

## President's Message

The weather is finally starting to warm up, and all of the old car buffs are beginning to think about tours, cruise-ins, and shows! I have seen a number of notices of vintage car activities in the last few weeks, including our own! Our May 21 show is just less than eight weeks away! So in addition to getting our vehicles dusted off and shined up, we need to make sure that we have everything in place to make this a great show. Most of the preparations are lining up, but we do need all members to follow up with sponsors. Last month I challenged all members to bring in at least one sponsorship per family. If we can do that, we will be in great shape! If you need any assistance in how to approach a potential sponsor, please let me know.



There are quite a few car related events that we need to have members attend to help distribute our show flyers. If you are planning to go to any events, please pick up enough of our show flyers from the clubhouse to distribute. You can also send a copy out via email to your friends! The PDF version is on the homepage of our website.

I'll have the car show assignment list at our Saturday meeting to pass around. If you need to change assignments just let me know. I am still looking for someone to volunteer to be Chief Judge!!

Our next meeting is Saturday, April 2 (moved due to Autofair), and our hosts will be the Kluttz's, Boney's, and Blalock's. I'm sure we will enjoy a great pot-luck supper, and probably more dessert than I really need!

I'll see y'all down the road!

*Rick Holmes*

## Area Automotive Events

<b>April 7 – 9</b>	Charlotte Autofair/Southeastern Spring AACA National Meet, Concord, NC
<b>April 16</b>	Mopars At The Rock, Rockingham Dragway, Rockingham, NC
<b>April 22 – 24</b>	Goodguys Griot's Garage NC Nationals, Raleigh, NC Fairgrounds
<b>April 23</b>	Mebane Dogwood Festival, Mebane, NC
<b>April 23</b>	The HEAT Cruise In at Holly Hill Mall, Burlington, NC
<b>April 30</b>	Triangle Chapter Meet, Raleigh, NC
<b>May 6</b>	Timeless Cruizers 20th Annual Show – Cedar Grove Ruritan Club
<b>May 7</b>	Mountain View Church of Asheville Car, Truck & Bike Show, Asheboro, NC
<b>May 7</b>	NC Region Spring Meet, (New River & Morehead Chapters) Jacksonville, NC
<b>May 7</b>	Piedmont Mopar Club Fun Run – Farmington Dragway, Mocksville, NC
<b>May 14</b>	First Capital Chapter Meet, New Bern, NC

## March 2022 Treasurer's Report

We now have 28 sponsors for our spring car show. Sixteen of those sponsors also paid another \$100 to have their ad on our website. It costs around \$4,000 to put on our car show and around \$6,500 to keep our club running for a year so we really need to find more sponsors for our event. A number of our members have become sponsors by donating \$100 in memory or in honor of a special person.

If that is something you would like to do, please let me know or send in a sponsor form with the wording you would like to use.

*Jeannie Johnson*

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## Next Weak Spark Deadline

May Issue 4/30/22

## Next Club Meeting

April 2, 2022  
6:30 PM  
Alamance Region Clubhouse  
Burlington, NC  
Hosts:  
Kluttz's, Boney's & Blalock's

## Minutes of the March Meeting

The Alamance Region met on March 12, 2022. Rick Holmes called the meeting to order. The Hosts for the meeting were Otto Watson, Jessica and Kevin Hill, and Elizabeth and Larry Coble. Rick commented that two of our former members had recently passed away, Junior Mills and Robert Ferguson. He recognized two visitors, Mike Johnson and Tom Eisenhardt (Otto Watson's Son-in-law).

Rick then discussed his trip to the AACA National Convention. The Alamance Region again won the Pinewood Derby but the new rules state that our winning car has to be retired.

Rick moved on to our car show that will be held in Downtown Burlington on May 21. All of our paperwork has been completed with the City of Burlington and our Certificate of Insurance has been received

Everyone needs to sell at least one sponsor. Rick has listed upcoming events on our webpage. If you are going to an event, please take flyers to past out. He is updating the day of show assignments and will be needing Judges for the day of show. Elizabeth Coble gave an update on the Club Shirts and should have them by the next meeting.

Rick thanked everyone for the cards, calls and attendance at the funeral of Debbie's and Rhonda's Mother, Judy Lineberry. He said that Pat Burke was doing better. The Host list was passed around.

The Program was White Elephant Bingo and was conducted by Henry Gaither.

Remember, the April meeting will be held on April 2 **NOT** April 9.

*Elizabeth Coble* filling in for *Mike Blaylock*



### STAINLESS CAP DENT REMOVAL

A few months ago, Ed Case gave me some old original Model A gas and radiator caps full of dents and said "hey... see what you can do with these". They all had inner shells, which made it impossible to remove the dents from the outer shell surface. The word impossible really bugs me as I feel nothing is impossible so I reviewed one of my favorite quotes "Improvise sensibly as the situation demands" (which probably came from my brother Jim who has a gift for neat quotes and story telling). I tried soaking the cap liners with Kroll penetrate for a few weeks followed by big-brute vise grips on the inner center combined with my 3 foot pipe wrench. The result was not very pretty. OK, on to plan C (plan B was more coffee and a head call).

Dremels are neat little tools, and I had one loaded with a small cut off wheel so why not cut the inner liner at a 45° angle (without cutting the stainless too badly on the inside), take small vise grips and bend the cut part in enough to use the vise grip and a small screwdriver to work the inner liner up and out. IT WORKED! This was done on a Eaton Cap.

Then, I sand blasted the removed inner shell and inner portion of the outer shell. Where do I smack the outer shell to work the dents out?

I took a magnet retrieval tool and placed it on the outside dent, dropped a ball bearing into the cap which migrated to the center of the magnet, drew a circle around the ball bearing with a felt tip pen and this gave me a good "smack it here" area. Hey... that worked too.

On a roll now, I was able to push up all the dents, file the cap to reveal other low spots, sand with 320, 400 and 600 wet-or-dry paper and polish. I painted the inner cap with anti-rust silver and pressed it back into the outer using some Loctite blue medium strength.

Dave Westenberger – Colonial Virginia Model A Club



Before



After

# Antique Auto Show

50th Annual  
Alamance  
Region

Saturday May 21, 2022



1931 Model A Ford Coupe  
Owners: Richard and Judy Holmes

At the Historic Railroad Depot In Downtown Burlington  
200 South Main Street Burlington, NC 27215



Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry	Year	Make	Model	Class
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____

I agree to abide by all rules of the show and understand that I am responsible for my vehicle(s) and the actions of persons accompanying me to this activity. I agree to release from liability all tenants and/or businesses located on/and/or within the property known as The City of Burlington, Alamance Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA), and any employee, members and/or volunteers and any other person or persons connected with the aforementioned organizations from any loss, damage, and/or injuries incurred as a result of participation in this activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration by May 14, 2022: \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Show Registration: \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Flea Market Spaces: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Car Corral Spaces (cars for sale): \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration online at [www.Alamance.aaca.com](http://www.Alamance.aaca.com) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

and pay at the show, or you can mail check with registration form to the address below.

Pre-registration deadline is May 14, 2022.

Make checks payable to: Alamance Region, Inc., AACAA  
Mail to: PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302  
Phone: 919-592-6861 Rick Holmes, President

Registration: 8:00 to 11 a.m., Awards at 3 p.m., *Rain or shine.*

**\*All vehicles must be 25 years old (1997 or older) to be judged. Antique Vehicles will be judged per AACAA criteria using AACAA classifications. Antique Vehicles will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophy in each class if they meet the AACAA point requirements. Modified Vehicles will be judged on workmanship, quality, and condition. The Top 25 Non-AACAA Vehicles will be awarded a trophy.**

**\*\*ALL Vehicles MUST have Fire Extinguishers!\*\***

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