

January 2017 FFBCB General Meeting

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Old World

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Guests: Christine Carrington, Carl Herron, John and Sue O'Banion, Gloria Glossbrenner, Cindy and Gary Cyphers, Cheryl Baldwin, David Logan and Darlene Creasman.

Motion to approve November minutes by Betty Lewis, 2nd by Karen Rossman and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Greg Murphy, 2nd by Betty Lewis and group approved.

Gary Reynolds announced that we will have officer elections in March. The 4 positions open for nominations are Vice President, Secretary and 2 directors. We will accept nominations from the floor on the night of the election as well as any nominations submitted to Gary Reynolds prior to the election.

Janet is bringing around a signup sheet for volunteer workers. If you have a 4X4 that you are willing to drive in the forest, we need your help. We are going to have a tree painting day on Feb 6 (backup day Feb 9 in case of rain). We need 6 or 7 groups of 2-3 people each.

Guest Speakers: From Nick Nicholas Ford: Howard Warner Parts Manager, Mike Baker Service Manager and Billy Goess Power Stroke Regional Manager.

Mike Baker spoke on diesel engines. He gave the history and evolution of the Diesel Engine. Due to advanced technology, today's diesels are much quieter and cleaner than in the past. You must buy good fuel. Low Sulfur Diesel (LSD) has 500 ppm sulfur and ultra low sulfur diesel (ULSD) has 15 ppm. The cleanup of fuel is due to Federal Government restrictions. The changes were made for emissions demands. Diesel is more expensive due to demand and there is a 6%/gal tax by government. Putting contaminated fuel in your tank will cost \$9,000 for fuel system replacement.

If you change oil and fuel filters when you are supposed to, you don't need a full synthetic oil. Mike also discussed the use of the various motor oils in Ford diesels. A handout was given out explaining the CK-4/FA-4 Ford position statement. It is always best to consult with the Ford experts on products to use in your vehicle.

Bill Goess discussed the benefits of fuel additives. Specifically cetane booster. With the introduction of the low sulfur fuels, the lubrication aspect of the fuel was removed resulting in clogging and sputtering of the engine. There is a product that you add to your tank that adds lubricity back to the fuel. Engines run cleaner and are more fuel efficient. There are similar products sold in various places. Stay away from any that contain alcohol.

Howard Warner spoke on all things "tire" and mentioned the importance of using the correct engine coolant in your engine. Using the wrong anti-freeze will mess up your system.

On tires, you must know what your load capacity will be. Make sure your tires can handle the load. Heat will take a tire apart. Don't overload the tire. Rims have a weight rating also and should be rated to the same load. Tires are porous. Nitrogen is a larger molecule and will not leak through like air and also helps dissipate heat. Be aware of the speed rating for the tire. Speed is an issue due to heat generation. 4 years is the maximum age for tires here in Florida. It is important to know the age of your tires. Air pressure in your tires should be according to vehicle recommendation and not the number on the tire.

The 50/50 for \$116.50 was won by Sue Jamison.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM