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February 2025 President's Message

In my January note in the Weak Spark I encouraged everyone to attend the National AACA Convention in Charlotte/Concord, and I am happy to report that we had great representation there! We had at least 12 Alamance Region members in attendance! The seminars were really good, and the two outings on Thursday were fantastic! The NC Transportation Museum is always a treat, and the Hendrick Heritage collection was absolutely mind boggling, with over 240 cars of various makes and vintages. The Friday night Casino Night was enjoyed by all, and the "funny money" winnings were exchanged for tickets for the door prizes that were donated. The trade show was expanded this year, with representation from several regions with upcoming shows and tours, memorabilia vendors, collector car insurance representatives, steering wheel and knob restoration services, and many more.

We also received two awards for the Alamance Region: the **Award of Distinction for The Weak Spark**, and the **Award of Excellence for our Alamance Region website!** Thank you to all who contributed articles and support, but thank you most of all to our editor Bruce Anliker! I am also happy to report that we had several members from the Alamance Region that took the National Judges Training, and are now qualified to be on the Apprentice Judging Team at a National Meet! Overall, this convention was a roaring success! Thank you to all of the teams at National and in Charlotte that made it so great.

Our next meeting will be held at K&W Cafeteria in Burlington, at 6:30 pm. We will be celebrating our significant others for Valentine's day. We will be meeting in the back room of K&W.

The weather in February and early March is always hit or miss, but we have had some really nice temperatures over the past couple of weeks. Hopefully you have had a chance to get your car or truck out for a drive or just to pick up groceries. Last month I challenged our club to take some pictures while out and about, and hopefully take some photos and write a quick article for the Weak Spark. The challenge still stands, so start sending in the pictures and articles! Remember, the more we take the cars out, the more folks learn about our club and the cars, hopefully adding a few new members along the way!

We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

News From National

- The new 2025 AACA National President is David Anspach of Altavista, Virginia.
- \$5,000 grants are available to Regions & Chapters that have not hosted a national event in the past 10 years, and will commit to host one in the next 3 years.
- 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.

February 2025 Treasurer's Report

Members are starting to get sponsors for our spring car show and that is GREAT! I have \$900 of sponsor money in the bank at this point. Please let me know if you need a sponsor invoice or any information about our 2024 sponsors. Perhaps we can break our record for the number of sponsors this year. It will be most helpful as we have trophies and dash plaques to buy and scholarships to give to deserving auto tech students at Alamance Community College.

Thanks so much!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Club Meeting

February 15, 2025
6:30 pm
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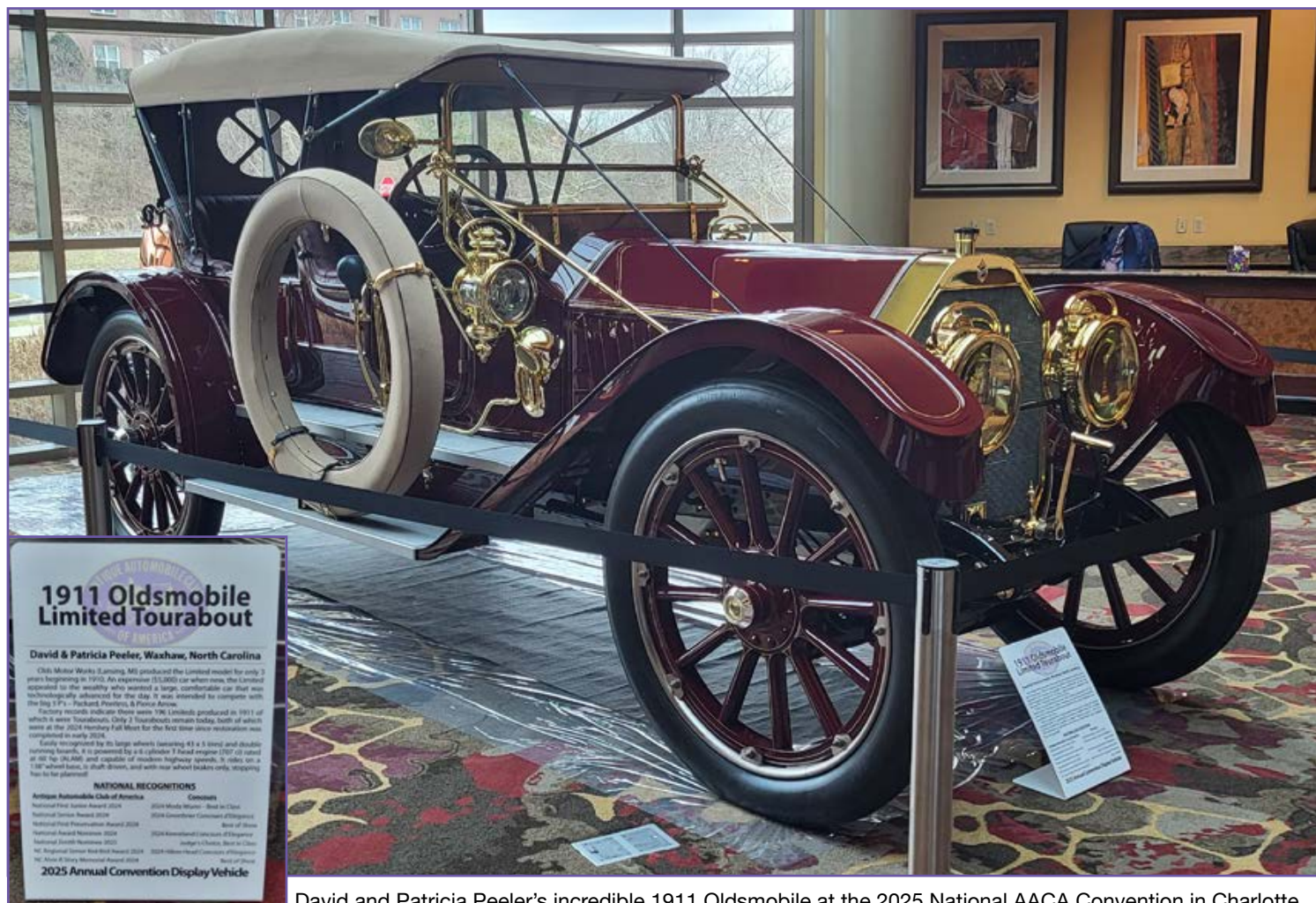
The Alamance Region has scored some awards! As Rick mentioned in his President's message, we scored awards for both the Region website AND the *Weak Spark*.

The reality for the newsletter award is that it's not really an award for just the editor, it's an award for the **entire** club. Because without those of you who write articles, contribute photos and other items of interest, the newsletter wouldn't happen. Nor would it be of as much interest.

Nope, without your input, there would be no *Weak Spark*. So thank you! And if you haven't contributed before, now is your chance! We're always in need of interesting photos, articles of interest, recipes, and notices of current and upcoming events.

When I send out requests for your input for the newsletter, just send whatever you might have to bruceanliker@yahoo.com. It will be much appreciated!

Bruce Anliker



David and Patricia Peeler's incredible 1911 Oldsmobile at the 2025 National AACA Convention in Charlotte.

The Timeless Spirit of the AACA National Convention

While the location, theme, and faces may change, the spirit of the AACA National Meet remains constant. It is a gathering place where people of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences come together, united by a shared passion for preserving and celebrating antique automobiles.

I have had the privilege of attending the National Convention many times throughout my life, and it remains an event I eagerly anticipate each year. As a child, I attended with my parents and siblings, unaware of how deeply this hobby would shape my life. I participated in youth programs, learning about different cars, engines, and their histories. Now, as an adult and a life member of the Club, my education continues—not only in engines and automotive history but also in the stories, connections, and perspectives that make



Photo from 2023 National Convention in Williamsburg, VA.

this community so special. The National Convention is more than just a conference; it is a place of shared learning, where enthusiasts exchange knowledge and experiences, bridging generations and preserving the past for the future.

Growing up in the Club has been an honor, and experiencing the National Convention in different cities and at different stages of my life has only deepened my appreciation for what it represents. As we prepare for the 2025 Convention, I reflect on all the Club has given me and look forward to another year of learning, sharing, and making new connections. I encourage everyone to attend at least once—to

witness firsthand the dedication, camaraderie, and passion that defines the AACA and its members.

Hannah Holmes

The Volkswagen “Beetle” A Brief Look Back in Time

The Volkswagen Beetle is probably the most familiar and easily recognizable automobile in the world. With more than 23,000,000 vehicles sold in over 30 countries, it is the best-selling model in history. Nowhere has the VW been more popular than among the world’s young people, who took to it almost right away. Its popularity is still very strong with our youth today, just as it was in the 60’s and 70’s. It’s affordable, inexpensive to maintain, and parts are readily available from numerous aftermarket parts suppliers. It’s also an easy way to get started in the hobby with clubs like AACA. Most enthusiasts, however, don’t know that the little “bug” almost didn’t get off the drawing board, and that the man chiefly responsible for its eventual building was one of history’s most infamous despots: Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

According to a standard VW press, “The Volkswagen’s origins go back to 1931 when Ferdinand Porsche, one of Europe’s leading automobile engineers, began working independently to design a small, inexpensive and economically operated car for the public. “Unable to convince European automobile companies that they could tap a major market and increase sales tremendously with the low-cost ‘people’s car’ (or Volkswagen) he envisioned, Porsche was turned down in all his requests for financial support. Professor Porsche poured his own resources into his design project, hoping against all odds that he could make a success of his small car dream. Then in 1933, shortly after the Nazi Party gained power in Germany, Hitler opened the Berlin Automobile Show with a speech in which he discussed the need for a small, inexpensive car for the average man.” That same year, Hitler recalled meeting Dr. Porsche a decade earlier at an auto race and reached out to him about his plan. As it turned out, Dr. Porsche had already drafted the solution, “The VW Beetle”.

Hitler ordered Porsche and the stand-offish Society of



German Automobile Manufacturers to produce just such a small, low-cost auto. In fact, he told Porsche to design a car that could be sold for about \$140, a figure that the Professor himself regarded as impossible. Porsche knew that even with America’s then vaunted mass production techniques, its least expensive automobiles then sold for about \$425.

Nevertheless, the Nazis went ahead with their plans and financial support of the embryonic VW, and the project. At the 1937 Berlin Auto Show, Hitler and Ley were briefed by Dr. Porsche on a VW prototype model, and it was agreed that the car would be manufactured and sold by the Nazi Kraft durch Freude, or KdF movement, which in English translates to “Strength Through Joy,” under which German workers received discount vacations and other such niceties. And so a car is born.

After the war, a postwar British commission reported after visiting Wolfsburg, the VW “does not meet the fundamental technical requirements of a motorcar. As regards performance and design, it is quite unattractive to the average motorcar buyer. It is too ugly and too noisy... a type of car like this will remain popular for two or three years if that. To build the car commercially would be an uneconomic failure. Never was an official government report more inaccurate! Production increased from 100,000 in 1951 to over a million a decade later!

Still, negativism about the little car died hard. When Heinz Nordhoff, a VW executive, brought the plans to the US in 1949 to raise some American venture capital, a customs official in New York - after having seen photos of the vehicle told the executive that he was sure no such car was produced anywhere in the world, and, even if it were, no one would ever buy it!

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Jeff Broadus

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From some Random Corner of the Internet...

Do you know this good luck saying for the first of the month?

Saying “rabbit rabbit” is a quirky tradition that’s believed to bring good fortune on the first day of the month. But how did this unusual phrase come to hold such power?

Could the superstitious phrase “rabbit rabbit” have influenced the outcome of the 1932 U.S. presidential election? Some, including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, seemed to believe it could. There’s a tradition of saying “rabbit rabbit” on the first day of the month to ensure good luck for the days ahead, and journalists documented FDR’s practice of reciting the phrase, as well as carrying a lucky rabbit’s foot (which is now on display at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum). That year, he made history as the first Democratic candidate in 80 years to secure both the Electoral College and the popular vote — though whether luck had anything to do with it is anyone’s guess. Regardless, the president wasn’t alone in his devotion to the lagomorphic phrase. During World War II, British fighter pilots reportedly recited “rabbit rabbit” before

taking flight, hoping for a successful mission. The first print citation seems to be in a 1909 British periodical: A reader’s submission recounts a story of how their child would say “rabbit” on the first day of the month, believing it would bring good fortune as the first word spoken.

But this superstitious belief in rabbits surpasses modern Western culture. In Chinese tradition, the rabbit is regarded as the luckiest of the 12 animals in the zodiac. Across many ancient cultures, the rabbit symbolized fertility and life, and in modern symbolism, rabbits serve as a beacon for the coming spring and a religious representation of renewal. All of these beliefs contribute to the enduring superstition that rabbits are harbingers of good fortune. According to its adherents, saying “rabbit rabbit” is most effective when recited upon waking up on the first of the month. But if you forget to say it, don’t worry. According to NPR, saying “black rabbit” or “tibbar tibbar” (“rabbit” spelled backward) before bed will still do the trick in keeping any misfortune at bay for the month ahead.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Donnie Nance

AACA National Activities Calendar (see www.aaca.org/events for full details)

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

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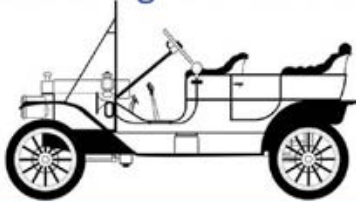


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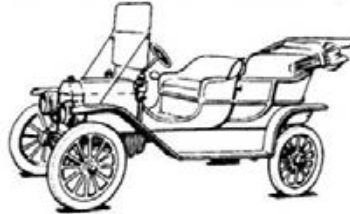
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