

## President's Message

**H**ey Folks, I hope everyone had a happy-safe Thanksgiving and enjoyed the time with family & friends. We all have something to be thankful for, I know I do. We had a great time with our family and thankful they all got home safe. I am still enjoying the leftovers (even after gaining 10 pounds) and now I am trying to write something for the newsletter.

I would like to thank Cathy & Billy, Polly & Byron and OT for hosting last month's meeting.

Bruce finished the artwork for the 2018 Car Show Flyer and it was submitted to the NC Region for their newsletter. Now we need to get the flyers out early in 2018. I think that advertising is instrumental to having a successful Car Show.

At our November Annual Business meeting the treasurer's budget was approved as suggested by the board. The Nominating Committee couldn't coerce any new folks to run for 2018 Officers so they brow-beat the 2017 folks to stay on. No one was nominated from the floor so you are stuck w/the same old bunch. Please join in and help us this year. A few people can't carry this club forever. These Car Shows require a lot foot work to have any chance of being a success.

The Annual Christmas dinner is here, so please get out and join us for some food, fun and fellowship. I hope you decide to attend this year. Henry is having the Dirty Santa event, John will have us rolling in the aisles w/his jokes and Pat will amaze us w/who knows what, so how can you not come out and join us with that kind of entertainment.

In case we don't see everyone before Christmas, Jeannie & I want to take this opportunity to thank all for your friendship throughout our time in this Club. We wish all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New year and May God bless you all.

Keep the old ones rolling on down the road! Get them out and enjoy them while you can and before they rust and all the paint falls off!

*Tal Johnson*

## December 2017 Treasurer's Report

**J**ust a reminder to pay your 2018 Alamance Region dues of \$25! You can combine your dues and your Christmas dinner payment (\$12.50 per person) and bring a check or cash to the Christmas dinner if you wish. If you would rather mail a check, our mailing address is P. O. Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302.

*Jeannie Johnson*

## Editor's Note

**Y**ou might be asking yourself, what's up with the new look of the newsletter? Well, there's a story behind all that. It's been a rough week at your editor's house. First, the pump for our well went out, and then the external drive for my computer went on the fritz. Yep, you can call a plumber and get a new well pump installed, but it's not as easy to recover an external drive that's no longer recognized by your computer.

In addition, I've been thinking about revising and updating the look of the newsletter for a while now... but the failure of the external drive forced the issue. See, the external terrabyte drive is where EVERYTHING on my computer is stored. All my art, all my freelance design jobs, you know, all the stuff I use to make a little extra spending money.

So, we had to start over from scratch. Might as well freshen it up since we have to start over! Let's hope the drive can be recovered. Meanwhile, enjoy!

*Bruce Anliker*

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## Hosts

December: Catered Dinner!

## Weak Spark Deadlines

Jan. Issue 12/30/17

## Next Club Meeting

January 16, 2018 at 6:30pm  
AACAA Clubhouse  
Burlington, NC

## Minutes from the November 2017 meeting

**T**he Alamance Region, AACA met on November 11, 2017. Tal Johnson, President, called the meeting to order. There were no guests in attendance and he thanked the hosts - Byron Thomas and Polly Hawkins, Billy Patterson and Cathy Dover, and O. T. Smith. John Cox lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tal asked if anyone knew who the President of the club was from 1995 until 1998. This person would have been between Ernie Stoffel and Chip King. If you have this information, please let Tal know. Tal reminded everyone about the Hillsborough Historic Homes Tour on December 10. If you plan to attend with your car then please contact Bill Cox. He is looking for cars that would represent the different wars. Tal asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter. There being none, John Cox made the motion to accept the minutes with a second by Jeannie Johnson. The minutes were approved as printed.

Jeannie presented the Treasurer's report and she noted that we had received a Thank You from the May family. The Timeless Cruisers presented their monetary gift at the Hospice Show and we matched a portion

of the gift since they had a lot of club members in attendance. Jeannie presented the proposed budget for 2018 and stated that it takes

\$6,195.00 per year to run the club. This shows how important our sponsors are to keep us going. Dues for 2018 will again be \$25.00 (single or couple). The cost for our Christmas party is \$12.50 for a single or \$25.00 for a couple. Jeannie said that she could take dues and Christmas Party money at the meeting. Ed Tulauskas made a motion to accept the 2018 budget and this was seconded by Richard Holmes. The budget was approved. John Cox commented that he was going to talk to Hospice about where they get the Port-O-Johns for the Hospice Show and see if he can get a deal for the ones for our Spring Show. Jeannie sent a list for signing up for the Christmas Party and the 2018 Host List around the room.

The Nominations committee presented the slate of officers for 2018 and they are:

**President - Tal Johnson**

**Vice President - Henry Gaither**

**Secretary - Elizabeth Coble**

**Treasurer - Jeannie Johnson**

**Board of Directors - Ray Fowler, Bill Cox**

Judy Holmes made a motion to closed the nominations and

Jeannie Johnson seconded. The Officers were approved.

Tal reminded everyone that the newsletters still needs articles.

John Cox, Otto Watson and Herb Klutz took cars to the Village of Brookwood. Herb won 3rd place and a t-shirt for his Thunderbird. Former members, Agnes Yount and Mary Leighton Sellars are both residents at the Village and they share newsletters from the club.

Our Christmas Party will again be at Lake McIntosh Cubhouse. Johnny at Western Steak House will again be the caterer. He will provide peach cobbler and others are encouraged to bring dessert items. Anyone that can come on December 9 at 10 am, we will be setting up the tables and chairs and we will need decorations for the tables. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm as they like to lock the gates at 9:00 pm. Pat Tulauskas will again be in charge of the program. Everyone needs to bring Christmas items for a Dirty Santa and the cost should be under \$10.00. Previously we haven't been charged a rental fee and next year we will need to check on this.

Bruce Anliker presented a sample of the flyers and only one change was noted. Registration needs to be 8:00 am until 11:00 am with awards at 3:00 pm.

Bruce apologized for the newsletter as it was a 6 page PDF but when it printed there were only 4 pages.

Another change to the flyer was to list Rick Holmes number and Tal and Jeannie's so if there are questions concerning registration there will be someone they can call. It was noted that pre-registered

folks can pay on the day of the show and don't have to send money before.

Tal stated that he received a letter that concerned tires from Eric Marsh, who teaches the CJE class on tires for national shows. He needed to know how many club members have cars from 1973 to 1978. With this information he can go to the tire makers to get them to reproduce period correct tires. Currently they don't. These are called Alpha Radials. Elizabeth Coble explained that running P coded tires results in maximum deductions at national car shows. No one said that they had a car of this era.

Wallace Compton asked if anyone had the National Magazine with the two tone Model A - Black and Gray - on the cover. He would like to borrow the magazine for a couple of months. It would have been about a year ago. This was a coupe 1930-31.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Cox and seconded by Alan Erwin.



*Elizabeth Coble*

## Ramblings of a Snake Driver

**H**appy Holidays to everyone! Today is the first day of school after what seemed like 25 minutes of Thanksgiving break. Lordy where has the time gone by? And if it is off work/vacation time it goes even faster! As I said last year 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.

At this year's Christmas party you will once again have an opportunity to participate in the "Dirty Santa" ornament/gift exchange. The rules are pretty easy. If you chose to participate bring an UNWRAPPED Christmas ornament and/or small gift (from now on referred to as the item) to the party and register with me. Entrants will have be given a ticket which is placed in a hat and then drawn at random. The first selected entrant will then go pick an item from the gift table, take it back to your table, AND show it to the crowd. The next and subsequent entrant drawn has two choices: first pick another item from the gift table or steal an item from someone who has already has their item. If they steal the person whose item was stolen either gets another item from the gift table or steals from someone else. An item may only be stolen ONCE so no "resteals" AND an individual may be stolen from only once. The event goes until everyone has an item. As a recommendation when I was last at Hospice

there was quite a collection of Christmas ornaments at very reasonable prices and other items that would make great gifts 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. Yes I said these very words last year. 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.

I think at one time we asked for folks to send pictures of their cars from back in the day. Have you sent yours? This is our newsletter so why not take the time to contribute when you can. Like **now** would be a great time!

Finally I wanted to make a special shout out to those that were elected and/or selected to 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.

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*



Henry Gaither back in 1974 (above), and the Gaither's daughter Caroline in the Shelby (left). Caroline is now 25. Time indeed *DOES* fly!



The new 2018 Tesla Model "B" with optional Skylark package. Photo courtesy of Pat Tulauskas.



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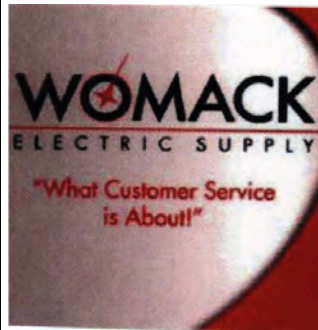
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