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CELEBRATING 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

PREZ SEZ : AS WE ARE AWARE, IN THE RECENT PAST, DEPENDING ON THE RESTAURANT, WE'VE BEEN STARTING OUR MEETINGS WHILE THE WAIT STAFF WAS SERVING DRINKS, TAKING FOOD ORDERS ETC. DURING THAT TIME, WE THE MEMBERS, HAVE BEEN TALKING AND VISITING AND OFTEN TIMES NOT AWARE OF THE CONVERSATION ON THE FLOOR REGARDING THE PLANNING OF CLUB ACTIVITIES.

FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, I AM PLANNING TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING AS THE EATING PORTION OF OUR MEAL "WINDS DOWN". WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COURTESY, ATTENTION, AND PARTICIPATION AS WE ARE PLANNING ACTIVITIES AT A FASTER PACE AND NEED TO ADDRESS ALL PERTINENT ISSUES AND DETAILS...INCLUDING CLUB RESOURCES IN ORDER TO "FUN DRIVING EVENTS"

THANK YOU,

KEN

BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD WAGNER 4/21

PATRICK SCHUDEL 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE TO REPORT

AACA MINUTES – MARCH 14, 1014 – BOB EVANS

CALL TO ORDER: Ken Lawson

PLEDGE: Jim Orth

MINUTES PUBLISHED IN NEWSLETTER. Motion: Chris Conover, 2nd Rick Wyman. All in Favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Lawson gave report in absence of Woody. Our Balance is \$3554.80. Copies of report given to everyone. Motion: Ken Lawson, 2nd Richard Wagner. All in Favor.

ATTENDANCE: 23

Richard & Joan Wagner, Bill Gillespie, Jerry & Mary Johnson, Linda Crider, Sandy Wintz, Bob & Katherine Easley, Dee Scott, Ken & Carol Lawson, Chris Conover, Sandy & Erling Onsager, Rick Wyman, Dan Lyman, Chris Parker, Stephanie Forquer, Jim McCrory, Jim Orth, Pat Schudel, and Richard Bendetti.

SICK: Wayne Hodges in Brooks Rehab slowly recovering., and Woody not feeling well.

BIRTHDAYS: Carolyn Lyman, 3/10, Marissa Pinter, 3/13, Carol Wyman, Katherine Easley, 3/22, Peggy Cirino, 3/27.

NO ANNIVERSARIES

OLD BUSINESS: We had a nice drive on February 29th to Corky Bells in Palatka. WE had 12 people and 4 collector cars. The meal was great with good service, and we enjoyed visiting with one another.

AZALEA FESTIVAL CAR SHOW. Our club had 5 members in attendance, Rick Wyman (61 Studebaker), Jim Orth (04 SSR), Pat Schudel (63 Studebaker), Ken Lawson (53 Packard) David Pinter (99 Porsche). There were only 37 cars at the show, a big disappointment for the Azalea Cruisers.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The first club cruise in will be March 20 at Players, San Jose. Chris Conover start at 4pm – 7pm. The food will be discounted. We will sell 50/50 tickets to benefit the club, and we will need help with parking.

Chris Parker has checked out a nice place for a Picnic in April. Washington State Park, near Marineland. Admission is \$5.00 per car. They have Pavilions, Grills, Nature trails, etc. Each family will provide their own food.

SHOW & TELL

Chris Parker brought a pair of pliers he ran over which went through his tire on his Thunderbird.

Bill Gillespie finally was able to bring his 41 Packard. He has a few little things left to do.

50/50 - \$31.50 Jim Orth

Door Prize Drawing to Chris Conover.

We had 8 cars at this meeting. It's getting warmer, so let's bring them out to our functions.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS.

Submitted by Joan Wagner, Secretary.

CRUISE IN AT PLAYERS---MARCH 20, 2024

March 20, from 3-7pm, was our first AACCA Cruise In at Players Grille. The weather was great, warm with no rain and plenty of music, and good food.

We had 32 Cars show up, (8 from our club). Those who attended were Jerry Johnson, Richard Bendetti, Chris Parker, Ken Lawson, Dee Scott, Richard & Joan Wagner, Gerry Geddings, and Erling Onsager. Chris Conover provided the music, 50's & 60's style, which kept the parking lot "Rocking".

A big Thanks to the Sunshine Chevelle Cruiser's for their nice representation to support this event. Let's get the word out so we can have more cars at the next cruise in the Third Wednesday, April 18 4:00 – 7:00pm, at Players.

50/50 Drawing went to Jerry Johnson \$45.00.

A BIG THANK YOU TO CHRIS PARKER FOR SETTING THIS UP!! Let's get behind his endeavor and make this a huge success.

DAN LYMAN SUBMITTED
ARTICLE FROM DESOTO CLUB

Having just turned 31 myself, I am extremely excited to present this issue of *DeSoto Adventures*, highlighting some of the club's younger DeSoto owners! And on the note of this issue, I had such a great response, from teenagers to younger families, that I omitted the tech advisor and chapter information for one issue just to fit everything in; if you need to reference that information, you can either find it in the previous issue or on the club website at www.desoto.org.

It's quite common to go to shows or read magazine articles where a popular topic of discussion is what the future of the hobby holds. While there are other factors that may affect the future of the hobby, not all hope is lost and I hope that is evident after reading through this issue. I'd also like to offer a few thoughts of my own as a younger person very involved with shows and the hobby in general.

When I was at Chryslers at Carlisle this past summer, they had a "State of the Hobby" address with a number of speakers from different areas of the hobby. NDC member Mike McCandless (owner of McCandless Antique Auto and son of the famous racer Herb McCandless) had a great statement regarding car show etiquette. While this applies in a more general sense as well, he talked about how, when looking at a car at a show, comments and opinions should either be only positive or else kept to oneself. That kid with the ratty car might have spent two years saving up just to drag it out of a field and then spent the next six months working non-stop to get it out on the road. For as exciting of a moment as that would be for the young owner, that could easily be completely snuffed out in the blink of an eye with the wrong kind of feedback and boom - they have suddenly become anti-show, anti-club, and may even be discouraged enough to sell the car. **If you want the clubs and hobby to survive, offer only helpful and positive feedback; even small gestures can leave lasting impressions for a kid. The same courtesy should be extended on the internet as well for the same reasons.**

Another thing I have observed is there are a number of younger old car owners (even DeSoto specifically) that don't belong to clubs; they feel they can get everything online and while the internet certainly has its place, a mix of all available resources is really the best answer since the club offers exclusive advantages, networking and friendships in ways you don't usually get online.

There is the portion of the younger population that has no interest in conventional shows. It can be very easy to see why that might be; what is the appeal of sitting on the hot asphalt all day with a "driver" quality car competing for a piece of plastic against a bunch of restored cars, likely enduring questions all day such as "when do you plan to paint it"? Instead, they are out cruising and hanging out with friends, much like a lot of my parents' generation did when they were younger. Those were the days of a multi-colored, rusty Roadrunner doing brakestands out in the road in front of a weekend party, a several car drag race out of the tollbooth heading to the Mopar Nationals, and hanging out at the local ice cream stand on a Friday night. That was where the fun was and that really hasn't changed; today's car youth are doing the same things.

We can all do our part. Get your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbor kid, or just a kid with his parents at a local show engaged; you may just end up with a future DeSoto owner on your hands and lasting memories to boot!

Until next time,

David Frank

BILL GILLESPIE REPORTS

PACKARD OPTION FOR THE SUPER 8 180 "THE CELLARETTE". I THOUGHT A BAR WAS AN OPTION FOR THE 41 PACKARD SUPER 8 180...MY 41 DOES HAVE THAT OPTION, IT IS VERY RARE !!!



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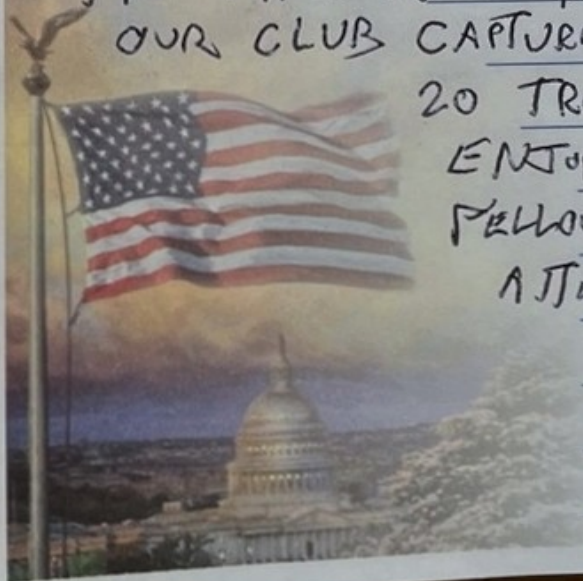


CHEERS! — We offer a toast to the New Year, non-alcoholic, of course. (You did notice that is a Canada Dry Ginger Ale in her hand.) The accessory is a "Cellarette," and the car is a 1941 One-Eighty. We hope to see you and your Packard on the road during 2004.

WINTER 12, 2014

PAT SCHUELE and KEN LAWSON
CARAVANED TO THE COVE PLAZA IN
GREEN COVE AND MET UP WITH TIM
ORTH and RICK WYMAN; ALL THEN
CARAVANED TO THE SHOW SITE. WITH
THREATENING WEATHER ONCE AGAIN,
THE EARLY ATTENDANCE WAS SLOW
AND LOW. BY 10:30 A, THERE WERE
14 CARS ON SHOW FIELD. CLUB MEMBER
DAVID PINTER ARRIVED AROUND THAT TIME
WITH 2015 PORSCHE. AROUND NOON,
THE SHOW FIELD HAD APPROX 40 CARS
OUR CLUB CAPTURED 3 % THE TOP
20 TROPHIES.

ENTRABLES SHOW, GREAT
FELLOWSHIP, JUST LOW
ATTENDANCE



AZALEA FESTIVAL



ADS AND ITEMS FOR SALE OR FREE

KEN LAWSON RECOMMENDS TOWING COMPANIES ON THE AND BELIEVE ME....HE HAS EXPERIENCE:)

KEN HAS MAGAZINES HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AWAY LOOK, LIFE, AUTO MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS....SAT. EVE POST, MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED...ETC.ETC..
CONTACT KEN 904 509 5539 VIA TEXT...



WOODYISMS

March is in the rearview mirror and we're looking forward to April through the windshield. For federal holidays in April, there's not one. So, what holidays/celebrations *are* in April 2024? So many! There's April Fool's Day (be ready with some [silly jokes for April 1](#)) and Arbor Day for nature lovers ([pick out a tree to plant](#) on April 26), as well as the religious observances of Eid-Al-Fitr (April 9) and Passover (beginning April 22).

You can also have lots of tasty fun celebrating national food days throughout the month of April, with days to honor everything from [chocolate mousse](#) (April 3) to [cheese balls](#) (April 17) to [oatmeal cookies](#) (April 30).

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Unfortunately, Florida is not in the path of the total solar eclipse. The solar eclipse will be seen in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Let's look at the Cash Flow Summary for March. Our income consisted of \$118.50 made up of proceeds from 50/50 drawings at the March meeting and the Players Cruise-in, \$78.50 and \$20.00 each in Dues and Donations collected. Our expenses were \$27.90 for supplies for the Players Cruise-In. The ending balance and available funds on March 31, 2024, is \$3,645.40.

The Budget versus Actuals report shows no significant variances at this point that should have us wind up at the end of year on Budget.

Our next meeting is on April 11th at 11:00 AM at the Olive Garden Restaurant, in the Argyle Village Shopping Center, 6050 Youngerman Circle, Orange Park, FL 32244. See you there.

Regards,

Woody