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March is in the rearview mirror and we have April staring us through the windshield with Social Distancing, Shelter-in-Place and Self Quarantine still right there. A lot happened yesterday with Gov DeSantis issuing a statewide “Stay at Home” Executive order effective 1201 AM Friday April 3rd. All activities/businesses not deemed essential are to close. We’ll make it through this together according to the experts if we stay apart. With that in mind and based on directives from the both State and Local governments, our April meeting has been cancelled. As a follow on to Richard Bendetti’s COVID-19 information sheet, I’ve attached another information sheet from Johns Hopkins Hospital that provides information about dealing with the virus and what actions you should take. Based on some of the forecasts for the trajectory that the COVID-19 virus will take in Florida we will probably be living with the current restrictions through April at least. From a personal standpoint, the planned May 13th departure to Alaska for the Summer may be delayed as the Alaska Governor is planning on instituting a travel ban to the state. Alaska is currently several weeks behind the lower 48 in terms of virus spread so this ban may well extend into May.

April is one of the months without a federal holiday, but all three major religions have holidays in April, (Easter, Passover and Ramadan). Of course we can’t forget April 1st. Although April Fools’ Day, also called All Fools’ Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools’ Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes

NOTE.....PAGE TWO IS A LETTER FROM HANKSTERS HOT RODS IN FL. AND PA. MANY OF HAVE VISTED THE DAYTONA LOCATION. I ASKED THEIR PERMISSION TO REPRINT THE LETTER FROM GARY HANKINSON...STAY SAFE, RICHARD BENDETTI



Dear Customers,

At Hanksters Hot Rods, we're taking the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously and using every appropriate measure to keep our clients and employees safe. We know it may be hard to do given the current events, but let's try to look ahead and focus on the good times to come. We're not going to let the current events stop us from enjoying the world's greatest hobby. We may have to do it on the phone for a little while, but we'll still be doing it. Although it may be a little chaotic, particularly regarding the stock market, it's important to remember that it's only temporary. Things will go back to normal sooner or later and the stock market always trends upward. The financial markets will be strong again soon Don't stop living life, and don't put your dreams on hold. The future will come, "*it may be different*" but things will inevitably get better.

Classic cars mean a lot of things to a lot of people. To us, they represent hope. We all look forward to tinkering with them, driving them, attending events with them, and meeting new friends with them. The anticipation of playing with cars keeps me motivated on dark days and lets me see beyond the here and now. I am not prepared to give that up, not even a little bit. By the time summer rolls around we'll all be out at the car shows and looking back on this as another one of life lessons. Be smart, be prepared, be safe, but also keep living life to the fullest.

Classic cars give us yet another advantage: their values have been very stable over the years. If you're currently watching the stock market and are concerned by the turbulence, remember that the classic car in your garage not only delivers significant emotional benefits, but financial ones as well. They've proven, year after year, to hold their value better than almost any other asset you own. So, if you had plans to buy a classic car to enjoy this summer, don't make excuses. Your money is probably safer in the garage than it is in the stock market. Interest rates are dropping, so this is an opportunity to put your hobby to work, too.

Wishing you all good health. Be smart, be careful, and be safe. And what could be better than watching it all unfold from behind the wheel of a classic car that makes you smile and builds memories that last a lifetime?

Sincerely,
Gary Hankinson
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The following is from Irene Ken, a physician here in Fleming Island, FL, whose daughter is an Asst. Prof in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University,

* The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code. (mutation) and converts them into aggressor and multiplier cells.

* Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

* The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam CUTS the FAT (that is why you have to rub so much: for 20 seconds or more, to make a lot of foam).

By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.

* HEAT melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 77 degrees Fahrenheit for washing hands, clothes and everything. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful.

* Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ANY FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.

* Any mix with 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaks it down from the inside.

* Oxygenated water helps long after soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein, but you have to use it pure and it hurts your skin.

* NO BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC WORKS. The virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.

* NEVER shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloth. While it is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert and disintegrates only

-between 3 hours (fabric and porous),

-4 hours (copper and wood)

-24 hours (cardboard),

- 42 hours (metal) and

-72 hours (plastic).

But if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to 3 hours, and can lodge in your nose.

* The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or artificial such as air conditioners in houses and cars.

They also need moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster.