 pm).

**July 30:** Brunch at Ormond Plantation.

**August 10:** Eat lunch at Felix's Restaurant on lakefront meeting about 11:00 to 11:30.

**September 14:** Model A Day! We will take our cars to Landry's Restaurant for lunch.

**September 28:** Putt Putt golf at City Park at 10:00 am.

**September 28:** Bring cars to LaMarque Lincoln for the day. We will earn money for the club and get a free lunch.

**October 12:** Planned Garage Tour with the Model As. This will be fun if we get participation.

## **Another Thought:**

We all worry when driving our As to an event that we may suffer a breakdown. Maybe we can designate someone to drive with us and bring spare parts that we can easily replace such as fan belts, carburetors, etc. We need to gather the parts that we feel are most likely to fail and have those together in a tool box. Suggestions for the parts? Bob Sappington & Carl Hunter each have a car trailer and have volunteered to help anyone who breaks down.

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW  
OUT SO FAR  
IT MAY GO HOME  
IN ANOTHER CAR.    Burma Shave**

You may not be aware that this year is the 100th anniversary of Citroën. Here is a fascinating bit of wartime Citroën lore. It involves screwing with Nazis in a genuinely clever and subtle way that nevertheless had big repercussions.

When France was occupied by the Germans in 1940, major French factories like Citroën were forced to produce equipment for the Nazis. Citroën president Pierre-Jules Boulanger knew he couldn't just refuse to produce anything, but he also knew there's no way in hell he's going to just roll over and build trucks for a bunch of filthy Nazis. Pierre had a *plan*.

John Reynold's book *Citroën 2CV* describes Boulanger's sabotage efforts. Of course, he instructed workers to set a nice, leisurely pace when building trucks (likely Citroën T45 trucks) for the Wehrmacht, but that's fairly obvious. What was brilliant was Boulanger's idea to move the little notch on the trucks' oil dipsticks

that indicated the proper level of oil down just a bit lower.

By moving the notch down, the trucks would not have enough oil, but German mechanics would have no idea, because, hey, the little notch on the dipstick says it's just fine. Then, after the truck has been used for a while and is out deployed somewhere crucial, whammo, the engine seizes up, and you've got a lot of angry, stranded, vulnerable Nazis, balling up their little fists and loudly barking curses in German.

It's such a fantastic act of sabotage: it's extremely cheap to implement, it's subtle, there's no way to see something amiss is happening as the trucks are being built, and it delivers its blow away from the site of the sabotage and when it will cause the most inconvenience and trouble.

That's some mighty good sabotaging, Pierre.

# Lunch at Ormond Plantation

Thursday August 22 found the club members at Ormond Plantation for lunch. It was a nice day and the following were around the table: Vic & Bobbie Zaidain (back from vacation in Europe); Lynn Welsh; Tony, Caroline & Ray Schaub; Dianne & Carl Hunter; Jim Pierce; Marie & Anthony Nicolich and Mickey King.

We had a good meal and several members went to inspect the room where our Christmas celebration will be held. Their report at the Wednesday meeting!







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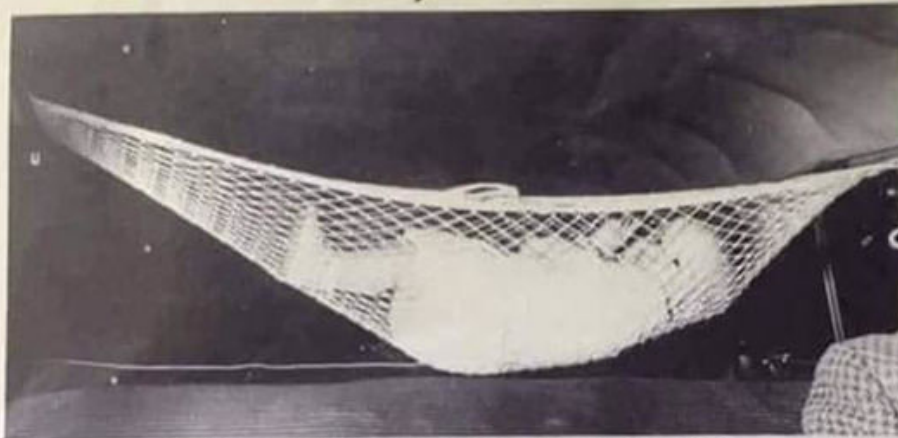
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