

President's Message

July is here and I know everyone will celebrate the July 4th holiday and many of us will take that needed vacation. I certainly wish each of you a safe holiday and a safe trip.

On June 20th Alamance Region AACA had 7 cars on display at the Twin Lakes Community. Many residents came out to see our cars on a beautiful Saturday morning. Our members answered questions and listened to residents reminisce about the good old days. Herb Klutz even shared a few of his good old days stories with the group. I know we all enjoyed sharing our antique car heritage as much as they enjoyed seeing the cars. This type of event is one we should do every year. See pictures in the newsletter.

I'm not aware of any car shows in July as of now but we are starting back with a car show schedule in the newsletter. There are 3 shows I'm aware of in August. Two are on August 1st. One is the General Greene Show in Greensboro and the All Ford Show at the NC Transportation Museum in Salisbury. On August 15th Zooland AACA will have their show in Asheboro.

The Greensboro Car Auction is making free tickets available for any members that want to attend their next auction on July 18th. Hopefully we will have the tickets available at the next club meeting on July 11th.

We still need a couple to help host for our September meeting.

Just a note to remind our members that our last meeting, Tim Vann from WearCheck USA offered a club discount to analyze oil, coolant, or transmission fluid for \$20 per sample. See me for a sample kit if you are interested in this service. It can be a small price to pay to protect the investment in your antique car. Congratulations to Elizabeth Coble for winning a sample kit at the last meeting.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for June 2015

The June 2015 meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, June 13th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson, who thanked the hosts, Richard and Judy Smith, Pat Burke, Linda Burns and with a little help from us (Billy & Cathy). To not have any hosts signed up before the meeting we sure had it covered! We had 38 people attending including 36 members and 2 guests. Tim and Denise Vann were the guests attending and they were invited by Billy Patterson.

Our president, Billy Patterson asked if the May 2015 minutes were accepted as written. Elizabeth Coble made the motion and Henry Gaither, Jr seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written.

Jeannie Johnson passed out the car show info that compared this year's show info to last year's show info. This year was much better! Jeannie recycled the outdated car show flyer by printing the car show info on the back side. Billy asked if the car show report is accepted as written. Then Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and Pat Tulauskas seconded the motion to accept the car show report.

Next Club Meeting
 July 11, 2015 at 6:30pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

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- Aug. Issue: 7/22/15
 Sept. Issue: 8/26/15
 Oct. Issue: 9/30/15
 Nov. Issue: 10/28/15
 Dec. Issue: 11/25/15

Meeting Minutes for June 2015 (con't.)

Billy reminded everyone that next Saturday (June 20th) is the event at Twin Lakes in Burlington. We were asked to come and display our cars for the residents by the activity director, Gloria Foster. Twin Lakes is located at 3727/400 Wake Coble Dr. off of Church Street. For ones that would like to caravan we will meet at Kmart parking lot @ 9:30am. It was mentioned that Melody Bravada had given residents rides previously in her 1929 Cadillac and our club has received donations from folks that enjoyed the ride in her car.

Henry mentioned that the Mustang Club had a car show at the Home Depot on Wendover in Greensboro on Saturday, June 20th. It was mentioned that there is a car show at Bethesda Baptist in Mebane on Saturday the 20th also. John Cox mentioned that the General Greene show was on August 1st.

John Cox mentioned he has received an e-mail from someone at the Greensboro car auction. For a website ad we will get free tickets for admission. This auction is the 3rd weekend in July. John Cox also mentioned that Bob King is recovering from back and neck surgery at home.

Billy mentioned that we should add a car show calendar of events in the newsletter. Please send all car show info to Bruce Anliker and copy Ed Tulauskas so that it will appear on the website also.

Our program on vehicle lubricant testing was given by our guest, Tim Vann (Senior Sales Representative and Technical Support). He started the program by going over what his company, Wearcheck does for their client's company vehicles and individuals vehicles. He went over the collection process, testing of the car's lubricants (engine oil, transmission fluid, coolant and differential grease) and reporting of results. The tests for engine oil will give you lubricant properties and show how the wear metals change with erosion from oil flow over time. If samples are taken at oil change intervals then the test results will show time trend for a particular vehicle. Tim mentioned that you can also find out from results if oil change interval can be

lengthened. Tim supplied Billy with kits to obtain lubricant samples from a few members cars in our club. The first cars to be tested were John Cox's 1952 Ford Customline, Ray Fowler's 1938 Buick, Ray Fowler's 1955 Chevy Bel Air and Billy Patterson's 1968 Ford LTD. A variety of lubricant type samples were collected from these cars for testing at the Wearcheck lab in Cary, NC. Tim mentioned if someone were to provide samples at intervals, then they could watch out for any spikes or changes that could indicate an issue in car's systems. For instance if you see an increase of lead, copper, tin and iron together for your results--that would indicate bearing wear. The lab can detect if antifreeze or fuel is getting into the engine oil. With fuel in the engine oil the viscosity will be lowered and bearing wear will be an issue. They can perform a percent water test to see if the water content is low and not an issue in the engine. He mentioned they perform tests on diesel engines also. Since the diesel engines cause soot (carbon black-unspent carbon), they need to measure the amount of soot in the diesel engine oil. The lab will perform an alkalinity number test that will give you an idea of how long you can go before changing oil in the vehicle. Wearcheck also has a website that you can log into to check out results on your samples and get a report with the results listed. Tim closed the program by mentioning that samples can be done for around \$20 and he would be the one that would go over the report with the client.

Ed Burns mentioned that he had two magazines (one Antique Auto and one Classic Car) for anyone that would like to have them. Ed Burns also mentioned that there were about 40 cars on display at Piedmont Health Services on Vaughn Road this morning.

Henry Gaither, Jr. mentioned that he needed more people to volunteer for car programs. He mentioned that he would help with the power point presentation.

The meeting was adjourned @ 08:30PM. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion to adjourn and Billy seconded the motion.

Cathy Dover

June Treasurer's Report

Things are quiet in the Treasurer's Corner now. Thank you letters have been sent to our car show sponsors and the ads are on our website for those who purchased ad space. I hope you will support these fine sponsors! Half-year memberships in AACA are now available to new members beginning June 1 – December 31, 2015. The membership fee is \$18. Student memberships are also available at \$12 per year for students ages 13 – 25.

Jeannie Johnson



Tim Vann of Wearcheck addresses the club. Photo courtesy of Cathy Dover.

Alamance Region At Twin Lakes



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Riding in style! Melody Brevda's classic recently served as North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory's ride in the Blowing Rock 4th of July Parade. Congratulations Melody!

Upcoming Shows and Cruise Ins

- 3rd Saturday Every Month Liberty, NC Cruise-In. North Fayetteville Street
- August 1 General Greene Show in Greensboro
- August 1 All Ford Show at the NC Transportation Museum in Salisbury.
- August 15 Zooland AACA Show in Asheboro
- August 29 28th Annual Roanoke Valley Mopar Show Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd. Salem, VA.
- September 19 Brightleaf Hoedown 9th Annual Car Show "Around the Square", Downtown Yanceyville
- September 26 9th Annual Oconeechee/Orange Speedway Racer's Reunion and Car Show.



Your intrepid editor and family will be off celebrating all things Mopar at this year's All-Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, PA this weekend. Sorry we'll miss the meeting, but we're outta here!



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