

President's Message

O don't spend a lot of time on social media, but I do subscribe to a few antique car groups on Facebook. Most of the time the postings are questions and answers about how a particular mechanical bit should be restored, where can a certain part or service be found, or a "for sale" posting. Every once in a while I stumble into an article that makes me think a bit differently about our hobby. I read such a posting yesterday. It spoke about the scientific principle of Entropy. Entropy is defined as the gradual decline in the state of energy of all things to the lowest possible state of energy. Basically it says that all things will tend to decay and fall apart if they are left alone long enough. The analogy to our hobby is fairly straight forward: If you don't put some time, energy, and motion back into the vehicles we enjoy so much, they will tend to degrade! Let's prevent entropy from taking over this fall! Let's get out the old cars, ride with the windows down (maybe with a blanket on your lap!), and enjoy this brisk fall weather!

We have an excellent opportunity to push back a bit of entropy for our next regular meeting on Saturday, Oct 14. Henry Gaither has set up a scavenger hunt for our meeting activity, with all of us meeting up at the same location after you have had a chance to collect some information from several local stops. We will meet at Shiloh Presbyterian Church (2638 Grand Oaks Blvd, Burlington) at 12:35 to receive instructions, leaving out from there at 1:00 pm. I understand that there are some questions to answer regarding local Alamance County history, but the answers may not be as obvious as some of us lifelong residents may think or remember! Make sure to go to each site and collect the information required! If you get all of the right answers, you may end up with a sweet reward! And don't worry, that tricky Henry will give you a PAF (Phone-A-Friend) lifeline if you run out of time or can't find that pesky info!

I'm sure we will all have a great time at our final destination, and I'm looking forward to catching up on all of your escapades and adventures!

We'll see y'all down the road (if I get all the answers too!)

Rick Holmes

October 2023 Treasurer's Report

Once again, things are quiet in the treasurer's corner. Our only expense for this period was a donation of \$50 to the Alamance County Rescue Unit. We budget for that donation each year. We continue to earn interest on funds from the sale of our clubhouse property. We will be voting on our 2024 budget in the November business meeting. There will certainly be changes from prior years' budgets because of the sale of our property. We no longer have taxes, insurance or utility bills to pay.

Jeannie Johnson

Nominations Committee!

The Nominations Committee has met and the following folks are put into nomination for 2024 for Officers and 2024 - 2025 for Directors:

President: Rick Holmes **Vice-President:** Donnie Nance
Secretary: Mike Blalock **Treasurer:** Jeanne Johnson
Directors:
2024: Terry May (one year term to complete for Donnie Nance)
2024-25: Chuck Smith, Henry Gaither

The following Directors' terms are not completed: Larry Coble, Mickey Kluttz.

We will have elections at the November Business Meeting.

Elizabeth Coble & John Cox

Upcoming Car of the Month Articles

November	Herb Kluttz	1956 Ford
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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

October 14, 2023
Meet at 12:35 PM at
Shiloh Presbyterian Church
2638 Grand Oaks Blvd
Burlington, NC
Depart at 1:00 PM.

Fall at Last!

Before I begin, a BIG THANKS to the 17 members, families and friends that came on our annual trek to the S&T Soda Shoppe in Pittsboro! I know there was a lot going on that weekend, especially the show in Spencer. I can assure those folks who were not at the Soda Shoppe we tried to make up for your absence in ice cream consumption!

Our next event will be a scavenger hunt on Saturday 14 October. We will meet in the main parking lot of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church located at 2638 Grand Oaks Blvd (the church where the Scout Hut is located). The hope is to launch the first cars by 1:00 PM so please be there ready to go by 12:35. My dad and I tested the printed directions and time to complete the scavenger hunt, and it took us a little less than an hour. It may not be a great idea to try the event solo. It may be very difficult to navigate the route, find the answers to the questions, and drive safely at the same time. As an FYI there will be places where you may have to get out of your vehicle to find the answers to the scavenger hunt questions but it is a very short walk. If able please drive your old cars but if not, drive whatever, just please participate!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WITH 1964.5-1999 MUSTANGS (1999 Mustangs will be AACA eligible for shows in 2024.)! In celebration of the Mustang's 60th birthday we are going to try and get a group photo for the 2024 car show dash plaque and trophies the same day as the scavenger hunt. Please come to the church parking lot by 12:15 so we can arrange the cars and snap a few shots. We will send these to Bruce and he can do his magic.

This has been a very busy summer and fall for car events I have attended. So far, I've done Hot Rod Power Tour*, Mustang Week*, one day of Hot Rod Drag Week (Rockingham Dragway), NHRA Carolina Nationals at ZMax Dragway in Concord, Michelin

GT Challenge at VIR, SCCA runoffs at VIR, SVRA and Trans AM at VIR, Soda Shoppe Tour* and hopefully our 14 October Scavenger Hunt* (*took the Mustang). Since I got the car back from Hunter Specialties in Walnut Cove on 6 June, I've driven approximately 2300 miles. That is a record for me and the car since I bought it back in 2004. During those trips I was reminded how hot the car could get in the summer with no air conditioner, how stiff the non-power steering can be and that front disc brakes would be a very nice addition to the car especially when things get dicey on the interstate. But at the same time how enjoyable it is to hop into the car and just cruise and add more memories. That for me is the beauty of driving the Mustang; it takes me back in time but at the same time it moves me forward. I remember when I told my Grandmother Nina to please not smoke in the car and I might as well not have been in the car; the times Catherine and I were dating and at the same time I have pictures of all my grandchildren behind the wheel (I have no idea if any one of them will ever drive it, but I have hopes!).

I'm sure many of you have the same feelings about your old car...it's a time machine that at least for a moment takes you back to the "old days" and at the same time, makes new memories. Even if the day comes the car goes away for whatever reason, you will still have those memories and those who you made those memories with will still have them long after the car has said goodbye. So, get out there and make some more memories with the car or, more importantly, with your family and friends. As we know all too well, this life is fleeting, and I don't recall ever seeing a hearse pulling a trailer. The road is out there, and you never know what adventure is just around the next curve. I'll see you there and maybe we will have some memories together as the Alamance Region AACA family we are!

Henry Gaither, Jr.



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