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NEXT MEETING AT BOB EVANS AT 11 A.M.
LOCATED AT SAN JOSE BLVD. AND I-295

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KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

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AACA MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2022

MEETING HELD AT SANTIONIS RESTURANT

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance – Woody Witczak MINUTES:

We had 23 members in attendance as follows: Woody & Mary Ann Witczak, Pat Schudel, Stephanie Fonquer & Christopher Parker, Kris & Gerry Geddings, Mary & Jon Vanatta, Rob & Brenda Daley, Sandy Wintz, Linda Crider, David Pinter, Karel Daniel, Ken & Carol Lawson, Janice & Richard Bendetti, Katherine & Bob Easley, Richard & Joan Wagner.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No formal Report given due to the noise level, but the Club gave each person in attendance \$10.00 for the meal. Appreciated by all. \$10 ENVELOPES passed out by Woody.

MEMBERS SICK: Bill Gillespie and Dee Scott

OLD BUSINESS: Name tags being ordered by ken for those who need them.

NEW BUSINESS: Driver Awards for the most miles driven were Dee Scott and Pat Schudel. They each drove approximately 2700 miles, and were within 3% of Each other. The award was a \$50.00 gift card to Out-back. Pat was presented his at the meeting, and Dee will receive her's next meeting since she was sick.

NEW BUSINESS – None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – None

CAR STORY - NONE

50/50 \$42.00 – Split \$21.00 Jon Vanatta

We had a drawing for door prizes and everyone took home something.

CLUB NEWS



PAT SCHUDEL PRESENTED WITH \$50 OUTBACK GIFT CARD BY **KEN LAWSON** FOR HIS 2700 MILE DRIVE IN HIS STUDEBAKER TO ATTEND CAR SHOW. **DEE CLARK** ALSO RECEIVED THE AWARD FOR HER EXTENDED TRIP IN HER BUICK.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR LUNCH MEETING AS WE WOULD LIKE MEMBER FEEDBACK ON 2023 ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE PLAN ON SUBMITTING TO YOUR EDITOR A CAR STORY IN THIS COMING YEAR.



ON MARCH 23, 2013, A RAINY SAT. AFTERNOON, **ELLIS AND NANCY ULRICH** LED A FEW CLUB MEMBERS TO THE AVONDALE RIVERFRONT RESIDENCE OF **JERRY FOLEY** TO VIEW HIS EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF VINTAGE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES AND HIS CONCOURS WINNING BRASS ERA CARS. A MERCER RACEABOUT A LOZIER AND A COUPLE OF OTHER CARS. **JERRY** WAS AN INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE HOST WHO CAPTIVATED OUR ATTENTION. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. **JERRY** WAS FORMER DIRECTOR OF FLORIDA REGION AACA. HE AND HIS FATHER SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE CREATION OF THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE LICENSE PLATE. **JERRY** WAS ONE OF A KIND MAY HE REST IN PEACE...K.A.L.

BIRTHDAYS

LINDA CRIDER	JAN 01
GERRY GEDDINGS	JAN 10
SANDY ONSAGER	JAN 27

ANNIVERSARIES

THE GEDDINGS	JAN 23
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!!

WOODYISMS

With December drawing to a close we've completed another circle around the Sun on the spaceship called Earth. As I thought about the new year ahead and the celebration associated with the start of the new year, it drew me back to memories of New Year celebrations with my family in Chicago and the Polish traditions as related by my grandparents. On New Year's eve at the stroke of Midnight we ate pickled herring (not my favorite) and washed it down with beet soup (this was always hot and savory). The herring silvery scales denoted money and good fortune according to my immigrant grandparents. On New Year's day we had a large mid-afternoon meal of black eyed peas which represented good fortune or money, Sauerkraut whose long strands represented long life and pork whose rich fat content was supposed to symbolize wealth and prosperity. It seems the Chicago Polish foods associated with the New Year's celebration were thought to represent the wealth, prosperity and long life they hoped for in their newly adopted country.

January is named after Janus, the ancient Roman god of gates and doors symbolizing endings, beginnings, and transitions. He's depicted with two heads: one head looking at the past and the other at the future. We'll do a bit of that as we think about our resolutions for the New Year.

- **Jan 1 New Year's Day** (national Hangover Day) A federal holiday.
- **Jan 16 Martin Luther King Birthday** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* is a federal holiday. Also called MLK Day, it honors the greatest civil rights activist in American history. His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983. Many consider it a day to serve your community. Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the greatest social activists the world has ever known. He promoted a non-violent civil rights movement. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee.
- **January 22 Chinese New Year 4721** –, Sign: Rabbit, Chinese New Year holiday is celebrated by billions of people around the world. The date of New Year changes every year. It is a 15-day celebration, beginning on the first day of the new moon, and ending on the full moon. This Asian New Year celebration on the 15th day is called the Chinese Lantern Festival. Chinese culture is amongst the oldest in the world. While the rest of the world is in the early years of its third millennium, Chinese culture is in its fifth millennium.

We finished the year with a solid month from a cash flow standpoint. We had income of \$211.00 made up of 50/50 proceeds (Jon Vanatta winner), 2023 dues payments and donations. Our expenses for the month were \$460.00 which was a combined total of \$330.00 from the budget for outings that was used to provide a \$10.00 gift to each member that attended the December meeting and to fund two \$50.00 gift cards as awards for the two members who drove their vehicles the most miles during 2022. Mileage winners were Dee Scott and Pat Schudel. We also paid \$110.00 too AACA for our share of the Liability Insurance premium. As a result we wound up the year with \$4,115.11 in available funds as of 1 January 2023. Typically a non-profit organization is supposed to maintain approximately 2.5 to 3.5 of their annual expenses on hand in their bank account. Our annual expenses average approximately \$1,200.00, so we are well within that goal. Thank you members for your generosity this year in providing \$530.50 in donations to the club.

Our Budget Versus actual for December is the end of the year summary of our budget versus actuals. We did extremely well this year and wound up with a positive variance of \$210.25. We start the new year fiscally strong, but we do have some work to do to get our membership numbers up. We lost a few members this year and gained some replacements but our membership remains at 28. So we each need to do our part in recruiting new members.

I've attached the 2023 Membership roster for your file. Please destroy/delete any old copies you may have. Remember to mark your calendar for the January meeting on January 12th at 11:00 AM at a location to be announced in the January Newsletter. If you haven't paid your 2023 dues you can do so there or mail a check made out to NE FL Region AACA to me at 2305 Range Crescent Ct, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

Happy New Year, Woody Witzak