

President's Message

April 2015 is here and with it some warm weather. Car Show season is starting up and our car show is only six short weeks away. Just as a reminder, the deadline for getting sponsor forms turned in is April 18th. This will insure that our show sponsors get on the posters and in the newspaper. Work assignments for our Car Show will be given out at our next meeting on April 11th.

Besides our AACA Car Show in Burlington on May 16th, the AACA Spring Meet at the Autofair at Lowes Motor Speedway at Concord is next weekend April 10th to the 12th. Cathy and I plan to attend Autofair. The very next weekend April 18th, the NC Region Triangle Chapter will hold their AACA show at Oak View Historic Park in Raleigh. Besides the show, they will have the 1917 Take-Apart-T car. The team will assemble the Model T in 7 minutes and drive it off the field. We received a letter announcing an AACA show in Little Washington, NC on May 2nd being put on by Coastal Plains Chapter of NC Region. I'm sure there are other shows going on, so announce them at our meeting on the 11th.

I am very excited about our membership efforts this year. We have two memberships completed this year so far and 3 potential membership visits at our last meeting. All 3 said they enjoyed visiting and wanted to come to the next meeting. Let's continue to grow our membership and help others enjoy the antique car hobby.

Just a final note, I'm working on a program with an individual who wants to talk to us about what is happening inside the engines and powertrains of our antique cars. I'll need some help from a few of you, so help me out if I give you a call.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for March 2015

The March 2015 meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, March 14th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson, who thanked the hosts, Otto & Mary Watson & Larry & Elizabeth Coble. We had 43 people attending including 35 members, 2 children and 6 guests. Jerry King was Alan Irwin's guest, Billy Mebane was Billy Patterson's guest, Ed & Linda Burns were Floyd Smith's guest and finally David Ballard from Timeless Cruizers was a guest of the club.

Our president, Billy Patterson asked David Ballard to speak first about the Efland Car Show that will be sponsored by his car club—the Timeless Cruizers. David invited everyone to their Efland car show on May 9, 2015. He mentioned they had moved the location to the Cedar Grove Ruritan building on Efland City Road which is 8 miles north of old car show location. He thanked us for supplying judges to help out with their show each year and he mentioned he would send instructions to people that have volunteered for judging this year.

Our president, Billy Patterson asked for approval of last meetings minutes which were written by Jeannie Johnson. Rick Holmes made the motion and Pat and Judy 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved by the club.

Next Club Meeting
 April 11, 2015 at 6:30pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

Jeannie Johnson was visiting family and was not at the meeting, but Tal mentioned that Jeannie said we were solvent. He also mentioned that all but a couple of people have paid their dues.

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Meeting Minutes for March 2015 (con't.)

Billy asked Chip King to speak on our May car show. Chip mentioned that he had additional sponsor forms if anyone needed some. He also mentioned that Jeannie Johnson had requested that all forms and payments be turned into her by April 18th. Car show assignments will be passed out at the April car club meeting. We will prepare the goody bags for the car show Tuesday night May 12, 2015 @ 7PM. Chip said that the City of Burlington had approved site for the car show and that the insurance rider for the car show had been straightened out through the city. He mentioned that Rick Holmes will still be the chief judge. John Cox will check on the left over plaques from last year to see where we stand. Chip mentioned that the two featured cars of Richard Holmes and Willie Long Model A's need to arrive at the car show by 7AM to get set-up near depot early.

Our president, Billy Patterson gave an overview of his trip to the Annual AACA meeting in Philadelphia, PA in February.

1. Interior car cleaning (sponsored by Mcguires). The person conducting the seminar used crayon and chewing gum to show how these type stains/mess can be taking care of on car mats. He used WD40 to get the crayon stain out of the mat and used canned air to freeze the chewing so that it could be easily removed.

2. Billy mentioned that Ed Tulauskas won an award at the Annual meeting for web master of our website.

3. We attended annual report meeting on Saturday during the Annual meeting weekend.

4. During the meeting they mentioned we were solvent on a national level and that we need to stress membership and youth.

John Cox had the program for the night and he did the program on his and Judy's 1952 Ford Customline Sedan. He mentioned he purchased the car at the May 2010 Raleigh Classic auction. He said it is still being restored and he had info for the car's previous owners. He showed the original invoice from 3/11/52 from Safety Motors in Chicago, IL. The total cost was about \$2300 and a 1939 Deluxe 4DR. was traded in for \$348 to by the new 1952 Ford Customline Sedan. He listed many accessories: magic air system, turn indicator, outside visor, grill guard and rear grill, hand brake signal, window vent shades, tire rings, fender skirts (added), hood ornament (futuristic american eagle), undercoating, and powered by a 110 HP strato flathead V-8. John mentioned that he also belongs to the Early Ford Club also (1932-1953) and his car has been certified for HPOF from AACA.

Bob King mentioned that this area had recently lost A.C. Long, who worked on corvette's. Jane had taken her original 1968 Corvette to him for an electrical/wiring harness problem. Bob mentioned that A.C would charge charges low for the number of hours he worked on a car. Bob said that A.C Long's son may continue with the business.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:15PM by John Cox.

Cathy Dover



March Treasurer's Report

We need 12 more car show sponsors to match our total for last year so please contact any businesses who might sponsor our show and bring the money to our Saturday night meeting. Many of our members have been working very hard to get sponsorships! We currently have 6 registrations for our car show which is about average for this time of the year.

Letters and registration forms have been mailed to all the NC AACA region and chapter presidents to encourage them to pass the information on to their members. We will have registration forms available at Saturday's meeting.

Jeannie Johnson

Yeah, it's a replica, not the real McCoy, but still a cool reminder that the Indianapolis 500 will be here before you know it. This Old Calhoun replica was seen at the Historic Race Festival at Darlington Raceway a few years ago. Photo courtesy of Bruce Anliker.

Dad or Grandad To The Rescue!

Are you a Dad or Grandad that gets a call from a daughter, son or a grandkid when their car will not start. Well, a few weeks ago, I got one of those calls. Their 2008 SUV had to be left in the High School parking lot. I took some tools, a voltmeter, jumper cables, and an extra battery that was good. I was confident that I could get the disabled SUV started.

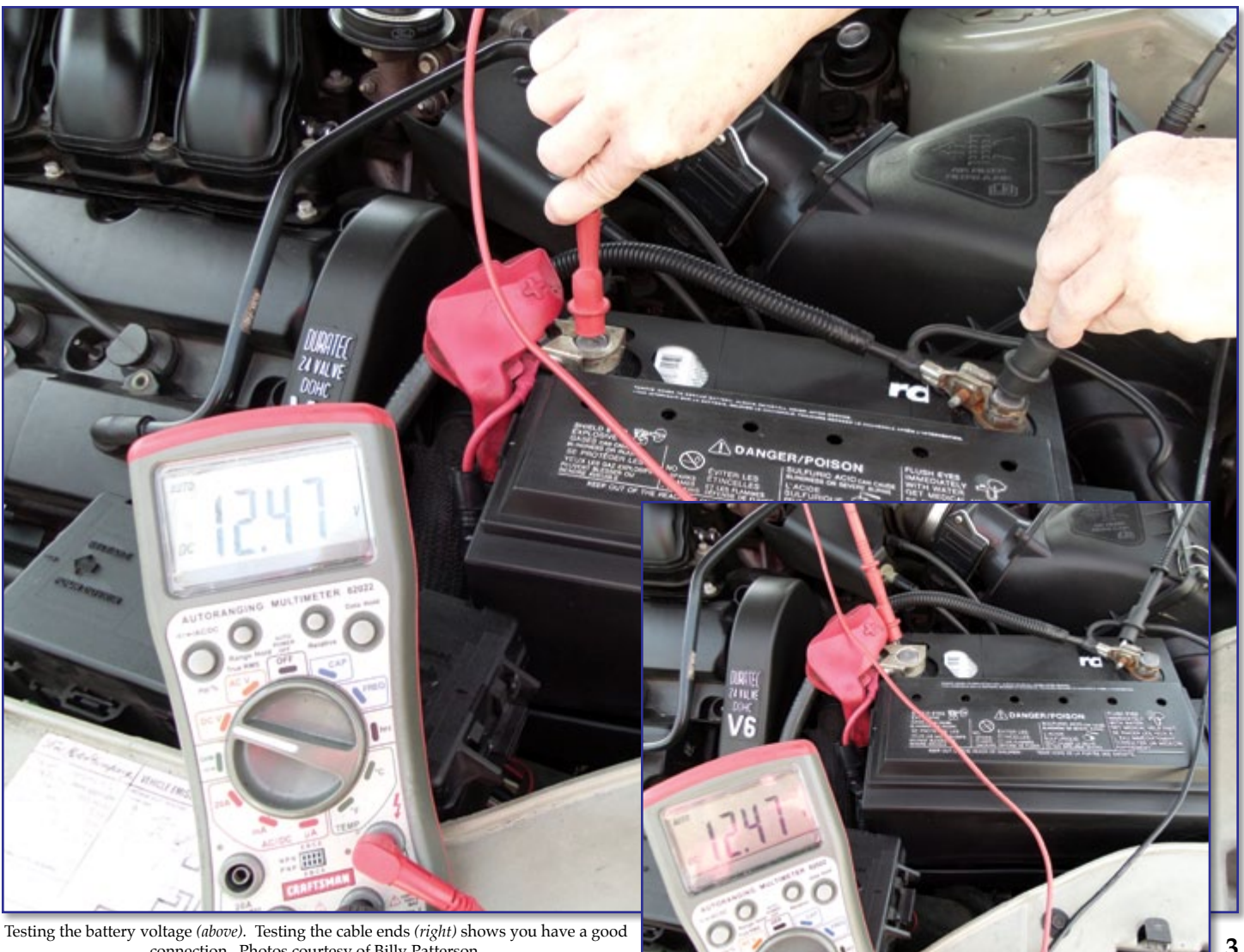
I got to the SUV before my daughter did. While I was waiting for her and the keys, I looked in the SUV and saw a bunch of wires for electronic accessories all over the console. I thought my grandson had run down the battery with all his electronic stuff. When my daughter arrived with the keys, neither the dash warning lights or the buzzer would work. I checked the battery voltage and it was less than 10 volts. Well the battery was dead, so I'll just put in the good battery and get it started. My good battery was just a little bigger in physical size, and it fit in the tray. However, the positive cable barely fit and the negative cable would not fit on the battery post. I used one side of the jumper cable to hook the negative post to the cable end. It turned over very slow and did not start. At this point I decided to take the dead battery home and charge it up.

At home, I hooked up the charger and it read 12.2 volts and was 75% charged. I wondered, what the heck is that all about? I put it on a 12 amp charge and it was done in 15 minutes.

Driving back to the SUV, I had time to sort out the facts of what was going on here. I decided that I had a poor connection at the cable ends. Corrosion was not visible, but I decided to clean the cable ends chemically and physically. In other words, the battery was a little low, but the cable ends had hidden corrosion that almost completely insulated the battery from the entire electrical system. Cleaning the cable ends fixed the problem.

In conclusion, I always learn something. Touching the battery posts tests the battery voltage only. If touching the cable ends gives the same voltage, the connection is good. Any lower voltage at the cable ends indicates the cable ends need cleaning. If you still had a no start, you would need to test the cables for a voltage drop to determine a bad cable or loose connection. Good luck if you get one of those calls!

Billy Patterson



Testing the battery voltage (above). Testing the cable ends (right) shows you have a good connection. Photos courtesy of Billy Patterson.

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The *Shaw Special* is ready to take to the speedway at Darlington. Photo courtesy of Bruce Anliker.



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