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NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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Our next meeting is November 9th at 11:00 AM at the Bob Evans Restaurant, I295 and San Jose Blvd

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ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

WOODY WITCZAK
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MINUTES FOR AACA MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2023 - CROSS CREEK

CALL TO ORDER - Ken Lawson

PLEDGE - Jerry Johnson

MINUTES: Published in Newsletter, Motion to accept Jim Orth, Second, Woody. All in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Woody passed out copies of the report, and the proposed budget for 2024. As of Oct 1, our balance was \$4456.22. We discussed the balanced budget for this year for outing funding. Current budget allocated \$300. The club voted in our October meeting to increase it by \$800 to cover the Tallahassee trip and Christmas party. We will have a deficit of \$500, with a balance of approximately \$3800. Also discussed modifying the proposed budget for 2024 as follows: Outings, \$600.00, Donations - \$100 First Coast Car Council, \$125. Roadheaver, \$200. and Cecil Pines \$200. (American Cancer Society).

Roadheaver requested another donation for Christmas, Motion made by Richard Wagner, Second by Jim Orth to send an additional \$100.

Motion made by Richard Wagner, Seconded by Chris Conover to give \$200. to Cecil Pines. All in favor.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Cost of Meal -\$ \$32.25(Buffet) Holiday Inn, Wells Rd Dec 16. CLUB will subsidize \$17.25 per person. (based on 25 attending)

ATTENDANCE 19

Bendettis', Dalys', Dee Scott, Lawsons', Witzaks', Johnsons', Bill Gillespie, Chris Parker, Stephanie Forquer, Jim Orth, Pat Schudel, Wagners', Chris Conover.

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BIRTHDAYS: Earling Onsager 10th, Joan Wagner 30th.
NO ANNIVERSARIES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV 9TH: Club Meeting (TBA)

NOV 11TH Cecil Pines

DEC 16th 11:00-3:00PM (last day to sign up- next meeting.)

NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS (2024)

President; Ken Lawson

Vice President: Richard Wagner

Secretary: Joan Wagner

Treasurer:

Editor: Richard Bendetti

Web Master: Rob Daly

No new nominations were received

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition given to Richard & Joan Wagner for putting the Tallahassee trip together. Those who went on the trip to Tallahassee trip presented Bill Gillespie with a \$50.gift card for driving the van safely to and from for a nice getaway.

50/50 \$49.00 /SPLIT 24.50 to Carol Lawson - returned to club.

CAR STORY : Jim Orth - Cycle belonging to Jerry Lee Lewis (signed) went for \$100,000.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS/

Respectfully Submitted by Joan Wagner Secretary 11/1/2023

BIRTHDAYS: KAREL DANIEL 11/03

 JIM ORTH 11/05

 PAT SCHUDEL 11/26

ANNIVERSARIES: THE WITCZAKS 11/21

THE BRESLINS HAVE SOLD THEIR 1956 DODGE TO THE NEXT CARETAKER OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CAR WHICH HAS GIVEN THEM MUCH PLEASURE OVER THE YEARS....IT WAS PURCHASED BY A MEMBER OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER REGION CLUB...

You may have noticed in the October issue of The Oil Can, an ad for a 1956 Dodge, which our member, George Breslin had submitted. Well, our member Dave Holmes, noticed the ad and couldn't resist calling on it. He made an appointment with George and drove to his home in Macclenny to find out more about the car. When he arrived the Dodge was outside, gleaming in the sun and Dave knew before he even got out of the car that he would be taking the Dodge home to Lake City.

Dave and Ronda Holmes were featured two years ago in the November issue of The Oil can, under the theme, "How the Mopar Man Got a Ford". The Ford is a nearly pristine 1930 Model A Roadster, which most of you have seen. But, Dave is a true Mopar man and was literally brought up with Chrysler products

Dave's dad was a production manager at the Hamtramck, Michigan assembly plant, which provided him with a Chrysler company car each year. One of the company cars that his dad had was a three tone paint pattern Dodge similar to this one.

The '56 Dodge is a Custom Royal Lancer four door sedan, a top of the line model that year. The paint and interior are original with little flaws. The car is powered by a 315 cubic inch hemi Red Ram engine with a four barrel carb. Only enough of these Red Ram engines were sold in Dodge cars to be able to call them "stock cars" which enabled them to be used as NASCAR racing cars. Power is transmitted to the rear axle through a push button drive Powerflight transmission. 1956 was the first year that Chrysler Corporation vehicles used the push button transmission. The mechanical version of this transmission proved to be quite reliable.



WOODYISMS

October is in the rearview mirror along with the “trick or treaters” and November is officially here, with all of the feast planning (and everything else that goes with the Thanksgiving holiday) which tends to take center stage for the month. That being said, before the majority of the frenzy begins, as a nation, we remember and celebrate Veterans Day to honor the military veterans. And of course, after Thanksgiving, many like to celebrate Black Friday with a day of shopping for those “deals”. The following day (November 26th) is Small Business Day dedicated to encouraging us to shop at local small businesses for the holidays.

In addition to Thanksgiving (November 24th) and Veterans Day (November 11th), November is also known as National Native American Heritage Month — though of course, the histories, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Island communities should be recognized every day.

Before Daylight Savings Time officially ends on Nov. 5th and gives us an extra hour of sleep, the first few days of November include All Saints' Day, and Day of the Dead (otherwise known as Día de los Muertos) (November 1st), All Souls' Day and U S General Election Day (November 2nd).

We also celebrate the Marine Corps birthday on November 10th. The last day of November is also the end of the Atlantic Hurricane season.

Let's look at the Cash Flow Summary Report for October. Income for the month totals \$392.00. Proceeds from the October 50/50 drawing amounted to \$24.50 and Carol Lawson, winner of the drawing donated her share to the club. In addition to her donation there was an additional \$18.50 contributed to the club. We also collected 2024 dues payments of \$220.00 and Christmas party payments of \$105.00. Our expenses for the month consisted of a \$100.00 donation to Rodeheaver Boys Ranch and payment of \$282.50 for the Tallahassee outing (van rental and fuel) and \$125.00 payment to the Tallahassee Auto Museum to pay for their entrance fee. As a result, as of November 1st we have available funds of \$4,340.80 in our bank account.

Our Budget Versus Actuals report for October still shows a positive variance for the year. By the end of the year, we see a negative variance of approximately \$500.00 based on the membership vote to increase spending for outings by \$500.00. Even with this variance we will be in good fiscal shape as we start the new fiscal year.

The membership voted at the October meeting to have the draft 2024 budget reflect a deficit of approximately \$400.00. I will present that proposed budget at the November meeting for approval. A copy is attached for your review.

Our next meeting is November 9th at 11:00 AM at the Bob Evans Restaurant, I-295 and San Jose Blvd. If you haven't signed up for the Christmas party, please do so at the meeting or reply to this email. The charge for the party is \$15.00 per person. Please bring your payment to the meeting or send me a check made out to NE Fl Region AACA.

Regards,

Woody