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September 2024 President's Message

O always enjoy the (sometimes) cooler days of September. The summer months are great, and there are always plenty of car shows, cruise-ins, and other activities to take our vintage vehicles out to, but there is something special about touring around the backroads in the early Fall. Hopefully we can all enjoy a ride through the countryside or to a favorite ice cream spot this month. What better time to introduce someone to the best part of our hobby! Invite someone to ride along with you, and then ask them to join us for a Club meeting. You just never know when you may find a new member!

There are still several shows and activities coming up soon that we always try to attend. The NC Region Fall Meet is at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer on September 14 (same day as our meeting), and it is always a lot of fun. The kids always enjoy riding the trains there, so it is a great show to take the kids, grandkids, or the neighbor's kids to! The Hornets Nest Region hosts the Fall Auto Fest flea market September 19 – 21 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. And of course, "Hershey Week" is October 8 – 11. The Hershey experience is like no other, with miles of flea market vendors, hundreds of cars for sale, and the best of the best at the Friday Eastern Fall National show. If you have not been to Hershey yet, you are definitely missing out!

Our clubhouse committee has been busy over the last couple of months! All of the trees have been cleared where the clubhouse and parking will be, and the pad where the clubhouse will be has been leveled and is ready for the concrete to be poured in the near future! The engineering drawings are being completed, and the construction will begin shortly after. Exciting times! Make sure to thank the folks that have been diligently working on the project; Bob King, Butch McKenzie, Jerry and Judy Purchell, Chuck Smith and Barry Summers. We will still need to keep the front part of the property mowed, so please let Bob King know if, and when you would be available to help mow.

We'll see y'all down the road,

Rick Holmes

September 2024 Treasurer's Report

O have paid our property tax for 2024 on our new land. The previous owners paid their portion of the tax at the time of closing. I have submitted a request to Alamance County to be exempt from property tax for 2025 since we are a 50(c)(3) charitable corporation. I am not sure when we will get an answer to that request.

Jeannie Johnson

National and Regional Events: (see www.aaca.org/events for full details)

September 14 – NC Region Fall Meet, NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC

September 14 – Shannon Hills Car Show, 900 W. Vandalia Rd, Greensboro, NC

September 15 – Anthracite Region Show, McAdoo, PA

September 22 – 2024 Revival AAA Glidden Tour

September 26 – 29 – NC Region Special 70th Anniversary Tour, Washington, NC & Eastern NC

October 8 - 11 – 2024 Eastern Fall Meet and Flea Market, Hershey, PA

Oct 12 – Crimestopper's Show at Holly Hill Mall, Burlington

October 23 – 2024 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, Alabama

February 6 – 8 – 2025 Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC

1st Saturdays – April through October, Siler City, NC Autozone & Sonic

3rd Saturdays – May through October, downtown Graham. Concert series beside Colonial Hardware!

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

September 14, 2024
6:30 pm
at Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Scout Hut
for a pot luck dinner

Minutes from the August 2024 Meeting

We would like to welcome our new members Henry and Donna Vines, Jeff and Natalie Pickett, Fred Fischer, and Phil and Debra Cheap.

Remember our members who need our prayers concerning health issues: Evan Jeffries, Debbie Blalock.

Former Alamance Region member Ron Devine passed away July 18, and NC Region Vice President Pat Tyson passed away in a car accident. Please remember to pray for their families.

The General Green AACA Club show had a good turn out of over 50 cars at the Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market, with the Holmes family attending from our club. The Oscar Meyer Wiernmobile was even in attendance!

We would like to thank Bruce Anliker for the great job he does to get our newsletter out. We appreciate you Bruce!

Upcoming car shows are as follows: August 22 is the Hampton, Virginia indoor car show. September 14 is the NC Regional Show in Spencer. September 26–29 is the NC Region 70th Anniversary Tour (There is information on the NC Region website.) October 8–11 will be Hershey, Pennsylvania. October 12 will be the Crimestopper's Show at Holly Hill Mall. Proceeds go to help cover payouts for tips on the hotline.

Work on clearing and preparing our land for a new clubhouse is progressing. We also need help in keeping the

grass mowed and cutting trees up with chainsaws. If you can help with the mowing, please call Bob King to add your name to the schedule.

Johnny's Steakhouse is unable to cater this year's Christmas party due to commitments. We need help to find a new caterer. The date for the club Christmas party is December 14, 2024. The party will be held at either the Scout Hut or at the Civitan's building at EM Holt.

If you have a program that might be of interest to the membership, please let us know.

The new clubhouse footprint has been staked out on the property in order for the architect to start developing the plans to present to the Village of Alamance for approval. Many thanks to Ande Shoe and his team for getting things done. Thanks also goes to Butch McKenzie for all the work with heavy equipment being done. Many thanks to all those who are working hard to get things done concerning the land and all the work clearing it.

The presentation about how to pour babbitt bearings and how to upgrade your Model A was very good and helpful. The Mileage Reward Program offered through AACA provides recognition for miles driven over the course of the year. It costs \$25 to join the program, and you receive a marker to add to your vehicle-mounted plaque for the miles you travel.

Mike Blalock

Ford Tri-Motor Airplane in Southport!

As I was checking out the calendar for the TarWheel A's (Raleigh area Model A Club Chapter), I saw that they had an outing scheduled for Saturday, September 21 to view and possibly to fly in the Ford Tri-Motor airplane in Southport, NC! The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) owns the Tri-Motor, and tours the country with it, offering fifteen minute rides for \$95 for adults, \$75 for youth (17 and under). You can view the aircraft free of charge. The Tri-Motor will be at the Cape Fear Regional Jetport, close to Southport, from Thursday through Sunday (Sept 20 – 22).

The Ford Tri-Motor (affectionately known as the "Tin Goose") was introduced after WWI to create a new market

for airline travel. With its three engines and passenger-focused features like enclosed cabins, Ford's Tri-Motor addressed concerns about reliability and comfort, challenging the skepticism of pilots accustomed to open cockpits. From 1926 to 1933, Ford produced 199 Tri-Motors, with EAA's model 4-AT-E first flying in 1929, and later becoming the flagship of Eastern Air Transport, the precursor to Eastern Airlines. It later served Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and was used for cropdusting, firefighting, and carrying smoke jumpers! It was eventually restored by EAA and returned to the skies in 1985, currently touring the US as a fundraising emissary for the EAA.

Rick Holmes



ACA Youth Scholarships

As we head into the full swing of summertime, our thoughts turn to beach trips, family vacations and weekend car shows. The long days and warm nights make it feel like December is forever from now. However, it's not too early to start thinking about the December 1 deadline for ACA Scholarships.

ACA has a strong commitment to students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation and/or ownership of antique cars. ACA awards three types of \$1500 scholarships. In addition privately funded scholarships are awarded as funds become available. Awards will be presented in February 2025 at the ACA National Convention in Concord NC. Applications are available online at aca.org/scholarships with full details on each award available, as well as all requirements. Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2024 in order to be considered. Please note the below summaries are just that- summaries. Full details and requirements are available online.

The Young People's Award requires that the applicant be nominated by a Region or Chapter of ACA. Children and Grandchildren of ACA members are eligible, who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program.

The ACA Scholarship Award is granted to encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in ACA and the history of vehicles in general. This award has the same requirements as the Young People's Award, except nomination by a region or chapter is not required.



Greg Jackson

The John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship is for a child or grandchild of an ACA member that is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program. The applicant must demonstrate active interest in ACA through participation in its programs or interest in the hobby of antique vehicles.

The Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique auto restoration or automotive technology.

Hershey Region ACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship is granted by the Hershey Region ACA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in ACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year. Selection will be made by the ACA Scholarship Award Committee, the then current President of the Hershey Region and current chair of the region education committee.

The Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship is based on the same rules as the ACA Automotive Technology award and is awarded as funds are available. It was instituted and funded by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti as a way to honor Louise and continue to support the hobby.

Please encourage your eligible students to send in their applications prior to December 1, 2024.

Greg Jackson

VP Youth Development and Awards

Historic Stock Car Racing at VIR



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The Historic Stock Car Racing Association ran two races with IMSA at Virginia International Raceway on Saturday August 24.

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Henry Gaither, Jr.

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Bill Irwin

By Kathy & Alan Irwin

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In Memory Of

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By Pat Rich

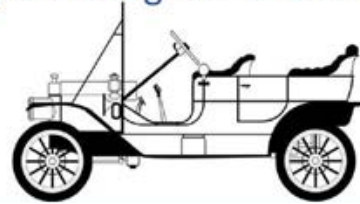


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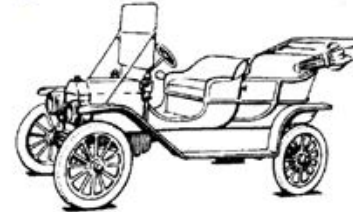
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