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### May 2024 President's Message

**M**ay tends to get quite busy for our club, and especially for me! Our car show is coming up on May 18, and it always requires plenty of last minute planning to make sure everything is covered. Other club's shows and cruise-ins are picking up, tours and outings are starting, and graduations are in the works. We already have more than thirty preregistered entrants for our show, and we had a record year for sponsorships, so I think we should be in pretty good shape for the show. We still need everyone to bring canned drinks and water to the show to sell. Now, if the weather just cooperates!

Our new club house planning committee has been quite busy in the last month as well. We have estimates for our proposed layout that look promising. We are working to find ways to reduce the cost of materials and to tweak the layout before we lock in on the final plans. We had arborist Rhett Davis to evaluate the trees on the property, and it seems we will be able to save most of the pecan trees up front with just some trimming of the storm damage sections. Two will need to come down due to damage and potential liability issues. Clearing of the trees where the clubhouse will be built will begin in the next few weeks, so make sure to tune up those chain saws. We will have some heavy equipment available to do the primary clearing, but there will be plenty of clean up work that will need to be done. Stay tuned!

Remember that we need articles for the Weak Spark! Anyone can put together a short story or article about anything that interests you and send it in to Bruce. It can be anything automotive related, or not! If you have a favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe, send it in! Did you attend a cruise-in? Write a quick summary and send it in!

We'll see y'all down the road

*Rick Holmes*

### News from National!

- New membership brochures are available from National. We should have some to distribute soon.
- Check out the *Speedster* for guidelines for donations to the AACA Library. If you have factory or dealer literature that you just don't need anymore, check with our Library staff to see if it could be added to our collections there.
- Interested in becoming an AACA National Judge? It is fairly easy to get trained and certified. Just attend a Judging School at a National meet, and sign up to be on the apprentice judging team. You will learn everything you need to know in the class and on the field! And it is fun!

### May 2024 Treasurer's Report

**W**e have had a great year for car show sponsors! Thanks to all who worked so hard on behalf of our club. If all the checks that have been promised come in, we will have a record year for show sponsors. This money allows us to put on a quality show and provide a scholarship to an auto tech student at Alamance Community College. We also contribute to other charitable organizations. Please encourage everyone to pre-register cars for the car show. It really helps the judging process if we have a large number of cars pre-registered. You save \$5 by registering online or mailing in a registration form prior to the show on May 18. We now have 31 cars pre-registered. Double that number would be nice!

*Jeannie Johnson*

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### Next Weak Spark Deadline

June Issue 5/25/24

### Next Club Meeting

May 11, 2024  
6:30 pm  
Potluck dinner at the  
Shiloh Scout Hut.

## Minutes of April 2024 Meeting



Leland Little Auctions, Hillsborough, NC

9am to 12pm (club meeting started at 11:30am)

- We were invited to attend the Leland Little “Carbs and Carburetors” event at the Leland Little Auction company
- Discussed future club outings:
  - Try to coordinate a fundraiser cruise in with ACC automotive department, donations could go towards out club’s ACC scholarship fund
- Upcoming car show on May 18th
  - Bring sodas directly to the car show
  - Members also need to bring bottled water (from BJ’s, Costco, Walmart, etc.)
  - Show sponsors: \$6000 in the bank, \$2,200 in unpaid pledges, would like to have \$9000 in sponsorships
  - Cut off date for sponsors is April 18th
  - We need to get the posters made soon
  - 18 cars are registered online
  - Still a few outstanding sponsors
  - Assignments for the show will be coming via email from Rick
- Pray for Pat Burke, recovering from a fall
- May meeting will be held at the Scout Hut
  - Rick will do some judges refresher training

- Competing car show on May 18th
  - Red Oak brewery
  - NC region AACA
- Donnie needs the picture for the car show plaques at Debbie Chilton’s
  - Bruce show have the picture ready by April 15th
  - We are reusing some of the plaques from last year (save \$ on so many new plaques)
- Some cars we know are for sale
  - Miton Chilton’s ‘71 Dodge Charger 500 \$55k
  - Jim Shaw’s (family) ‘57 Thunderbird \$40k
- New clubhouse update
  - Found ground stakes
  - Bob King and team are looking at the price of buildings
  - Metal “Morton” buildings are a lot more expensive that we thought
  - A brick building may be an affordable option (ballpark price estimate in the works)
  - Bob K. is meeting with the DOT on 4/17/2024 about widening the driveway (Add a pipe)
- Meeting closed at 11:53am

*Mike Blalock*

## 2024 Events

### **National**

*(see [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) for details)*

**June 9-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, Virginia – Eastern Divisional Tour – sponsored by AACA Buzzards Breath Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.**

**June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region**

**July 10-13, 2024 – Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming – Western Divisional Tour, sponsored by AACA Nebraska Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.**

**August 22-24, 2024 – Hampton, Virginia – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Historic Virginia Peninsula Region**

**September 12-14, 2024 – Loveland, Colorado – Western Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Poudre Valley Region**

**September 22-27, 2024 – Fairfield, Pennsylvania – Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, sponsored by the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region**

**October 8-11, 2024 – Hershey, Pennsylvania – Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Hershey Region**

**October 23-26, 2024 – Huntsville, Alabama – Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA North Alabama Region**

### **Local**

**First Saturdays of each Month (Apr - Oct), 4 - 6 pm, AutoZone/Sonic, 1509 E. 11th St, Siler City, NC**

**Second Saturdays of each Month - Cars & Coffee, 697 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro, NC**

**May 11 - First Capital Chapter Meet, New Bern, NC**

**May 18 - Alamance Region Antique Auto show, The Historic Depot, 200 N. Main St, Burlington, NC**

**May 18 - RedOak Cruise In - 6905 Konica Dr, Whitset, NC. Starts 12 noon.**

**May 18 - NC Region Spring Meet, 310 S. Academy St, Cary NC**

**June 1 - San-Lee Chapter Meet, Sanford, NC**

**June 8 - Three Rivers Chapter Meet, Eden, NC**

**August 3 - Zooland Region Meet, Ashboro, NC**

**August 10 - General Greene Chapter Meet, Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, Colfax, NC**

**Sept 14 - NC Region Fall Meet, Spencer, NC**

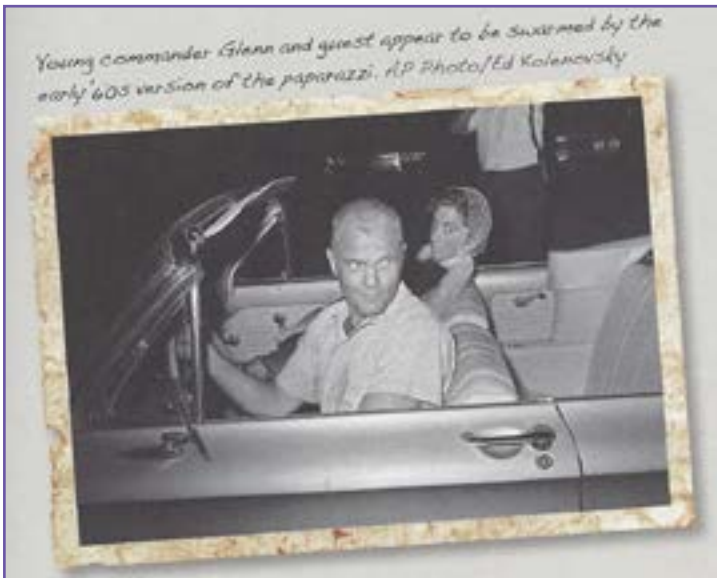
## John Glenn's 1964 Corvair Monza

**D**on't know very much about cars, but even I was impressed by one I saw at the AACA Grand National at the Charlotte Auto Fair. All of the cars were just beautiful – lots of chrome, brass, stunning paint colors, pristine engines. And then at the far end of the field, kind of by itself, was an unassuming car previously owned by an American Hero. The current owner proudly showed us his restoration book along with a copy of the Certificate of Title issued by the State of Texas when John Glenn sold his 1964 Corvair Monza 2-door convertible to the second owner.



What made this car unusual was that it had Air conditioning. I read that Chevrolet didn't go out of their way to promote the air conditioning option on the Corvair. The 1962 Corvair brochure has no photos of the option and makes only a passing reference to it on the spec page. A/C was available on any two- or four-door model, so long as you opted for a radio which was necessary for mounting the interior panel. In 1962 only 2.5% (about 5000) had air conditioning.

Because the Corvair did not have a radiator or a front engine, they had to be creative on where to install the A/C condenser. It is bolted on with 4 bolts and to service the engine, the bolts had to be removed and the condenser was swung over towards the passenger side and laid on the padded rear fender.



The owner said he was able to determine the interior because of this photo.

The 5th owner of this car bought it in 2002. He entered it in the 2003 CORSA Convention Concours event where it received the LOWEST score (73.41) amongst all entrants. Fifteen years later in 2017, he did a full-on restoration to return it to "factory-new" condition. At the 2021 Concours event, it received the HIGHEST score of 97.69. It was the sixth owner who showed it at Charlotte.

What was interesting to me was the story of the Mercury 7 astronauts and their cars. Alan Shepard, the first American in space and a longtime Corvette owner, was given a new 1962 Corvette after his suborbital flight on May 5, 1961. Jim Rathmann, the owner of a Chevrolet/Cadillac dealership in Melbourne Florida and a former Indianapolis 500 winner, saw a great publicity opportunity. In coordination with GM, he offered the Mercury astronauts a top-of-the-line car at \$1 per year lease. Four of the 7 astronauts (Shepard, Grisson, Cooper, Slayton) got Corvettes, Schirra had a European sportscar, Carpenter had a blue Shelby Cobra, and John Glenn had his "German-made NSU Prinz with a 2-cylinder engine which produced more noise than power." He wrote in his autobiography that he got a lot of ribbing about this car, so maybe he thought the Corvair was an upgrade.



Jerry with the current owner of John Glenn's 1964 Corvair.

The other car at the Auto Fair that I thought was interesting was this Kaiser Darrin. It is a beautiful fiberglass bodied convertible two-seater with very unique doors that glide forward inside the front fenders. It was the first fiberglass bodied sports car beating the Chevrolet Corvette to market by just a few weeks. The current owner said his club was lucky enough to purchase all of the remaining material used in the convertible top so he was able to match the color. Everything, and I mean everything on that car, is that color. It is prettier than it looks like in the photo.



*Jerry Purchell*

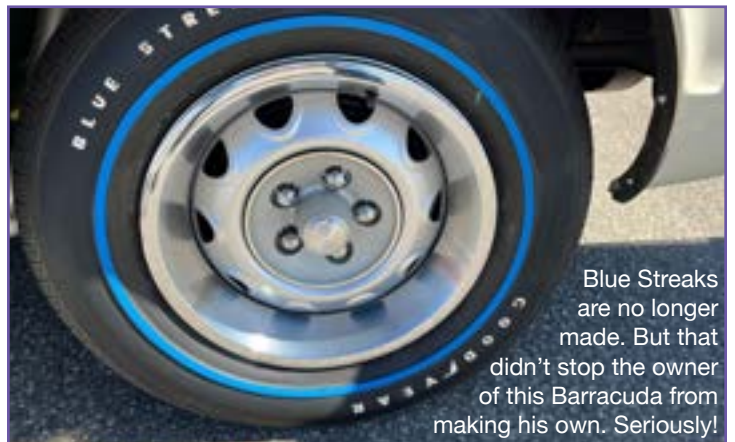
2024 Mopars at the Rock. Photos by Bruce Anliker



Bobbie's Barracuda makes an appearance at Rockingham.



The owner of this sweet '68 Road Runner 383 4-speed offered it in trade for the Barracuda, but Bruce came home in the Cuda. Sigh...



Blue Stripes are no longer made. But that didn't stop the owner of this Barracuda from making his own. Seriously!

2024 Mopars at the Rock. Photos by Bruce Anliker



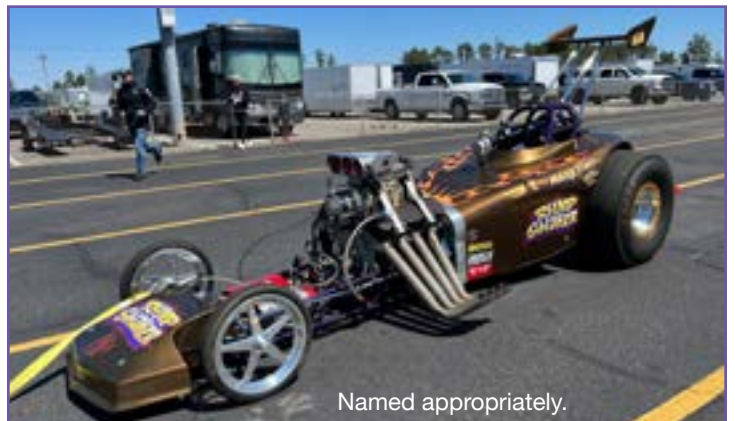
This survivor '70 Challenger hides a surprise under the hood.



Amazing original paint '70 AAR Cuda.



In spite of the shared name, he wouldn't let me make a pass in this rail dragster.



Named appropriately.

## Anti-Theft Device?

**T**he other day I was riding around in our '66 Mustang. Everything was going great until my phone rang. So why did things get complicated?

Today's vehicles are a technological wonder. My wife got herself a new Ford Bronco and it is a rolling computer. There is built in navigation, Apple Car Play, Android compatibility, Sirius XM satellite radio, adaptive cruise control, "regular" cruise control, lane-change warning system, Blind Spot warning system, reverse warning system, 360 degree camera, rear camera, and front camera (used for off-roading) plus a bunch of other systems that "talk" to one another constantly providing the driver with the most up to date status of the vehicle including hands free Blue-Tooth interface with her cell phone making hands-free calling a snap! The only thing our BMW X5 had that the Bronco does not have is a heads-up display. That system displays the speed limit, vehicle speed and if the navigation system is engaged the direction of the next turn and how faraway that turn will be in front of the driver...it is ultra cool! When we bought the Bronco I opted for the extended warranty because of the electronics not the mechanicals.

Now being the "old guy" that I am some folks may think I don't care for those systems and quite frankly, you would be WRONG!! Why in the world would I not use any of those systems which not only enhance the driving experience but add multiple layers of safety. My concern is the young driver who has never driven a vehicle without these "nanny's" and relies more on the technology and not basic driving skills that us older drivers developed because we had too. Most young drivers have never not had access to GPS so when I pull out a paper map I get "the look" of "oh yea that old guy can't use a phone or vehicle GPS...so sad." I guess those folks have never had a GPS send you on a wild goose chase rerouting you or just dying or losing service.... I've never had a paper map do that...



So, what about one of the greatest anti-theft devices you might already have...what could it possibly be...? The Club," chains around you steering wheel, a tracker installed on your vehicle...well it is none of these. It is, in fact, manual transmission. Today there are fewer and fewer vehicles that have an available manual transmission so many drivers do not know how to drive a car with a stick. I saw a Youtube video just today that an automotive expert went to the NASCAR driving experience but since he didn't know how to drive a stick, he could only do the ride-along. So, if you have a manual transmission, you have prevented some potential thieves from stealing your car!

Here's my advice to those who have young soon to be drivers: Turn off the technology and teach your young driver to DRIVE! Go back to the basics like backing up without

a camera, drive for long distances with varied speed limits and turn off the cruise control, parallel park...you know the basics! After the basics are mastered then gradually turn on the tech! Make your young driver a DRIVER who can really DRIVE!

So why did things get complicated in my '66 when the phone rang...well I was approaching a curve that required me to get off the gas, step on the brake, then the press clutch to down shift, then shift to a lower gear, then release the clutch and brake then get back on the gas to accelerate through the turn then off the gas engage the clutch then upshift, then release the clutch while gradually pressing the accelerator pedal to the posted speed limit and of course steer the car throughout...I figured the phone call somehow wasn't a priority right then...something about not dying...

I'll see you on the road!

*Henry Gaither, Jr.*

## In Memorium

In Memory Of

*Bill Irwin*

By Kathy & Alan Irwin

He lived by Plan: Humility-Hope



In Memory Of

*Dave Rich*

By Pat Rich



## In Memorium

In Memory Of  
*Judy Cox*  
By John & Pat Cox



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*Katie & E. B. Dawson*  
By granddaughter Lou Ann Smith



In Memory Of  
*Tal Johnson*  
By Jeannie Johnson



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