

## President's Message

**M**ay has been quite a busy month for us! We had a fun last meeting in the clubhouse, with slides of past shows, old friends, and pictures from some of the very first shows and activities. The storage building was moved over to Belmont Street, we cleared out the clubhouse and the pavilion, and pulled up the big red tractor wheel gates. And somehow along the way, we managed to have a fantastic car show as well, with 85 vehicles! We received several applications for membership at the show as well. I am so very proud of our membership for always pulling together to get things done.

We have an exciting program scheduled for our June meeting as well. We have moved the meeting date to June 17, and we will be meeting at Perry Nichols' garage at 3130 Tucker St., Burlington, NC (Close to the intersection of Tucker St. and Anthony Rd.). Perry has an amazing collection of cars and a garage with a diner set up inside! We will meet there at 4:00 pm to tour the garage and check out the collection. We will be cooking hamburgers and/or hotdogs there, and plan to eat at 6:00 pm. The Club will furnish the hamburgers, hotdogs, and the fixin's, as well as the drinks and water left from the car show. Club members should bring chips, side dishes, and desserts. The cost for the meal is expected to be \$10 per person. Guests are welcome for this event, just let us know so we can have plenty of food.

There are also plenty of other car shows and cruise ins going on over the next couple of months. Let's make sure to support our car club neighbors and let them know the Alamance Region AACA is there! Wear your shirt and/or name tag and carry a few of our AACA tri-fold info sheets with you. You never know when you will run into someone who is interested in joining!

We'll see y'all down the road!

*Rick Holmes*

## May 2023 Treasurer's Report

**T**hanks to all the members for making this 51st car show a really good one! I have sent letters to our sponsors thanking them for their support of our show. I have not sent letters to our members who made contributions. If anyone wishes to have a letter for tax purposes, I will be glad to send one. I will have a financial report from our show at the next meeting.

*Jeannie Johnson*



Dear AACA Members  
Thank you for the Alamance region  
Antique car club scholarship. I appreciate  
the opportunity to be able to attend  
AACA on a full time basis and provide  
me with the education and skill set to  
advance in a career in automotive. I  
have been working on cars since I was 12  
and this has provided a great passion of  
mine.  
Sincerely,  
Jason Frazier

## 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
- June 3 – Sanford Car Show, Sanford NC
- August 5 – Zooland Car Show, Asheboro NC
- August 12 – General Greene Car Show, Greensboro Farmers Market

## Upcoming Car of the Month Articles

<b>July</b>	Donnie & Rhonda Nance	1965 Plymouth Barracuda
<b>August</b>	Larry & Elizabeth Coble	TBD
<b>Sept.</b>	Max Wicker	1965 Mustang
<b>Oct.</b>	Herb Kluttz	1956 Ford
<b>Nov.</b>	TBD	

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## Next Weak Spark Deadline

July Issue 06/24/23

## Next Club Meeting

June 17, 2023  
4:00 PM

Perry Nichols' Garage  
3130 Tucker Street  
Burlington, NC 27215  
Host: Perry Nichols

## The Move From Our Clubhouse



Photos courtesy of  
*Henry Gaither, Jr.*

### Notes From Our Last Meeting at the Clubhouse—May 13, 2023

- Gary Holmes visited us tonight.
- We will be off the clubhouse property by the end of May.
- Alan Erwin passed away.
- Pat Cox recovering from hip surgery.
- Larry Coble is up and going after surgery.
- Mike Blalock will have knee surgery May 31.
- Lynne Isley is in Homeplace Assisted Living.
- Will deposit funds from the sale of the property in various banks in order to get the best interest.
- \$9000 was collected from the sponsors from our car show.
- The club provided a \$1000 scholarship at ACC for Auto Shop.
- The club's storage building is in storage and we are in the process of looking for someone to move it.
- Remaining items we are looking for a home for are, the lawn mower, the picnic table, and odds and ends in other storage building.
- Car show assignment list is being passed around.
- Online show registration closes tomorrow: May 14.
- Moving items needed for show to Depot on Friday around 3:30 to 4:00 PM and we need help.
- Car of the Month articles are looking good.
- Upcoming events are:
  - Red Oak show today
  - Need baked goods for car show
- June 17th Perry Nichol's garage. End of Tucker Street, meet at 4:00pm and have our own private cruise-in and look at his cars. Dinner at 6:00pm. Cook hot dogs and hamburgers. Don't miss this one!
- July 8th will be held at Herb McCandless' on Industrial Drive off Anthony Road.
- August at Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake.
- September at S&T Soda Shop in Pittsboro.
- Scavenger hunt in October.
- Business meeting at Western Charcoal Steakhouse in November.
- December Christmas Party at Scout Hut.
- Any signup for new membership will be given free membership for the rest of this year.
- In 1975 the first meeting was held at our clubhouse that had a tax value then of \$11,000.

*Mike Blalock*

## The Purchell's Graham Hollywood

**O**ne of my project cars is a 1941 Graham Hollywood. We go to a lot of estate sales and auctions looking for silver plate flatware to use in our jewelry making hobby. One day last October, I found a listing for an estate sale Clemmons North Carolina and what caught my eye was not the silverplate, but a car that I hadn't seen before.

I grew up in the 50's and 60's in a small New York tourist town. My family owned several service stations at different times and pumping gas was the job for me. Every summer the tourists would come to town to visit the Fort or play on the lakes. I saw just about every kind of car or truck there was. I guess that's why I don't really have a favorite car. I have lots of favorites and Graham is one I've never seen. I spent a lot of time on the internet learning what I could about Grahams in general and The Hollywood model in particular.

I learned about the long road to Hollywood, then on to Madison Square Garden. Here is the story as I understand it.

Before entering the automobile business, Joseph, Robert, and Ray Graham operated a successful glass business. They later sold the glass company to the Owens Glass Company and entered the auto industry. Their entry was not what you would expect though. They developed kits and parts to change Ford Model T's into trucks because at that time Ford did not make trucks. They later built their own trucks using mostly Dodge Brothers engines.

In 1925 Dodge Brothers purchased the Graham truck company and the brothers went looking for a new venture. They found it in the Paige motor car company, and it became Graham-Paige. The Graham -Paige limped along through the great depression as did most all business.

In 1936 the Cord company produced the first 810/812 models known as the coffin nose Cord due to the design of the hood and front fascia of the car. It was front wheel drive and was 30 years or so ahead of its time. Unfortunately, the 810 came too late and the company went bankrupt. As part of the bankruptcy, the dies to make the bodies for the 810/812 were sold to the Hupmobile company.

Unfortunately, Hupmobile wasn't in the greatest financial shape either and needed a partner to be able to produce cars from the dies. This is where the Graham brothers come in. Hupmobile and Graham-Paige agreed that Graham would



Graham Hollywood



Hupmobile Skylark



Cord



Our Graham Hollywood



The VIN Tag and Body Number Plate

make the bodies and as payment would be able to market their own model as the Hollywood and Hupmobile would sell a model called the Skylark.

These cars are pretty much identical to the Cord 810/812 from the windshield back but entirely new in front due to the Cord being front wheel drive and the Hollywood/Skylarks being conventional rear wheel drive.

Shortly after the agreement was made, less than 400 Skylarks were manufactured, Hupmobile failed and closed its doors. During the 1940 and 41 model years only a couple of thousand Hollywoods would be produced and of that it is estimated that 350 are titled as 1941.

The Graham brothers continued through the war producing war materials for the war effort. After the war, Graham-Paige car company was sold to Kaiser and continued making cars for a time under the Kaiser-Fraiser name. The brothers next began manufacturing appliances and dabbling in Real Estate, eventually owning Madison Square Garden until 1962.

Well, back to our Graham-- when I saw it in the estate sale listing, I thought that it would be a great original restored car. Unfortunately, the reality of the car when we saw it set in. It had been extensively changed from front to back, the suspension had been changed from Graham to AMC Pacer, the driveline was now a Ford 302, AOD, and differential, not the original Graham supercharged 6 and standard transmission. The interior had also been altered with a modern front seat that I think was a 90's Taurus. The gauges were all modern aftermarket and there was no electrical wiring in the car.

It was even titled as a North Carolina specially constructed vehicle as it was missing its original V.I.N. tag. When I inquired as to why, I was told that when the owner moved here from Oregon, he couldn't find the title or the VIN tag to get a North Carolina title. The car was destined to be a restomod.

The car is now in a shop to complete the modifications and for a bit of good news, we found the VIN tags. After talking to the original owner who is 92, he said look behind the passenger front seat.

The VIN tag is riveted to the floorboard under the carpet. That was a new one for me and with a little luck we will be able to get the VIN on the title restored.

*Judy & Jerry Purchell*

*Some Photos from Our Show Courtesy of Rick Holmes!*





# Kluttz awarded Silver Antelope honor

Burlington resident Mickey Kluttz has been named a 2023 recipient of the Silver Antelope Award, a distinguished service award presented by the Boy Scouts of America for outstanding service to young people. Kluttz serves as a volunteer within a territory that covers a portion of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Including his present role as a territory Finance and Development Lead, Kluttz has provided more than 30 years of exceptional service as a Scouting volunteer. Previously, he served as a Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, District and Council Popcorn Chair, District Chair, Council Executive Board member, Council Camping Committee chair, Council Treasurer, NCAP Team Lead, and Area Vice-President of Fi-

nance. In addition, Kluttz has been recognized with many Scouting awards, including Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, Silver Beaver Award and Wood Badge.

Created in 1942, the Silver Antelope Award is awarded to registered adult volunteers of exceptional character in recognition of their extraordinary leadership and distinguished service to youth. Fewer than 6,000 volunteers have received this recognition since the award's inception. Previous recipients include Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans, Texas Governor Rick Perry, Boeing CEO Philip M. Condit, Ross Perot, Admiral Arleigh Burke, and McDonnell Douglas CEO Sanford McDonnell.

Professionally, Kluttz is a Certified Public Accountant



Mickey Kluttz is pictured with his wife Betty.

focusing primarily on tax laws and tax preparation for businesses and their owners. He resides in Burlington with

his wife Betty. He is a proud father of two children, Megan and Jason. Like Kluttz, Jason is an Eagle Scout

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