

2018 Model is Here!

Renault and Ford have joined forces to create the perfect small car for women in 2018



Mixing the Renault 'Clio' and the Ford 'Taurus' they have designed the 'Clitaurus'.

It comes in pink, and the average male car thief won't be able to find it - let alone turn it on - even if someone tells him where it is and how to do it.

Rumor has it though, it can be a real bitch to start in the morning! Some have reported that on cold winter mornings, when you really need it, you can't get it to turn over.

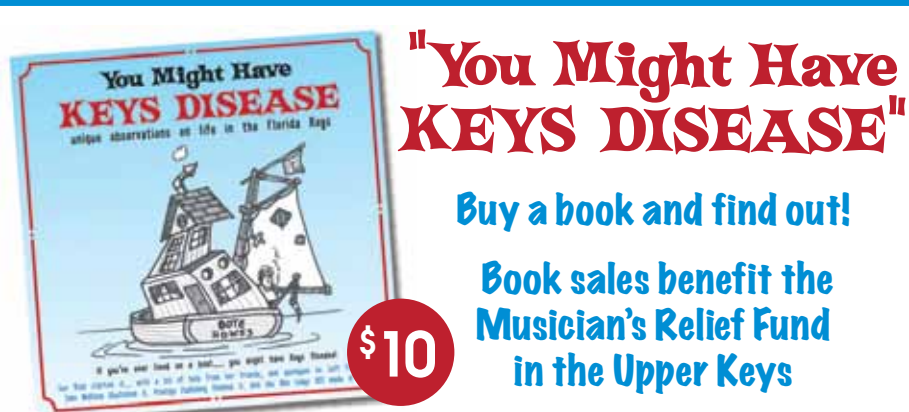
New models are initially fun to own, but very costly to maintain, and horribly expen-

sive to get rid of.

Used models may initially appear to have curb appeal and a low price, but eventually have an increased appetite for fuel, and the curb weight typically increases with age.

Manufacturers are baffled as to how the size of the trunk increases, but say that the paint may just make it LOOK bigger.

This model is not expected to reach collector status, and most owners believe it is best to lease one, and replace when it becomes troublesome.



"You Might Have KEYS DISEASE"

Buy a book and find out!

Book sales benefit the Musician's Relief Fund in the Upper Keys

\$10

This 32-page book was created in the spirit of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys.

Written by Sue Beal with a little help from her friends, it was illustrated by the late John McKinna, a syndicated cartoonist.

The book was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

Gilberts Resort funded the printing of the first edition, so all proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented, world-class musicians. Even as our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net for when disaster strikes and they cannot work.

Our musicians are the first to sign up to make a community fundraiser or benefit a success.

Books are on sale at:

These locations also accept donations, or you can send a check to the Musicians Relief Fund, B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255

Centennial Bank, Key Largo 100280 Overseas Hwy

Centennial Bank, Islamorada 81541 Old Highway

BPOE Elks Lodge, Tavernier 92600 Overseas Hwy

Jules Underseas Lodge, Key Largo MM 103.2, 51 Shoreland Drive



Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

Surviving Hurricane Irma, Part 2: Back on the Island

The drive down the stretch was amazing, everything looked the same as before Irma. I really don't remember much of the drive, as I was still too occupied visualizing my poor boat laying on her side in the mangroves, masts broken, shredded halyards and rigging everywhere.

Once we got to the bridge I started noticing how brown everything was, and leafless. There was debris everywhere as you drove off the bridge, the cleanup crews were already hard at work and the roads weren't in bad shape. The thing I couldn't get my head around was how denuded every tree was.

We finally turned down our street, driving over a lot of tree branches, couldn't park in the driveway, had trouble getting to the front door. The roof looked intact, all the shutters were still closed. Lonnie was shaking pretty badly by the time he got the shutter off the main entrance, he opened the door and ... I felt cold air! The ceiling fan was moving, the power was on! We were in shock, no water in the house, none of the multitude of downed trees hit the house.

Do you believe in Karma? I do! On our way home from the west coast we stopped in a rest area to let the pets stretch and tell us how

much fun they were not having. A lone man in a large white truck with a sweet little dog came up to us and, looking rather sad, asked if we happened to have any extra gas. I'd forgotten we had two gas cans in the back, about seven gallons left. I didn't know if I'd need it to get home due to no electricity for the gas stations, Lonnie and I looked at each other and both said, "it's yours." We refused money and said, "Just pay it forward."

I'm trying really hard to help Lonnie get the pets into the house and open up the house a bit, but I'm looking at the lagoon and all the destruction in it. I have to get out to the sound and see if I can see She Breeze's masts above the mangroves. I finally break away and locate one of our kayaks, you would not believe the mess this lagoon was.

When the storm surge of five to seven feet coming out of Largo Sound hit the line of homes on the shore, it pretty much took everything on the lower floors and carried it into the lagoon. So dodging all the floating debris, I made my way out the channel, then I saw a big problem, a 37 foot

sailboat was rudder down in the channel, her aft end completely submerged. It had apparently washed up on a piling in the channel and there it sat, stuck between the piling and the side of the channel.

Kayaking past it, I realized I was not going to be able to bring She Breeze back in to her dock. The dock was no longer together anyway. By this time I'm kind of laughing /crying hysterically, but I just keep paddling out. I'm half way to the channel markers in the sound and I still do not see her masts. I'm paddling like a mad woman, I just have to make it to the first channel in Pennekamp's marina.

I see her masts, fanf*#ingfantastic!!! OK, so the wind generator is missing two of the three blades, and her main and jib halyards are shredded. Also, why is the main boom sitting on the deck, the topping lift wire split? But it's ok, She Breeze is floating, all the water is still on the outside. I proceed to do a happy dance on her deck like nobody's watching and start thinking about where the hell do we go from here!!!!



Take the Shuttle!

For those arriving to the Gilbert's party fashionably late, you can park on the main access road and take the FREE air-conditioned shuttle to and from Gilbert's on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-8pm.

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Next to Publix at Tradewinds
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25,000 B.C. ROADSTER...RUST FREE, AIR BLOWS COLD, FOOT BRAKES, WELL UNDER TEN MILLION MILES. WOOD BODY PANELS ORIGINAL SEATS. THIS IS A SOLID CAR!

PERSONAL

SWF looking for solid relationship. I am 32, college educated, smart, fun, and sexy. I seeking a man who is ready to commit. You must be between the ages of 30 and 45 and meet these requirements:
You must own your own home
You must have a steady job
Your income must meet or exceed mine (\$49,000)
You must have your own car
You must be single, preferably never married
You must not have any kids
You must not have any pets.
You must enjoy reading
You must be healthy
You must not do drugs
No criminal record
You must be willing to respect me.
You must be well-groomed
Looking a little like Brad Pitt would be a big plus.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Vacation special—have your home exterminated.
(Unless Irma already did that.)

MUSICIANS WANTED

Amateur & seasoned musicians wanted!
The Keys Community Concert Band begins rehearsals for its new season in the fall. If you want to participate, call 305-451-4530.

DECEMBER ONLY

AT KEYS GIFT SHOP
Christmas tag-sale.
Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person.

VESSEL SAFETY

The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month.
The Public is Welcome.
More info: 305-998-8400

CLUBS

Fraternal Order of the Eagles meets every 1st and 3rd Monday 7pm at Elks Lodge in Tavernier.

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 3rd Thurs. of every month at Key Largo Library Comm. Room 7pm. Open to public. 305-451-3000

The Key Players, Inc. Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes and audition for roles!
Go to: thekeyplayers.org

FOR SALE

Tickle Me Elmo. New in box. Hardly tickled, \$700

DUCKS NEEDED

Need to borrow/rent live ducks!
Hosting a house party. Need ducks for party game. Ducks will be unharmed and I prefer the owner remain with the ducks to ensure proper care and safely to both my and your standards. *Compensation: invitation to party, free drinks for the entire night, or if you prefer small cash fee (\$40?)*
Details: ducks will be gently secured into passenger seats of model train set. origami hats made of 1,5 and 10 dollar bills will be placed on each duck's head.
Guests will pay a dollar for an opportunity pick a hat from a ducks head as a prize as the train passes by them. One dollar per attempt (lap around tracks)
Serious inquiries only please.

Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.