



GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



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Our next meeting is December 8th at Santioni's Restaurant, 3535 US Highway 17 Fleming Island, FL at 4:00 PM,

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NOVEMBER 17 LUNCH AT DON JUANS

HELD ONE WEEK AFTER STORM CANCELLED THE MEETING ON THE 10 TH.
IN ATTENDANCE; THE WITCZAKS; THE WAGNERS; THE LAWSONS; THE DALYS; THE BENDETTIS; THE MCCRORYS; THE EASLYS; DEE SCOTT; PAT SCHUDEL; BILL GILLESPIE; SANDY WINTZ; LINDA CRIDER; JIM ORTH; AND NEW MEMBER...DAVID PINTER.
50/50 OF \$28 WON BY JIM ORTH !!!
21 IN ATTENDANCE...GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP....

ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

WOODY WITCZAK
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BIRTHDAYS:

BILL GILLESPIE DECEMBER 16
JIM McCRORY DECEMBER 23
JUDY McCRORY DECEMBER 27

ANNIVERSARIES:

RICHARD AND CAROL BARSKY DECEMBER 4
ERLING AND SANDY ONSAGER DECEMBER 18
BILL AND CINDY GILLESPIE DECEMBER 31

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL !!!

MINUTES JOAN WAGNER: LOCATION – DON JUAN’S RESTURANT

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Woody Witzcak.

MINUTES: Published in Newsletter, Moved to accept, Ken, 2nd by Woody and accepted by all.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Woody presented his report along with proposed budget for 2023. pr.- Moved to accept Jim Orth, 2nd Rob Daly, and accepted. Woody stated we were will finish year of 2022 very close to budget zero Variances. Also mentioned, the Club presented a \$200 check at Cecil Pines for Donation to the American Cancer Society. (Correction Made)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We had a quorum with 21 members present.

Those attending: Woody & Mary Ann Witzcak, Ken & Carol Lawson, Dee Scott, Bill Gillespie, Pat Schudel, Rob & Brenda Daly, Sandy Wintz, Linda Crider, Richard & Janice Bendetti, Bob & Katherine Easley, Jim & Judy McCory, Richard & Joan Wagner, (Guest/ New Member David Pinter.

OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

President – Ken Lawson, VP – Richard Wagner, Secretary – Joan Wagner – Treasurer – Woody Witzcak, Webmaster – Rob Daly, Editor – Richard Bendetti, Sunshine - Kris Geddings, 50/50 Woody,

MEMBER NEWS: Sick – John Vanatta, (heart); Birthdays – Jim Orth, Nov 5; Anniversaries – The Witzcaks’ Nov 21 (58 years)

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Cruising to Creek/Car Show December 3, St Rd 16 & Crosswinds Dr, S of Shands Bridge at 8:30, Car show 9:00.

(2) Ken located previous supplier of Name Badges. (No charge for New Members) Cost about \$12.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1)) Moultrie Swap Meet Nov 18-20. (2) Collector Car Award to be given to member who drove the most miles in their car. Presentation December Meeting.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Richard Bendetti will be contacting Bill Warner about the club getting together to view his car collection in the near future.

Cecil Pines Car Show was attended by Ken Lawson, The Wagners', Richard Bendetti, and Pat Schudel. Both Woody & Ken had car problems. Ken was stranded on the way, had to tow it home, but was able to come a little late. Woody's would not start. The Club presented a check in the amount of \$200. donation to the American Cancer Society. (Correction Made)

AACA Newsletter has been mailed.

Yearly Club Dues are NOW DUE

Richard Wagner will continue calling members regarding meetings, etc.

Bill Gillespie gave update on his Packard restoration/ Still Waiting for parts.

Bill Gillespie also provided information on a new fire extinguisher for our cars/or home.

Ken Lawson thanked everyone for putting up with him since 2018, and he will continue his leadership with help of the board & members.

A BIG THANK YOU KEN FOR A JOB WELL DONE FROM ALL OF US!!!!

50/50: 56.00/ Spilt 28.00 went to Jim Orth

CAR STORY: Jim Orth discussed an interesting Newsletter from the Iowa Studebaker club.

NEW MEMBER/GUEST: – David Pinter. His father was a member years ago.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTULLY SUBMITTED,

JOAN WAGNER, SECRETARY



20 th. Annual Cecil Pines Show
11/12/22

Those wanting to caravan met at Advance
Auto on 103 rd. Bendetti 61 Rambler;
Schudel Gt Hawk; Gillespie 37 Buick;
At Cecil was Ken Lawson; Dee Scott
and
The Wagners.
As usual free food, drinks and music.
Raffle tickets were sold to Benefit
American Cancer Society. At noon,
Richard Wagner presented our check to
Chris Purdy.

This is a much anticipated annual
event, visiting with fellow car enthusi-
ast at a great venue to benefit a worthy
cause; an enjoyable time was had by
all.

Ken Lawson



1937 Buick



Model: 41
Orig price: \$1021
Exterior Color: Sandringham Maroon
Interior Color: Taupe Mohair
Production totals: 82,440
Engine: OHV Straight 8
248 Cu. in./4.1L
Horsepower: 100
Carburation: Stromberg 1 barrel
Transmission: 3 manual sliding gear
Floor shift
Options: Heater, white side wall tires
grill guard, fog lights
Weight: 3490 lbs
Avg Car Cost: \$760
Avg Household Income: \$1,780
Avg Home: \$4,100
Avg: gallon of gas: 5.10



Owners
Bill & Cindy
Gillespie
Orange Park, FL



WOODYISMS

November is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at December through the windshield. We flip our calendar from November to December with extra excitement as we polish up our wish list and bookmark the best holiday shopping guides. The last month of the year is full of big holidays including...

7-Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 13-National Guard Birthday

December 17-National Wreaths Across America. This is a day to remember our fallen U.S. veterans by placing wreaths on their graves, and saying their names, so as to not forget their sacrifices.

December 18- Hanukkah begins. A Jewish celebration also known as the [Festival of Lights](#),

December 21- Winter Solstice. The point in the year when we have the shortest amount of daylight. From this point forward each day the amount of daylight increases until we reach the Summer Solstice when we have the most daylight

December 25-Christmas Day

December 26- Kwanzaa and Boxing Day. Kwanzaa is a weeklong celebration of African American culture and heritage. Boxing Day got its name when Queen Victoria held the throne in the 1800s, and is born out of the tradition of wealthy families boxing up gifts to give to the poor. Since servants of aristocrats were required to work on Christmas, the following day became the time when their employers filled up boxes with gifts, money, and Christmas leftovers for them, much like a holiday bonus. Servants could then go home to share the gift boxes with their families.

December 31-New Year's Eve. . It's the final celebration of a long holiday season, and a moment to celebrate the end of a year and the beginning of a new one. g Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, which bring families together to celebrate their faith and culture. Throughout this month are also plenty of other important observances that make December a truly special month. Whether you will be decorating your home for Kwanzaa, lighting candles for Hanukkah, or trimming the Christmas tree,

Our next meeting is December 8th at Santioni's Restaurant, 3535 US Highway 17 Fleming Island, FL at 4:00 PM, so mark your calendar and get your Christmas sweater out and join us in celebrating the season. We are asking that you bring a small gift that we can raffle off at the meeting. If you haven't paid your 2023 dues (\$20.00) please bring a check or cash to the meeting to pay your 2023 dues. If you can't make the meeting, send your dues to me at 2305 Range Crescent Ct, Fleming Island, FL 32003. Make the check out to NE FL Region AACA.

Regards, Woody

McCrary Africa trip

An African trip planned in 2020 finally came to fruition September 2022. Our two week adventure took us initially to Cape Town, South Africa and then on to Safari experiences in South Africa, Botswana and Zambia. Getting to Cape Town was not an easy journey. It took us on four different airplanes and a total of 43 hours with long layovers at every stop. We decided to leave home an entire day earlier than needed in the event we experienced a missed flight, thankfully which we did not. With a "Free Day" in the wine region east of Cape Town, we lucked into a fabulous Antique Car collection at the Franschoek Motor Museum. The Museum is owned by Johann Rupert, a South African Billionaire / Global Businessman, and sits on an estate which includes vineyards and a race horse stud farm. Over the years, we have visited many vintage car collections across the world, and put this collection at perhaps the top of the list. They had 80 cars on display, which they rotate throughout the year, but the uniqueness of the cars was spectacular. Each car had a plaque with information on its specifications and history. In addition to the displayed cars, the museum offered the opportunity to be driven around the estate in one of their vintage cars. The car of the day was a 1954 Citroen, right hand drive with the gear shift on the dash.

The rest of our planned itinerary in Africa was equally spectacular. We made it to the Cape of Good Hope, the southwestern most point of the African continent. We did a Malay cooking class in Cape Town. We saw the "Big Five" in addition to many more animals and birds of Africa. And we walked the entire length of Victoria Falls, which required crossing the border into Zimbabwe. We were surprised at how close we got to the animals (from the safety of our safari vehicle) and how much energy is required to ride (bounce) through the bush for 4-8 hours at a time. No one told us that staying in your seat would require so much stamina! We are delighted we have added this trip to our list of life experiences. Jim and Judy McCrary (Animal pictures were taken by Judy using her iPhone!)



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