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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12,
2015 AT SANTIONI'S RESTAURANT - 3535 HWY 17, FLEMING
ISLAND, FL. DINNER AT 6:00 - MEETING AT 7:00.**

Minutes
AACA Northeast Florida Region - Thursday, October 8, 2015 - Bella Vita Restaurant - Jacksonville

Members in Attendance

Karen Altomare, Al Heyn, Joel & Karel Daniel, Lloyd & Sharol Hoffman, Ken & Carol Lawson, , Alan & Elinor Snow, Richard & Janice Bendetti , Ralph & Kathy Masse and Rob Daly.

President Lloyd Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. The Treasurers report was reviewed and the September minutes were accepted. Faye Heyn had two knee replacements and is doing well. Upcoming birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Lloyd and Elinor gave updates of our September 19 car show. We talked about how much to give to the Charities and to the upcoming Cecil Pines show. A decision will be made of the amount at our November meeting. We had 57 participants at our show and didn't make much profit. Brookdale Retirement home will be on Oct. 10 and we are hoping for at least 15 cars.

The Lunch Bunch went to Arden's and had a great meal! Al Heyn reminded us about next years Clay County Fair which will take place on April 3, 2016. Only cars 1970 and older can be displayed. More to come.

Election of Officers will be coming up soon. Please think about who you might put up for nominations beginning in November. So far only Joel Daniel said he would run for President and Ken Lawson will again run for V.P. If anyone is interested in any of the positions, please let us know at the next meeting

The date of January 14 was chosen for our annual Holiday Party there will be no "free dues" this coming year. Club dues are due in January.

The 50/50 of \$24 was won by Sharol Hoffman and nobody won the attendance award.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor Snow, Secretary

UPCOMING SHOWS

Saturday - Nov. 7 - Classic Coastal Cruisers - Darien, GA.

Sunday - Nov. 8 - Cool Car Corral - 11 am - 2 pm - Jewish Community Alliance- San Jose Blvd.

Saturday - Nov 14- 9 am - 2 pm - Brewery Tour Show - FCCC - 111 Busch Dr..

Saturday - Nov .21 - Ancient City Auto Club - 31st. Annual Car Show - at Florida School for Deaf & Blind



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KAREL DANIEL	NOV. 3
CHUCK WINTZ	NOV. 4
KRIS LANGFORD	NOV. 8
EVELYN RIGSBY	NOV. 12
BOB RUTLEDGE	NOV. 17

NOVEMBER MARRIAGES

WOODY & MARY ANN WITCZAK	NOV. 21
CHUCK & SANDY WINTZ	NOV. 30



WEEKLY CRUISE-INS

1ST. SAT. - NEAR HOME DEPOT - 1919 WELLS RD. - ORANGE PARK

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.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT - 5:00 P.M. PDQ RESTAURANT - STATE RD. 13, FRUITCOVE.

1950 Trunk Emblems by Marlin Crider

I suppose anyone who has owned an antique automobile has had a part or emblem that needed replacing but was unable to do so. This was my case with the trunk lid emblem on my DeSotos. They deteriorated due to heat and sun. Since I had never been to a car show and seen a decent emblem (plus owning four cars), I decided to try and replace or reproduce the emblem. I ran an ad in DeSoto Adventurers with no success, but did receive permission from our club to contact any member I thought would be interested. Little did I realize what was in store; I received over 100 responses. One member who responded stated he had an NOS emblem he was going to put on his convertible; however with a rather hefty deposit I was able to borrow the emblem for a sample.

The next step was to try and find someone who could reproduce the emblem. Since I am retired, Gladys and I attended most of the NASCAR races from New York to California and made several contacts without success. My son and I were at the Sprint Car Nationals in Knoxville, Iowa and mentioned my problem to a friend. He said he knew someone who could help. On our way home we stopped by and met George McVey in Merrian, Kansas. When I walked into his office and saw the display of emblems, I knew this was "the Man" to reproduce my emblem.

After looking at the emblem he said he would contact me with information for reproduction. In a few days I received his quote and had my first heart attack. The price for the mold would be \$8,000 plus painting, shipping, etc. I contacted all the members again, estimated the price would be at least \$100 if I could get 100 orders. The response was sufficient and, after receiving the money from members, signed the contract.

In about two months I received the most beautiful emblem ever seen. It was nicer than the NOS piece used for the sample. It took about three years to complete the project. In 1997, at the National DeSoto Convention in Terre Haute, IN., I received the Achievement Award for the project.

Several members who were so well satisfied sent additional money to be sure the project was completed. One mistake I made was not ordering extra emblems. I still get calls and requests for additional emblems. The paint is no longer available. It was declared a hazardous material by the EPA.

If you ever do a reproduction project, be prepared for some surprises.

