

President's Message

December has arrived and this is the last article I will write as president. It certainly has been a good 2 years for Alamance Region AACA. We have participated in many events, held car shows, enjoyed a lot of home cooking, and most of all the fellowship of our AACA members. Even though Cathy and I have moved to Columbia, SC we will still be members of this organization. We feel so much a part of this club.

Our annual Christmas meeting at Lake MacIntosh is Saturday December 10th at 6PM. We will eat at 6:30PM. I know many have conflicts at this time of the year, But I hope you and your family can attend. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas.

Our last car event of the year for Cathy and I was to attend Mason's Hot Rod Shop annual Toys for Tots in Spartanburg, SC. Admission is an unwrapped toy. Toys filled 2 Ford station wagons, inside and out. Their lot filled quickly, and then filled the lot across the street. Jerry and Allen Mason are Ford collectors as well as restorers and customizers. They have several original Hi-Performance Ford Galaxies that fascinated me. They do attract a wide variety of collectable cars at this show. Pictures will follow in the newsletter.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks for the club having confidence in me to serve as president for the past 2 years. Friendships with all of you were strengthened and it was truly an honor to serve. It is my wish that our new officers and our club meet the challenges of 2017.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for November 2016

The November meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, November 12th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson. We had 30 members attending and one guest. Jim Starr was a guest of Henry Gaither, Sr.

Billy mentioned since Dave Rich was almost done with his dessert we could start meeting now...

Billy mentioned that Rick Holmes and Larry Coble must have gotten the memo. They both wore the same mustang button up shirt.

Our president, Billy Patterson thanked all the hosts that helped us out, John & Judy Cox, Bob & Jane King, and Tal & Jeannie Johnson. Bob King mentioned that the monthly sign up sheet has been an issue. We have 10 months to cover with approximately 23 couples and we need 22 couples to host per year (2 couples each month). He said sign-up for one month per year and make sure you trade with someone if you cannot host on sign-up month. It was mentioned that the grass cutter should not have to participate in hosting.

Billy asked if the October minutes were accepted as written. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and John Cox seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written.

Billy asked Jeannie to give the treasurers report next. Jeannie mentioned that as of November 8th we have spent

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December: Christmas Party!

The Weak Spark Deadlines:

- Jan. Issue 1/1/17
- Feb. Issue 1/29/17
- Mar. Issue 2/26/17
- Apr. Issue 3/26/17
- May Issue 4/30/17
- Jun. Issue 5/28/17
- July Issue 6/25/17

Next Club Meeting
 December 10, 2016 at 6:00pm
 Lake MacIntosh
 Burlington, NC

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\$750, which is greater than income taken in. She mentioned that dues are coming in though. Jeannie also mentioned:

- We took in less than \$3000 for car show and everything hinges on good car show.
- Had \$1000 donation in 2015
- Passed out proposed 2017 budget (up \$100 for library and \$100 for museum)
- Trophy cost and left over trophies high (we can reuse plaque portion of trophy next year)
- Increased newspaper ads for car show (includes website)
- Electricity is about the same
- Property tax and insurance about the same

Jeannie asked Ed to comment on the printer/toner situation. Ed mentioned he can continue printing the newsletter for Bruce with the current ink cartridge using the toner saver feature on his PC. It will cut the toner usage in half. Bruce was not able to use on his Apple/Mac computer. We may need to replace the printer down the road.

Tal Johnson mentioned that our car show sponsors make our budget.

Billy asked if we accept the budget as written. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and Ed Tulauskas seconded the motion. We voted and the motion carried.

Jeannie went through the Hospice Car Show results:

- made \$3287 (bake sale \$850, buckets \$716, registration & 50/50 \$1180, anonymous donor \$200, car club challenge \$136 for AACA + \$80 for Timeless Cruizers
- need better advertising
- it was mentioned that the 3rd weekend in Oct. conflicts with the Spencer Show

Bob King mentioned that we need to put forth more effort for the Hospice Car Show since we only cleared \$2000. The motorcycle club's Hospice Car show brought in \$10,000 at the mall.

Billy asked Henry to speak on the Poker Run. Henry mentioned it was pretty successful for the first one and we need to do it again. Jeanne won the \$50 gift certificate by getting 4-of-a-kind (from 5 decks). Billy mentioned that the had to move picnic tables from the shelter into the sun. Henry mentioned that maybe next time we can go to a restaurant after for the next one. We would definitely need a count (pre-register) and make sure there was enough room for people and parking for cars. Tal and Henry both mentioned ice cream after and Dave Rich was happy! It was brought up that Rick Holmes and Bob King tried the jalapeno ice cream previously.

Billy passed around the list for the Christmas party so we can get a count. The Christmas party will be held at Lake Mackintosh clubhouse on December 10th at 6PM (we will eat about 6:30pm). The menu will be: Beef and Rice, Chicken, green beans, etc. Club members will bring desserts.

Billy asked Henry if we were going to do "Dirty Santa". We will bring a wrapped Christmas ornament. Everyone that

brings an ornament will get their name put in a hat. We will draw names and the you take a wrapped ornament and open. Next person in line can steal or take a new wrapped ornament. During the game an ornament can only be stolen once. It was mentioned that we can get the ornaments at the Hospice store. John Cox mentioned that everyone will have an ornament and there will be extras.

Dave Rich mentioned he would not be able to attend the Christmas party because he will be a Roman soldier in the live Nativity scene at Belmont Methodist Church. Dave said if someone wants to drop ice cream off while driving through the live Nativity scene that would be great!

Billy mentioned it was time for the election. He asked if there were any nominations from the nominating committee first. John Cox said there was an issue with someone for secretary and he mentioned that he would bring Dave Rich ice cream each month if he would agree to be secretary again. It was mentioned that nominations can come from the floor or as write-ins on ballot. It was also mentioned that the bylaws state that all officers have to be selected tonight. We discussed the secretary issue and asked if it could be a joint effort and the response was that it needed to be one person. Elizabeth Coble was asked if she would do it again and she finally accepted. Henry Gaither, Jr. then made a motion to close out nominations and Judy Holmes seconded motion. All members accepted. We all voted and they were counted by Judy Cox and Rick Holmes. After the counting of votes the following was decided:

President: Tal Johnson (only nominee)

Vice President: Henry Gaither, Jr. (only nominee)

Secretary: Elizabeth Coble

Treasurer: Jeannie Johnson

Board members: Richard Holmes, Alan Irwin, Herb Kluttz

Billy mentioned next we need to vote on the two cars for the May Car Show dash plaque. Jeannie had a list of the people that has never had their car featured on the dash plaque. Bruce Anliker's car was nominated by Elizabeth Coble. Henry Gaither, Jr. nominated his Dad's 1991 Mustang. Billy nominated Melony Brevada's Cadillac. Tal Johnson nominated one of Butch McKenzie's cars. Bob King nominated Rick Holmes' car, but Rick mentioned it probably would not be ready. We voted and the two winners picked were Bruce Anliker and Henry Gaither, Sr, but we found out later that Bruce had sold his car. We found out that the person/car with the next highest votes would be chosen. That would be Butch McKenzie and one of his cars.

John mentioned that will meet at the Lake Mackintosh clubhouse on Saturday morning @ 10am December 10th to decorate for the Christmas party.

Jeannie mentioned that car on trophy was different than car on dash plaque and we need to clear up in time to get the dash plaque, trophy and car show flyer. We will try to put this years dash plaque cars on flyer and trophy. The January/February NC Region newsletter will have our car

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show ad without the cars in order to get it out there and then the cars will be in the ad for the March/April newsletter.

John Cox mentioned that he will go see Lisa Wolfe @ Parks & Recreation next week and get details. He will try to see if we can get more of Main Street and the old Lab Corp. parking lot for show. Our car show will be May 20th, 2017.

John Cox offered to be Tal Johnson's gopher while he is President.

Wallace mentioned that the street blocking and barricade moving was an issue during car show.

Ed Tulauskas had a short program with pictures from his trip to the 1953-1954 Buick Skylark Annual Car Show. He went to the WWI museum and Harry S. Truman museum and saw other private car collections. He showed pictures from his trip.

We adjourned @ 09:02 PM.

Cathy Dover

Ramblings of a Snake Driver

Happy Holidays to everyone! Today is the last day of school before we get out for Thanksgiving so everyone is excited to get some time off.

I hope as the seasons arrive you are thankful for what you have been blessed with no matter how large or small. Frankly I'm just glad to wake up every day and see the green (or soon to be brown) grass, have my family, my friends, and my Faith.

I'd like to thank all those that made it to the poker run. I thought it turned out well so hopefully more folks can make it next time. I promise it will be longer and end up somewhere there is ice cream!

At this year's Christmas party you will have an opportunity to participate in the "Dirty Santa" ornament exchange. The rules are pretty easy...If you chose to participate bring a WRAPPED Christmas ornament to the party and register with me. Entrants will have their name placed in a hat and names drawn at random. The first selected entrant will then go pick a wrapped ornament from someone, take it back to your table, unwrap it AND show it to the crowd. The next and subsequent entrant drawn has two choices: first pick another wrapped ornament or steal an ornament from someone who has already opened their ornament. If they steal the person whose ornament was stolen either gets another wrapped ornament or steals from someone else. An ornament may only be stolen ONCE so no "re-steals" AND an individual may be stolen from only once. The event goes until everyone has an ornament. As a recommendation when I was last at Hospice there was quite a collection of Christmas ornaments at very reasonable prices so why not support Hospice and have a great time at the party?



Next year I'm hoping for more opportunities to get the cars out in club activities.

Though we had some outings I really want to ramp it up so stand by for the events calendar at a future club meeting. Remember our greatest recruiting tools are the members and their cars. Getting the cars out to the public brings attention to the club and that brings in more members....which we NEED if we are to survive as an organization.

Finally I wanted to make a special shout out to those that served or will soon serve our club in a leadership position (that includes chairing the car show too!)...Thank You for stepping up. Without your contributions we could not continue to have our great club. I really want to point out the great job done by our outgoing president and secretary. They continued their leadership despite going through job changes and a move... to another state...and our club never lost a beat. I'm really hoping to see you both at as many meetings and events as your schedule will allow.

Well that's about it from me for now. I hope you have the merriest of times this season and please don't forget the reason for the season! Take care out there and I'll see you soon!

Henry Gaither

November 2016 Treasurer's Report

Reminder: Our club annual dues of \$25 are now due. Save postage and bring the \$25 (cash or check) to the Christmas party on December 10! I need to send a membership list of paid members to National in early January, so be sure your name is on the list! You will find the bill for National dues of \$35 in the Antique Automobile quarterly magazine.

Jeannie Johnson





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