



Editor: Charlie Wellborn

from the podium

Mike Walker President



Sunday, March 14, we will hold March Madness at the North Ocala Car Show and Swap Meet just south of Citra. It is a major fund raiser for our club. All members are encouraged to bring their cars and participate. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the show ends at 1:00 pm.

We hold our first meeting of the year on February 9th at the American Legion. Much was discussed and many decisions made. There were 21 members present. Social distancing and masks were practiced by all as required by the American Legion and the City of Palatka.

At this time, there will be no dinners, snacks or drinks served. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis, but there will be none in March. There will be no Quarterly Dinner in March, but we hope to have the quarterly dinner in June.

Changes were made in our scholarship program to include all graduating seniors in Putnam County. Applications will be

available in the public high schools by the end of February. There

See **Podium** Page 4 will be an announcement in the Palatka Daily News to inform students in other schools in the county, as well as those home schooled, how they can get an application.

A special cruise-in is scheduled for Friday, February 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Azalea City Brewing Company on 7th Street next to Edge High School. There will be a food truck serving German food as it is

German night at the Brewery. There will be live music starting at 7:00.

Our 42nd annual car show will occur on October 2, 2021, at the Putnam County Fair Grounds off of U.S. 17 in East Palatka. There will be food trucks, swap

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NEXT MEETING
American Legion
316 Osceola St.
Palatka, FL
Mar. 9, 2021
SNACKS / SOCIAL
HOUR 6:00 PM
MEETING 6:30 PM



March 2021

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Second Thoughts

Philip Vaughn Vice President

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Mike Walker

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Philip Vaughn

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Carrol Lawhorn
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FOOD:

Linda Porter
OCT. CAR SHOW
Mike Walker/Philip Vaughn
Scholarship
Genny Walker
By Laws
Lou Fabian



Hello again!

Our club has been very busy lately, doing things, going places, and making plans! The only thing missing is you, get those shots and wear your mask and come on out! Hope to see more and more of you at our upcoming meetings and events.

Coming up this Friday, February 26, 5 to 8 PM, is our club's first cruise in to Azalea City Brewery. Located in the old Coke building at 120 S. 7th Street, there will be our music wagon, live music by Sweet William Trio from 7 to 10 PM, and food available from Gina's Gourmet Grub.

Then on Saturday, February 27, 5 to 8 PM, we have our monthly cruise in at Pizza Boyz!

We need as many members as possible to make an effort to attend both of these cruise in's since both locations are important supporters of our club.

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2021

Jan 7 **Directors Meeting**
 Jan 12 **Club Meeting**
 Feb 4 **Directors Meeting**
 Feb 9 **Club Meeting**
 Mar 4 **Directors Meeting**
 Mar 9 **Club Meeting**
 Apr 8 **Directors Meeting**
 Apr 13 **Club Meeting**
 May 6 **Directors Meeting**
 May 11 **Club Meeting**
 June 3 **Directors Meeting**
 Jun 6 **Quarterly Dinner**
 Jun 8 **Club Meeting**
 Jul 9 **Directors Meeting**
 Jul 13 **Club Meeting**
 Aug 5 **Directors Meeting**
 Aug 10 **Club Meeting**
 Sep 2 **Directors Meeting**
 Sep 5 **Quarterly Dinner**
 Sep 7 **Club Meeting**
 Oct 8 **Directors Meeting**
 Oct 12 **Club Meeting**
 Nov 4 **Directors Meeting**
 Nov 9 **Club Meeting**
 Dec 2 **Directors Meeting**
 Dec 5 **Christmas Party**
 Dec 14 **Club Meeting**
 Directors meetings are 6 to 7 PM
 Club Meetings are 6 to 8 PM
 Dinners are 1 to 4 PM



The trophies are made, the music wagon is ready, the 50/50 is under control, so come out for a fun day! More details at the monthly meeting.

See you at a show soon!
Philip

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 Wine With Wellborn



Daylight saving time 2021 in Florida will begin at 2:00 AM on

Sunday, March 14

and ends at 2:00 AM on

Sunday, November 7

All times are in Eastern Time.

Thoughts

March 9th is our monthly club meeting. You need to attend and give your input, help guide our club.

March 14th don't forget to set your clocks up 1 hour at 2 AM, SPRING FORWARD!

"March Madness" at North Ocala Swap Meet will be on March 14, 9 AM to 1 PM. This is a scholarship fundraiser for our club and everyone's support is needed! Show up with your street rod, help park a few cars, bring your old parts laying around in your way and sell them in the swap meet. Then eat a hot dog and set around with your friends.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The below dates are tentative in Accordance with Covid 19 Rules and regulations

Downtown Palatka Cruise Ins

Dancing In The Street

900 block of St. Johns Ave
 Pizza Boyz Parking Lot
 Every 4th Saturday
 5 PM—8 PM

Free Registration

Sponsored by
 Pizza Boyz

Woody's Bar-B-Q

5th Saturday months
 May 29, 2021
 July 31, 2021
 October 30, 2021

Quarterly Dinners: (1 PM) 2021

June 6

Sept 5

Annual Car Show

October 2, 2021

Annual Club Christmas Party

December 5, 2021

1-2 PM Social Time

2-3 PM Dinner

3 PM Exchange and Open
 Gifts



A Quick Word/Reminder From St. Augustine Cruisers

3rd Saturday of every month is the St Augustine Cruisers Car Club's Cruisin at Riverside Plaza behind Longhorn Steakhouse from 4 pm to 7 pm.

4th Friday of every month is a Cruisin at the Island Ice Cream Cafe in Crescent Beach. It is hosted by the St Augustine Cruisers Car Club from 5 pm to 8 pm. There are restaurants within walking distance. You can top it off with dessert at the Cafe.

May 2, 2020: 1st Saturday of May is the St Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at the Florida School for the Deaf & Blind in St Augustine. The Club will be distributing flyers for registration at events this month and next month.

Club Minutes Feb. 2021

AZALEA CITY CRUISERS MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 9th,2021.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS : President - Mike Walker, present\
Vice President - Phillip Vaughn, present
Treasurer - Charlie Wellborn, present
Secretary - Linda Porter, present
Sgt at Arms - Joe Fowler, present
Director - Lou Fabian, present
Director - Genny Walker, present\
Director - Taft Stone, present

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING - There are no Minutes from the January meeting, as it was cancelled due to the building being exposed to Covid-19. The minutes from December 2020. were read by Linda Porter. Art made the motion to accept minutes, Darlene seconded it, and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT : Given by Charlie Wellborn, we have a balance of \$

COMMITTEE REPORTS : BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES, were announced by Sandy Vaughn, Happy Birthday to all January and February Babies, and Happy Anniversary to all January and February Newlyweds.

MEMBERSHIP, Betty Fowler states we have three new members - Donald and Terri Beverly of Hastings, Fl Joe "Mickey" Wrightson, of Hastings, Fl and Gahin Fussell (please correct me on spelling) of Interlachen, Fl Lou Fabian made a motion to accept them as members, Linda Porter seconded it, and the motion passed.

PUBLICITY : Carol Lawhorn seems to be doing most of this, big thank you to her

PHOTOGRAPHY : Carol Lawhorn has stepped up to handle this also. Phil Vaughn also does photos. Everyone can send photos they take to either of them to help out.

SCHOLARSHIP - Genny Walker has made a motion that we give four Scholarship, of at least \$ 500.00 to four graduating Seniors from Putnam County, regardless of their school, to be used within one year of receipt. Unused Scholarship, that are one year old, can be offered to students for re-application, who have received a scholarship the previous year, attended a college or trade school, and made good grades. Linda Porter seconded the motion, The Motion passed.

NEWSLETTER : We are still in need of someone to take this on. In the meantime Charlie Wellborn continues to do a fantastic job getting this together every month. Anyone with something to say can email him.

WEB SITE: Again Carol Lawhorn has stepped up to help us out

MUSIC WAGON : Kermit Lawhorn has been handling the Music Wagon getting where it needs to be, and being our DJ Many thanks to him for doing this .

BY LAWS - Lou Fabian will handle this one.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE - Sandy Vaughn, Roxie Rawls, and Genny Walker will do this Many Thanks again.

OLD BUSSINESS : We need to consider if we are going to continue to have the monthly cruise in at Pizza Boys, we have been there for years, however they now have a new owner, and we are not sure if she wants us there. Kermit Lawhorn, Mike Walker, and Phil Vaughn went to see her, She was pleased with the January cruise in, and will give us another month to see how it goes. The previous owner donated \$ a year as a sponsor, she seems reluctant to do so. We will continue to go there on a month to month basis and look around for other venues. Woody's on the other hand is anxious to have us there once a month. However there lighting situation is poor right now.

North Ocala Swap Meet and Show March 14th,2021. We need Trophies (12) , the Music Wagon, 50/50 helpers and parking help

On 2/12/21 we will meet at Charlie Wellborn's house to have a trophy party and get some made. Kermit Lawhorn will bring the music wagon. We also need door prizes for this event And people to help out. Also as the Lady that puts on the show in Citra is struggling to keep it going, We will give \$ of the Registration income to her to help her keep this going. This is the one known as March Madness that we handle for her every year.

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meet booths, flea market booths and a car coral. Larry Dudley's company has been hired to conduct the car show and awards. The City of Palatka could not guarantee us a permit and their costs continue to rise as the space becomes smaller on the river.

Don't forget our regular cruise-in at Pizza Boyz will be Saturday, February 27. We need everyone to come to show the new owner how big our club really is.

We will continue with our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. See you there!

Mike

Interesting Facts:

Some people enjoy learning a new fact every now and then, but others are absolute trivia junkies. And the following 5 amazing facts are for them. We are excited to share with you the most amazing facts today:
Fact #1: The average lifespan of a major league baseball is 7 pitches.
Fact #2: 36% of couples reported being under lockdown improved their sex life.

Fact #3: Happiness is directly linked to a new mattress.

Fact #4: Cheese is the most shoplifted food in the world.

Fact #5: Toilet seats are cleaner than your cell phone.

Fact #6: Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.

Fact #7: Billy goats urinate on their own heads to smell more attractive to females.

Fact #8: Heart attacks are more likely to happen on Monday.

Fact #9: 25th of May is officially "Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day."

Fact #10: In Switzerland it is illegal to own just one guinea pig.



MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS : AZALEA CITY BREWING COMPANY is planning a Cruise In on February 26th, 2021. We are bringing the music Wagon. She will have a food truck and live music. Mike Walker has checked and it is ok to park at the school across the street. It will be from 5 PM to 8 PM Please try to come out for this as she is really trying to promote this event with us. Charlie Wellborn will work up an email to go out telling everyone about it

SNACKS AT MEETING, Due to the virus situation we will table this and revisit it in March 2021 meeting.

OCTOBER 2021 CAR SHOW: Taft Stone researched the financial end of having Dudley do the show, or doing it ourselves. It really makes more sense to have Dudley handle the show. Lou Fabian made a motion to plan on having the show in October as usual, Darlene seconded it and the motion passed. Lou Fabian also made a motion that we have Dudley handle the show again, Charlie Wellborn seconded it, and the motion passed.

Another issue with the Car Show, we will have the opportunity to move the venue to the Fairgrounds in Putnam County. This gives us ample room for parking, restrooms, covered pavilions, and a price of \$ 350.00 If we continue with the Riverfront, we have all the City issues to deal with and pay. We have police, sanitation people, port a potties, fees, electrical, trash and more to pay. The last year we had it at the Riverfront the City made more money that we did. This is something for further discussion at the next meeting. Charlie Wellborn made a motion that we have the 2021 Car Show at the Fairgrounds, both Lou Fabian and Betty Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed. We also have the possibility of having a swap meet with the Car Show at this location. We also need to all reach out for sponsors for the show. Joe Fowler made a motion to adjourn and the motion passed

Meeting closed at 7:55 PM

Linda Porter
Secretary

A Gallon of Gas Cost ???

WHATEVER GAS COSTS, IT SURE BEATS WALKING. YOU THINK GASOLINE IS EXPENSIVE.

This is priceless!

All these examples do NOT imply that gasoline is cheap; it just illustrates how outrageous some prices are. You will be really shocked by the last one (at least, I was)!!!

Think a gallon of gas is expensive?

This makes one think, and also puts things into perspective.

Diet Snapple, 16 oz., \$1.29 ...

\$10.32 per gallon!

Starbuck's Reg. Coffee 16 oz.,

\$2.10... \$16.80 per gallon!

Lipton Ice Tea, 16 oz., \$1.19 ...

\$9.52 per gallon!

Gatorade, 20 oz., \$1.59

\$10.17 per gallon!

Ocean Spray, 16 oz., \$1.25 ...

\$10.00 per gallon!

Brake Fluid, 12 oz., \$3.15

\$33.60 per gallon!

Vick's NyQuil, 6 oz., \$8.35

\$178.13 per gallon!

Pepto Bismol, 4 oz.,

\$3.85\$123.20 per gallon!

Whiteout, 7 oz., \$1.39

\$25.42 per gallon!

Scope, 1.5 oz., \$0.99

\$84.48 per gallon!

And this is the REAL KICKER:

Evian water, 9 oz., \$1.49

\$21.19 per gallon!

\$21.19 for a gallon of WA-

TER!! and the buyers don't even know the source!!

(Evian spelled backwards is Naive.) or any other water brand!

Ever wonder why computer printers are so cheap? So they can hook you for the ink. Someone calculated the cost of the ink; you won't believe it but it's true: \$5,200 a gal.

\$5,200 A GALLON!!!! So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, Whiteout, Pepto Bismol, NyQuil or, GOD FORBID, **Printer Ink!!!!**

8th annual march madness!



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March 14, 2021

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GOLF CARTS OR PIT BIKES- HANDI CAP SCOOTERS OK!**

NEXT EVENTS : April 11, May 9, June 13, CLOSED JULY AND AUGUST.

DIRECTIONS:

**N. ON I-75 TAKE EXIT 358 (HWY 326) T/R TO 441-N.
APROX 6 MILES-T/R ON NW 21ST CT. OR S. ON I-75
TAKE EXIT 368 - (HWY 318) T/L TO 441, S. TO 316-
T/L TO NW 21ST CT** FRM 301 W. ON 316 3 MILES
T/L NW 21ST CT **WATCH FOR SIGNS****



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6 Affordable Ways to Update and Improve Your Car

You might think of your car as simply a conveyance that gets you from point A to point B, but maybe it's a few years old and you are ready for an upgrade. Buying a new car may be an option, but it's no small expense and may not be practical for you to add new or potentially higher car payments to your monthly bills. Fortunately, there are some simple ways you can upgrade your car's appearance and features without spending a ton. Check out the six low-cost or do-it-yourself car upgrades below to learn how to make your car feel newer, inside and out.

1. Clean It Up

One of the best things about a new car is that it's clean, shiny and has that new-car smell. You may be able to get some of the new car aroma back via an inexpensive air freshener, but scrubbing your old car from top to bottom can give it a newer look. Popular Mechanics Magazine suggests starting with shampooing the carpet and upholstery, vacuuming the seat cushions and floor, and clearing out buildup from the engine bay. If you have the proper cleaning products, you can also clean many of the actual engine parts including the battery connections. Then, wash and wax the outside. Consumer Reports says this will not only make your car shine, but will also get rid of paint-damaging dirt and elements from the road.

2. Remove Dents

Detailing your car may reveal dents and scratches you might not have noticed before. Consumer Reports explains you may be able to avoid paying a car shop if you try a DIY dent removal kit. These can be purchased online for as low as \$20 and offer all the tools you need to flatten out dents. But keep in mind, the smaller the dent, the trickier it is to fix, according to Consumer Reports.

Minor dents and dings, the kind your car might receive from a hail storm, for example, can be repaired by one of two methods: paintless dent removal or the traditional body shop repair/paint method, according to The National Alliance of Paintless Dent Repair Technicians (NAPDRT). Because dent repair can vary in difficulty, it may be a good idea to contact a professional auto body shop or dent repair shop to fix any dent, big or small.

3. Upgrade Your Sound System

If your car is 5-7 years old (or more), there's a good chance your sound system is out-of-date. But, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine, you can get a new radio head unit that integrates with mobile devices or satellite radio and has Bluetooth capabilities for less than \$100 online.

4. Turn Your Cigarette Lighter Into a Power Source

Whether you upgrade your sound system or already had one that was compatible with mobile devices, certain features will only be useful if your electronics have battery life. If you are stuck in traffic or taking longer trips, you may run out of juice before you can charge again. For this reason, Popular Mechanics Magazine suggests adding a power source through your cigarette lighter. There are units available that plug in to the cigarette lighter socket and offer USB plugs for charging electronic devices. With one of these gadgets, you don't have to worry about your phone dying before your maps app can get you to your destination.

5. Cover up Scratches

Unsightly scratches and chips in your car's paint may make your vehicle look aged and worn. To give your car a newer look from the outside, Consumer Reports suggests hiding the wear and tear by applying touch-up paint. Many auto dealers and some auto-parts shops have small bottles of matching paint you can purchase for a low cost. If the scratch is shallow and doesn't hit the primer or bare metal, you may be able to just dab the paint on the scratch with a paintbrush, let it dry for a couple of days, and then polish the area with a microfiber or foam applicator pad to make sure it blends, says Consumer Reports.

6. Docking Stations for Electronics

Even if you can use your electronics in

the car, it may not be practical, safe, or even legal, in some cases, to hold them while you drive. However, using your phone's navigation system may require your phone to be in clear view all the time. If your older car doesn't have a fancy, big-screen navigation system installed in its dashboard, you can purchase a mount for your dash, center console or cup holder for your GPS-enabled phone for approximately \$10 to \$20, according to Consumer Reports.

You could also create your own DIY electronics dock using a 6-inch by 6-inch piece of stiff plastic and self-adhesive strips of hook-and-loop fasteners, explains Popular Mechanics.

While these updates and car improvements will not make your vehicle new again, they may help you see it in a new light. Knowing how to improve your car with functional upgrades or some minor body work may give you what you want in a vehicle, without having to spend a hefty amount.

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July 9, 2021

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