

President's Message

March has arrived and February was a very eventful winter month. I attended the Annual AACA meeting in Philadelphia February 11-13. (See photos following) Again it was extremely cold, some snow and wind chills below zero. I hope that all AACA members have an opportunity to attend the annual meeting at least once. You get to meet your national officers and directors. Our table at the Region Presidents Dinner had 5 national AACA office employees. They all were really nice folks. At this meeting, we presented \$200 to the AACA museum and another \$200 to the AACA library and research center. We should all visit the AACA museum in Hershey, Pa. Also, part of your membership allows some research at the AACA library if you need it for your restoration. Alamance Region received an award of merit for our newsletter at this dinner.

Attending seminars is a big part of the annual meeting. You pick and are on your own to attend what interests you. One new seminar was a question and answer session with the producer and cast of "The Appraisers". The cast are all AACA members and go out to review and to appraise some unique and outstanding original and restored antique autos. This show was on the velocity channel in the first season. I don't get that channel myself, but was able to see a clip of the show at the seminar. The first season was a success, and the producer is in negotiations for future episodes. We'll have to wait to see if it happens and if the first season comes out on DVD.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 20th due to the annual meeting the week before. We again met at the K&W cafeteria to take the ladies out to dinner and have a fun program. (See photos following) Earlier in the day we also had our members attend two restoration shop tours sponsored by General Greene Chapter of NC Region. An article of this should follow in the newsletter.

The General Greene Chapter has invited us to participate in a display of our antique cars and parade at the Virginia International Raceway (VIR) on Friday March 25. They need a headcount by March 15. If you can attend, let me know as soon as possible. You can call me at 336-580-0655 or e-mail at BPatter926@nc.rr.com. We will show from 9AM till 12Noon and then parade for a lap just after 12 Noon. All proceeds will go to Victory Junction Camp. Also for a donation of \$25, you can have 20 minutes on the VIR track.

April will be a busy month; we have the AACA meet at Autofair April 8th & 9th and a cruise-in at the Daniel Boone Village in Hillsborough, NC April 16th. There's lots of reasons to get the old ones rolling this spring. Participate in all you can.

In closing, I want to thank everyone that expressed condolences in the loss of my father in February. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Billy Patterson

Editor's Note: The club membership would like to express its heartfelt condolences to Billy over the loss of his father. We know he will be sorely missed.

February 2016 Treasurer's Report

It is time to start thinking about our spring car show! Sponsor forms were handed out at our last meeting. If you need any forms, please let me know because our sponsors are critical to making our car show a success. I will have sponsor forms available at our March meeting. Also, if you will be attending any car events, please take our car show flyers with you. Tal has emailed copies of the flyer to our members. I have sent our flyer to presidents of over 25 local AACA regions and chapters, asking them to make them available to their members. One president has already sent our flyer to all of his members!

Next Club Meeting
 March 12, 2016 at 6:30pm
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Meeting Minutes for February 2016

The February meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at K&W Cafeteria in Burlington on Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 PM to celebrate Valentines Day. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson. We had the blessing and all headed to get food in the cafeteria line. We had 38 people attending including 36 members, 1 child and with 1 guest. Tal & Jeannie brought Clyde Maddix as a guest.

Billy mentioned we needed more people to sign up to host the car club meeting/dinner. He passed around the host sign-up sheet during our meeting.

He asked if the January newsletter minutes were accepted as written. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and Richard Holmes seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Jeannie gave the Treasurer's report. She mentioned that we spent \$1000 and had \$40 income. She said we need a good car show. She also mentioned we are good on dues.

Billy gave a short update of his trip to Philadelphia, PA on Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th. While at the meeting, he presented a check from the club to the AACA museum and AACA library for \$200 each. For the Friday night Region President's Dinner he ended up assigned to table with the AACA office staff. During the President's Dinner, Billy accepted an award of merit for our newsletter (for Bruce Anliker). He mentioned that the guys from the Velocity channel show, The Appraisers were at the meeting. Billy attended a question and answer session for the show and spoke to the producer of the show in the hotel elevator. The producer mentioned that they would probably be putting a DVD together for the series. During the meeting he went to a seminar on newsletters and they mentioned that all AACA newsletters should be done in Word Press by mid year 2016.

Billy gave an update on the car show. He mentioned we have insurance. On Tuesday, Billy and Rick Holmes went to the City Council meeting an everything went smooth. We are good for our car show on May 21st in downtown Burlington and the street closures were approved.

Both sponsor forms and an updated member list were passed out.

Henry's program of the night was the Newlywed game for a \$50 gift certificate. He asked for couple volunteers and slowly 4 couples came up to the front of the room. The couples that volunteered were Ed & Linda Burns, Richard & Judy Holmes, John & Judy Cox and Larry & Elizabeth Coble.

The Alamance Region's version of the Newlywed Game at February's meeting was a hard-fought contest coming down to the very last question. Since that last question concerned the law-breaking history of their spouse while behind the wheel of an automobile, many wives pleaded the fifth!

Here are the questions that were asked during the game:

1. What was your partners first car?
2. Ladies: What color was partners 1st car?
3. Guys: Where did you go on your first date?
4. Guys: What was your partners maiden name?
5. Ladies: What was the name of his High School?
6. Guys: What was your partners first job?

After the 6th questions it was down to John & Judy Cox and Elizabeth & Larry Coble with 6 right each.

7. Ladies: Approximately how many speeding tickets did your partner get?

John & Judy Cox won the game and the \$50 gift certificate.

Floyd Smith wanted to let everyone know that Wayne Womble passed away at Alamance Regional in Burlington. He was the one that had bought the old McPherson hardware building downtown and was moving from Apex to Burlington. He and his wife were looking forward to having the car club over and sharing the space and lift for working on our cars. He was one of our last year's car show sponsors.

Bob King mentioned that he will send pictures to Bruce from the tour today to wooden boat company and Whitley Motor Company with General Greene Chapter. There were 15 of our members participating today. Bob mentioned that General Greene will be having another event on Friday, March 25th at VIR. They are inviting us to join in for charity laps that will benefit Victory Junction. You can pay \$25 for 20 minutes worth of laps.

Henry mentioned that the March meeting maybe a film and we may move the poker run to May. There will be a prize for the poker run.

These upcoming events were mentioned:

March 3rd, 4th and 5th-Greensboro auction

April 16th-Daniel Boone cruise-in

Our meeting was adjourned around 8:10 PM.

Cathy Dover



Touring with General Greene. Wooden boats and British cars, oh my!

On Saturday, February 20, fifteen members of our club joined the General Greene Chapter visiting two very interesting businesses in Greensboro affiliated with the automotive (and boat) restoration hobby. Our attendance was as a result of an invitation by the General Greene Chapter of the North Carolina Region, AACCA.

Our first stop of the day was at the Lowell Boats business which specializes in the restoration of primarily wooden boats. After an interesting opening description of the activities performed here we were able to walk through a myriad of old wooden boats that ranged from production years beginning with the turn of the 19th century to the mid 1960's.

From rowboats to high powdered Chris Craft ski boats and even a 1932 electric boat that could be driven either forward or backward, the wood was old, rough, polished and beautiful. One boat which had been in the same family since its build in the 1940's was nearing completion and readied for a family reunion this spring. Boats here have been restored from all over the world. Two completed boats were valued at around \$125,000! And we thought our cars were expensive.

Breakfast goodies were supplied by our hosts and devoured by those who were able to get their jaws shut from the "ooing and aahing" being heard all over the shop.

After leaving the boat shop the tour traveled the short distance to downtown Greensboro for a delicious lunch at Natty Greene's restaurant. I would guess there were probably 50 or so of us hungry folks in the upstairs dining room. After all, it had been at least an hour since we last ate. And then on to the next stop.

The second tour stop was at Whitby Motorcars. Again we started out with a description of the goings on at this business by one of the three owners along with a history of the beginnings of this shop. It seems that three guys wanted to have a Ford Cobra and decided to build their own. This turned into a business of "kit cars" with a waiting line that has prohibited the three owners from ever being able to build a car and then keep it for themselves. Quality work was very evident. The fiberglass kits are brought in from a single source and the rest is fabricated, fitted, powered, painted and shined here in this shop. Three body styles of kits are used including a 1932 Ford. There is some restoration of antique cars performed here, when time will allow, as evidenced by the presence of a 50's Plymouth station wagon nearly complete. And oh yea, the owners furnished us with carton after carton of Yum Yum ice cream which went very well for the many that didn't get enough to eat at either of the earlier two locations.

We thank the General Greene Chapter for the invitation and hope that the two clubs can get together for more tours.

Bob King



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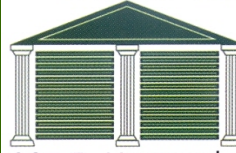


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