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CELEBRATING 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**LUNCH MEETING: August 8th at 11:00 AM at J L Trent's Seafood
Restaurant at 4553 120th Street, Jacksonville.**

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Is Your Region Prepared to Recruit New Members?

When your region or chapter holds a local car show, that is your best opportunity to recruit new members. The people attending your show are there because they already have an interest in antique cars. If your event is open to non-members, those who have registered and are showing their cars are already willing to participate. These are the folks you should be engaging about how much you enjoy being an AACA member and that they should think about joining.

Now, don't be caught empty-handed at this point! Make sure your region has something to hand out to potential new members. When you are planning your event, be sure to reach out to National Headquarters to get a supply of materials to help you.

All of these items are available to you at no charge:

- AACA National Membership Brochure
- AACA National Membership Application
- Mustang Car Cutouts
- AACA Region Membership Brochure
- AACA National Military Membership Program Brochure & Application

All the membership materials **except the Military Brochure & Application** are available in packages of 50. You can request the number of Military Brochure & Applications you want to receive. If this is your first time requesting the military information, we suggest 25 to start. You can always request more.

NEW MEMBERS ON PAGE ONE: ARTICLE FROM AACA SPEEDSTER NEWSLETTER. WE HAVE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC..IF WE CAN HAVE A LARGER TURNOUT OF CARS FOR THE NEXT TWO SHOWS...THE "CREEK" ANSD "CECIL IN THE PINES" ALONG WITH OUR CLUB SIGNAGE, I THINK WE COULD ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS...(YR. EDITOR)

KEN NOTES THAT WOODY HAS TRAVELED TO CHICAGO FOR FURTHER TREATMENT OF HIS LUNG AND KIDNEY PROBLEMS. DURING HIS RECUPERATION AND CONTINUED TREATMENT OF HIS BLOOD DISORDERS, HE WILL BE STAYING WITH HIS SON FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.. THAT ADDRESS IS CHESTER WITCZAK 6526 W. CLARENCE AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60631

KEN HAS MANY MAGAZINES TO DONATE TO THOSE INTERESTED... HE STIL HAS HIS "ANTIQUE JUICERS" FOR SALE PERHAPS HE CAN BRING THOSE TO OUR LUNCH MEETING.

IN THE MINUTES FOR THIS MONTH THERE IS THE NOTICE OF "CHANGING OF THE GUARD" OF LONG TIME CLUB OFFICERS. **MY NAME DID NOT COME UP!!!** AS I HAD MISSED THAT MEETING. LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I WOULD GLADLY WELCOME A SUCCESSOR...(I CAN DREAM !!!)

Fuel For Thought

By Ralph Towner

Maintaining your collector car's fuel system is vital for safe-ty as well as avoiding highway breakdowns and costly repairs. **A gasoline leak of any kind is one too many.** Over time, fuel lines, connections, the fuel pump and the gasoline tank can develop leaks. If it is leaking at a connection, be sure the connectors are tight. If the end of a rubber hose is frayed, there is usually enough excess hose to cut off the damaged end and re-clamp. Internal rot of fuel lines, fuel pump, or the tank will mean a costly repair of your time or repair shop labor and parts costs... it's not a cheap hob-by, but it must be done to keep running.

Should I use ethanol free gas? If your vehicle is pre 1976, and has never had the rubber fuel lines replaced, yes. Even if you have taken precautions, it is best to use ethanol free gasoline when possible. Your antique car engine will likely run better as well as get better mileage, offsetting some of the higher price for non-ethanol.

Gas has an expiration date. Aging gasoline rarely becomes a problem over the passage of a month, but much longer than that can cause some bad issues. If the old gas sits long enough, it can leave a gummy residue that will require a professional to remove.

A tank should be filled prior to an extended storage. Both "Stabil" and the Isopropanol (check the label) version of "HEET" brand or equivalent fuel additives should be added to stabilize the fuel and prevent water condensation, particularly if the gasoline contains ethanol.

Should I use lead replacement additives? No. Lead lubes the valves somewhat but the main cause of premature valve failure is lower octane fuel. Rather than spend money on useless additives, use premium gas. If a valve job is needed, use hardened valve seats. Also, look for the words, "Top tier gas" on the pumps. Some of the off brand gasoline stations offer top tier as well. Again, look for the designation on the pump.

THANK YOU TO OIL CAN NEWSLETTER, LAKE CITY FL FOR THIS ARTICLE

**AACA MINUTES – JULY 11, 2024
BOB EVANS RESTAURANT**

CALL TO ORDER: KEN LAWSON

PLEDGE – CHRIS PARKER

MINUTES: JOAN WAGNER – PUBLISHED IN NEWSLETTER

Motion by Rob Daly, Second by Bill Gillespie. All in Favor

TREASURER REPORT: PREPARED BY WOODY, READ BY KEN LAWSON.

BALANCE: \$3748.40. We plan to make donations of \$100 each to Rodhaven, and First Coast Council. Motion by Gerry Geddings, Second by Richard Wagner, All in Favor.

ATTENDANCE: 21. – Richard & Joan Wagner, Gerry & Kris Geddings, Dan & Pat Baxter, Ken & Carol Lawson, Sandy Wintz, Bill Gillespie, Bob & Sheryl Rogers, Rob & Brenda Daly, Bob & Katherine Easley, Chris Parker, John Vanatta, Jim Orth & Cathy. (Guest) Joyce Hernandez.

BIRTHDAYS: Sheryl Rogers, 7/24; Dee Scott 7/31

ANNIVERSARIES: Wagners', Schudels'

SICK: Woody. He was sick and receiving blood transfusions prior to leaving for Alaska. Since arriving in Alaska, he has been hospitalized several times for blood disorder, (now diagnosed with Leukemia), lung issues, and kidney issues. Leukemia is incurable, and will be an uphill battle. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

NEW BUSINESS: Upcoming Election of Officers.

We are at a crossroads this year. Due to Woody's health issues, he will be resigning the Treasurer position. He has faithfully served the club for 8 years. Also, our Fearless Leader, Ken Lawson, will be stepping down as President. He has served for 7 years, and is ready to pass the mantle. We will be nominating new officers at September Meeting, and Election will be held in October. We need everyone's help for our Club to continue to thrive.

Discussion regarding driving our old cars on our busy roadways. Jacksonville has recently opened a new "Greenway" A representative from club is going to contact the Mayor's office for permission to use this for an outing with our cars.

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EVENTS:

2 nd Saturday - COFFEE & OCTANE – AVENUES MALL

Rob Daly attends this event, and will have our Club Banner to attract new members.

SEPT 14 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL - WHITT’S 6 PM (MANDARIN)

OCT 5 CRUISING TO THE CREEK. (Richard Wagner has Registration forms.)

NOV 9 CECIL PINES 10:00-2:00

CAR STORIES – BILL GILLESPIE

Brought some car cleaning products (Available on Amazon – See him for information.

JIM ORTH: Had an oil leak under SSR. Thought it was major problem, but found the oil filter had not been properly tightened.

50/50 \$44.00 \$22.00- PAT BAXTER (Donated to Club)

DOOR PRIZE: Kris Geddings

AUGUST MEETING – TRENTS SEAFOOD - (Always Good Food!!!!)

BIRTHDAYS:

DEBBIE HODGES AUG 8
ROB DALY AUG 16
KEN LAWSON AUG 21
CAROL LAWSON AUG 23

ANNIVERSARIES:

THE EASLEYS AUG 14
THE ORTHS (IN MEM) AUG 22
THE BENDETTIS AUG 26

MYSTERY BIRTHDAY BOY.....



WOODYISMS

July is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at August through the windshield. What August lacks in federal holidays it makes up for by the fact that August is seemingly one big vacation holiday. Everyone is taking vacation days at the beach, at national parks, or by the fire at a campsite. While there may not be big holidays this month, you can celebrate the end of summer in the hammock with your favorite cold beverage.

Many county fairs are held this month. The timing of many of them is intentionally set to coincide with the harvest season. 4H club members proudly display their fruits and vegetables. Check with your local fairs for dates.

The [Annual Perseid Meteor Shower](#) lights up the night sky this month. The peak days are August 12-13. However, you can see them for a couple of weeks before and after those dates. Look for these little bits and pieces of space debris and dust as they enter the earth's atmosphere and burn up. When you see one make a wish. As the words from a Disney song go "When you wish upon a star your dreams come true".

During August, there are a handful of religious holidays. The month starts off with Lughnasa (or Lughnasadh) on August 1—a Gaelic festival celebrating the beginning of the harvest season. Lughnasa is celebrated throughout Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man. It has pagan roots and is still celebrated in [Pagan and Wiccan](#) communities today. Closely connected to Lughnasa is Lammas Day, or Loaf Mass Day, also observed on August 1—a Christian holiday celebrating the new wheat crop, it's a tradition to bring a loaf of bread made from the grains of the first crops to church to be blessed.

A Jewish holiday also falls during the month of August: Tu B'av. It's a more minor—but very joyful—Jewish holiday and falls on August 18 in 2024. Considered to be a holiday of love, Tu B'av is the Jewish equivalent of [Valentine's](#) Day, and a day of many [romantic](#) celebrations like weddings and proposals.

There is also an important Christian holiday in August: The Assumption of Mary, or the Feast of the Assumption. Celebrated in 2024 on August 15, this holy day commemorates the belief that after the Virgin Mary died, her body ascended into Heaven where she was reunited with Jesus Christ. In addition to honoring the Blessed Mother in church, different cultures celebrate the feast with varying traditions, like blessing the summer harvest, having colorful parades or festivals, or fireworks.

The first [full moon](#) in August, called the Sturgeon Moon, will rise on Aug. 19, 2024, according to the [Farmer's Almanac](#). The August full moon got its name from the prehistoric-looking sturgeon fish, found in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. It's also the first of four full supermoons in 2024.

Let's take a look at the at the July Cash Flow Summary. The only activity was income from the July meeting which produced \$22.00 from the 50/50 drawing and a donation of \$22.00. We had no expenses during July, so as of 1 August we have available funds of \$3,792.40.

The Budget versus Actuals Report does not indicate any significant variance at this time. I anticipate that our actuals by the end of the year will be within our proposed budget.

Finally, attached is an updated roster for your file.

Our next meeting is August 8th at 11:00 AM at J L Trent's Seafood Restaurant at 4553 120th Street, Jacksonville. Mark your calendar as a reminder to attend.

Regards, WOODY