



GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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AUGUST 10th at 11:00 AM.

August meeting of the club at Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant, 12373 San Jose Blvd

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NOTES FROM KEN LAWSON:

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT DON JUAN'S.....ARE WE ENDING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER? IS THERE END IN SIGHT? PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS WE HAVE UPCOMING EVENTS TO DISCUSS.

WE HAVE A DEMOLITION DERBY SLATED FOR AUGUST 12 TH. AT 5 P.M. AT THE CLAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, GREEN COVE SPRINGS. PLEASE EMAIL ROB DALY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6 P.M. WE HAVE OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT WHITS FROZEN CUSTARD 11362 SAN JOSE BLVD. SUITE #3. WE GATHER UNDER THE OLE OAK TREE TO ENJOY OUR TREATS...

ITINERARY FOR OCT. 6 ROAD TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE.

MEET AT LAWSONS, LEAVE AT 7:30 A.M. —ARRIVE TALL AROUND 11 A.M. — LUNCH AT LOCAL SPOT — GARAGE TOUR POST LUNCH AT THE MASNEN'S — TOUR THE TALL AUTO MUSEUM—TRAVEL BACK TO JAX—DURATION OF TRIP APPROXIMATELY 13 HRS.

WE THANK BILL AND JANE WARNER FOR HOSTING US AT THEIR CAR COLLECTION JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM BOB EVANS. PHOTOS ATTACHED.

BIRTHDAYS: ROB DALY 8/16

KEN LAWSON 8/21

CAROL LAWSON 8/23

ANNIVERSARIES: THE ORTHS 8/22

THEBENDETTIS 8/28

EDITORS NOTE: REGARDING OUR HEAT WAVE...WE ARE LIKE OUR NORTHERN FRIENDS IN REVERSE...WE STORE OUR CARS IN THE SUMMER AND DRIVE THEM IN THE WINTER...

AACA MINUTES – JULY 13, 2023

BOB EVANS

CALL TO ORDER – Ken Lawson

PLEDGE – Bill Gillespie

MINUTES AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSLETTER – Motion to accept, Richard Wagner, Second – Dan Lyman, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REORT – Motion to accept, Ken Lawson, Second – Jim Orth. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE: 21 (18 Members, 3 Guests)

Bendetti's, Linda Crider, Breslin's, Pat Schudel, Richard Wagner, Jim Orth, Bill Gillespie, Stephanie Forquer, Chris Parker, Dee Scott, Dan Lyman, Geddings', Dalys, Ken Lawson

GUESTS: Eric Beverly, (Neighbor of Pat Schudel), Bill & Jane Warner

MEMBERS SICK: - None

BIRTHDAYS: Ken Vanatta - 7/1, Dee Scott – 7/31

ANNIVESARIES: Wagners' 7/2, Schudels', Vanattas' 7/28

OLD BUSINESS:

2 Cars @ Sacred Heart Church, 2 Cars @ Great Race.

NEW BUSINESS:

September 16, Whitt's Ice Cream Social 6pm

OCTOBER 6, Tallahassee Trip: We will meet at Ken's house at 7:30 sharp, to go in van, or those driving. Van expenses will be paid by club. Members will be responsible for Museum admission of \$12.00 (Reg \$20.00) and meal. Sign up Sheet next Meeting.

50/50 \$21.50 -Dan Lyman (Donated back to club)

CAR STORY: Bill Warner/ Richard Bendetti. Club had special tour to the Warner's garage to view his great car collection.

NEXT MEETING – August 10, 2023, Don Juan's

NO Further business, Meeting adjourned

ED. NOTE...AT LUNCH I INTRODUCED BILL AND ASKED HIM TO GIVE US A BRIEF STORY ON HOW HE GOT STARTED COLLECTING CARS...HE GAVE US A GREAT STORY FROM THE EARLY SIXTIES TO THE PRESENT DAY. MUCH TO DEE'S DEELITE BIL SAID THAT RIVIERAS ARE THE MOST AFFORDABLE AND BEST COLLECTOR CAR. THE BLACK RIV BELOW BELONGED TO RICKY NELSON. EACH CAR HAD A STORY. BILL RELATED AT THE START HIS DAD WOULD SAY WHAT DID YOU PAY FOR THAT CAR, THINKING HE WAS WASTING HIS MONEY. LATER DAD FOUND OUT THE BILL HAD PROFITED FROM TH SALE TEN FOLD HIS DAD SAID YOU MUST KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING. BILL IS A TRUE JAX'VILLE TREASURE!





BILL BOUGHT THIS FACILITY AFTER SELLING HIS COUNCOURS EVENT TO HAGERTY INSURANCE...THIS WAS FORMERLY OWNED BY A MAN WHO STORED HIS HELICOPTER INSIDE A VERY SPACIOUS FACILITY...

COPY OF LETTER OF THANKS SENT TO THE WARNERS

NE FL REGION 249 AACA

Mr. Bill Warner
July 20, 2023
2961 Scott Mill Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Dear Bill,

On behalf of myself and Richard Bendetti as well as members of the NE Florida Region,
Thank You!

We deeply appreciated you and your wife joining us for Lunch at Bob Evan Restaurant on
Thursday, July 13 th.

and sharing with us your long and varied experiences in the areas of automotive racing, col-
lecting and

restoration. The fellowship, fun and information provided by your presentation at the meeting
was capped off

by your allowing our members to visit your private “museum” that houses your extensive col-
lection of vintage

automobiles and associated paraphernalia.

Our members were overwhelmed by the displays and the quality of the restorations. Your
sharing of

information about the provenance of the vehicles and materials was impressive.

The opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of an individual like yourself who enjoy the
rich fabric of the

vintage automobile culture certainly strengthened our members dedication to collecting and
created the desire

to explore other facets of the community.

Thank you again for sharing your experience and enthusiasm to expand the various automo-
tive collection

possibilities within our community.

Sincerely,

Ken Lawson
President
NE FL Region 249 AACA

WOODYISMS

July is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at August through the windshield. August is kind of seen as the last hurrah of warm weather. It's widely considered the end of summer, as families squeeze in last-minute vacations and beach trips before their kiddos prepare to go back to the classroom for a new school year and for us vintage car owners without air conditioning, we can look forward to cooler weather approaching so we can get out and drive without enduring the stifling hot temperatures. There are no major federal holidays celebrated during the month of August, but we can look forward to seeing two full moons.

Yes, during August 2023, two full moons will occur. The first full moon in August, called the Sturgeon Moon, will rise on Aug. 1, according to the Farmer's Almanac. This moon got its name from the prehistoric-looking sturgeon fish which seem to be more easily caught at this time. They are found primarily in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain.

The August second full moon of—a **Blue Moon (defined as the second full moon in a calendar month)**—will happen on Aug. 30, 2023. Plus both of these will be supermoons; this kind of full moon is when the moon is closest to earth, making it appear much bigger in the sky than usual. After these two supermoons, the last supermoon of 2023 will be in September.

Prepare for your moon gazing, but first let's take a look at our cash flow summary for August. Our income this month was derived from the July 50/50 raffle, the club's share of \$32.00 and the raffle winner, Dan Lyman who donated his share to the club. We have one outstanding expense, the cost of Lunch for our guests, the Warner's, at the July meeting. I don't have an amount yet but will record that in the August Cash flow summary when I receive the information. As a result, as of 1 August we have \$4,413.72 in available funds.

Our "Budget vs Actuals" report for the month indicates that we are tracking well in both income and expenses to this point in the year. The only area where I see a dip will be in dues income as we close out the year since we have lost several members this year. This can only be corrected if we recruit new members for the club