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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015
AT SANTIONI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT - 3535 HWY 17, FLEMING
ISLAND STARTING 5:30 P.M.**

Minutes

AACA Northeast Florida Region

Thursday, April 9, 2015 - Fisherman's Galley - Jacksonville, FL.

Members in Attendance

Marlin Crider and Linda Crider, Joel & Karel Daniel., Lloyd & Sharol Hoffman, Ken & Carol Lawson, Charlie Sauls, Alan & Elinor Snow, Jon & Mary Vanatta, Woody & Mary Ann Witzsack, Mark Mosconi & Andy Clayman, David Cage, Karen Altomare and Kris Langford.

President Lloyd Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. March minutes and treasurer's report was approved and accepted. Just to clear up, the amount given to Rodehaver Boys Ranch was 14 thousand, not million. We are continuing to look for a place for our annual car show since PDQ wanted us but Chase and Mayo said no. Don't forget the Riverside - Avondale tour on the 24 and 25.

The Clay County Fair had 27 to 30 cars and the weather was nice and cool. Both Marlin and Charlie won blue ribbons.

One of the winners of this years ONE SPARK, "Rethreaded" needs old tee shirts. They are working with the PT Cruiser Club. The Florida Senate is trying to put through a bill to tax all automobiles based on mileage. Write your Congressman for AGAINST!!!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 at Santioni's on Fleming Island. Mary Vanatta won the 50/50 and Sandy Wintz missed out on the attendance award.

Respectfully submitted
Elinor Snow



MAY BIRTHDAYS

MARK BECKER	MAY 9
JOHN FLANNERY	MAY 14
MARY ANN WITCZAK	MAY 18
ELLIS ULRICH	MAY 23
JANICE BENEDETTI	MAY 25
MARGIE SAULS	MAY 26
WOODY WITCZAK	MAY 31

MAY MARRIAGES

AL & FAYE HEYN MAY 10



WEEKLY CRUISE-INS

1ST. SAT. - K-MART AT KINGSLEY & BLANDING BLVD.

2ND. SAT.- MORNING KARS/KOFFEE - TIMES UNION BLDG

2ND SAT. - 11701 SAN JOSE BLVD. - MANDARIN MEDICAL PLAZA

3RD. SAT - DICK'S WINGS - A1A - FERNANDINA BEACH

4TH. SAT- HISTORIC MAIN STREET CRUISE-IN

5TH. SAT- LOOP PIZZA GRILL - SADLER RD. & 14TH ST. - FERNANDINA BEACH

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING - 7-9 A.M. CARS & COFFEE CRUISE @ KRISPY KREME - SAN JOSE BLVD.

MY CLASSIC CAR

OWNER: Chester "Woody" & Mary Ann Witczak

CAR'S YEAR, MAKE & MODEL: 1985 Mercedes Benz, 280SL

OWNER SINCE: AUGUST 1985

HOW YOU CAME TO OWN IT: I was stationed in Germany and had decided to look for a 1970's Mercedes SL to bring back to the states to restore. I had been scouring the papers and used car lots for the right car when an ad in the Giessen newspaper advertised a SL for sale no year or price. I went to look at it and when the woman at the address showed me the car, I immediately told her that I wasn't interested. It was new and it was much more than I wanted to pay. She told me we haven't even discussed price, but please take it out for a drive. I said no, but she said please just drive it. So I took it for a quick spin around the block and brought it back and said it is beautiful, and brand new (only 600KM on the speedometer I noticed) but it is going to be far more than I want to pay for a car at this time. She told me the price; I was shocked and thought perhaps I misunderstood and asked if she would tell me the price in English. What she was asking was the equivalent of \$14,000.00. I told her that the car was worth far more than that. She told me that she and her husband were getting divorced and he wanted the car. The title was in her name only and she was determined that he wasn't going to get the car. What she was asking was the amount necessary to pay off the bank loan. At this point I decided that a 1985 SL at this price was what I wanted. The next day I showed up at her door with 40,000 DM in a brief case (she wanted cash only) with a letter indicating that she had set the price and she understood the purchase price was far below market value. I left that day in August 1985 with my SL. I shipped it back to the USA in July 1987 and had it converted to meet US DOT specifications

HISTORY OF CAR: Manufactured in Stuttgart Germany in January 1985 and sold through Mercedes Benz Dealer in Giessen Germany to a resident of Giessen in June 1985. I purchased the car in August 1985 and had it shipped from Bremerhaven Germany in June 1987 through Port Lauderdale to Tampa, Florida. It was converted in Tampa to meet US DOT specifications and I picked it up in August 1987 and brought it to Fort Polk, LA where I was stationed at the time. The car has been in my possession since then.

AWARDS: NONE – It has been my "summer tanning machine" and had never thought about entering it in a show.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

SATURDAY, MAY 2 - NORTH FLORIDA CHEVY SHOW - GORDON CHEVROLET IN ORANGE PARK
9 A.M. - 2 P.M. \$25 INCLUDES MEAL TICKET

SATURDAY, MAY 2 - SECOND ANNUAL PEDALS & PAWS - JAGUAR CLUB OF NO. JACKSONVILLE
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. RIVERPLACE SHOPPING CTR. 11111 SAN JOSE BLVD.

SATURDAY, MAY 16 & SUNDAY, MAY 17 - 2015 ARMED FORCES DAY CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
10 A.M. - 2 P..M. MILITARY MUSEUM - S.R. 16 E. GREEN COVE SPRINGS

SATURDAY - MAY 23 - NIMNICHT CHEVROLET ALL CHEVY AND CORVETTE CAR SHOW

SATURDAY - MAY 30 - FIRST COAST CAR COUNCIL BREWERY TOUR AND CAR SHOW
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. - BUSCH BREWERY - 111 BUSCH DR. - JACKSONVILLE

GO TO CAR.COUNCIL.ORG TO DOWNLOAD ANY FLYERS FOR THE SHOWS

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