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**JULY LUNCH ON 7/8 AT JL TRENT SEAFOOD
ROOSEVELT BLVD. ACROSS FROM NAS JAX**

JOEL DANIEL....SO LONG OLD FRIEND



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JOEL DANIEL, LONG TIME MEMBER OF OUR CLUB, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 12 TH. AFTER A FOUR MONTH BATTLE THAT STARTED WITH A STROKE....JOEL WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL STUDEBAKER CLUB, WHERE HE AND HIS RED AVANTI CONVERTIBLE WERE "FIXTURES" AT EVENTS HELD BY BOTH CLUBS. PRIOR TO RELOCATING TO FLORIDA, JOEL WAS ACTIVE IN THE SOUTH GEORGIA CHPT. OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB. LOCALLY, HE HELD OFFICES IN BOTH CLUBS.

AT CLUB EVENTS, JOEL COULD BE FOUND NEAR HIS CAR HOLDING "COURT". HIS FAVORITE TOPICS WERE STUDEBAKERS AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE WAS KNOWN TO SHARE HIS OPINIONS ON TOPICS WHETHER YOU ASKED HIM OR NOT...HE WAS A KIND AND SHARING FRIEND AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SHRINER HOSPITALS WHEN HE AND KAREL

RESIDED IN GEORGIA. JOEL WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER AND WE WILL MISS HIM....KEN LAWSON

NEWS AND NOTES

JUNE 10 LUNCH/MEETING WAS HELD AT THE WICKED BARLEY WITH 16 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE....THE WAGNERS; THE BENDETTIS; THE DALYS; THE LAWSONS; THE BARKSKYS; LINDA CRIDER; SANDY WINTZ; PAT SCHUDEL; DEE SCOTT; GERRY GEDDINGS AND HIS GUEST MICKEY HOYLEN. \$12 50/50 WON BY LINDA CRIDER.

WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT WE WILL LUNCH INDOORS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NEXT MONTH WE WILL BE AT TRENTS SEAFOOD. THE MEDITERANEA WILL RE-OPEN SOON, I HAVE CHECKED OUT BLUE BAMBOO. THEY HAVE A MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE. ALSO THE GREEK RESTAURANT ON BAYMEADOWS. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS, LET ME KNOW.

WE WLL HAVE BETTER MEETINGS INDOORS. WE ARE GOING TO RE-INSTATE THE CAR STORY-STORY. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO DO A SHOW AND TELL (DO TELL). TRENTS HAS CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE OPEN TOMORROW.

CLUB VOTED TO DONATE \$200 IN MARLIN CRIDERS MEMORY TO HIS CHURCH. KEN RCVD. A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR THANKING THE CLUB.

BIRTHDAYS:

JON VANATTA JULY 1 ELINOR SNOW JULY 16

ANNIVERSARIES:

THE WAGNERS JULY 2 THE VANATTAS JULY 28

THE ULRICHS JULY 29 THE SCHUDELS JULY 10

CONGRATULATIONS

WOODYISMS

The Fourth of July-also known as Independence Day or July 4th-has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; therefore, the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826-the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions, and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King [George III](https://www.history.com/topics/british-history/george-iii) as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while the Continental Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

[George Washington](https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/george-washington) issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the [Battle of Yorktown](https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/siege-of-yorktown), Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.