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**MAY 2025 VOLUME 47 NUMBER 05
CELEBRATING 51 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**LUNCH MEETING 05/08 AT 11 A.M.
SANDOLLAR REST. HECKSCHER DRIVE**

Meet at Gate Gas 295 AND HECKSHER DRIVE AT 10 A.M. TO DRIVE AS A GROUP

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA AACA
MINUTES FOR 4-10-25
MANDOLAS ITALIAN KITCHEN**

OPEN: RICHARD WAGNER
PLEDGE: BILL GILLESPIE
MINUTES: JOAN WAGNER (Published in Newsletter)
Motion: Jim Orth, 2 nd Bill Gillespie, Motion Passed

TREASURER: ROB DALY: Our Bank Balance as of April 1, \$4151.15
Motion: Rick Wyman, 2 nd Chris Parker, Motion Passed

ATTENDANCE: 28
Richard and Joan Wagner, Chris Parker, Bill Gillespie, Dan Lyman, Dee Scott, Linda Crider, Jerry and Mary Johnson, Dan and Pat Baxter, Erling and Sandy Onsager, Richard and Janice Bendetti, Ken and Carol Lawson, Karol Daniel, Pat Schudel, Rob and Brenda Daly, Stephanie Forquer, Lee Tenold, David Pinter, Gabby Daclouche, Jim Orth, Rick Wyman.
Guest: Dick Stevenson

SICK/RECOVERING: Jim Mcrory, A little Better, Janet Bendetti, Sandy Wintz

BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner - April 2, Lee Tenold - April 6, Debbie Schudel- April 29
ANNIVERSARIES: None

OLD BUSINESS:
Avenues Mall, 2 nd Saturday 7:30 (SS Blvd Entrance) CARS & OCTANE. Rob and Jerry attended the March event.

Jerry Johnson reported on the FSCJ Car Show April 5. We had 6 Cars, 7 guys. This event highlights the Auto Mechanics Dept, featuring Students racing the go carts they made. There were 36 cars, which included a 61 Bubble top Chev 409.

PDQ Mandarin 3 rd Saturday with Chris Conover.

Ken Lawson gave Details of upcoming show at HILLCREST BAPTIST, 295 and Collins Rd. Saturday. April 26 - 10 to 3..4 or 5 are planning to attend.

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OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

REV IT UP!! MOOSEHAVEN - MAY 10 -MEET AT 9:00 AT WINN DIXIE. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAY 31 - WASHINGTON OAKS GARDENS STATE PARK

Chris Parker has organized everything for this yearly event. We were there last year and had a great time. We have reserved a large shelter with room for all. This park is known for the beautiful gardens, and everything should be in full bloom. There is also fishing in the Intercoastal and hiking trails. So come and enjoy being outside for some fun.

LUNCH INSTRUCTIONS: BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. There are plenty of grills, and electric is available. NOTE: We plan to meet at Buddy Boys on HWY 13 at 9:00 AM and caravan to destination. Further discussion at May Meeting.

CHEV SSR RALLY. Richard Wagner is hosting a SSR Rally, Saturday May 3 on back parking lot of Golden Corral, Merrill Road, Arlington, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Stop by and vote for the best of the show.

MAY MEETING - MAY 8, SANDOLLAR HECKSHER DRIVE 11:00 AM. Meet at Gate Gas 295 AND Hecksher Dr 10:00 AM.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Joan Wagner suggested we locate some articles, perhaps from some of the archived club newsletters. Woody is greatly missed. It would be a tribute to him if we could recycle some of his articles and send them to Richard Bendetti for some additional reading material. I'm sure our editor would appreciate any help the members could offer.

CAR STORY: BILL GILLESPIE WON FIRST PLACE AT THE NATIONAL AACA CAR SHOW, (JUNIOR DIVISION) FOR HIS PACKARD. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A BEAUTIFUL TROPHY. CONGRATULATIONS BILL! THIS EVENT WAS HELD IN CHARLOTTE THE FIRST WEEKEND OF APRIL.

EVENT ATTENDANCE AWARDS: Richard Wagner had the pleasure of presenting the first participation trophies to Jerry Johnson and Rob Daly for attending 3 events.

50/50 \$63.00 \$31.50 to Dee Scott. Welcome Back! We missed you.

DOOR PRIZE: Sandy Osanger.

EASTER EGG DOOR PRIZE – Stephanie Forquer; She will receive it next meeting.

MEETING ADJORNED 12:45PM SUBMITTED BY JOAN WAGNER

BIRTHDAYS

JANICE BENDETTI 05/25

WENDY DACLOUSE 05/25

ANNIVERSARIES

THE DACLOUSE'S 05/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3 GOLDEN CORRAL, MERRIL RD, CHEV SSR RALLY
9:00am – 1:00 pm RICHARD WAGNER, HOST

MAY 10 10:00am – 2:00 PM REV IT UP!! MOOSEHAVEN
Meet at Winn Dixie - Park Ave, Orange Park 9:00am

MAY 31 S PICNIC – WASHINGTON OAKS GARDENS ST PARK
Meet at Buddy Boys St Rd 13 South of Mandarin at 10 a.m.

TROPHY UPDATE

We are off and running. We currently have 14 people in the race, and have 7 months to go. If you have not started, there is plenty of time.

I have ordered 20 trophies and can order more, if needed.

We awarded our first trophies to Rob Daly and Jerry Johnson at our April meeting. We will have 4 more to give away at the May meeting. Those who will receive trophies are: Dan and Pat Baxter, Pat Schudel, Chris Conover, and Richard Wagner.

There are 4 members with 2 shows, and 4 members with 1 show. I am looking forward to award all 20 trophies by December 31.

Remember, our next meeting is at SANDOLLAR, Hecksher Dr, May 8 th .
11:00 am. We will meet at the Gate Gas at 295 and Hecksher Dr at 10:00am.

I want to personally thank all members for the great attendance we have been having at our monthly meetings. We had 28 attendees for the April meeting.

Richard Wagner

HILLCREST BAPTIST CAR SHOW

APRIL 26, 2025...THREE CLUB CARS CARAVANNED TO THE SHOW FROM LAWSON'S HOME....PAT SCHUDEL IN HIS 1963 STUDE HAWK...DEE, DICK, AND LINDA CRIDER IN DEE'S 1971 BUICK RIVIERA...KEN IN HIS 1962 STUDE CHAMP P.U.

THE WEATHER AND THE TURNOUT WERE GREAT. THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION SHOWED 114 CARS BUT IN REALITY, THERE WERE ABOUT 200 PLUS VEHICLES IN ATTENDANCE. AS IS THE CASE, FEWER CARS FROM THE 30'S TO THE 50'S SHOW UP. ONE OF THE TOP 20 AWARDS WENT TO A NICELY RESTORED 1936 FORD CABRIOLET. ANOTHER TO A 1937 PLYMOUTH 2 DR. SEDAN WHICH WAS NICELY RESTORED. (K.LAWSON)



1911 Baker Electric Special Extension Coupe

Model V, Serial # 6141

This 1911 Baker Electric Special Extension Coupe was the top-of-the-line model produced by Baker in 1911. It originally sold for \$2,700. It is the only 1911 Special Extension Coupe known to remain today.

This car has a rich history dating back to its original owner, Mrs. Mave Olds. Mrs. Olds was born on August 22, 1863 and moved to Tacoma, WA with her husband, Fredrick, in September 1888. Mr. Olds was one of the early founders of Tacoma; both Fredrick and Mave were active in civic and philanthropic activities over the years. In 1911, Mrs. Old purchased a new, distinctive, top-of-the-line Baker Electric, which the 1911 Baker Sales Brochure described as the "Extra Large Body" that was "The most luxurious and commodious car of its type". The car was in the Olds family for 40 years before changing hands with at least 4 other owners in the Tacoma area for the next 50 years. On June 15, 1955, the Kitsap Sun newspaper reported that the State of Washington awarded this Baker Electric one of the state's first Horseless Carriage license plates (#027). In 2000, it was purchased by Eric Edwards of Ontario, Canada. Eric's wife, Linda, was in love with the car and was the principal user. In 2018, Eric and his son Chris, undertook a complete restoration of the car as a tribute to their wife and mother. Unfortunately, Linda passed away in 2020 and did not live to see the completion of the restoration. In March 2024, the car joined the Bill & Linda Lillie Collection of Gales Ferry, CT. The car was featured as the cover story Horseless Carriage Gazette magazine, November- December 2024 issue. In November 2024 it was awarded a prestigious AACA National Award. In honor of its previous owner, Linda Edwards, and its current owner, Linda Lillie, the 1911 Baker Electric Special Extension Coupe has been named "Lovely Linda". The complete fascinating story of this car can be found at www.VintageElectricCars.com.



BILL GILLESPIE'S PHOTO OF CITROEN ELECTRIC CARS DURING HIS TRIP TO FRANCE....

