



# GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



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MARCH 14 TH. LUNCH MEETING AT TRENT'S SEAFOOD REST.

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## MEETING HELD AT WICKED BARLEY

Twenty Six members attended. One guest and a guest speaker...Eddie Obi. Larry Smart took home \$27.50 on the 50/50 drawing. \$25.00 attendance NOT won by absent Mark Becker.

Ed Obi laid out his plans for "Garage 54", a car storage-membership concept. Dues would be \$54 a month for a full membership. \$34 for an associate membership. The location would have a speed shop as well as complete facilities for car club meetings. It will be located on Bowden Road at the former site of National Carburetor.

Ken Lawson called meeting to order. He discussed the results of the club survey in regards to the monthly meetings and driving tours. We will continue lunch meetings with two dinner meetings per year. At the end of this month a lunch tour to Aunt Kate's. We will have more info at Trent's.

April 27 we will have a club picnic at the Pavilion in Green Cove Springs. As the pavilion seats 48 People, Ken discussed inviting the Model A Club.

Ken announced that Rob Daly will replace Erling Onsager as our Webmaster. Thanks to Erling for his award winning time as our webmaster.

Ken mentioned that Alan Snow continues to recover and that Richard Wagner is now in physical rehab.

March Birthdays: Joel Daniel March 17 Sharol Hoffman March 25

March Anniversaries: There were none....

Woody gave the treasurer's report noting that we had a plus income of \$197 for month of which \$150 was in the form of donations.

## ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

### 50/50

WOODY WITCZAK

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

KEN LAWSON  
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## Woodyisms

William Shakespeare wrote "Beware the Ides of March" in his play "Julius Caesar". Not only did William Shakespeare's words stick, they branded the phrase with a dark and gloomy connotation that makes people uncomfortable. But the "Ides of March" actually has a non-threatening origin story. Kalends, Nones and Ides were ancient markers used to reference dates in relation to lunar phases. Ides simply referred to the first full moon of a given month, which usually fell between the 13th and 15th. In fact, the Ides of March once signified the new year, which meant celebrations and rejoicing. The Roman Emperor, Caesar was killed on 15 March, 44 BC and the gloomy association with the "Ides of March" stuck. We meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Trent's during the Ides of March, but let's celebrate and forget the gloomy connotation of "Ides".

## Ken Lawson's Car Story

Ken related that he was attending college in New Orleans in the early 60's. He spotted a 1953 Packard which he felt would be the ideal road car for the long trips back to Jacksonville. The car was his for \$54.

Ken spent \$27 in cosmetics and \$160 to overhaul the engine. The first real test was Easter Break of 1961. Ken and his college buds took off for Jacksonville with a full tank of gas and 10/40 oil in the crankcase. They made it to the Florida line when a rod started knocking (some engine overhaul). They made it to Bonifay when the rod let loose. They took the Greyhound bus to Jacksonville and returned with a borrowed Ford Econoline as a tow vehicle. Unfortunately the Ford was not up to the task as the car jackknifed in Tallahassee. Ken left the Packard there and returned later with a Cadillac which was able to tow the car back to Jacksonville. Ken sourced a used engine. Once it was installed it proved to be a bad engine. Discouraged he dumped the car in Jacksonville. Ken showed the group the piston from that Packard His souvenir of that time in his life .

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Bob Easley has the honors for next months car story...

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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Randy and Debbie Poirier, Phillip and Jan McDowell and Faye Shute.



Janice Easterling Bendetti, her Mother Janet, her older sister Jari and brother Wade enjoying a spin in the family MG.