

March 2025 President's Message

Spring can't be very far down the road when March gets here. The weather is still undecided if it will be hot or cold, sometimes even on the same day! Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow days, and we can take advantage of the daylight savings time to wash and prep our antique cars and trucks for the busy show, touring, and cruise in schedules. Remember to turn your clocks forward Saturday night!

The March meeting will be at 6:30 pm at Shiloh Presbyterian Church Scout Hut. We will have a potluck meal, followed by a business meeting. Henry and Donna Vines will be hosting, with help from your Board of Directors. We will have the Host List to pass around Saturday, so please be sure to sign up!

Our annual car show is quickly approaching, and we still have a lot of work to do to prepare for it. Most important is the task of selling sponsorships for the show. We need each member to try to bring in at least two or three sponsorships if possible. If you need any help getting started, let me know. We have several folks that would be glad to work with you.

We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

March 2025 Treasurer's Report

We have 19 paid sponsors so far this year. Sixteen of them will also advertise on our website and in our newsletter. Last year we had 64 sponsors with 35 of those advertising on our website. Please talk to people in the companies you frequent and see if they will help our club by becoming a sponsor for our car show. We use part of this money to provide a scholarship for an auto tech student at Alamance Community College. If you need sponsor invoices, I will have copies at the upcoming club meeting this coming Saturday.

Jeannie Johnson

Progress Photos Of Mike Blalock's Truck



Air conditioning and heat have been installed and the upgraded carburetor installed. The truck is almost finished after four years of work. Thanks to everyone who has helped out and for all your advice and words of encouragement.

Mike Blalock

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

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

April 3 - 5 - Charlotte Auto Fair and Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte, NC

1st Fridays - Cruise-In at Gibsonville

2nd Saturdays - Cruise-In at Jimmy's Hotdogs, Mebane

3rd Fridays - Cruise-In downtown Graham

4th Fridays - Cruise-in at Powerline Church of the Nazarene, Elon (starts in April)

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

April Issue 3/29/25

Next Club Meeting

March 8, 2025
6:30 pm
at Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Scout Hut
for a pot luck dinner
Burlington, NC

Minutes from the February 2025 Meeting

The February meeting was held at K&W Cafeteria. Rick Holmes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and recognized guest Jimmy Whitaker.

The Host List was passed around for members to sign up for the remaining open months.

Membership cards and member rosters with contact information were on the table for pick up. Sponsor forms and show flyers were also available for pick up, and Rick requested that all members work on selling sponsorships for the show.

The Alamance Region was well represented at the AACA National Convention in February, with twelve members attending. The seminars were interesting and informative, and well presented. Our members enjoyed "Women in Automotive History", "The Anderson Automobile", "Truck Beds" and "Classic Radiator Repair", as well as several other seminars.

Convention field trips included the NC Transportation Museum and the Hendrick's private collection. The Hendrick's collection included well over 120 Corvettes of all years and color combinations, many of which were VIN #1 for each year. It also included an awesome guitar and instrument collection from donated and auctioned instruments.

JC Taylor Insurance presented a seminar on best practices for insuring your collector vehicles. One bit of wisdom they gave was to have an "agreed value" policy, not just a "guaranteed value" policy.

The Club won two awards; one for our website, and one for our newsletter, "The Weak Spark"! Bruce Anliker, editor

for the Weak Spark, and Rick Holmes, webmaster for our website, do a great job keeping us informed. Club members were encouraged to support these publications by sending in articles and pictures for inclusion. Restoration stories and pictures, photos from car shows and cruise-ins, or just a favorite recipe are all good choices to send in.

Car show update: Our show will be on May 17 (Rick's birthday). There may be some road construction going on in downtown Burlington, so we will need to be flexible on our show field layout and parking. The City has committed to help us with alternate plans should we need it.

Sponsorships for the show are what generate funding for our Club, as well as the annual scholarship we provide to Alamance Community College. For \$100, a sponsor gets their name on posters distributed across the county, as well as large format day of show posters. For \$200 sponsors get the same poster coverage, as well as a year of advertising on the Weak Spark AND our website!

We are exploring a new judging system called "Car Show Pro". The General Greene club has used it, and can help us to learn it fairly quickly if we decide to use it.

Club House construction updates: The contractor is working to get the cost down. We have removed several items including the large, covered drive through, the cathedral ceiling, and reduced the amount of concrete. We will continue to work the issues to stay within our budget.

Mike Blalock

From some Random Corner of the Internet...

Did you ever wonder how Scotch tape got its name?

The name Scotch Tape actually resulted from an ethnic slur foisted upon the manufacturers of the tape- although the product does not have any connection with Scotland or the Scottish.

In 1925, the automobile industry, eager to satisfy the American's craving for two-tone cars, had difficulty making a clean, sharp edge where one color met another. Richard Drew, a laboratory employee primarily involved with abrasives used to make sandpaper at the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (better known as 3M), developed a two-inch wide strip of paper tape coated with a rubber-based adhesive. To cut costs. The tape was

coated with only a strip of glue one-quarter inch wide along the edges, instead of covering the entire two-inch width. Unfortunately, the tape failed to hold properly, and the automotive painters purportedly told the 3M salesmen to "Take this tape back to those Scotch bosses of yours and tell them to put adhesive all over the tape, not just on the edges". The 3M company complied, but when the salesman returned to the automobile paint shop, a painter derogatorily asked him if he was still selling that "Scotch" tape, launching a tradename based on an ethnic slur denoting stinginess.

The name, like the improved tape, stuck.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Donnie Nance

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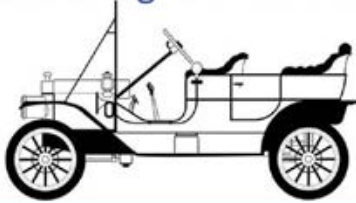


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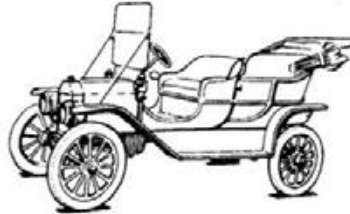
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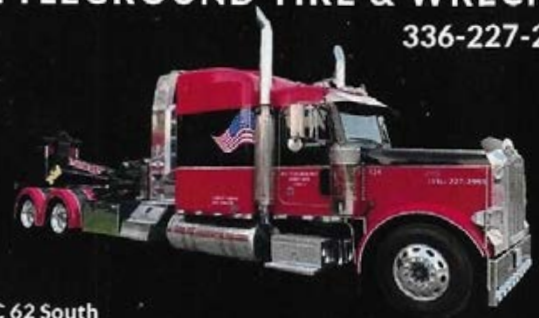
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