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The Gas Light

July 10, 2021

Next Meeting

August 14, 2021

Sam's Place Midland, Texas



Presidents Ramblings

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS CLUB MEMBERS!!!

We had a good turnout for our July meeting. We had 37 in attendance with three guest. I want to thank Clarence Sauer with Redneck Metal Buildings for bringing his pickup for the Car of the month!!! The truck had a wonderful history and memories that Clarence shared with us!!!! He also shared some of his personal life that was very uplifting!!! For me it was one of the best meetings we had in a long time!!! Thank you again Clarence for taking time to share your truck and your life with us!!!!!!

Every meeting this year has been a challenge for me. The hot water heater went out, the refrigerated AC went out, could not get propane delivered and this past meeting I had leak in the oven and I had flames coming from a place that should not have flames!!!! The biggest problem is finding someone that is willing to work!!! I have only one name and phone number for someone that works on the industrial ovens and have not received a phone call back. I think that I have a game plan for the next meeting so things will be smoother!!!!

AUGUST MEETING

Second Saturday of the month is July 14th. Gonna have a real surprise for the Car of the Month!!!

MENU

Two kinds of Pulled Pork
Deviled Egg Potato Salad
Cowboy Beans
Tossed Salad
Hawaiian Rolls for Sliders
Tea
All the Desserts you do not need but want!!!!!! LOL

I WILL BE CALLING THURSDAY AUGUST 12th to see who is coming or you can call my cell!!!!

Sam

Donna Johnson

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:41pm

Guests:

Jerry Owens: Clarence Saur & Brian Grabeck. Clarence puts on one of the best car shows in West Texas. The show has been an annual event in support of The Hope House across from Oncology. His wife has Stage IV cancer and he became involved with this organization and met a lot of good people, while going with his wife for her treatments. The Hope house helps patients in many ways; financially, provides a place to stay and food while receiving treatments, & support, to name a few. His wife was told at one point, after 4 1/2 years, all treatments have been tried without success and to prepare for the end. Another experimental treatment came out, and was in trials, but the cost per treatment was \$34,000.00. Since it's not FDA approved, insurance won't cover it. They applied to their insurance company for coverage. They received a letter from the insurance company giving them approval for 1 year of treatments for free. His wife is feeling good, has gone back to work and seems to be responding very well to the treatment. It's not chemo, it's a treatment that boosts the patient's immune system to kill the cancer cells (immunotherapy).

Announcements:

Jerry Owens: Clarence is going to put on a swap meet in October, there are some flyers on the table with the details. Tomorrow night is the Classic Car Night at the Museum of the Southwest. We are going to do it again, tomorrow night, for those who want to come. The concert starts at 7:00pm, but you need to get there earlier to get the spaces at the curb. Jerry Owens is going to bring 50 hot dogs, however long they last. Other members are going to bring fixin's and condiments and so forth. We ask that you bring your own drinks. I hope you all come. We've done this in the past, and it's a lot of fun. There is a group called Weatherstone, they play 50's, 60's style music to go with the cars. There is a flyer on the table about it.

New Business

Sam Austin: What happened is earlier today, I was getting the pork chops ready to cook and had to light the pilot in the oven. I got down on my knees, and after having knees replaced, once you get down, you don't get up very fast. So I lit the pilot, reached up and turned the gas on and fire flew out of the right side of the oven, I'm trying to move, and I can't move. So we had to cook in the house, it's not easy cooking in the house and try to get everything else ready. I can't be in two places at one time. So, Scott Ingram calls, asks "Are you busy?" I said " Scott I don't have time, I've had a bad day." and hung up on him.

Donna Johnson: I called Scott back and told him Sam has had a really bad day, that's why he was so Cranky. Can you tell me what you wanted to bring up in the meeting? If that happens again, just tell him you want to speak with me, if it's appropriate for you to do so.

For those of you who weren't at the meeting last month, when we were at Pate, Scott and Lee visited with the other club members who work at Pate. They discovered there were about 15 groups working and only half of them were affiliated with the AACA. Those Clubs who were not members of AACA, had a much larger membership rosters than those who were associated with the AACA. We were all under the assumption you had to be a member of the AACA to participate at Pate. Scott called John Anderson, the president of Pate, and was told you do not have to be a member of AACA to participate in Pate. Since Pate is not an AACA sponsored event, it doesn't have anything to do with Pate. So what was brought before the membership last week was whether or not to disassociate with the AACA as a Club, and if you want to individually be in the AACA, and you can. Just continue to pay your dues. The Club itself will not be associated with the AACA. We will be a local club, Scott hasn't found any downside, as yet, except the magazine and the insurance for events the Club sponsors. But, it's never been used, The one tour in which there was an accident, the individuals had their own insurance and it wasn't used then either. What was suggested was: Do we want to present to the Board, as a Club, do we want to disassociate from AACA as a Club and allow individual members to choose if they want to remain in the AACA? Or Continue with the Club being associated with the AACA, which would require all Club members be members in the AACA, as well?

Please refer back to last month's newsletter for the possible benefits of discontinuing our association with the AACA, and possible losses of discontinuing our association with the AACA.

Open for discussion: Lively discussion follows.

Issues of Concern:

! Loss of different insurances provided by AACA.

2. How difficult is it going to be to discontinue association with the AACA.?

3. Will we have to reincorporate? Rewrite the by-laws? Reapply for tax status?

4. Need to form a Committee to research concerns. MOTION TO FORM A COMMITTEE OF FOUR: Rick Elkins
Second Sam Austin

VOTE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

PASSED- unanimously

Members for Committee:

1. Lee Ivanhoe - absent

2. Ron Backer--agreed

3. David Diffie--agreed

4. Donna Johnson--agreed

Issues with how Pate reimburses workers are not related to our association with the AACA, and will be addressed in a later meeting.

1. Need to change the way Clubs are reimbursed.

2. Should not be based on the membership roster.

3. Some jobs require more workers than other jobs and should be reimbursed accordingly.

4. Some jobs require more work than others.

50:50: #798 \$43.00 '

Car of the Month:

Clarence Saur brings his old '84 Ford F150 work truck. That truck is very special to me. Man, I was broke and discouraged, and nowhere to go. A friend of mine was an electrician and I needed a truck and he had an old truck. He gave me that truck. It had an old rack, I thought, like an old hillbilly's, stuck on top, it would slide off, hit the hood, and had to be put back on. It was pretty cute, got a lot of memories in that truck. We got it all fixed up, now and all fitted up. That truck has been a blessing to me.

Adjourned: 7:30





