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President's Message

Our February meeting will be held at Kimber's Steakhouse in Gibsonville to celebrate Valentine's Day. It will be nice to have a meal together that we do not have to prepare for a change!

Our Annual Antique Auto Show in May is sneaking up on us, and we are in the process of getting all of the arrangements made for rental of the Depot and permits for the street closure. Our sponsorship drive needs to be in full swing by February, and I hope we can match or exceed our record setting tally from last year! Our goal is that each member can secure at least one sponsorship, and we plenty of really good "coaches" if anyone needs a training session on how to approach folks for sponsorships. If you need any help getting started, just give one of our board members or officers a call, and we can get you pointed in the right direction.

The property sale is moving forward, and we expect to close at the end of January, with the option to continue use of the property for some period of time after closing to allow us time to move our belongings. The attorneys are working on the zero dollar lease at the time of this writing, so we'll send updates as we get the information.

Debbie, Hannah, and I plan to attend the AACA National Convention in Williamsburg, VA on Feb 9 - 11. Larry and Elizabeth Coble are also planning to attend. Remember that this is open to all members, and the registration information is on the AACA.org website under the "Events, National Calendar" link. Registration is \$35, and includes the seminars on Friday and Saturday, as well as the trade show in the exhibition hall. There are additional outings and meals that are available for additional fees, including the national awards banquet on Saturday evening. I would urge you to plan to attend at least one National Convention at some point. It is a great way to meet others in the hobby, and to see what other Regions and Chapters are doing for fun!

I'm looking forward to getting the cars back out in the next few months and enjoying some backroad touring!

I'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

January 2023 Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all our members who paid their dues so promptly! Welcome to our new members, Laverne and Harriette Zachary! I will have an updated membership list available at the February meeting. Ray Fowler will, once again, provide us with great looking membership cards. I will have our club books ready for our audit committee shortly. I will be filing our tax return soon. We pay no taxes since we are a 502(c)(3) organization.

Jeannie Johnson

Upcoming Car of the Month Articles

March	Dave Dodge	1965 Chevy II & Model car collection
April	John & Pat Cox	1929 & 1930 Ford Model A's
May	Jerry & Judy Purchell	1941 Graham
June	Donnie & Rhonda Nance	1965 Plymouth Barracuda
July	Mike Blalock	1972 F100 Ford Truck
August	Larry & Elizabeth Coble	TBD
September	Max Wicker	1965 Mustang
October	Herb Klutz	1956 Ford Thunderbird
November	TBD	
December	TBD	

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Next Club Meeting

February 4, 2023

5:30 PM

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Minutes of the January 2022 Meeting

Guests in attendance: Laverne and Harriette Zachary (now new members) and Jim and Rosa Chestnutt. We had 47 people in attendance. Sponsor forms for this year's show are now available. Jeannie reported on the past year's budget and the club had a very good year!

Sam and Pat Burke's is the featured vehicle for February.

The annual NC Region Meeting was today. Carburetors were a topic of discussion in the Judge's School. Tours were also discussed, particularly the Sentimental Tour. Next year's 70th Anniversary was also a topic of discussion, with another tour being discussed. There were 90 people in attendance for the meeting.

9/11/2023 is the date of this year's National Meeting. Be sure to sign up NOW, no later than 2/25.

February 4th will be the date for our February meeting. It will be held at Kimber's Restaurant at 5:30 PM.

In March we will have a garage tour at Butch McKensie's garage.

Sponsor forms are now available. We NEED sponsors for this year's show!

We have turned in our show application to Burlington, and have once again asked for a discount on the rental fee for the Depot since we bring so much business to downtown Burlington that day.

The sale of our clubhouse property is progressing. The property has now been rezoned. Our attorney has informed us that the developer would like to close on the property by the end of January.

Mike Blalock

The Bucket List...

Before I begin THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU some more for all the participation we had for our first activity of 2023. Bill Cox was shocked when I told him we had 27 items...YES 27 ITEMS! Plus, we had 47 folks at the meeting...again what a way to start 2023!

Just a quick reminder that our 4 February meeting will be at Kimber's located at 230 W Main Street in Gibsonville! We will begin at 5:30 ordering from their regular menu. If you get a chance, go online and preview what they have to offer. Now on to... The Bucket List....

The Bucket List... what in the world is that? Frankly, until I saw the movie of that name, I'd never really thought of it. For the uninitiated a "Bucket List" is a list of things you want to do before you, well, kick the bucket.

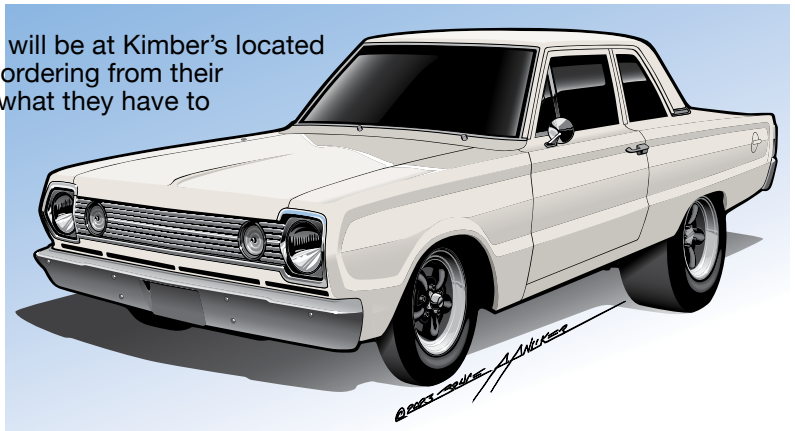
Now I really do think there should be rules for items in the Bucket List. The items should be (at least at the time you put your list together) attainable. It might take awhile but you can keep that target in sight and gradually chip away until you are there. Having items in your Bucket List you have zero hope of attaining only generates frustration

and you want to throw the whole deal in the trash. Sometimes we have to edit our Bucket List because of factors beyond our control; life kind of does that. Other times victory is achieved but, you need to evaluate your list to see if there is anything else you want to add; new challenges often bring great rewards. Should you write down your list; well, that is up to you. In these crazy days it is easy to get lost in the lunacy that surrounds work and get sucked into the screaming pace of our jobs. I think having the list written down and checking it from time to time brings what is important back into focus. Jobs are not forever, how you live your life and the time you spend with friends and family surely is not either...trust me we all have an expiration date on this planet.

I think I've had a bucket list forever but it just wasn't formally called a bucket list. If I had written down a list when I was much younger there would be a bunch I would've checked off. Some examples are having a fantastic wife, great kids and an Air Force career where I was paid to go fly very expensive machines, and on and on. As I have gotten older, I've changed some items because life frankly happens. As far as car items, there are two high on my radar. The first is to participate in the Hot Rod Power Tour (HRPT). The HRPT is a 1000-mile five day driving experience with you and around 5000-6000 cars. There are vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from beaters that can barely run to six-figure plus exotics. What binds everyone together is a love of cars and the new friends you meet along the way that share your passion. I had a chance to participate in one leg of the tour in 2019. I picked up the tour in Burlington when they were headed to Martinsville. It was fantastic but I want do the whole deal in my Mustang if I can. Another item on my list is to get a car that does not run and fix it up enough to drive safely. I think I've been influenced (way too much) by shows like RoadKill, Roadkill Garage, Roadworthy Rescues, and Vice Grip Garage. I know this is a stretch for me because, as Herb will tell you, my mechanical skills and my garage space are somewhat limited. Nevertheless, I'm going to keep that item on the list...no one said it was easy.

So, maybe you should check out your own Bucket List and see how you are doing or maybe make your Bucket List and WRITE IT DOWN and POST IT WHERE YOU CAN SEE IT. That way when life seems to not be fair, you can pick an item to accomplish...refuse to be beaten. Tomorrow will be another day and victory is closer than it was yesterday.

FLASH UPDATE! I registered for the 2023 Hot Rod Power Tour beginning 12 June at Atlanta Motor Speedway and ending 16 June at Bristol Motor Speedway with the SC State Fair Grounds in Columbia followed by Rockingham Speedway then ZMAX Dragway in Concord! What a RIDE!



I'll see you on the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Car of the Month February 2023: Pat and Sam Burke's 50/50 1950 Oldsmobile



When Sam and I started dating in 1955, he had a 1950 Oldsmobile. My brothers always liked to listen to him come and go as they liked the sound of the engine and the mufflers.

Then years later in 1996 Sam came home from the NC Fall Show in Charlotte and said he knew of a 1950 Olds for sale. So we went to Iron Station, NC to take a look at the car. We fell in love with it right away, and we bought it half and half. That's why Sam always says that half of it is mine.

Russell Yoder of Louisville, Ohio was an Oldsmobile dealer who collected vintage Oldsmobiles when they were traded in on new cars. He didn't put those cars on the used car lot for sale, he kept them! Eventually Mr. Yoder had between 30 to 40 of these cars in storage. When he finally retired in 1980, Mr. Yoder started selling

off these cars. Ours is one of those cars.

Our Oldsmobile has only 45,500 miles on it now, and the car is original. No chrome has been replaced, and the car has never been repainted. We have only had the top repainted as the lacquer paint started peeling with age.

We now show the Oldsmobile in the HPOF class because it is in such original condition.

Pat & Sam Burke

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