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NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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JANUARY 9 DINNER MEETING

MEDITERRANEA RESTAURANT BAYMEADOWS RD. AT 5:30 P.M.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!

NOTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING AT TRENT'S

WE HAD A FULL HOUSE AT THE LUNCH MEETING AS WE WERE HONORING MARLIN'S 99 TH. BIRTHDAY.

WE DISCUSSED BUDGET , DUES AND DONATIONS. MORE ON THIS IN WOODY'S REPORT.

SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS APPROVED. ACTIVITY CHAIR IS OPEN. KEN MENTIONED THAT WE WILL HAVE TWO EVENING MEETINGS IN 2020. WE HAVE YET TO SET ANY DRIVING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR.

BIRTHDAYS

LINDA CRIDER	01/01	GERRY GEDDINGS	01/10
SANDY ONSAGER	01/19	CHARLIE SAULS	01/27

ANNIVERSARIES

THE GEDDINGS	01/22
THE HOFFMANS	01/23

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ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

WOODY WITCZAK
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TREASURER'S REPORT

At today's NE FL Region AACA meeting the membership reviewed the proposed 2020 Budget presented last month. During the discussion regarding the budget the sense of the membership was that the Club should strive to have a balanced budget. To that end, the membership voted to increase dues effective for the 2021 calendar year by \$10.00 to \$30.00 per year. Dues for 2020 will remain at \$20.00 for the year. The members in attendance agreed that if possible members consider a donation of \$10.00 each this year to increase 2020 income and approved a donation amount to charities of \$600.00 for 2020. The specific charities which will receive donations were not determined except that the club will continue to support Cecil Pines with a donation of \$200.00 again this year.

A copy of the approved budget line items is attached for your review and file.

Regards,

Woody Witczak
Treasurer

Our next meeting is 9 January at 5:30 PM at the Mediterrania Restaurant on Baymeadows Road. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues please bring along an extra \$20.00 to pay your dues for 2020 .

KEN LAWSON REPORTS.....

On Dec.17, Ken and Carol met Richard and Joan Wagner at the Thrasher-Horne Theater in Orange Park for the Graduation Program of the 37th Class of the Florida Youth Challenge Academy of which they are Mentors. We were escorted to front row seats in the 1700+ capacity Theater. The program located at Camp Blanding is a Military Structured Boot Camp for challenged youths in a six month program with the goal of students obtaining their GED. Each class starts with 200 students and the ceremony we attended graduated 144.

The Wagner's were awarded Mentors of the Year for their outstanding mentoring of two students each from the Class.

Our Club contributed the organization in 2018.

Congratulations to Richard and Joan-WELL DONE !!

You are Running Out of Time to Renew Your AACA Membership for 2020!

**Your AACA membership runs on a calendar year
from January 1 through December 31.**

If you have already renewed your membership for 2020, thank you!! If you have not renewed your membership yet, please take a few minutes to do it now. Renewing your membership only takes 5 minutes and can be done one of three ways...

MAIL: A renewal form was included with your Nov/Dec issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. Simply fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check or credit card information.

PHONE: Call AACA Headquarters (717-534-1910) and any of the staff here would be happy to take your renewal over the phone with a credit card payment (VISA, MasterCard or Discover). Office hours are M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. **Please note that the office will be closed December 31 & January 1 for the holiday.**

ONLINE: Renew [online here](#). (If this is your first time renewing online, please "retrieve account" first. You will then get an email with a temporary password and can login under "registered customers." You can then update your information, change your password to something you can remember and renew your membership. Make sure to check your email junk and spam folders for the temporary password email -- we've heard a lot of them are ending up there! If you don't get it, just call us and we will help you.)

WOODYISIMS

Not only is December in the rearview mirror, but the entire 10's decade is behind us. Even the simple event of going from the 10's to the 20's has spawned controversy. We've got disagreement over when the 20's decade begins. Is it 2020 or 2021? Historians claim that the decade begins with year zero or for this decade that would be 2020, but there are also some who argue that you can't have a year zero and you have a decade with years 1 through 10. This point of view says that 2021 will be the first year of the 20's. Another group says that a decade is any grouping of ten years no matter what year is chosen as the start point.

Regardless we are soon to be in 2020 and there are several traditions associated with the start of a new year. I found out in high school from a Latin American classmate that their new year's tradition is to eat a dozen grapes at the stroke of midnight. This grape gulping is said to prevent bad luck in the new year. By eating a grape for every stroke of midnight once the New Year rings in, Latin Americans believe they're setting their luck for the 12 months ahead. The "miraculous grapes" must be eaten quickly within those first 12 strokes, so if you take part, beware of choking hazards. This tradition is also popular in Spain. My Polish heritage also has a food tradition that to insure good luck you must eat pork and sauerkraut on New Year's day. In Central Pennsylvania the tradition is that you have to eat black eyed peas on New Year's Day to ward off bad luck.

I want to wish you health and happiness in the new year and good fortune no matter how you achieve it whether it's with grapes, pork and sauerkraut, or black eyed peas.



2020 BRUNSWICK STEWBILEE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK KIWANIS & PRODUCED BY FREDDY MERRITT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH 2020 • MARY ROSS WATERFRONT PARK

SHOWCASE YOUR ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CARS AT THE BRUNSWICK STEWBILEE.
THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE BRUNSWICK STEW TASTING, POOCH PARADE, JUNIOR STEWBILEE
CENTRAL, AND LIVE LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT BY PIER PRESSURE AND 3-DAY WEEKEND


CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER NOW
\$15 EARLY REGISTRATION • \$20 REGISTRATION THE DAY OF THE SHOW.
STEW TICKET DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS, \$5 EACH

CAR SHOW TIMES

SETUP-10:00 AM
SHOW-11 AM TO 2 PM
CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER EARLY

EDITORS NOTE:
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PALATKA AIR SHOW AT KAY LARKIN AIRPORT

JANUARY 25 9 AM TO 4 PM

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