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Meeting on January 11th at 11:00 AM at the Casa Amigos Mexican Bar and Grille, 11112 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL.

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DECEMBER 16 HOLIDAY PARTY:

IN ATTENDANCE AT HOLIDAY IN ORANGE PARK;
THE WITCZAKS; THE LAWSONS; THE DALYS;
THE ONSAGERS; THE GEDDINGS; THE
EASLEYS;
AND DAUGHTER, JOYCE HERNANDEZ; THE
BENDETTIS; THE VANATTAS; THE JOHNSONS;
THE GILLESPIES; THE ROGERS; KAREL
DANIEL;
LINDA CRIDER; SANDY WINTZ; DEE SCOTT;
PAT SCHUDEL.
50/50 WON BY PAT SCHUDEL TOTAL \$74= \$37
THE PARTY STARTED AT 11 A.M. WITH A SO-
CIAL HOUR TILL 12 NOON. THE VENUE WAS
SET UP IN A TASTEFUL HOLIDAY DÉCOR FOR
OUR 30 ATTENDEES (there were 3 no shows) .
DEE SCOTT PROVIDED PARTY FAVORS FOR
ALL.
AT NOON OUR BUFFET LUNCH WAS SERVED.



ACTIVITY/SUNSHINE

KRIS GEDDINGS

50/50

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ENTREES OF ROAST BEEF IN WHISKEY AU JUS AND PARMESAN CRUSTED FLOUNDER ALONG WITH TASTEFUL SIDES. MANY GREAT MEMBER PROVIDED DESERTS WERE ENJOYED BY ALL. MOST OF US USED OUR DINNER PLATES TO LOAD UP ON ALL THE VARIED DESERTS.!!!

WE CONDUCTED A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AND DISTRIBUTED THE TEN DOOR PRIZES USING THE 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS.

WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION TO THE HOLIDAY INN WAITSTAFF FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

BILL ROGERS ENDED OUR EVENT WITH A HISTORY OF THE CREATION OF THE BENZ, WHICH EVOLVED INTO MERCEDES BENZ. KARL BENZ DEVELOPED THE MOTORWAGEN IN GERMANY IN 1896. HIS WIFE, BERTHA PROVED ITS RELIABILITY BY DRIVING THE BENZ ON A 120 MILE ROUND TRIP TO VISIT HER MOTHER....BERTHA DROVE SOLO AND WAS HER OWN MECHANIC.

GREAT STORY BY BILL WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!!!

What's it Going to Take?

By Dave Anspach 2023 AACA
Secretary/Treasurer

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IN LAKE CITY, FL. SUWANEE RIVER REGION AACA
THANK YOU!

What's it going to take to get things to change? The membership of the greatest Antique Automobile Club on the planet has been steadily declining for years and nothing that has been tried has changed it. Now don't get me wrong... we aren't in great danger, but if the declining membership doesn't turn around, before long there will be a big problem.

There is an answer... it is YOU! It has probably been stated a thousand times that if every member just got one new member, our membership would double. It's a simple concept. JUST GET ONE NEW MEMBER! Surely every person out there has a family member who isn't an AACA member. Get them a membership for Christmas! Any person with even a little interest in cars will appreciate the fine issues of Antique Automobile with its excellent pictures and articles.

How about a friend or neighbor? There is a car person in your life who would love such a gift! If you don't want to give a membership, how about using a free one from your local region? Every region would love an opportunity to sign up a new member. And let's not forget those free military memberships. Here is an opportunity not only to give something to those folks who have protected our freedom, but to add to the club membership at the same time.

In both of the above cases, you are giving someone something for free! I will tell you that in both cases, do yourself a favor and fill out the form with the person present and send it in for them. I have lost a lot of prospective members due to forgetfulness.

Finally, don't forget those people you meet at car shows, cruises and on the road! Always have membership materials, promotional items and spare magazines with you. You meet prospective members everywhere! People will see how much you enjoy the hobby and they just might want to join you!

So what's it going to take to get YOU to get a new member? It's YOUR club, it's up to you to make it grow and prosper! It is the responsibility of every member. Got any other ideas on how to grow the club? Contact me or any board member! We all would love to hear what YOU THINK !!

BIRTHDAYS: GERRY GEDDINGS 01/10

 LINDA CRIDER 01/11

 SANDY ONSAGER 01/19

ANNIVERSARIES:

 THE GEDDINGS 01/22

WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO JOAN AND RICHARD WAGNER !!

NOTE: KEN LAWSON IS THINING OUT A 50 YEAR ACCUMULATION OF AUTO MAGAZINES, CLUB PERIODICALS, LOOK , LIFE, SAT EVE POST, MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED, ETC. FOR MORE INFO TEXT KEN AT 904 509 5539

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December is in the rear-view mirror and we're looking at January and a New Year through the windshield. It's a brand-new year. The big mega holidays from Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas through to the New Year celebrations are over. Here in the United States, there are two major holidays celebrated in January: New Year's Day (January 1, 2024) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15, 2024). Both are congressionally decreed federal holidays, which means that federal offices, banks, post offices, and many businesses will be closed. For Christians, January marks the end of the holiday season with the celebration of Epiphany (January 6, 2024).

But did you know that there is a special interest, hobby, or person to honor and celebrate on every day of the month? Daily observances are dedicated to things as silly and random as National Hangover Day (an observance on January 1 after spending New Year's Eve partying!), stickers, [popcorn](#) and kazoos! Some days in January are marked for honoring professional groups, pediatricians, and infusion (aka IV) nurses, and others to bring awareness to certain diseases or medical situations, like the first successful cesarean section and leprosy.

There are also entire weeks in January that are dedicated to honoring and celebrating different items or causes, like National Pizza Week and Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week, and causes that are highlighted all month long, like glaucoma awareness and human trafficking awareness and prevention.

Now that you've gotten some ideas to fill your January calendar, let's look at December's Cash Flow Summary Report. Our income totaled \$177.00 comprised of \$37.00 from the Christmas party/meeting 50/50 drawing (Pat Schudel winner), \$110.0 in 2024 dues collected and \$30.00 in member donations to the club. Our expenses or checks cleared this month totaled \$1,546.75 comprised of \$200.00 donation to American Cancer Society (Cecil Pines), \$110.00 payment to AACA for our Liability Insurance premium, and \$1,236.75 to Holiday Inn and Suites for the Christmas party. \$495.00 of the payment to Holiday Inn included the \$495.00 that was collected from the Christmas party attendees. As of January 1, 2024, we have available funds of \$3,554.55 in our bank account.

Our Budget Versus Actuals report shows a year end negative variance of \$435.56. I had estimated last month that we would finish the year with a variance of approximately \$500.00. So, for practical purposes, we finished the year on target given that the membership authorized an additional \$800.00 for outings. This additional expenditure was offset by the positive variance in 50/50 and donation income which netted us a negative variance of only \$435.56.

As we start out the New Year take the opportunity to pay your 2024 dues if you haven't already done so. You can pay the \$20.00 at our next meeting on January 11th at 11:00 AM at the Casa Amigos Mexican Bar and Grille, 11112 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL. If you can't make the meeting you can write a check for \$20.00 made out to NE FL Region AACA and mail it to me at 2305 Range Crescent CT, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

Happy New Year. May you enjoy the blessings of good health and family during 2024. Hope to see you on January 11th at the Casa Amigos Restaurant.

Regards, Woody