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LUNCH MEETING 09/12
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KEN LAWSON REPORTS:

AT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST, NOT HAVING HEARD FROM WOODY IN OVER ONE WEEK, MY FEARS BECAME INCREASINGLY STRONGER...ON THE AFTER-NOON OF AUGUST 19, I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM CHICAGO. WOODY SON CHRIS INFORMING ME THAT HIS DAD DID NOT FLY TO CHICAGO AS PLANNED ON THE 5 TH BUT HAD TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE, AND HAD PASSED AWAY IN ALASKA ON AUGUST 9 TH.

SON CHRIS AND FORMER DAUGHTER IN LAW KIM WERE HERE IN FLORIDA AT WOODY'S HOUSE. I MET WITH THEM THE FOLLOWING DAY AND WE DECIDED TO HAVE A LOCAL CLUB CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR WOODY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, DEPENDING ON WHEN THEY RETURN.

WOODY WAS A KIND GENTLE SOUL, A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL, A MAN OF MANY TALENTS, INCLUDING WOODWORKING, STAINED GLASS AND RE-PURPOSING ITEMS INTO WORKS OF ART (MANY AS GIFTS). HIS ACCOUNTING SKILLS AS OUR TRESURER KEPT OUR CLU HUMMING. HIS MONTHLY NOTES WERE ENJOYED BY ALL !! HIS "SANDALS" WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FILL !!!!



WOODYISIMS

RIP WOODY: I came up with the caption for his monthly observations. Woody is gone but not forgotten ...RICHARD BENDETTI

AACA MEETING August 8, 2024 – TRENT'S SEAFOOD

CALLED TO ORDER: Ken Lawson

PLEDGE: Bill Rogers

MINUTES FOR JULY MEETING: Joan Wagner, Published in Newsletter.

Motion: Rick Wyman, 2 nd Rob Daly. All in Favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Lawson

July ending Balance \$3748.40. Club Approved donation of \$100.00 to the First Coast Car Council. **Motion:** Richard Wagner, 2 nd Dan Lyman. All in Favor

ATTENDANCE: 20

Richard & Joan Wagner, Rick Wyman, Dan Lyman, Bill & Sheryl Rogers, Linda Crider, Sandy Wintz, Dee Scott, Ken & Carol Lawson, Dan & Pat Baxter, Robert & Katherine Easley, Rob &

Brenda Daly, Richard Bendetti, Chris Parker, Joyce Hernandez (Guest).

BIRTHDAYS: Brenda Daly 8/16, Ken Lawson 8/21, Carol Lawson 8/23

ANNIVERSARIES: Easleys' 8/14, Bendettis' 8/26, Orths' (memorial), Baxters' 8/17

SICK: Woody, Janice Bendetti, Knees, Joyce Hernandez, Surgery Sept.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT SEPTEMBER MEETING.

VOTING ON NOMINEES OCTOBER MEETING. WE MUST FILL VACANT POSITIONS FOR
PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.

EVENTS:

Sept 14, Annual Ice Cream Social, Whit's (San Jose), October 5, Cruising to the Creek, Oct. 31, Studebaker Meet, Gainesville, November 9, Cecil Pines.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – DON JUANS'

NEW BUSINESS: CAR STORY

We need articles for the Newsletter. A Good place to begin, would be an article about one of your antique cars and a picture.

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(MINUTES)

Dee gave a report on her recent trip to Alaska (She was two houses away from Sarah Palin.

She challenged herself to cook a Moose Roast, and was able to see Mt. Denali. The time zone

was 4 hrs. behind.

50/50 51.50 - 25.50 to Robert Easley DOOR PRIZE – Joyce Hernandez

BIRTHDAYS:

CHRIS PARKER 9/10

ANNIVERSARIES:

THE JOHNSONS 9/02

CONGRATULATIONS

BILL ROGERS JR and the 1940 Chrysler Windsor

Christmas 2004. Did not start out as a great Holiday. My best old car buddy passed away a month or two before, and his children were settling his estate. His car collection was divided between the siblings. They sold most of the vehicles. I was sad to see his toys dispersed to strangers, I hoped the new owners appreciated the cars. A couple of the vehicles were destined for junk yards for parts, as there were no buyers.

Back to Christmas Day.

I had a strange gift under the Christmas tree. Final gift box for me rattled a little and was wrapped with half a roll of scotch brand tape. Lots of giggles and smiles from the rest of the Rogers as I ripped, cut and tore into the gift. Inside were two perfect tail lights for a 1940 Chrysler, and a specially wrapped set of car keys. I was rather bewildered because I had traded my Chrysler some time ago. The note attached to the keys stated You Have To Pick Up Your Gift.

It was my friend's Chrysler, my wife "purchased" it. A gift from the estate and saved from the junkyard. I picked it up the next day.



DAN LYMAN REPORTS:

As I mentioned, my Chrysler was an F-58 coach. I inherited it from my father in 2007 and gave it to one of my brothers last November. My dad purchased it in 1980 from folks in Nebraska. The car was too old to get any info on it from Chrysler Historical (pre-1930). The only body issue is a small crease in the passenger rear fender; it is hardly noticeable unless you run your hand over it. Chrysler did something I consider funny with their line-up; each body style had a specific color. A coach was always gray with black fenders and roof. It would have orange pin striping. I gave all my Chrysler info to my brother or else I could tell you the other color assignments (and all the other specific data). I do remember there was a Royal Blue, a pale yellow, and brown; not sure of the others.

Interesting side note; a Chrysler was the pace car for the 1926 Indy 500.

In the rear view photo, you can see the crease I mentioned if you look close. You can also see the b-b gun holes neighbor kids put in the passenger side rear window. Gas tank is removed (hole you can see at rear).

Note the rear windows roll down (Driver side rear photo). You can also note the front window rolls up almost 2 inches.

Huge amount of leg space in back seat. Can you see the curtain that rolls up in the rear window?

The only thing missing on the entire car was the button for the horn. If you look REALLY close, you can see the cover for the lock; key goes directly in the transmission right behind the shifter.

Cool radiator cap. Hard to find one not damaged. Look close at the radiator shroud; you can see where I polished the chrome in two spots. The oxidation was there so long it had a green tint to it. Chrysler has always had the medal with ribbon as a logo. You can see it stamped in the headlight surrounds. (also had it in the running light surrounds (they were not yet installed when I took these pics)).

You can see the windshield is open. The rubber at the bottom was unbelievably hard and cracked/chipped.

Dan



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