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NTBA Nationals week is rapidly approaching! Bill Darr, Rick Lucy and I think we have a great week planned for everyone, starting in Branson, Missouri on June 22 and continuing in Mountain Home through the 28th. Discounted hotel rooms are still available... visit the NTBA website at <http://www.nationaltbucketalliance.com/bb/viewtopic.php?f=59&t=1371> for hotel information. You can also see the latest event plans and schedules at <http://www.nationaltbucketalliance.com/bb/viewforum.php?f=59>. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!!

The forums on the NTBA website continue to grow in membership, approaching 700 as I write this. It has been encouraging to see the post activity steadily increasing, and it was great to be able to experience the Ocala event remotely via everyone's posts (although I sure wish I had been there in person!). We encourage everyone to visit the forums regularly and to post about their T-buckets and their hot-rodding activities. Technical discussions are always interesting... there are some very knowledgeable members who can help you with your hot-rodding challenges!

See you at the Nats!

--Lee Metcalfe, Sergeant-at-Arms



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Event Calendar

2014 Nationals	Branson, MO Mountain Home, AR	June 22-29	See NTBA web site
Pigeon Forge Regional	Pigeon Forge, TN	July 24-26	See page 7. Call 865-932-7541
2014 Western Regional	Yakima, WA	August 21-23	See website
2014 Missouri Mini-Nats	Osage Beach, MO	September 4-6	816-452-8152
Artesia Fun Run	Artesia, NM	September 18-20	575-365-7259

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OCALA REGIONAL EVENT

Bucketheads from all over the country, but mainly from the southeastern states, met in Ocala, FL, May 22-24 for the first "Regional National" event. For an explanation, we'll let our faithful reporter Mike Wade tell about his experiences with the event.

Ocala Florida 2014

The next trip of our 50 year marriage was our trip to the NTBA Regional Mini Nats in Ocala, FL. We started from Artesia, NM, on April 18, 2014. It took us about 6 days to visit with family and drive 1650 miles, following US 84, now known as El Camino Real, which was one of the main east/west roads (2668) long before the Interstates were the major routes. There was almost no traffic and we



just loved going through and seeing all of small town America. We got to see many things you never get to see when you travel the interstates. Now, as old as we are, about 250 to 300 miles a day is all

we want to drive anymore, anyway.

Arriving at the RV park in Ocala around 3 in the afternoon, we set up "camp," made a run to the host Hotel and met in the parking lot with some 10 buckets already in the lot and this thing doesn't even start until tomorrow. Now the FUN can start! Very

shortly after we arrived, Windy and Jody from Michigan drove into the lot. It seems that we spent the night only 2 miles apart in Valdosta



GA! When we signed in with Ilona there were now 7 states in attendance. Lots of benchracing was done until it was supper time and we started to drive SR 200 looking for food with Windy & Jody.

Thursday started with a breakfast trip to Waffle House and a gas run at Sam's Club...Sparky & Tinman had a great day lined up for us and that started out with a really nice Poker Run (2758)

through 40 miles of some beautiful horse farms and countryside south of Ocala, then west, then north, then south again. NO, I didn't win, but I never have won a poker run yet.



After lunch with Big Dog/Ann and Windy/Jody, we rested a little bit before we made a run up the road to the NPD Warehouse for a private tour by the owners son of their extensive collection of rare and VERY low or NO mileage cars. Way too many to list, but boy, I was impressed! An example of rare is a 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 that has never been licensed and only has 8 miles on the odometer.



They also have the 50 Millionth Ford built, a 1959 Ford Galaxie, and it also has never been licensed. That was a great tour and well worth the time and efforts of Bob & Dewey.

After a short rest again it was time for an Ice Cream Cruise. At 6:30 we headed out to Scoop's in southwest Ocala for a great run and some super Ice Cream.



Boy what a great day and around 8:30 it was time for more videos in the parking lot, and the end of the first day of the Eastern Regional NTBA Mini Nats.

Friday started with the Waffle House run again and a fill up with gas for the cruise to Daytona Beach and lunch at the North Turn Restaurant. Some wading in the Atlantic Ocean and driving on the beach was in order then a trip through town to

the Daytona International Speedway for a gathering place to cruise back to Ocala.....



A great day and some really neat things to see and experience. About 250 miles later, we were back at the RV getting some much needed rest for the evening and later some more videos in the parking lot of the hotel.

Saturday brought the start of another great and last day in Ocala, Florida. It started at the Waffle House again. On the agenda today was a trip to the Don Garlits Museum and a Sloppy Joe meal for the end of the Mini Nats. The trip to the museum was about 10 miles and was a very cool trip with a very unexpected visit from Big Daddy himself.



A really neat tour and then the talk from Don was a great experience. He even showed us the trailer he has built to honor his and her life in photos on one whole wall inside the trailer. This photo lineup goes from 1931 to the present. Don is building a 1927 steel T roadster with some really special items that he has gathered up over the years.

After that GREAT tour it was time to have lunch at the RV campground kitchen. These were Sloppy Joes, with all the trimmings, made by Ilona (with some help). The meal was really good.



The end was near with the door prizes and some other things given out. Thanks to all the folks that put this Mini Nats together and with only another Ice Cream Run and local car show to go tonight. Some of the bucketheads that were closer than we are to home headed out for part of the run home. We stayed around for the local car show and some Ice Cream to finish up a very, very well-done regional. Thanks, Bob, Dewey, and Ilona for some great runs, tours, and a great time in Florida.



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE OCALA, FLORIDA, MINI-NATIONALS

These photos were submitted by various participants of the event.





WHO ARE WE?

My name is Jonathan and I'm in Dallas, near DFW. I'm a jack of all trades, but an expert to none. I've always had a fun toy or project of some sort from competition car audio fiberglass installs to hotrods and Harleys. I've acquired this Spirit 23T Roadster from my late father-in-law, who had disassembled it before I received it. Originally built 1986-1988 with 1974 Vette drivetrain, BB454/TH400 with IRS and 9 miles on the car. The original builder took it for a maiden voyage, and it was so light with so much power he nearly lost it into the ditch. He idled it back home and parked it in a shop with a sheet over it for many years until my father-in-law traded a '80 Z28 for it. I plan to build it back up, but I'm unsure of the color and theme at this point, so I'm here looking for ideas within my reach to make a practical, fun and safe roadster.

Attached is a pic of it in red as my father-in-law was tearing down, how I towed it home and then how it is now...unfinished in epoxy primer, but a roller.

It should be a fun project, but slow moving since I was laid off in March.



St. Louis Safety Day

The first Saturday of April the St. Louis Chapter holds a " Safety Day ", which was at Danny and Karen Hessel's House again this year. How do you assure a good turnout for a T-Bucket event? SERVE FOOD! We had great weather, great food, and good attendance with a number of T's present. We had 8 T's, including the new one being built, and approximately 38 people in attendance this year. After an awesome lunch everyone gathered around the cars to visit and plan for the year ;)



What's wrong with this photo?

(Hint: Notice the handles and license plate.)



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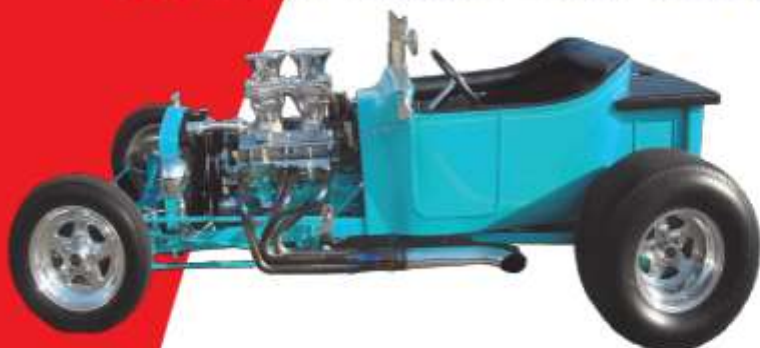
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Pigeon Forge NTBA Regional



Tentative Schedule

Thursday, July 24

- Run the dragon

Friday, July 25

- Cruise to Metcalf Bottoms in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Metcalf Bottoms Cookout

Saturday, July 26

- Cruise to Forbidden Caverns
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