

### President's Message

**H**ey Folks, I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Holidays, got all the presents they asked for and that you are looking forward to the New Year. As we get older we are thankful just to spend time with friends and family. When we retire from the work world we tend to forget how busy we were. I am not saying we are not busy now, honey-do jobs, DR visits, etc, etc, etc! Oh well I am just happy and thankful to be here. Now if I can just find something to rant about?

Sorry we had to cancel our Annual Christmas dinner but we decided it was unsafe to try and have it. We were fortunate that we were able to stop the food order w/o cost and really appreciate their cooperation.

Please remember if you haven't paid your National and/or Regional dues they are now overdue. Jeanne needs to send the membership list in by the 15th of January or you to be dropped from the National register so please take care of it. If they are not paid you will not be able to sign up for National Shows, Tours or Judging in 2018. Please note the National Dues have increased to \$40 for 2018.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the NC Region Annual Meeting in Burlington January 19 & 20th and the 82nd AACA Annual Meeting February 8-10, 2018, in Philadelphia, PA.

The 2018 Car Show Flyer was submitted to the NC Region for their newsletter and we need to make sure we have copies available at the NC Regional meeting in January. I know I repeat myself but we need to get the flyers out early in 2018. I think that advertising is a major factor in having a successful Car Show. Please join in and help us this year, the Car Shows require a lot work to have any chance of being a success.

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*

### January 2018 Treasurer's Report

I am sorry to report that our club's expenses were \$800 more than our income for 2017. If each member will make an extra effort to get sponsors for our spring car show, we can make 2018 a better financial year for our club. Selling the web ad along with the regular sponsorship has been a great way to generate extra income. We want to be able to continue to provide a scholarship for ACC students and support the AACA Library.

I will have sponsor forms at the January meeting and I will be glad to email the form to you as well.

The 2018 club dues remain at \$25. If you have not paid yet, please bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to: Alamance Region AACA, PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302. I will be sending our roster to National in the middle of January, so please get your money to me so your name will remain on our membership list. (National dues are \$40 for 2018 and can be mailed to AACA, 501 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033.).

*Jeannie Johnson*

### We need articles for the Weak Spark! Here are some ideas:

- The first or the newest car in your collection.
  - Car shows, cruise-ins or any cars you see that stand out.
  - Car related locations you have seen or that we might visit.
  - The best or worst time you had with or in your car.
  - Any old car stories you have, even second hand tales.
  - We especially enjoy pictures of your past or new car projects.
- Please email or give your pictures and articles to Bruce at [bruceanliker@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceanliker@yahoo.com).

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### Hosts

January:	Floyd & Elsie Smith, Tal & Jeannie Johnson
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### Weak Spark Deadlines

Feb. Issue	1/27/18
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### Next Club Meeting

January 13, 2018 at 6:30pm  
AACA Clubhouse  
Burlington, NC

## Hillsborough Holiday Home Tour

In early December, the town of Hillsborough held its annual Christmas Home Tour. Several homes, churches and businesses were decorated for Christmas with items from the era they were built. Additionally, there were plays depicting events in history that occurred during the period these houses existed or music of the times. I enjoyed the Tuba quartet playing Christmas music.

The Chamber of Commerce was raising money for the new Vietnam Memorial being built in Chapel Hill so they chose houses that were built during each war the U.S. has been involved in since revolutionary times. The town of Hillsborough has always played a part of American history and the houses around town have largely been kept up to original standards. I have usually been called upon when town events require the use of antique automobiles and I was asked

if we could display cars of each war era for the tour.

The Alamance Region was given credit for being the major supplier for the antique cars this year. It was a struggle with the bad weather... if you remember the snow we had, it was the day before the home tour. It put a damper on the ability to get some cars over to Hillsborough in time for the tour. However, we had several folks who were able to participate and it all worked out well.

Many thanks to those who were able to come and to those who agreed to but weren't able to get out due to the weather. The help we give each other for these type of events is important to our club and to the hobby. I hope we have another opportunity to do something like this in the future... just when the weather is better!

*Bill Cox*



### January Birthdays

- 10 Debbie Holmes
- 12 RJ Anquilano
- 14 Bruce Anliker
- 17 Sam Burke
- 21 Beckie Pickett

### January Anniversaries

- 25 Sam and Pat Burke

A cancelled Christmas Party in December makes for a SMALL newsletter in January! We'll pick it back up next month!



The Alamance Regions own intrepid wanderer Ed Tulauskas recently went to the Exotic Racing school in Vegas as part of his training. Here is Ed test driving a Ferrari F480 at the Las Vegas speedway for 5 laps. The course is not an oval and max speed at 200mph. Vroom, Vroom, fun, fun—highly recommend! *Editor's note:* Nice work if you can get it! We're all jealous Ed!



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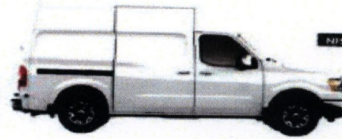
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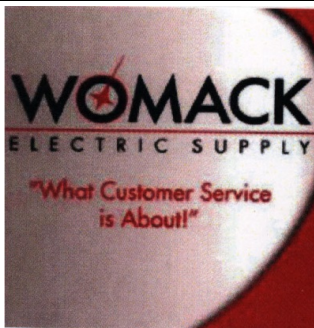
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