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NORTH FLORIDA REGION AACA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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September 14th meeting at 11:00 AM
at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 10144 Phillips Highway,
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NOTES FROM KEN LAWSON:

PLEASE PLSN TO ATTEND THE MEETING TODAY AS WE WILL HOLD A VOTE TO INCREASE THE "OUTINGS" ALLOCATION IN OUR BUDGET TO COVER THE PLANNED TALLAHASSE TRIP AS WELL AS OUR DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING AND MEAL AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN ORANGE PARK.

THIS IS YOUR FINAL CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TALL. TRIP.

PLEASE PLAN TO PAY \$ 12.50 PER PERSON WHICH IS A REDUCED RATE TO COVER ADMISSION AT THE CAR MUSEUM.

IF WE ATTAIN 12 TO 15 PARTICIPANTS, WE WILL THEN INFORM THOSE ATTENDING DETAILED PLANS FOR THE OUTING.

THANK YOU!

BIRTHDAYS

BRENDA DALY 09/07

KRIS GEDDINGS 09/11

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE TO REPORT !!!

MINUTES AACA MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2023

DON JUAN'S

CALL TO ORDER – KEN LAWSON

PLEDGE – BILL GILLESPIE

MINUTES LAST MEETING PUBLISHED IN NEWSLETTER: Motion to accept, Gerry Geddings, Linda Crider seconded. (All in favor)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ken Lawson, Sheryl Rogers motioned to accept pending any corrections or revisions, Chris Conover, seconded. All in favor.

SICK: NONE. It was good to have George Breslin back. He & Gerry and doing well.

BIRTHDAYS: 8/10, Chris Conover, 8/16 Rob Daly, 8/21 Ken Lawson, 8/23 Karol Lawson.

ANNIVERSARIES: 8/14 Easleys' (53) 8/22, Orths, 8/28 Bendettis' (58)

ATTENDANCE: 26, AS FOLLOWS,

Chris Conover, Geddings', Bill Gillespie, Chris Parker, Stephanie Forquer, Dalys', Wagners', Dee Scott, Ken Lawson, Easleys', Jim Orth, Rogers', McCrorys', Richard Bendetti, Pat Schudel, Breslins. Also one guest, Joyce Hernandez, (Easleys' daughter).

OLD BUSINESS: - Last Month we visited Bill Warner's Car Collection after our meeting. Collection was awesome. A thank you letter in newsletter.

No outings planned for August.

Dee has agreed to represent our club at the First Coast Car Council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: (SEE BELOW)

SEPTEMBER 16, 6PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL – WHITT'S SAN JOSE

OCTOBER 6, TALLAHASSEE ROAD TRIP. Meet at Ken Lawson's, 7:30, to ride in van. Lunch first, then view Norm & Kathy's car collection, then the TALLAHASSEE CAR MUSEUM. ADMISSION \$12.50. Be sure to sign up and pay at next meeting for final head count. One check will be issued for group.

Cecil Pines is coming up in Nov, 2nd Saturday.

50/50 \$60.00 (\$30.00 to Dan Lyman)

CAR STORY: Chris Conover, gave updates on upcoming car shows, Bill Gillespie updated his Packard progress., Gerry also had a story.

NEXT MEETING – OLIVE GARDEN, PHILLIPS HWY ACROSS FROM MALL.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED AUGUST 21, 2023, JOAN WAGNER, SECTY.

WOODYISMS

August and the initial hurricane of the season are in the rear-view mirror and September with its promise of milder and hopefully storm free weather lies ahead of us. Our hearts and prayers go out to our neighbors in Florida and Georgia who endured the brunt of the storm and suffered huge losses.

September starts with Labor Day the unofficial start of the fall season. September includes federal holidays, religious holidays, and other celebrations and observances, such as the beginning of the school year and football season, and the emergence of the harvest moon.

September plays host to other commemorations besides Labor Day. September 11th is Patriot Day honoring the September 11th attacks, and September 21st, the International Day of Peace. September 4th, Labor Day is the only U.S. federal holiday in September, but some schools and places of business may be closed for Rosh Hashanah. This two-day Jewish New Year celebration begins on Friday, September 15th, or for the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, on Sunday, September 24th. On September 26th and 27th, Muslims worldwide celebrate Mawlid, the birthday of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad.

Another noteworthy date is the autumnal equinox, on September 23rd, when the sun is exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length. September 15th also kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month.

But when is the first day of fall, and how is it determined? Cooler weather and changing leaves aside, astronomy—the autumn equinox, to be specific—tells us when summer ends and the official first day of fall arrives.

The first day of fall is Saturday, September 23, 2023—the same day as the autumn equinox—in the Northern Hemisphere. The date varies slightly year to year, but it is usually September 22 or 23. On rare occasions, it can fall on September 21 or 24.

If you happen to be part of the 10 percent of the world's population who live in the Southern Hemisphere, then the seasons are reversed. In that case, the September equinox signals the start of spring. What is an equinox?

Scientifically speaking, an equinox occurs the moment that the sun is aligned with the Earth's equator. There are two equinoxes every year—one in September and one in March—and they occur at seasonal transition points, determining the first day of fall and the first day of spring.

Translated from Latin, the word *equinox* means "equal night." However, this is not a precise definition. During an equinox, day and night are *nearly* equal in length. Thanks to light refraction and the fact that even a small portion of the sun peeking above the horizon lights the sky, day slightly edges out night on these days. When day and night are exactly 12 hours each, that is called an *equilux*, meaning "equal light." Though the date of an equilux depends on your latitude (and never occurs on the equator), it usually falls a few days before a spring equinox and a few days after an autumn equinox. Let's switch from astronomy to accounting and review the August Cash Flow Statement.

Income was \$30.00 from the August meeting 50/50 raffle and expenses were \$20.00 to cover the lunch cost of our speaker, Bill Warner, and his wife. \$150.00 was paid to Holiday Inn to reserve a room for our Christmas Meeting/Luncheon. As a result, on 1 September, we have \$4,273.72 in available funds in our bank account

Our Budget Versus Actuals for August still has our income "Actuals" tracking well against "Budget" at this point. At the end of the year, I anticipate a slight negative variance in dues collection" since our member numbers have dropped off. Expenses and Donations indicate no variance so far. I anticipate a slight overall negative variance on the current approved budget as we finish up the fiscal year in December. Having said that we have activities planned for the fourth quarter of our year that require an increase in the "Outings" budget authorization. In October a trip to Tallahassee to tour a car museum is planned and the cost of transportation that the club will fund will be approximately \$300.00. In December the club is hosting a Christmas lunch at the Holiday Inn (US 17 and I-295). The room reservation cost is \$150.00, and the lunch meal will cost \$32.25/person. The club will underwrite \$17.25 of the cost leaving each attendee to pay \$15.00 per person. Assuming that we would have 36 attendees the total cost to the club would be just under \$800.00. These two activities require approximately \$1,100.00 and since we have \$300.00 already authorized in the budget, Ken is going to ask at the September meeting for a vote to increase the budget for "Outings" by \$800.00 bringing the total for that line to \$1,100.00. This will result in a negative variance at the end of the year of approximately \$800.00 with an estimated \$3,500.00 in available funds as of 1 January 2024