

## President's Message

**H**ey Folks, Jeanne & I missed the last meeting due to a last minute conflict. I want to thank Henry for covering for me and I'm sure it was a nice break from my rambling around. Also I want to thank Judy & John Cox and Annie & Wallace Compton for hosting the meeting.

Hmmmm, just thinking, the 2019 election of officers is coming up in a couple of months. Be thinking about your Car Club! Do you want it to survive & grow?? Step up & tell the Nominating Committee you would like to get involved. I know they are looking for a President! As another infamous President (Johnson) said, "If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve." I am physically (some will say mentally) not able to do a good job with all the effort that is necessary. I do want to thank the folks that are always there to help me. While I am expounding, I think we should consider going back to having a Car Show Manager. With the effort required for two shows, it's been a full time job for Jeanne & me.

Several of us have gotten serious about the Hospice Show because the 29th of September will be here before we can turn around. Bruce has designed a great new Flyer and Poster for this year and we will need help in spreading them around. There are lots of Shows & Cruise-ins between now & September 29th so please step up & help. The Board/Committee chose Silvia Smith as this year's honoree for the Hospice Dash Plaque. Please remember we need drinks & goodies to sell at the show. We will have a list of duties for the show to pass out at the August club meeting.

We decided to do a Live Auction for my Pontiac Garage Sign due to the cost of raffle tickets and the lack of time. Sooo we need an Auctioneer! Anyone volunteer? If you know of other clubs in the area, let them know we are holding the challenge again this year. Our club will donate to Hospice \$25 per car (up to \$500) for the club that brings the most cars to the show. The Timeless Cruisers Club was the winner last year.

The weather has not been very favorable for cruising around but you need to keep the old ones rolling on down the road! Get them out and enjoy them while you can and before you or they rust and all the paint falls off!

*Tal Johnson*

## July 2018 Treasurer's Report

**O**nce again, things have been quiet in the Treasurer's Corner. I paid the property tax on our clubhouse and it was only \$8.01 more than last year and \$14.55 under our budgeted amount for 2018. Our only other expenses were \$53.35

for Duke Energy and \$20 for stamps for our Sunshine Chairman who does a great job of sending birthday and anniversary cards and get well messages. Unfortunately, we had no income during the month of July!

*Jeanne Johnson*

## Coming Events!

### Cruz-ins

**3rd Sat: 8 to 10:00 am** - Cars and Coffee event on UNCG campus.

**3rd Fri** - Timeless Cruisers Cruz-in - Highway 55 Burgers- Mebane.

**4th Sat: 8:00** - Holly Hill Mall Cruz-in parking lot

### Local Car Shows

**Aug 11th: 8 to 3:00** - General Greene Chapter - @ Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market

**Sept 15th 8-3:00** - Veterans Asheboro - @/beside Chevy dealer

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## Next Weak Spark Deadline

Sept Issue 9/2/18

## Next Club Meeting

August 11, 2018 at 6:30pm  
ACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

## Sunshine Committee!

### August Birthdays

7 Cathy Dover  
8 Dave Rich  
12 Alan Irwin  
12 Ray Fowler  
15 Jane Gaither  
23 Richard Holmes

### August Anniversaries

14 Jane and Henry Gaither  
20 Barbara and Jim Ivey

## Minutes of the July 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by VP Henry Gaither, Jr., as the president was not in attendance. Also the secretary and treasurer were unable to attend. Henry thanked our hosts Annie and Wallace Compton and Judy and John Cox.

The treasurer reported we are solvent.

The membership was reminded to keep Elsie Smith and Catherine Gaither in their prayers as they recover.

Members were reminded to please get articles for the newsletter to Bruce.

There was discussion regarding the Hospice Car Show 29 Sep at Alamance Crossing. Bob King has secured tables and Porta-Pottys, Jeannie is working with WBAG and we have a Pontiac sign to raffle or auction. We also discussed the need for new money buckets. Flyers for the show were in the works by Bruce (*NOTE: Flyers are available at the club house and as of 1 August about 500 have been distributed*). Discussion for flyer distribution included Greensboro Cars and Coffee the 3rd Saturday at UNCG, 3rd Friday Timeless Cruisers at Highway 55 in Mebane, 4th Saturday Cruise-in at Holly Hill Mall, and 2nd Friday in downtown Reidsville. The flyers will also have a map insert showing exactly where the show will be located to avoid confusion from last year. Other Hospice Car Show topics included getting advertising on the Cox Toyota sign, local papers, and an email campaign.

Members were asked to keep in mind that at our October meeting we will pick the two cars for our 2019 car show. This will give Bruce time to put together the flyer for the NC region Newsletter.

2019 officer nomination committee members are John Cox, Rick Holmes and Otto Watson. If members would like to serve please contact one of them.

The next Dave Rich Honorary Ice Cream Tour will be in late September or October and go to the Soda Shoppe in Pittsboro...stand by for the date.

Upcoming car shows include the Zooland Regional Car Show 4 August in downtown Asheboro and the General Greene Show at the Farmers' Market 11 August. Also the Faith United Methodist Church Car Show is the same day as the Hospice Show, 29 September. Henry pointed out the 55th Anniversary of the Mustang will be held in Concord NC at the new Mustang Owners' Museum 16-20 April 2019.

The Greensboro Classic Car Auction needs volunteers to help direct traffic on 24 and 25 July. John Cox has free tickets.

Dave Rich had to explain why he was observed going through the trash at Chick-Fil-A. Turns out his granddaughter lost her retainer and being an outstanding grandparent he dived right in to locate the device. Unfortunately it was not recovered as the store had already emptied the trash...

*Catherine Gaither*

## What might the FUTURE look like for the AACA?

The AACA Antique Automobile magazine arrived not long ago and I read with interest the article "Creating Destiny" by AACA Executive Director Steve Moskowitz. If you have not read the article I would urge you to read it as in really read it.

Steve says that we as AACA cannot afford to fail and allow the club and it's ideals to go away because of declining membership and disinterest...sound familiar? So why is this happening and what can we do to reverse the trend at our club level, which in turn will help turn the tide at the national level.

In my opinion the why is pretty simple...the old cars are not relevant to younger folks and these potential members have no clue about AACA let alone the Alamance Region AACA. Many of our members have cars that they grew up with and depending upon the age of the member that is the old car they own. The cars are relevant because someone in the family has a car from a particular era and the member has fond memories of driving with Grandpa in his Model A or Mom and Dad in their 1947 Plymouth or going to high school when a 1964 Impala SS was just a car you drove to high school. So when you think of today's future AACA member in their 30's or 40's the cars of the 80's and newer are those cars. Those cars have power everything, fairly modern drive trains, air conditioning and a good sound system...remember right now a car from 1993 qualifies as an AACA eligible car. So what do we do to change the tide?

First we have to get out there and make the old cars cool and that means getting them out their beyond the car show field. Take them to cruise-in's, drive them on Sunday, participate in club events and have high participation in club events.

When we went to The Creamery in Julian with our cars every person who was there came over to look at the cars. I'm hoping we get the same response when we go to Pittsboro and Gibsonville...people love the old cars. It is amazing to go to the fourth Saturday Cruise-in at the mall and see the cars and above all the spectators and that event is smaller than Cars and Coffee in Greensboro where there are routinely over 300 cars. At the Greensboro event the old cars have a special parking area! Having the old cars at these types of events brings the interest the old cars need to make them relevant to a new generation...they become cool.

So how do we tackle getting our club out of the shadows? How about we try to have a minimum of ten cars participate in club driving events kind of a mini car show on wheels!!! Well what if we had a small banner we could take whenever we went somewhere as a club to put with the cars like at the mall cruise-in or a club event. Maybe we should print up some business cards to pass out to cars once or twice per year at cruise-in's or non-AACA car shows to say who we are and our meeting time and place and maybe our members get some cards to carry with them and place them on windshields of cars they may see when they are out and about. Once we get people in the door then they will see what a great group we are and of course the food will do the rest!

In his article Steve says failure is not an option and for AACA and our region it is not...period. But it is going to take a united AACA and every member of Alamance Region AACA to turn the tide and keep it moving forward. So let's get moving...together...RIGHT NOW!!!!

*Henry Gaither*



## The National at Hershey!

Larry and I have been traveling quit a bit over the last 2½ months. We took a European River Cruise with Viking the first part of June. We visited Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands. This checked off a major thing on my Bucket List. It was fantastic and the food was great. We did the cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands along the Rhine River. We got home for a week and then went to Oak Island/Southport with our daughter and her two boys for a week. Once we were back home, we were back on the road after a week and a half to Gettysburg for the National car show. The Chesapeake Region planned a lot of extra things to do before the car show. We went up to Gettysburg on Tuesday, July 10. On Wednesday morning we were on a tour to Fort McHenry in Baltimore and to the Museum of Industry.



We were traveling in a Van so we also got to see the Orioles' Stadium and the Raven's Stadium. Our driver for all the tours was the husband of the President of the Region and Meet Chairwomen - Gary Ruby and Paula Ruby. Larry was happy to have a former Baltimore fire fighter as our driver due to the traffic. We saw a Civil War movie this evening.

On Thursday we toured the Gettysburg Battlefield. While we have been here several times, it still was interesting. We had the CD that they use on the regular tour in our Van and we also had a History Major from Gettysburg College in the Van and he was very up on the battle and of the area. We had a box lunch at the Visitors Center which has been totally rebuilt since we were last there. The exhibits are all fresh and the Cyclorama was extremely impressive.

We had a Welcome Reception this evening with food and entertainment.

On Friday, we traveled to the Strasburg Train Museum and Railroad. The museum is also fairly new and is a separate entity from the Railroad. There was also a Roundtable and Judge's School that afternoon. Friday night brought an Ice Cream Social and more entertainment.

In addition to the activities that we participated in there were other tours that you could do - A driving tour to Utz Potato Chips and Prueitt Restorations; A driving tour to Antietam Battlefield and the Don Bowman Collection; Also a driving tour to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing.

The number of extra events that were offered at this National Show was outstanding. There were also some items that you could buy raffle tickets on - Coach Bags, lamps and a 50/50 drawing. Also there was a room with baskets, a large Gulf sign, automotive art, books, and many more items. You could buy a page of tickets and then drop them in on the items you wanted to win. There was one stub that you completed with your name and phone number

that was entered for a \$500 prize. Steve Moskowitz from National won the money and gave it back to the Region.

Saturday dawned bright, clear and very warm. I helped Larry get our 1956 Ford F-100 out of the trailer and onto the show field then I was off to the Judge's Breakfast. I had signed up for Class 19 E and was again with Bill Edmonds, my Team Captain. We got to know Bill and his wife, JayAnn, when we joined the Carolina Cadillac- LaSalle Club. He became the President of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club at the National Level. He then moved to Hershey from Lenoir, NC when he headed up the AACA Museum. We have remained good friends and I like judging on his team. I judged Exteriors on Chryslers, LaSalles, Lincolns, Chevrolets, Buicks, Studebakers, an Erskine and an REO. Not only did we judge class 19 E but also 20A and 20B. Beautiful cars. There were 517 cars registered for this show with more than 300 trailers.

Our truck was parked next to Richard and Linda Park from Franklinville, NC. Our trucks started showing about the same time and we all went through the process of getting our National awards and Grand National awards together. She got her truck from her father, just like me. We had a lot of fun catching up and on Saturday night we sat together for the Awards Dinner.

The trailer parking, car show and activities were held at the Wyndham Hotel complex at Gettysburg. This complex included the hotel, a Courtyard Hotel, The Appalachian Brewing Company and Grille and a Movie Theater. Once we parked our truck and trailer we didn't get back in it until Sunday when we left to come home.

I have included some pictures. The First one is of the Cyclorama, then our 1956 Ford Truck, the row of trucks on display, then a 1923 Mercer. The next three pictures - can you guess what they are? Bring your answers to our next meeting.

*Elizabeth Coble*



**The National at Hershey!**



*The truck classes looking mighty strong!*



**What is it? Number 1.**



*A canary yellow Mercer.*



**What is it? Number 2.**



**What is it? Number 3.**



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