



# GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



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LUNCH MEETING JULY 14 11 A.M.  
SEAFOOD ISLAND BAR AND GRILLE  
1959 SAN MARCO BLVD

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### JUNE 9 MEETING AT BOB EVANS

**IN ATTENDANCE:** THE WAGNERS; THE LAWSONS; DEE SCOTT; KAREL DANIEL; SANDY WINTZ; CHRIS CONOVER; BILL GILLESPIE; LINDA CRIDER; GEORGE BRESLIN; THE McCORRYS; ERLING ONSAGER.

50/50 \$28 SOLD, \$14 WON BY GEORGE BRESLIN WHO DONATED IT BACK. IN ADDITION \$50 DONATED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS.

KEN DISCUSSED MOOSEHAVEN SHOW AND THE 3 CLUB ATTENDEES. HE MENTIONED THAT CLUB ROSTER HAD BEEN UPDATED AT THE LUNCH MEETING.

THE "WAGNER TOUR" SLATED FOR 6/25 WAS DISCUSSED. LUNCH AT CORKY BELLS AND THEN DRIVE TO THE CAMP BLANDING MUSEUM.

KEN NOTED THAT ATTENDANCE FOR THE FIVE EVENTS THIS YEAR AVERAGED 4.6 MEMBERS AND 2.8 CARS. HE STATED LITTLE INTEREST IN A XMAS PARTY. HE PROPOSED XTRA FREE 50/50 TICKETS FOR THOSE DRIVING THEIR COLLECTOR CARS TO LUNCH. HE IS WORKING ON DETAILS, ANY SUGGESTIONS ARE APPRECIATED.



VINTAGE POSTCARD  
JANICE BENDETTI  
COLLECTION...

### BIRTHDAYS

JON VANNATA	7/01	ELINOR SNOW	7/16
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### ANNIVERSARIES

THE WAGNERS	7/02	THE VANNATAS	7/08
THE SCHUDELS	7/10		

### AACA WAGNER TOUR JUNE 25 2022

THE TOUR STARTED WITH LUNCH AT CORKY BELLS IN FLEMING ISLAND AND CONTINUED ON TO THE MILITARY MUSEUM AT CAMP BLANDING.

ELEVEN PEOPLE JOINED US FOR LUNCH ALONG WITH THREE COLLECTOR CARS: THE WAGNERS WITH THEIR CHEVVY SSR; LAWSON AND SONS WITH THE NEWLY COMPLETED 53 PACKARD CLIPPER STREET ROD. AND GERRY GEDDINGS WITH HIS 82 CHRYSLER LEBARON CONV. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: THE DALYS; THE McCRORYS; AND PAT SCHUDEL.

AFTER A TASTY LUNCH, THE GROUP LESS THE LAWSONS AND GERRY GEDDINGS DEPARTED FOR CAMP BLANDING. THEY HAD AN INTERESTING TOUR OF THE MUSEUM WHICH INCLUDED OURSIDE EXHIBITS AS WELL AS MANY OTHER WARTIME EXHIBITS INSIDE THE BUILDING. THE CLUB THANKS THE WAGNERS FOR ORGANIZING THIS JUNE ACTIVITY FOR OUR CLUB....

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#### “I ROLL”

YOUR EDITOR HAS “ROLLED” WITH VOLVOS SINCE 1964 WITH THE PURCHASE OF A 1961 122S WHILE IN COLLEGE. VOLVO REGISTERED THE TRADEMARK IN 1911 FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF BEARINGS THUS VOLVO IN LATIN WAS I ROLL. THE NAME WAS GIVEN TO FIRST CARS PRODUCED IN 1927. THE PV544 FIRST CAME TO NOTICE IN AMERICA IN THE 50’S ..IT RESEMBLED A 1940 FORD FAST BACK. THE STORY IS THAT FORD EMPLOYEES BORN IN SWEEDEN RETURNED TO THE HOME COUNTRY AND HELPED DESIGN THE CAR. THE NEXT VERSION WAS THE 122S WHICH I HAD PURCHASED AS A USED CAR. IN THOSE DAYS, PARRISH VOLVO WAS A SMALL USED CAR LOT IN DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE. ( AS A SIDE , I HAD AN EARLIER ARTICLE DEALING WITH JANICE ‘S DAD. HE SOLD MG’S AND OTHER BRITISH CARS OUT OF HIS SERVICE STATION IN DAYTONA) SPEAKING OF JANICE....WE WERE WED AND DROVE OFF IN THE VOLVO BUT JANICE HAD NOT LEARNED TO DRIVE A STICK SHIFT SO THE CAR WAS TRADED FOR A 57 CHEVY WAGON. SOON JANCICE WAS TOOLING AROUND IN A 1973 YELLOW 142 VOLVO, THEN A BRIEF DETOUR TO A 1971 MERCEDES SEDAN, THEN BACK TO VOLVO WITH SEVERAL VERSIONS OF THE WAGONS TO THE CURRENT XC60 SUV. I ALWAYS SAY “ONLY A FOOL WOULD BUY A USED VOLVO” BUT I KEEP DOING IT !!!!

THE POINT OF THIS STORY IS THAT # ONE GRANDSON IS READY TO DRIVE AND I THOUGHT I WOULD LOOK AT THE OLDER VOLVOS...BUT, BUT ...THEY ARE NOW COLLECTOR CARS AND RANGE IN PRICE OF 6 THOUSAND FOR A SEDAN TO 13 THOUSAND FOR A WAGON...AH WELL !!!!

CORKY BELL LUNCH AND MILITARY MUSEUM TOUR JUNE 25, 2022



CORKY BELL BOTTOM PHOTO, KEN AND HIS SONS



## WOODYISMS

June is in the Rearview mirror and Summer is officially under way with the passing of the Summer Solstice and now the amount of daylight will be reduced each day until we reach the Winter Solstice in December when we have the fewest hours of daylight. But July brings with it July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day the signing of the Declaration of independence. Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve, as presidents both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

On Independence Day at noon at military bases, a salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a "salute to the union," is fired

New York City has the largest fireworks display in the country sponsored by Macy's, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics exploded. It generally holds the display in the East River. Other major displays are in Seattle on Lake Union; in San Diego over Mission Bay; in Boston on the Charles River; in Philadelphia over the Philadelphia Museum of Art; in San Francisco over the San Francisco Bay; and on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

During the annual Windsor–Detroit International Freedom Festival, Detroit, Michigan hosts one of the largest fireworks displays in North America, over the **Detroit River**, to celebrate Independence Day in conjunction with Windsor, Ontario's celebration of Canada Day.

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Let's take a look at the Cash Flow Summary for June. Just a little activity in the account. 50/50 proceeds for the club totaled \$14.00 from the June meeting with George Breslin winning the other half and donating the winnings back to the club. Thank you George. Members donated a total of \$64.00 at the meeting, resulting in a deposit of \$78.00 to the account. We had one check clear during the month for \$100.00, which was our donation to the Florida Youth Challenge Academy that we sent out last month. That was the only check outstanding and as of July 1<sup>st</sup> we have \$3,996.11 available in our account.

Our Budget versus Actuals is tracking well and at this point it appears that our spending (Actuals) will be in line with the approved Budget.