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### January 2025 President's Message

**W**elcome to 2025! I am looking forward to 2025 as a year of great opportunity for our club to grow and expand our activity calendar to include some new and exciting outings. For our club to grow, we need each of our members to be aware of opportunities to share with other folks what our club is about, and to extend an invitation to join us for an outing or one of our meetings. The best way to find these opportunities is to be visible in public with our vintage cars and trucks! There are plenty of cruise-ins and gatherings in our area, but you will always find folks interested in talking to you about your vehicle when you drive it on an ice cream run with the family, or just driving it to the grocery store. I challenge each of us to drive our vintage vehicles on an outing at least once per month. You will get bonus points if you take and send Bruce Anliker a picture of a new acquaintance sitting in your car, and "double-extra-bonus points" if you include kids in the car! (include information about the car, location, and who is in the picture). Let's share our knowledge and love for antique cars with the younger generations!

I hope you all have signed up to attend the 2025 AACA National Annual Convention in Charlotte/Concord in February. Most of the cool outings were filling up quickly, but you can attend the convention, seminars, and the trade show even if the outings are fully booked. I guarantee you will learn something new and meet a lot of really interesting folks there! Have you ever wanted to learn more about the AACA Judging system? The best way to understand it is by participating in the National Judges School offered to everyone (no experience required, and included in your registration!). The registration deadline is January 16, so act quickly!

If you have an idea for a tour, outing, or a program for our club, let us know. It takes new ideas and outings to keep our activities interesting and our club growing!

We'll see y'all down the road!

*Rick Holmes*

### News From National

- Be sure to renew your National membership! You can renew online at AACA.org.
- Meet your AACA librarians Jen Wolfe and Amoi Goldman at the 2025 Annual Convention! They will be attending many of the functions, and will have a booth at the Trade Show.

- Hershey 2025 will still be at the Hershey Entertainment Complex, the first full week of October, starting Tuesday, Oct 7 through Friday Oct 10. The show will be on Friday.
- New AACA logo gear is available at the online store.



### January 2025 Treasurer's Report

**T**hanks to all the members who have paid their 2025 dues of \$25! If you have not paid (and there are very few who have not) please send a check payable to Alamance Region AACA to P O Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302. I want to be able to send our roster to National and include your name! Also, if you have not paid your National dues, just go to the AACA website and you can pay by credit card online.

Thanks so much!

*Jeannie Johnson*

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### Next Weak Spark Deadline

February Issue 1/25/25

### Next Club Meeting

January 11, 2025  
6:30 pm  
at Shiloh Presbyterian Church  
Scout Hut  
for a pot luck dinner

## Minutes from the December 2024 Meeting

**T**he Alamance Region held their annual Christmas Party at Shiloh Presbyterian Church on December 14, with 54 members and guests in attendance. The program was planned and presented by Pat and John Cox, with special guest Rachel Fisher

singing songs of the season, accompanied on piano by Barry Lane. The buffet meal was catered by the Cutting Board.

*Rick Holmes* for *Mike Blalock*

## 2024 Hillsborough Holiday Parade

**O**n Sunday December 8, the Alamance Region was well represented in the Hillsborough, NC Holiday Parade. Jerry and Judy Purcell carried the Grand Marshall Nancy Grebenkemper, founder of PORCH, Bill Cox carried NC Congressional Rep Renee Price and Mark Terry carried Orange County Commissioner Marylin Carter. Altogether there were five cars providing services for the VIP parade entrants.

The Parade started at 4:00 PM and it was a beautiful afternoon with slight overcast conditions and mild temperatures. The crowd was much larger this year than last and the atmosphere was exciting with a large number of floats, several dance teams and marching bands. The Alamance Region was well represented!

*Bill Cox*



## AACA National Activities Calendar (see [www.aaca.org/events](http://www.aaca.org/events) for full details)

February 6-8, 2025	Annual Convention	Charlotte, NC	July 2-5, 2025	Central Spring Nationals	Auburn, IN
April 3-5, 2025	Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte, NC	July 24-26, 2025	Grand Nationals/ Zenith	Dayton, OH
May 1-5, 2025	Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals	Tuscon, AZ	August 12-15, 2025	Eastern Divisional Tour	Aroostook County, ME
June 1-7, 2025	Vintage Tour	Southern/ Eastern PA	September 7-12, 2025	79th Revival AAA Glidden Tour® Hosted by VMCCA	Owensboro, KY
June 19-21, 2025	Eastern Spring Nationals	Beckley, WV			

## In Memorium

*Ande & Mary Shoe*  
Thankful for Answered Prayers!



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



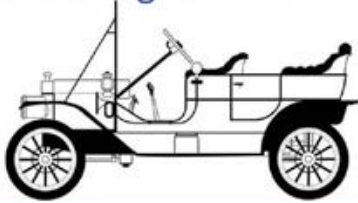


## In Memorium

In Memory Of

*Katie & E. B. Dawson*

By granddaughter Lou Ann Smith



In Memory Of

*Tal Johnson*

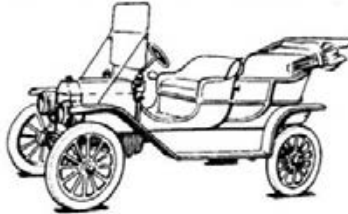
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In Memory Of

*Jean & WR Smith, Jr.*

By their son Chuck Smith



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