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05/09 LUNCH AT SANDOLLAR ON HECKSHER DRIVE



HAPPY CAMPERS AT WASHINGTON OAKS...CHRIS SAID..." THE GROUP HAD A GREAT DAY, TOO BAD THE REST OF THE CLUB MISSED OUT"

ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

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50/50

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PREZ KEN SENT PHOTOS OF HILLCREST BAPTIST WITH FEW CARS IN ATTENDANCE...TOO MANY EVENTS !!! OUR EVENTS FOR THE MONTH...4/17 PLAYERS CRUZ, 4/19 SSR MEET ST.AUGUSTINE. 4/24 WASHINGTON OAKS EVENT..4/27 FCCJ CAR SHOW DOWNTOWN...4/17 HILLCREST SHOW

4/17 PLAYERS (CLUB SPONSORED) 14 TOTALCARS, OF WHICH WERE 5 CLUB CARS WITH 6 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE...WE NEED TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT !



AACA MEETING APRIL 11, 2024 – OLIVE GARDEN, ORANGE PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Ken Lawson

PLEDGE: Woody Witczak

MINUTES: Prepared by Joan Wagner, Secretary, Published in Newsletter.

Motion to Accept: Woody, Seconded by Chris Parker. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Woody gave everyone a copy, Income was \$118.00, Balance \$3645.47.

We are tracking with budget. Motion to Accept: Chris Parker, Seconded by Kris Geddings, Motion Carried.

BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner, 4/2, Pat Schudel, 4/29.

NO ANNIVERSARIES TO REPORT

SICK: Wayne Hodges was home for 3 days, but returned to UF for surgery for 2 Pulmonary Blood Clots.

ATTENDANCE: 18 (WEATHER WAS BAD) Woody Witczak, Dan Lyman, Jim McCrory, Richard & Joan Wagner, Stephanie Forquer, Chris Parker, Kris & Gerry Geddings, Sandy & Erling Onsager, Bill Gillespie, Dee Scott, Ken & Carol Lawson, Robert & Kathryn Easley. (Guest) Joyce Hernandez (Easley's Daughter)

OLD BUSINESS:

Azalea Festival March 2 This year 5 cars caravanned to Green Cove Springs, and Dave Pinter came later. Only 14 cars were there at 10:30, and the overall total was 36. This is usually a big show. Our group received 3 awards out of 20 Top Awards.

Dan Lyman Discussed article he gave us from Desoto Club, on how to get Young People interested in Car Clubs.

Players Grill. Our first Cruise in was March 17 at 4pm, 3rd Wed. There were a few issues to address, but there were 38 cars. We need our members to attend, Also, help needed to sell 50/50 tickets, and parking assistance. Total collected was \$92.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Picnic at Washington Oaks State Park, the 24th. Those on Westside meet at Green Cove, 9:00, Leave 9:30-- Eastside meet at Buddy Boys 10:00, Leave 10:30. \$5 per car. Bring Box lunch, chairs and walking shoes.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED.

Dee Scott mentioned a Car Show for Sat, April 27 from 9-1 at FSCJ, sponsored by the Automotive Repair Division.

Richard Wagner, passed out applications for Cruising to the Creek Oct. 5th, and Rev It Up Moosehaven May 11th.

NEXT MEETING: SANDOLLAR. Meet at Gate Gas 10:15.

We discussed moving our October 10th meeting to Mandola's Italian Kitchen. Address 11112 San Jose Blvd. (Claire Shopping Plaza)

Ken has Plenty of stuff to give away.

CAR STORY: Bill Gillespie recently attended a Packard Meet at Mt Dora.

**50/50 \$62.00 – \$31.00 to Robert Easley
Door Prize: Kris Geddings, (Spot Mirrors)**

No Further business, Adjourned.

BILL AND BRENDA LOST HIS DAD LAST MONTH AT THE GOLDEN AGE OF 101...HE WAS CERTAINLY OF THE "GREATEST GENERATION "

Wilbur E. (Bill) Daly, age 101, of Jacksonville, passed into heaven on April 21, 2024. Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 18, 1922. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Mary E. Daly, his son, Robert C. Daly (Brenda) and his daughter, Mary Ann Daly. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, several sisters-in-law, and multiple nieces and nephews

In October 1942, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was a World War II Veteran of the 33rd Fighter Group and served with the Flying Tigers during the China-Burma-India Theater as a flight engineer on the B-25 Mitchell. Bill received an honorable discharge in March 1946 at the rank of Sergeant.

He served as a Sunday School teacher of middle school boys at Terry Parker Baptist Church (1960-1970) and later as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville in the 1980's.

His career was predominately in sales. Some of the companies he worked for were J.C. Penney and H & WB Drew Company. In 1994 he retired from United Business Systems where he excelled in sales of medical record systems.

When he retired, Bill volunteered at Catholic Charities and at ElderSource with the SHINE program. He enjoyed working with wood and stained glass. He especially enjoyed making bird houses. Some of his bird houses won awards which were auctioned off to support non-profits like HabiJax. He also enjoyed working in his yard. He loved tending to the birds that visited his well-stocked feeders and lived in his "rent-free" birdhouses.



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THEY REPORT THAT THEY HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE RALLY. 4 DAYS OF ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AND DRIVING OUR SSR ON THE STREETS OF ST. AUGUSTINE...WE HAD 270 PEOPLE AND 128 SSR TRUCKS FROM 25 STATES

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The World Of Business

Electric Firm Offers Battery-Power Car

LOS ANGELES, April 4 (AP) — A two-passenger, battery-powered vehicle called the Markette, designed for use on streets but not on freeways, was introduced today by Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The Markette, an enclosed jeep-shaped car with a top speed of 25 miles an hour, has a range of 50 miles between chargings of its 12 six-volt lead-acid batteries.

The batteries can be recharged overnight from 110-volt receptacles.

Spokesmen said the car uses a penny's worth of electricity to travel a mile and batteries should be good for two years before replacement at a cost of about \$300.

It is expected the first few hundred vehicles will be purchased by community developers and research groups. Early models will be priced under \$2,000.

KEN SENT THIS CLIPPING FROM 1967....IN RELATED NEWS HERTZ CHARGES TESLA MODEL 3 RENTER \$277 FEE FOR GAS, WON'T BACK DOWN ON THIS CHARGE TO "FILLUP THE GAS TANK" ?????

WOODYISMS

April is in the rearview mirror and we're looking at May through the windshield.

As the old saying goes, April showers bring May flowers. If you weren't already eager to get outside and soak up everything Mother Nature has to offer, May is National Wildflower Month, so it's the perfect time to go on a nature walk in your area.

Finally, let's not forget about this month's headliners:

For the horse set, May 4th is the running of the Kentucky Derby.

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo which celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's defeat of the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It's become a celebration of Mexican American culture in the U.S. Food, drink and remembering Mexican heritage are the highlights of the U.S. festivities.

This year, Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 12. The card and flower-filled holiday is on a different date every year, but always takes place on the second Sunday in May. The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Armed Forces Day, celebrated on the third Saturday of May (May 18th this year) honors all active-duty military while Veterans Day (celebrated in November) honors all those who have served in the military. There are around 1.3 million Americans that actively serve in the United States military today.

For many people, the Summer season unofficially kicks off on the last weekend of May, or Memorial Day. Memorial Day is one of 11 federal holidays observed each year and is set aside to honor and remember military servicemen and women whose lives were lost while serving their country. Those who have lost family or friends also use the occasion to visit the graves of their loved ones, leaving flowers or other mementos of remembrance and respect.

Let's review April's Cash Flow Summary. We had income of \$62.00 comprised of \$43.00 from 50/50 drawings at the April meeting and the Player's Cruise-In. Our only expense was \$53.50 which was the pavilion rental for the outing to Washington Oaks State Park. As a result, as of May 1st, we have \$3,653.90 available funds in our bank account.

A review of the Budget versus Actuals report indicates that our income is slightly negative due to a lower donation total at this point. I don't anticipate that this will impact our income total as we move through the rest of the year. Expenses at this point are tracking to Budget and I anticipate at this point that expenses will stay within Budget.

Our next meeting is May 9th at 11:00 AM at the Sandollar Restaurant, 9716 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, 32226.

Regards,

Woody Witczak