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News from Roger, the 'Merc' Man...



July is here, and with it comes a new chance to show off our vehicles.

The Plantation fourth of July parade will, once again, have our cars highlighted. Plantation gets a great turnout from many car clubs. We look forward to seeing them again!

After the parade our club will gather at Heritage Park for a red, white and blue picnic. See "Mark Your Calendar" on page 3 details.

Cruising helps keep

our minds active and our bodies young. I'm aiming to be 29 again. What's your favorite age?

I would like to take this time to thank Jason Wenig and his wife, Kim, of the Creative Workshop in Dania, for their hospitality in receiving us as a group to tour their facility. They are a first class host and hostess! Were those strawberries really dipped in white chocolate????????? WOW!

I would also like to thank Dr. Dauer and Larry McPherson for hosting our tour of the Dauer Museum, in Sunrise. This was a long anticipated event, well worth the wait.

Thank you both!

In closing, I hope that you will support our events and cruises. Check the *Steering Wheel* monthly, and if you hear of a cruise that isn't listed, call some friends and get your own caravan going. Keep those wheels rolling! See you at the Olive Garden!

Happy motoring,
From Roger, the Merc' Man



The Creative Workshop

Story by Roger Ouellette, photos by Dawn Hebert.



Twenty-six of us arrived at around Noon at this converted former feed store. The story goes that the building was on the verge of collapse when Jason and his wife bought it. But following Jason's vision of what it could be, along with his wife Kim and family and friends, they cleaned, painted, and restored the building over an almost two year period to the splendor that is now the Creative Workshop!



He showed us many cars that were being worked on, and in various phases of restoration. A 1955 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, which was in the finishing stages of a three year total restoration project, seemed to be a favorite of the group!



A Challenger was being made into a clone of a famous race car from the 70s. It was stripped down, so I couldn't tell exactly what year it was. A client wanted to have a car that looked just like the famous racecar. A '55 Mercury Sun Valley was being restored from the frame up.



They don't only do old cars. A new Dodge Ram being customized, changing the slope of the rear fenders, for a customer who had a unique vision of what he wanted.



Three Corvairs were there. One was getting a bigger engine than the original, while the others were being put back to original spec's. The owner was just sentimental about Corvairs, and wants them restored.



The metal shop area was particularly impressive, where they fabricate new body panels when necessary.

Cars from the 30s and 40s were in all stages of restoration. It is a good size operation, and we were all very impressed with the craftsmanship that Jason displays in his creations!