

## President's Message

**S**pring is in full swing now, and it is time to get our cars out and ready for the car show and cruise in season. There are ample activities in the next month to drive to a cruise in or show in the area. There are also just a few weeks before our own show on May 20, be sure to make your plans and visit all of your sponsors to ensure they get their ads in for our posters. The online registration page should be online this week, and there are flyers for our show in the clubhouse for you to pick up and distribute at any automotive event you may be attending. Some of the upcoming events are listed below.

We had a fantastic meeting in March at our first in a series of Garage Tours! Thank you to Butch and Marta McKenzie for hosting us at their shop. I think we all enjoyed seeing all of the cars, and I was especially interested in learning more about Butch's electroplating equipment.



Our next meeting will be on April 1 at Harbor Inn Seafood, at 5:00 pm. We will have a short business meeting and enjoy a meal. We will need to make sure we all sign up to support all of the jobs for the May car show. I will pass around the signup sheet at our meeting. We also need to make sure to bring sodas and bottled water to sell at the show. You can bring them Saturday or just take them to the clubhouse whenever you can.

We have started the cleanout of the clubhouse and the other buildings, preparing to turn it over to the new owners. The storage building will be moved to a secured location and we will keep our tables and chairs in it, along with other items that are not temperature or humidity sensitive. Our documents and photos will be stored in a temperature controlled area.

Henry Gaither and Pat Cox are asking members to bring in photos of our car club events, people, and activities so they can put together a slide show to present at our May meeting. The May meeting will be our last at the clubhouse. It will be bittersweet to leave a building that has been a part of my life since I was very young, but I look forward to our club's future which will definitely take us to interesting sites each month. We have several great outings in the planning stages this year, and are always eager for suggestions from our club members for new outings and locations to explore!

I'll see y'all down the road!

*Rick Holmes*

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## Next Weak Spark Deadline

May Issue 04/29/23

## Next Club Meeting

April 1, 2023  
5:00 PM  
Harbor Inn Seafood  
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## March 2023 Treasurer's Report

**W**e now have \$4,100 from sponsors for our spring car show. I really appreciate all the hard work our members are doing to bring in sponsors. This money allows us to put on a really good show and also provide a scholarship to an auto tech student at Alamance Community College. We are about half way to our usual amount from sponsors so please continue to talk to local businesses! We also have 4 registrations for our car show. Once we can pass out flyers at upcoming shows, the registrations will start to come in.

*Jeannie Johnson*

## Minutes of the March 2023 Meeting

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uest: Jim Rogers

- Property sale: we now have the money in savings, and plan to put it with Fisher Financial in CDs.
- Need someone to host our storage building on their property.
- Moving remainder of club items to store at Richard Holmes.
- Additional items at club house: air compressor, jack stands and jack, picnic table, mowers. Need a place to store these items.
- Handicap ramp available to someone who needs it.
- Rick is in time going to start moving stuff, but needs help doing so.
- Show sponsorships needed!
- The street closings for the show have been approved.
- Flyers need to be given out and the word spread.
- Andy mentioned that Dean and Starr Jones will be filming a movie locally and are looking for cars from the '50s to '90s. Please send front and side views of your cars to Andy so he can forward to Dean and Starr for selection.
- Rosters are now available.
- Samples of trophies were shown at meeting.
- Next meeting is on April 1 at Harbor Inn Seafood at 5:00pm.
- Slide show presentation to be put on at the last meeting. Send photos to Henry Gaither ASAP. Need photos by April 15th. If you bring photos to the next meeting, please put them in an envelope with your name on it.
- April 1st Crime Stoppers will be hosting a car show from 9am to 2pm at Holly Hill Mall. \$30 entry fee, no trophies. All proceeds go to Crime Stoppers. More information is available on the Crime Stoppers website: [www.alamancecs.org](http://www.alamancecs.org).



Be sure to ask Mike about his truck project, it's looking great!

*Mike Blalock*

## Why Are You In The Car Hobby?

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ell once again I put electrons out to the world for my April newsletter article. Just a quick reminder we will be meeting Saturday 1 April at 5:00 PM in the Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant located at 2408 South Church Street in Burlington. Our May meeting will be on the regular day, Saturday 13 May at the clubhouse . . . our final meeting there. We will discuss the car show and, if folks gave photographs to Pat, Jeannie, or me, may have a nostalgia look back presentation. Now, on with my mischief...

On 17 and 18 March I attended the Run to the Sun Car Show in Myrtle Beach. To say it was fantastic is an understatement . . . like saying the Grand Canyon is a big hole in the ground. I estimated between 3000-4000 cars . . . it was packed! The weather was great on Friday and became great late Saturday morning. There were cars and trucks of all types, from concurs to ratrods and everything in between. I asked Bruce to put a few pictures in the newsletter, but they will not due justice to the vehicles there. I tried taking some panoramic shots, but they just didn't do the trick.

I really like events like this because so many people who attend are there for the variety of vehicles. When I looked at a vehicles there I didn't really care about the make and model. I just like them all. There was a totally stock 56 and 59 Corvette that were amazing but so was a 65 Mustang Fastback that had the interior and powertrain of a 2012 GT-500 but from the exterior looked totally stock. I cannot imagine the hours it took to get those cars to the level they were at that show... The great thing is they are completely different interpretations of our hobby. There was a Morris Minor with a stroked out 383 Chevy small block or a perfectly stock Avanti . . . both representing our hobby. That's the great thing about our hobby is you are free to do what makes you happy! Ratrod . . . just fine, pure stock Model A, looks great! It is what makes you happy!

So, get out there and do something with your vehicle that makes you happy. Tomorrow the sun is going to shine and my 66 is headed for a Sunday drive. What about you...will I see you on the road to with a big smile on your face? I certainly hope so!

*Henry Gaither, Jr.*





### Upcoming Car of the Month Articles

<b>May</b>	John & Pat Cox	1929 & 1930 Ford Model A's
<b>June</b>	Jerry & Judy Purchell	1941 Graham
<b>July</b>	Donnie & Rhonda Nance	1965 Plymouth Barracuda
<b>August</b>	Mike Blalock	1972 F100 Ford Truck
<b>September</b>	Larry & Elizabeth Coble	TBD
<b>October</b>	Max Wicker	1965 Mustang
<b>November</b>	Herb Klutz	1956 Ford Thunderbird
<b>December</b>	TBD	

### Upcoming Events!

- 3rd Sunday of each month, Liberty Cruise In
- 4th Saturday of each month, The Heat Cruise In at Beacon Baptist Church, Burlington NC
- March 30 – April 1 – Carolina Pickers at Denton Farm Park
- April 1 – Crimestoppers show at Holly Hill Mall. \$30 entry fee
- April 15 – Southeastern Regional Show & Autofair (4/13,14,15), Charlotte Speedway
- April 22 – Dogwood Festival & Car Show, Mebane
- April 30 – May 3 – Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge TN
- May 13 – Shenandoah Region Applie Blossom Meet, Winchester VA
- May 20 – Alamance Region 51st Annual Antique Car Show, Burlington, NC
- May 20 – NC Region Spring Meet (Triad Region), Cary, NC
- May 20 – Gettysburg Spring National
- June 3 – Sanford Car Show, Sanford NC
- Aug 5- Zooland Car Show, Asheboro NC
- Aug 12 – General Greene Car Show, Greensboro Farmers Market
- Sep 9 – Powerline Church of the Nazarene Car Show, 701 Manning Avenue, Elon, NC

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