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NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !!!

NEXT MEETING MAY 12 AT 11 A.M. AT BOB EVANS

BOB EVANS IS AT SAN JOSE BLVD AND 1-295, IN THE SAME COMPLEX AS THE RAMADA INN, YOU TAKE THE SERVICE ROAD AT LIGHT IN FRONT OF SHOPPING CENTER WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF 295, STEAK AND SHAKE, BOB EVANS AND THE RAMADA INN....SEE YOU THERE!

LUNCH MEETING AT TRENTS ON 4/14

IN ATTENDANCE: THE WITCZAKS; THE WAGNERS; THE LAWSONS; THE GEDDINGS; PAT SCHUDEL; BILL GILLESPIE; DEE SCOTT; BRENDA DALY; JON VANATTA....50/50 WON BY CAROL LAWSON \$13.50.

Meeting called to order, Woody gave his report stating that cash flow could use a little improvement. We have lost some members dues, the 50/50 is less due to reduced member participation and that donations are down YTD. The Witczaks have escaped to "North to Alaska" returning on Sept. 29...Enjoy!!!

Ken recapped events YTD noting that participation is down here as well for our planned events...the St Augustine tour, the Palatka Show, the Middleburg Show and Cruzin to the Creek Shows were good events with low participation... Coming up on May 14 is the Moosehaven Rev It UP Show (please see last page)... May 21 PDQ monthly cruise in, June 5, club cruise to Camp Blanding. **Please let me know if you plan to attend Moosehaven Rev It Up show and we can arrange to meet and enter as a group.**

Ken had club vote on donating \$100 to First Club Car Council Cruisin to the Creek show for the purchase of the "NE Florida Region AACA Member Choice Award" The member committee was Rob, Ken and Myself as we were the only attendees. The choice was an easy one...(Story on next page). There were over 200 cars, 5 classes of cars with 10 trophies in each class.

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NE FL REGION AACA AWARD

AS MENTIONED ON PAGE ONE, KEN HAD THE IDEA TO PRESENT A TROPHY ON BEHALF OUR CLUB TO THE VEHICLE THAT BEST REPRESENTED OUR SHARED VALUES IN OLD CARS. WE SELECTED THE 1941 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER WOODY WAGON. IN ADDITON WE ALSO AWARDED A FREE MEMBERSHIP TO NATIONAL AS WELL AS LOCAL MEMBER SHIP. AS IT TURNED OU GREG AND SHARI LIVE IN ST. AUGUSTINE. KEN ARRANGED TO TRANSFER THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE ST. AUGUSTINE CLUB.

THIS WAGON WAS ONE OF 18 PRODUCED THAT YEAR. AN ESTIMATED 10 REMAIN. IT WAS PURCHASED BY US GOVT. FOR WW11 DUTY TRANSPORTING PILOT TRAINEES FROM RR STATIONS TO THE TRAINING BASES.

GREG'S DAD BOUGHT IN IN 1955 AS EVERYDAY TRANSPORTATION. GREG DROVE IT IN H.S. 1969 TO 1971. HIS DAD PASSED IN 1964. GREG AND HIS BROTHER PONDERED RESTORING THE TRUCK FOR SEVERAL YEARS. GREG RETIRED TO FL IN 2006 AT WHICH POINT RESTORATION WAS BEGUN. MANY PARTS HAD TO BE HAND MANUFACTURED AS THERE WERE NOT MANY ORIGINAL PARTS AVAILABLE. THE TRUCK IS A PERFECT RESTORATION.

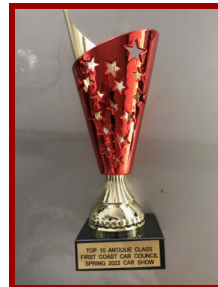
KEN HAS A COPY OF NATIONAL WOODY MAGAZINE, HE WILL BRING IT TO TRENTS. IT FEATURES THIS TRUCK.

AT THE END OF THE SHOW, KEN HAD WANTED TO PRESENT THE TROPHY IN PERSON IN ORDER TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR OUR CLUB AND TO ENCOURGAGE NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN BUT HE WAS DENIED THE CHANCE. I OPTED TO LEAVE EARLY AS I WAS NOT FEELING WELL AND LO AND BEHOLD "MILLIE" WON A TROPHY. KEN AND ROB SNAGGED THE TROPHY FOR ME, THANK YOU!

AS MENTIONED NEXT SHOW IS MAY 14, LUNCH IS MAY 12. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND....



Our Club Trophy Award to Greg and Shari Eilers 1941 International Harvester Woody Wagon



Trophy award to Richard and Janice Bendettis 1961 Rambler American.

BIRTHDAYS

MAY 9	MARK BECKER
MAY 18	MARYANN WITCZAK
MAY 25	JANICE BENDETTI
MAY 31	WOODY WITCZAK

THERE WERE NO ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE

WOODYISMS

April is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at May the month that signals the unofficial start of Summer. We close out this next one-twelfth portion of our loop around the Sun with Memorial Day. There are plenty of commemorations that take place before that during May and here are a few of them:

May 1 May Day: Marks the halfway point between the first day of <<https://www.wincalendar.com/Spring-Begins>> spring and the <<https://www.wincalendar.com/Summer-Solstice>> summer solstice. This day can be traced back to the days of the Romans as it involved many pagan rituals and ancient customs. These were slowly phased out with the arrival of Christianity. Festivals, dances, and rituals related to agriculture and fertility were practiced by many Germanic and European countries.

May3-Yom HaZikaron: (Israeli Memorial Day) to remember those who gave their lives in defense of the State of Israel. It honors those soldiers who fought in the War of Independence as well as subsequent battles. On the preceding day, a one-minute siren is sounded in the evening. The following morning, a two-minute siren is sounded before a national memorial ceremony is held. The memorial period ends on the evening of May 4th.

May 5-Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican Army's victory over France during the French and Mexican War of 1862. The French army marched toward Mexico with the hopes of establishing a second Mexican empire. In the city of Puebla, Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza was able to successfully beat the French army. Cinco de Mayo commemorates this victory and has been adopted in the US as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage.

May 7-Kentucky Derby Day: The Kentucky Derby is one of the oldest horse races in the world. The race is a 1.25-mile long, horse race for three-year-old thoroughbreds on a dirt track. It is held annually at Churchill Downs racetrack in Louisville, Kentucky. The Kentucky Derby is run on the first Saturday in May of every year and is the first leg of the elusive Triple Crown races. It is followed by the Preakness Stakes two weeks later in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Belmont Stakes, 3 weeks after the Preakness in Elmont, New York.

May8-Mother's Day: The second Sunday in May is set aside to honor and recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers. This day offers sons, daughters, and anyone with a mother the chance to show their appreciation. Mothers are typically thanked with cards and flowers, breakfast in bed, or by agreeing to do all the household chores. Mother's Day was established in 1914 by US President Woodrow Wilson.

May 21-Armed Forces Day: A Day to recognize members of the Armed Forces that are currently serving. In 1947, the Armed Forces of the US were united under one department which was renamed the Department of Defense. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman supported the creation of a day for the nation to unite in support and recognition of our military members and their families. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced that Armed Forces Day would take the place of other individual branch celebrations, and all branches of the military would be honored on this day. Armed Forces Day is observed annually on the third Saturday in May.

May 30-Memorial Day: Set aside to honor and remember those who died while serving in the military. This day aims to raise awareness about the nation's freedom and the price for that freedom. Every year, U.S soldiers and their families pay that price. Memorial Day is a day for reverence and honoring of those who gave their lives defending the Nation and its values. Congress declared it a national holiday in 1971. It is observed annually on the last Monday of May.



(<https://claycountycruzers.com>)



12th Annual
REV IT UP!
Car Show

Moosehaven

1701 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL



Saturday, May 14th

10am-2pm

*Show Car Registration 8-11am
\$20 Registration, \$25 after May 1st*

Trophies
Door prizes
Raffles
and 50/50

Music
&
Food
Trucks



**Free
Family
Event**

No Pets Please
(<http://claycountycruzers.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Rev-It-Up-Registration-2022.pdf>)

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