

President's Message

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic show! We were able to recruit more sponsors this year. We also had more cars pre-registered than ever before. Some folks let us know that they couldn't participate due to the heat but we had some really nice cars to come out. Our student members were in attendance. Hannah Holmes helped sell 50/50 tickets and Gray Russell and his friend, Preston, assisted in giving out trophies and in drawing for the 50/50 winner and door prize winners. We tried to park the cars as they entered the show field and parked original cars and modified cars together. I am hopeful that you were able to talk with a lot of folks that were parked near your cars. I also want to thank Dave Wright and his staff at the Depot. They opened up the public restrooms in the Parking Lot next to the Depot. They also were able to get power turned on where we needed it.

I personally want to thank Billy Mebane for being patient in having to wait 2 years to display his car and for his car to appear on our trophies. Thank you Bruce for designing the trophies, flyers, posters and newspaper advertisement.

Give yourselves a hand! We were down in the registration area but everyone stepped up to cover this area.

We have several members that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Judy Holmes has been to the hospital several times in the last couple of months. Wallace Compton fell off his porch and injured his leg and Debbie Blalock fell and broke her nose resulting in surgery last week. Tal Johnson is continuing to improve after shoulder surgery.

We will meet on September 11 at the Clubhouse at 6:30 pm for a covered dish meal. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Upcoming Events

- September 9 - 12 -** *Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway*
- September 11 -** *Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville, SC - Must pre-register*
- September 11 -** *The Healing Station - Granddaddy's Antique Mall, Maple Avenue, Burlington, NC*
Pre-register - Contact Lonnie Graves - 336-437-9804
- September 18 -** *NC Region Fall Meet - NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC -*
Must pre-register
- September 18 -** *Honoring Our Veterans Cruise In - Hwy 64, Asheboro, NC*
- September 18 -** *Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 5120 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC*
- September 19 -** *Richard Terrell Cruise In, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Faith Christian Church,*
1401 Bethel Methodist Church Road, Burlington, NC
- October 2 -** *Faith United Methodist Church, 1732 W. Davis Street, Burlington, NC*
(Rain Date October 9) 9:00 am until 2:00 pm
- October 2 -** *AACA Show - Mt. Olive, NC*
- October 5-9 -** *Hershey Fall Meet and Flea Market, Hershey, Pennsylvania*
- October 9 -** *Family Abuse Services of Alamance County, Downtown Graham, NC -*
Cars are encouraged to raise funds prior to the show

Elizabeth Cable

September 2021 Treasurer's Report

Our car show was a success! Our members really came through and got 67 paid sponsors, some of which also advertised on our website. With drink sales, 50-50 ticket sales and registrations doing well, we recovered some of our losses from not being able to have a car show last year! Our car show costs about \$3,000 to put on each year! Trophies, dash plaques, depot rental, advertising, judges lunches, and printing make up most of that cost. Members donate drinks and baked goods and fire extinguishers which really helps. The money from the car show keeps our club running so we can give an ACC scholarship, help fund the AACA Library and make other charitable donations during the year. I will have a car show report ready for the next meeting. Hats off to great club members!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, September 11
Potluck Dinner
6:30 PM
Hosts - John Cox, Pat Zanolli,
Bob and Jane King
Alamance Region Clubhouse
Burlington, NC

August 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

President Elizabeth Coble started the meeting at 7:00 PM Saturday 14 August by thanking the hosts and welcoming our visitors. She also gave an update on Tal and his shoulder surgery and Floyd and Elsie's granddaughter...all good. Pat attended the memorial service for Otto's daughter.

Members were reminded that we will need officer nominations for our November meeting so if you want to serve please let that be known. Elizabeth did announce that she would not be a club officer after her current term expired at the end of this year.

John Cox put forth a motion that Richard Holmes's car be the featured car on our 2022 car show and was seconded by Henry Gaither. The motion was approved by the membership.

The majority of the meeting concerned the car show and the final details and actions needed to get everything ready. Rick Holmes conducted judges training at the end of the meeting. The training was great preparation for the many judges in attendance!

The meeting closed at 8:14 PM.

Henry Gaither, Jr. for Ray Fowler

Judge's Corner

Thank you to all of our judges for the 2021 Alamance Region show! We had great participation from our legacy judges as well as our newly "volun-told" judges! Everyone seemed familiar with the process, the guidelines, and the scoresheets used.

Having the scoresheets fully filled out for scoring sure makes the final tally process go much faster. Special thanks to Jessica Hill for stepping up to help with the data entry and tally process for judging!

Judges: Don Chaplin, Chuck Smith, Jim Shaw, John Cox, Butch McKenzie, Donnie Nance, Larry Coble, Kevin Hill, David Gaither, Henry Gaither, Herb Kluttz, Ben Boney, Billy Mebane, Richard Holmes, Bruce Anliker, Andy Hunt, Sam Burke, Ray Fowler, Mark Terry. Reserve judging staff: Elizabeth Coble, Gray Russell, Mike Blalock, Jessica Hill, Rick Holmes.

Please make sure to thank these folks for their contribution to making our show a resounding success!

Rick Holmes

Looking Ahead To 2022

Well finally we had our 49th Annual Car Show and it was fantastic! Was it the largest show we ever had? No. Did we have a record braking sponsor turn out? Don't know that answer BUT I do know it was great seeing the cars and the people who were there—so many faces we had not seen in a while. Folks catching up after almost 18 months of Covid isolation and limitations. I don't think I have seen so many smiles in a long time especially in the heat. I do think that may have been the hottest show we have had in, well I can't think of any since I have been coming to the show! A HUGE SHOUTOUT to all those who did so much to make the show happen especially chairman and fearless leader Rick Holmes putting it all together and keeping the wheels turning.

So now that all the car show stuff has been packed away like Christmas decorations, and the final numbers crunched by our intrepid treasurer, what should we be doing? Well, how about looking forward to the BIG ONE, our Alamance Region AACA 50th Anniversary Car show—WOW! I was headed home after our show when that "50" hit me. When we had our club show #1 I was 16 or so, I had my Mustang but it was only a few years old. I thought about how many cars on the show field now were just plain cars, daily transportation, street warriors, and were regarded by most as really nothing more.

There were very few people that could have foreseen the prices that those "regular" cars now command. Just think back to the oil embargo of the 70's and how many big block muscle cars were traded in or sold to buy an economy car. I bet some of those cars went for really cheap prices back then. I did know a guy who bought several Shelby Mustangs, mostly GT-500KR convertibles and other big block Fords during that time. Oh if I had only known. I imagine there were considerably more what we

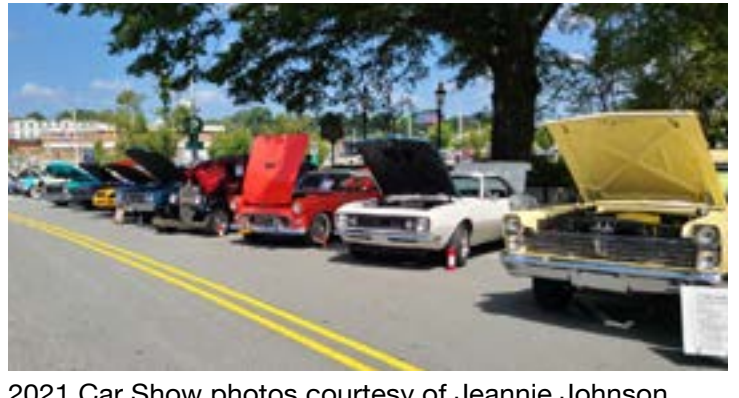
consider antique (like prewar) vehicles there too—I do wish there were more of those at current shows—those cars are forever cool.

Anyway, what about May 2022 (I figure we will go back to our traditional date)? I wonder how many folks who had a car in that very first show still have that car—that might be interesting and if there are definitely a place of honor during the show. Besides the original attendees and their cars what about original attendees who were children at that first show? As you can see I think our 50th should be really special, beyond our "regular" car show. After all, how many car clubs regardless of affiliation can say they are celebrating their 50th show—I bet not very many.

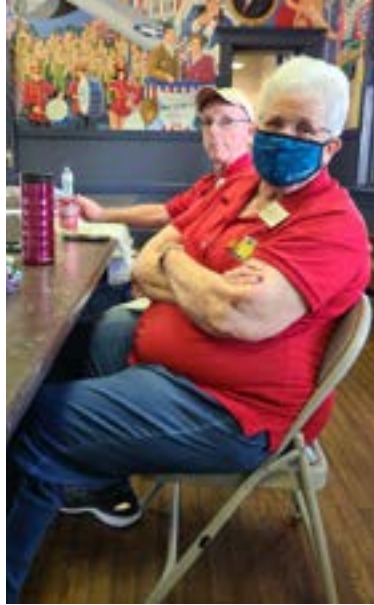
Many ideas have flooded my head, some really wild and others not so much. I hope really soon we as a club talk about our 50th and the thoughts of the membership. Some ideas may be things we have never thought of before and maybe some of those thoughts might include other 50th celebrations beyond the car show like a 50th Anniversary tour or special banquet, or special event shirt, or special dash plaques and/or trophies, or beginning in Jan 2022 a special section in our newsletter with pictures of past shows, members, and maybe some memories of our members of days gone by or celebrating our 50th throughout 2022 plus events my fried brain can't think of right now.

Yes, you can tell I think 2022 should be a very special year for our club so start getting those ideas together now and be ready to bring them forward during our club meeting. After all it is our club and the members are the heart and soul of the club. I'll see you on the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.



2021 Car Show photos courtesy of Jeannie Johnson.



Dear, Alamance Region Antique Car Club Members

I was recently awarded the Alamance Region Antique Car Club Member Scholarship. I am in the automotive program. My goal is to become an automotive specialist. Without this assistance, I would not be able to afford to pay for school that I am in the field of study. Thank you for the assistance that you are providing me.

Sincerely,
John Heanvongsor

Here's a nice thank you note from the winner of our Annual Scholarship. Go get 'em John!

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