



# GAS BUGGY GOSSIP



**NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

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**OCTOBER 2023 VOLUME 45 NUMBER 10**

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Cross Creek BBQ and Steakhouse Restaurant, 850 Lane Ave South, Jacksonville, FL

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## ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

WOODY WITCZAK  
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## SPECIAL TALL TRIP EDITION AS PER KEN LAWSON...PHOTOS BY KEN AND BILL GILLESPIE:

TEN MEMBERS MET AT KEN LAWSON'S ON OCT. 6, PILED INTO THE VAN AND WERE OFF TO TALL..PILOTED BY BILL GILLESPIE. WE HAD A GREAT LUNCH AT BACKWOODS CROSSING AT 11 A.M. THE NEXT STOP WAS AT NORM MASDEN'S GARAGE FOR AN HOUR OF SHOW AND TELLS, INCLUDING BRASS ERA BUICKS, MODEL T FORDS, CLASSIC PACKARDS AND AN AIR COOLED FRANKLIN...A VERY ENJOYABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL MEMBERS. THEN ON TO THE MUSEUM WHERE WE ALL TOURED THE MANY EXHIBITS WHICH INCLUDED CARS OF ALL ERAS. WE SPENT OVER TWO HOURS ENJOYING THE EXHIBITS AND THEN MADE IT BACK HOME AT 6:30...A TOTAL OF 316 MILES. MANY THANKS TO BILL GILLESPIE FOR A SAFE SMOOTH JOURNEY.

NOTES ON THE CARS...36 CORD 810 PHAETON SEDAN KNOWN AS THE BABY DUESENBERG, FAMOUS FOR ITS "COFFIN NOSE" ....1934 PACKARD FORMAL SEDAN WITH A WHEELBASE OF 142 INCHES, 385 CUBIC INCH 8 CYLINDER. BASE PRICE WAS \$3,600.....THIS TUCKER WAS ACTUALLY A MOVIE STUNT CAR BASED ON A STUDEBAKER IT WAS USED IN THE TUCKER MOVIES "ROLLOVER SCENE".... THE JUDGE PACKAGE NAMED AFTER "HERE COMES THE JUDGE" ON ROWAN AND MARTIN SHOW. IT COST \$337 MORE THAN STANDARD GTO...THE 1936 BUGATTI WAS THE ONLY ONE BODIED BY THE FAMED HENRY BINDER OF PARIS FRANCE..IT WAS FOUND IN POOR CONDITION IN 1968 AND UNDERWENT A 26 YEAR RESTORATION AND HAS SINCE WON MANY AWRDS... ORIGINAL PRICE \$20,000.

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Plan to attend our meeting, many items to discuss... CECIL IN THE PINES SHOW....XMAS PARTY NEWS AND **NEW CLUB OFFICERS !!!**

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** NONE TO REPORT

**BIRTHDAYS:** ERLING ONSAGER 10/10

JOAN WAGNER 10/30

**AACA MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
OLIVE GARDEN – SOUTHSIDE**

**CALL TO ORDER: Ken Lawson**

**PLEDGE: Jerry Johnson**

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST PER NEWSLETTER: Motion: Chris Conover, Second: Jim Orth,  
(All in Favor).**

**MINUTES FOR JULY: Minutes for July corrected and voted on and approved.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Discussed the balanced budget Woody gave us, to increase the allocation for "Outings" from \$300. to \$800. This was necessary due to the expenses for the Tallahassee trip and our Christmas party. Van expenses for Tallahassee, and venue and meal subsidy. Motion to Accept, Dan Layman, Second – Jim Orth. (All in Favor)**

**ATTENDANCE: 26**

**Bendettis', Dalys', Breslins', Chris Conover, Sandy Wintz, Linda Crider, Dee Scott, Bill Gillespie, Esleys', Rogers', Pat Schudel, Jim Orth, Lawsons', Christopher Parker, Stephanie Forquer, Wagners', Dan Lyman, Johnsons'.**

**BIRTHDAYS: Brenda Daly 9/7, Kria Geddings 9/11, Chris Parker 9/14**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tallahassee trip, October 6. Itinerary, Meet at Ken's 7:30am, Lunch Tallahassee, Visit Madison Garage, then Museum.**

**We have a newly formed committee to assist with planning events, Dee & Linda. Cecil Pines November 11.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Party December 16, 1:00 – 4:00 Holiday Inn, Wells Rd, Orange Park.  
National Club send 4 complimentary memberships.**

**50/50 \$40.00/ \$20.00 To Dan Lyman**

**CAR STORY- Jim Orth, Bill Gillespie Packard Update**

**NEXT MEETING: CROSS CREEK/ LANE AVE.**

**MEETING ADJORNED.**

**Minutes submitted by Joan Wagner, Secretary 9/26/23**

## WOODYISMS

September is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at October through the windscreen. Once it turns October, it seems we're officially in the mood for all things fall! It's essentially a rite of passage to be able to decorate your porch with carved pumpkins, dress in sweaters, and get ready for scary movies that are part of the Halloween scene. October brings many observances but only one federal holiday (Columbus Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>). It is a day that marks the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. The holiday is celebrated on the second Monday in October mainly by Americans of Italian descent or by Italians living in the States, as Columbus was Italian. In many locations it is celebrated as Indigenous Peoples Day to honor indigenous American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. It too is celebrated on the second Monday in October and is an official city and state holiday in various localities. As these holidays always take place on Monday, it is a great opportunity to have an extended weekend. Although Columbus Day is not celebrated in all states, all institutions and schools are closed as it is a federal holiday.

October 16<sup>th</sup> is Boss's Day, October 18<sup>th</sup> is Alaska Day and is celebrated in Alaska to commemorate the transfer of territories in present-day Alaska from the Russian Empire to the United States, which occurred on Friday, October 18, 1867. October 21<sup>st</sup> is Sweetest Day and finally finishing up the month on October 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Halloween.

For Mary Ann and I, October heralds our return to Florida. Here in Alaska, the leaves have already turned colors and dropped from their limbs, the mountains that surround us have their first snow and are capped in white and any day now the first snow fall will descend on us living in the valley. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting.

Let's look at September's Cash Flow report. Income totaled 120.00, comprised of \$20.00 from the 50/50 drawing won by Dan Lyman and \$100.00 in donations. We also collected \$112.50 from members as prepayment for the Tallahassee Auto Museum admission fee for the Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Tallahassee outing. Our expenses were a \$50.00 donation to the First Coast Car Council to support door prizes for their Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Car Show. As a result, we have \$ 4,456.22 in available funds as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Turning to the Budget Versus Actuals Report. At this point in our fiscal year, we are still tracking to the approved budget. I must note that the members approved the expenditure of up to an additional \$800.00 to be spent on outings, (Tallahassee trip and Club Christmas party). If we expend the \$800.00, plus the other approved budget expenses, we will have a negative variance at the end of our fiscal year in December of approximately \$800.00 with approximately \$3,600.00 in available funds in our bank account as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will still be in good fiscal shape with that available balance.

Our next meeting is Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Cross Creek BBQ and Steakhouse Restaurant, 850 Lane Ave South, Jacksonville, FL. Be sure to attend. We will review the proposed budget for 2024 (a copy of the Budget Analysis is attached for your review). The budget analysis sheet includes the previous five years of actual spending. The 2023 data of course is not complete since we still have a quarter of the fiscal year to go. My draft budget is in the far-right hand column and is intended to provide a basis for discussion and determine a draft 2024 budget that I can present for review and approval at the November meeting. I have based income on a membership total of 28 and conservative estimates of 50/50 and donation income. Regarding expenses, the two items that comprise 80% of the total are donations and outings. This initial draft assumes a balanced budget, and this means that we have \$800.00 to distribute between these two expense elements.



PAT, DEE, THE DALYS, JIM, THE WAGNERS, THE LAWSONS (KEN ON CAMERA) AND BILL



OUR HOST NORM...





CARS AT NORM'S GARAGE...







MUSEUM CARS....









