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50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

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Our next meeting is February 8th at 11:30 AM at Joseph's Pizza, 7216 N Main Street,

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CALL TO ORDER: Ken Lawson

PLEDGE; Bill Gillespie
MINUTES AS PER NEWSLETTER, MOTION: Chris Conover
Second, Dan Lyman, All in favor..

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Woody. Copies were distributed to all. December ending balance \$3554.55. We showed a budget negative variance of (\$435.56) after the \$800.00 budget increase for outings. We should maintain a \$3000 bank balance. MOTION: Richard Bendetti, Second, Jerry Johnson. All in favor.

ATTENDANCE; 23

The Witczaks', The Wagners'; Dan Lyman; Linda Crider; Sandy Wintz; Stephanie Forquer; Christopher Parker, The Bendettis'; Karel Daniel; Dee Scott; The Onsagers', The Johnsons; Bill Gillespie; Chris Conover; George Breslin; Ken Lawson; The Schudels'.
(It was nice to see Debbie Schudel, been awhile.)

BIRTHDAYS: 11th, Linda Crider, 14th, Gerry Geddings; 15th Bill Rogers; 21st Carol Wyman; 30th Jerry Johnson.
NO ANNIVERSARIES

SICK/RECOVERD - Richard & Joan Wagner Much Better. (Thanks for Card)
Wayne Hodges..(New Member - Ken's Neighbor) Cardiac Arrest at Gym, Not doing well. *He shared last meeting about his new c
Corvaire. Needs lots of prayer. (as of 02/06 he is doing better)

OLD BUSINESS; Christmas Party Huge success!!

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Conover gave updates on area car shows, and provided a list to everyone. Also discussed the possibility of Club sponsoring monthly car show at Players (Old Village Inn. Chris will check it out.

Richard Wagner & Chris are working on a February Cruise Day for Feb 29, (Thursday) to Corkey Bells E, Palatka. Details will follow.

Richard Wagner and his committee are working on a list of Restaurants for each monthly meeting, so we will know in advance where to go. Information available at the next meeting. We will keep our favorite venues and add a few

50/50 70.00 \$35.00 Debbie Schudel.
Car Story: Jerry Johnson, & Bill Gillespie

No Further Business, Meeting Adjourned...Submitted by Joan Wagner, Secretary

Subject: FIRST DRIVING TOUR FOR THIS YEAR - FEBRUARY 29, 2024

DRIVING TO CORKY BELLS, PALATKA, FL 11:00 LUNCH

9:30 AM MEET AT BUDDY BOYS COUNTRY STORE, 8430 COUNTY RD 13, 32092
PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FEB 8TH MEETING IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

REGARDS...RICHARD WAGNER

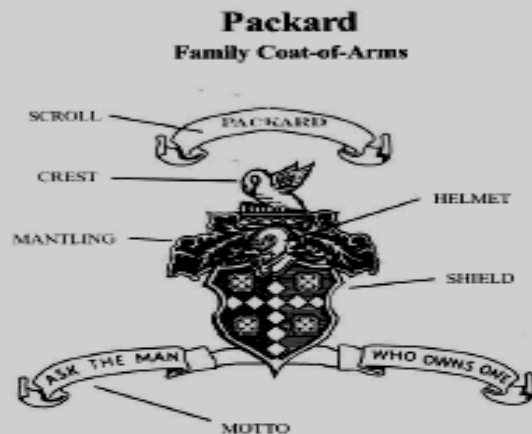
15 ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND AZALEA FESTIVAL MARCH 1 AT PALATKA RIVERFRONT PARK...
REGISTRATION AT 8 A.M., TROPHIES AT 4P.M.

CONTACT KEN LAWSON FORMORE INFO..

THE PACKARD CREST

By Dave Schmitt

In the world of automobiles, we most have a symbol or emblem such as a crest, shield or coat-of-arms. In some cases, such as Packard, Dodge, Durant and Kaiser, this symbol or trademark was based on the ancient family coat-of-arms. Have you ever looked closely at the Packard crest to see what is included in the design and wondered what the various symbols mean?



One of my special interests has long been the study of symbols, trademarks and heraldry (coat-of-arms) and I have recently researched the Packard family coat-of-arms.

The Packard family coat-of-arms adorned the famous Packard radiator in memory of James Ward and William Dowd Packard who founded the company and built the first Packard literally with their own hands. The Packard crest first appeared on the Sixth Series cars on the radiator shell and later on the dashboards, grilles, steering wheels, luggage racks and on side body panels.

The Packard coat-of-arms originated in the Middle Ages. It was brought to America by Samuel Packard who came from Windham, England in the year 1638 on the ship *Diligent*.

In the language of ancient heraldry, the arms was described as follows: "Gules a cross lozengy between four roses argent" and a crest showing a "Pelican in her piety." In modern terminology, this translates to mean: "A shield of Crimson, a cross of diamonds between four silver (white) roses." The crest is a pelican pricking blood from her breast to feed her open-mouthed brood.

The pelican is an ancient symbol of unselfishness, depicting tenderness to others. Drawing blood from her breast to feed her young is called "vulning" and thus she is "in her piety." This symbol adorns many temples and altars. Its presence denotes that the original bearer of the arms had made some great sacrifice. The roses on the shield signify hope and joy. The Cross, of which there are more than 250 forms used in heraldry, is the emblem of the Christian Church and denotes Crusader ancestry of the original grantee. The diamonds, which form the cross, symbolize wisdom, constancy and equity, or "square dealings."

The coat-of-arms is not considered complete without the mantling, helmet and scroll. The mantling represents the scarf or cloak thrown over the helmet of the knight or warrior as protection from the elements.

This description of the Packard coat-of-arms is recorded in various Heraldic Registers. The Packard Motor Car Company took the liberty of replacing the silver in the arms with gold. This may have been done to provide greater contrast with the chrome on the car.

Packard crests have become sought after by emblem collectors. Because the dies were destroyed for scrap during World War II, it has become difficult for Packard owners to find replacement medallions. The process of making or restoring the emblem is an art like the making of fine jewelry. The crests were plated in heavy gold with red and black cloisonné, which is fired enamel or glass. ♦

THANKS TO BILL GILLESPIE

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January is in the rearview mirror and with a heavy heart I lost my best friend and lover on January 27th. As I look forward to February, I am grateful for the messages of sympathy and support I have received regarding the passing of Mary Ann.

It might be the shortest month of the year, but there are still several important holidays and observances in February 2023. Valentine's Day is on February 14, of course, so you can look forward to celebrating all forms of love through cards, Valentine's Day gifts, and delicious treats. There's also the unofficial holiday of Galentine's Day on February 13, which is the day before. For the uninitiated, February 13 is designated as a day to celebrate female friendship and platonic love shared between gal pals — fittingly called Galentine's Day. Other notable February holidays include Presidents Day (February 17), Abraham Lincoln's birthday (February 12), and George Washington's birthday (February 22).

One of my personal favorite national days to celebrate, Random Acts of Kindness Day, is on February 17.

As for monthly observances, February is Black History Month, so make it a priority to celebrate, honor, reflect, and educate on the contributions of Black Americans throughout history and today. February is also American Heart Month, making it a great opportunity to focus on your heart health by cooking heart-healthy recipes and taking note of these potentially life-saving facts about your ticker. February also marks National Cancer Prevention Month and National Pet Dental Health Month.

We also get to enjoy the spectacle and fun behind Punxsutawney Phil's hypothesis on how long winter will last on Groundhog Day, which falls on February 2. Mardi Gras falls on February 21 this year, though the celebrations begin as early as January.

Yes, the see-his-shadow-or-not concept stems from Germany and the holiday, Candlemas. Early European Christians believed that if the sun came out on Candlemas (also February 2), winter would last for another six weeks.

Let's look at the Cash Flow Summary Report. We had a total of \$135.00 of income, comprised of 50/50 proceeds from the January meeting, 2024 dues collected, and donations received from members. Our expenses totaled \$86.25 which was our payment of \$25.00 for 2024 First Coast Car Council Dues and \$61.25 filing fee for our annual report to the Florida Department of State. As of February 1st, we have \$3,603.30 available funds in our bank account.

Our Budget versus Actuals so early in the year indicates no variances that require discussion.

I've attached the 2024 Club Roster for your file. Please destroy any other copies you may have and let me know if there are any corrections necessary for your entry.

Regards, Woody

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u>	DAVID PINTER	FEB 22
	SANDY WINTZ	FEB 24
	CINDY GILLESPIE	FEB 28

ANNIVERSARIES:

THE JOHNSONS	FEB 09
THE LAWSONS	FEB 22

CONGRATULATIONS ALL !!!!