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**FEBRUARY 2026 VOLUME 48 NUMBER 02
CELEBRATING 52 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**FEBRUARY 12 LUNCH MEETING 11 A.M.
JOSEPHS PIZZA 7316 N. MAIN ST.**

NORTHEAST FLORIDA AACA CLUB MINUTES 1/8/26 – Chilli's San Jose

OPEN: Richard Wagner
PLEDGE: Rick Wyman

MINUTES: Joan Wagner (Published in Newsletter)
Motion: Richard Bendetti, **Seconded:** Rob Daly,

Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Rob Daly-- Balance: January 1, 2026, \$3371.90

2026 Budget discussed and passed

Motion: Gabby Daclouche, **Seconded:** Jim Orth, **Passed**

ATTENDANCE: 30

Richard & Joan Wagner, Jim & Judy McCrory, Jerry & Mary Johnson, Steve Burton, Lee Tenold, Gabby Daclouche, Chris Parker, Pat Schudel, Bob & Marilyn Remm, Rick Wyman, Ken Lawson, Bill Gillespie, Rob & Brenda Daly, Dee Scott, Kris Geddings, Richard & Janice Bendetti, Chris Conover, Dan &, Pat Baxter, Stephanie Forquer, Lee Goeghagen, Jim & Cathy Orth, Jon Vanatta

SICK/RECOVERY: Robert Easley (Hip Surgery)

DEATHS: Katherine Easley 1/3/26

BIRTHDAYS: Jan 11, Linda Crider, Jan 15 Bill Rogers

ANNIVERSARIES: Jan 21, Rick & Carol Wyman, Jan 21, Roger & Maria Hargrove (continued on page 2)

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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(MINUTES CONTINUED)

OLD BUSINESS:

Brunos Museum (Not enough interest, Maybe, in the future.

National and Club Dues Due January, (\$45 National, \$20.00 Club)

ACTIVITY: FEB 14 – VALENTINE CRUISE IN TO CORKEY BELL’S, PALATKA, FL. DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR OR REGULAR. We need a head count February Meeting.

TROPHIES: We awarded 14 trophies for event participation. If you didn’t receive one last year, we will continue for 2026.

No Car Story

50/50 \$60.00 – Bill Gillespie Door Prize – Gabby

NEXT MEETING JOSEPH’S PIZZA:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:20

Joan Wagner, 1/21, 2026

BIRTHDAYS:

DAVID PINTER 02/22

SANDY WINTZ 02/24

CINDY GILLESPIE 02/28

ANNIVERSARIES:

THE LAWSONS 02/22

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

OUR FIRST OUTING FOR 2026 WILL BE A ROAD TRIP TO CORKEY BELLS IN PALATKA, FEBRUARY 14TH. WE WILL MEET AT PUBLIX ON SAN JOSE AND RACE TRACK ROAD AT 10:00 AM, THEN WE'LL CARRAVAN TO CORKEY BELLS.

IF YOU CAN, DRIVE YOUR CLASSIC CAR; IF YOU CAN'T, DRIVE YOUR REGULAR CAR. THIS WILL BE A TIME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS, AND WITH YOUR SWEETHEART!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

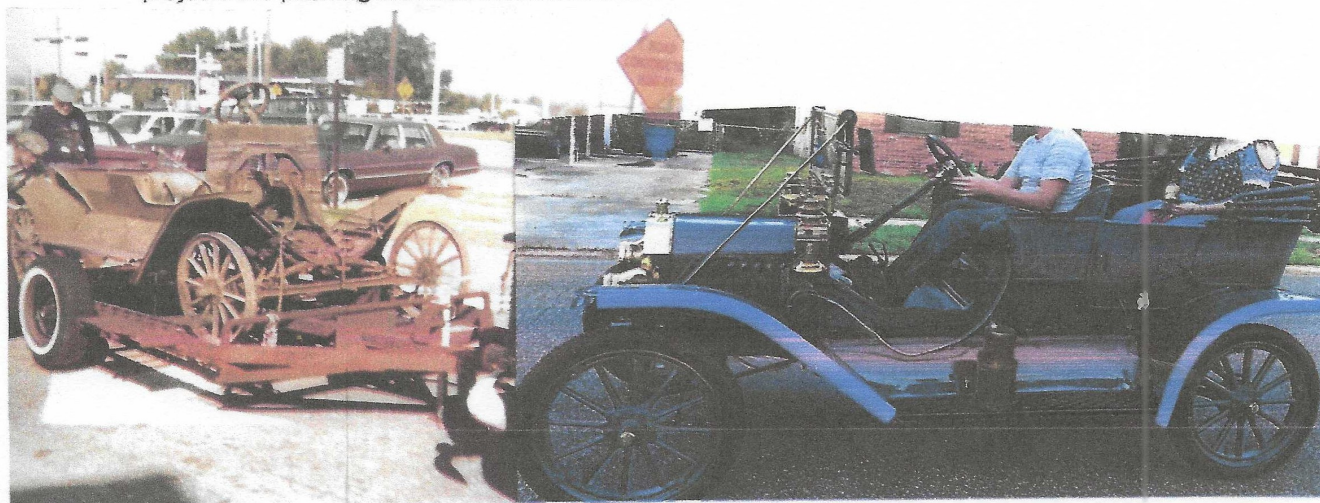
RICHARD WAGNER



Bill Rogers, Jr 1911 Ford Saga LIZZIE MAE

by Sheryl Rogers

Seemed like a lot of brake squealing and metal shrieking when Bill Rogers trailed a rusty vehicle home. There were four wheels with flat shredding tires and a discernible rectangular metal frame. Think rusted twin bed frame and you're close. Proudly in the left quarter of the rusty, dirty mess was a metal stick with a wooden steering wheel on top. Granted there was what appeared to be a firewall (wooden dashboard) attached to that metal stick. Bill excitedly said: "It's a 1911 FORD Model T!" Me, the wife asked: "How much did they pay you to haul it off?" Short reply was that Bill paid \$350.00 for the pleasure to haul it off. After many, many hours of cleaning and efforts to secure and repair frame, some resemblance of a chassis emerged. Wheels turn. And glory to the mechanical ability, an engine was found and rebuilt, and it functions. Guess what! That pack rat Bill has a few pieces of another motor; salvaging as much as possible of any and all parts. Friends and acquaintances were contacted for parts and provided networking leads for the more obscure parts and the Brass. Radiator and side lights were deemed most important for immediate recognition. Those parts were particularly difficult to get in any restorable condition. What looked like a GO-Cart with a brass radiator was the work in progress. Bill rebuilt the wooden body frame, seat, door panels and floor boards. Hours were spent scavenging wood from pallets, cabinet maker's discards and recreating the body frame. Most of the metal work on the body was fabricated by Bill. Wood, fasteners, gauges and other bits and pieces were purchased as availability and funds allocated. See Sheryl as money pincher and purchasing agent. Four stars for MAC's and Lang's catalogs; usually correct items listed for 1911 Ford. Seat springs took a long time to arrive. The car was rebuilt on the concrete floor of a screened in Florida room. He had to demolish the screens to get the car out! Bill spent time after work, weekends, holidays and sleepless nights rebuilding Lizzie Mae. Not a completed project, still needs upholstery and a top. Other projects are pushing the final restoration back.



NOTES FROM KEN LAWSON:

1. WOODY WITCZACKS 1985 280 SL IS FOR SALE. THE CAR IS IN JACKSONVILLE. IT IS A RED CONV. WITH THE HARDTOP. PLEASE CONTACT KEN. 904 509 5539.
2. KEN HAS ORANGE JUICERS FOR SALE AT \$20 EACH. STANDARD SIZE OR "HIGH BOY".

