

**President's Message**

April is here and our car show is only 7 weeks away. Getting our flyers out to any car event in the area and continuing our efforts to obtain sponsors is a high priority. Assignments will be given out at our next meeting on Saturday April 9, 2016 at 6:30PM. Our club has always been able to pull together for our annual car show, and I'm looking forward to a successful show in May.

Cathy and I attended 2 events during March that were both unique. Cars & Coffee is an early morning gathering of car enthusiast of all kinds for a short time. No registration, no fees, come and leave as you like. Well on March 26, 2016 about 350 cars assembled at UNCG in Greensboro for this year's first event. It was nice to see antiques; original and restored, custom, race cars as well as a lot of expensive new cars. The other event we attended was a cruise in to the Richard Petty Garage in Level Cross, NC. The garage is beside The Petty home and is where The Petty's built and raced their Nascar race cars for many years. Today the garage is used to modify new Dodge Challengers and Chargers as well as Ford Mustangs. They also restore and modify any vehicle. This cruise-In was to raise money for the Victory Junction Camp and have an open house for his Petty Garage and museum. It was a lot of fun as you can see in the attached photos.

Since we are all car people, my daughter gave me a Christmas gift of a Nascar driving experience for this past weekend. It was one of those bucket list items to do. Well it is one for the history book. Having the opportunity to drive a race car at Charlotte's 1.5 mile oval was an adrenaline rush to say the least. After an hour of classroom instruction, it was time to wait and wait. We had an hour and half delay due to a car oiling the track turn 1 through 3. When it was finally my turn, 4 hours later I wanted to do my best but at the same time not embarrass myself. Everything went smooth and it was a lot of fun with no embarrassing moments thank goodness. I'm ready to go again!

I received sad news this morning that that Glen Thomas had passed away. Our prayers and condolences go to his wife Helen and family. He will have a visitation and memorial Saturday April 9th at Hawfields Presbyterian Church. The visitation will be at 3PM and the memorial celebration of life will be at 4PM.

*Billy Patterson*

**Meeting Minutes for March 2016**

The March meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, March 12th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our vice president, Henry Gaither, Jr. Our president, Billy Patterson out on a previous obligation. We had 35 people attending including 33 members, 1 child and 1 guest. Jeanne Johnson brought her granddaughter, Audrey who was visiting on Spring Break from Appalachian.

Our vice president, Henry Gaither, Jr. thanked the hosts, Elizabeth and Larry Coble. He mentioned we needed to keep Mary Watson in our prayers. Mary is still @ Edgewood. We also need to keep Judy Cox in our prayers while she is recovering from kidney stone surgery. Herb Kluttz is back at meeting after back trouble.

Henry Gaither, Jr. asked if the February minutes were accepted as written. Richard Holmes made the motion and Tal Johnson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written.

**Next Club Meeting**  
 April 9, 2016 at 6:30pm  
 Alamance Region Clubhouse  
 Burlington, NC

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**The Weak Spark Deadlines:**

- May Issue 4/27/16
- June Issue 5/25/16
- July Issue 6/22/16
- Aug. Issue 7/27/16
- Sept. Issue 8/24/16
- Oct. Issue 9/28/16
- Nov. Issue 10/26/16
- Dec. Issue 11/23/16

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Next, Jeanne gave the Treasurer's report. She mentioned that we have given \$1000 for the ACC scholarship, \$200 to AACA Library, and \$200 to AACA museum. We also already have \$700 for sponsors for the May car show. Henry asked if the report was accepted. Rick Holmes made the motion and Henry Gaither, Sr. seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Henry went over old business which included the following:

1. Some car show flyers are available to pass out.
2. Rick Holmes mentioned that we are set with the City of Burlington. We are also set with the Police Dept. with the barricades.
3. Bruce received pictures for the dash plaque.

Henry went over a few upcoming events:

**March 19th**-Richard Petty museum 9am-12pm (info sheet on clubhouse table)

**March 25th**-VIR annual charity lap event for Victory Junction. It will be \$25 for 15 minutes on the track. The General Greene chapter will be sponsoring this event.

**March 26th**-Cars & Coffee monthly event in Greensboro, NC @ UNCG. General Greene chapter is sponsoring event and will be held @ 550 Tate Street. We will meet @ Stamey's BBQ on High Point Rd/Gate City Blvd. @ 7:20am and leave together to caravan to the event @ 7:30am.

**April 8th**-First Cruise-in of the year in Reidsville

**April 16th**-Cruise-in with NC Region @ Daniel Boone Hillsborough. See Bill Cox for info.

Our former member, Glenn Thomas, passed away on March 31, 2016, in Newton, NC. He and his wife, Helen, moved there several years ago to be near family due to his declining health. Visitation will be on April 9 from 3-4pm at Hawfields Presbyterian Church, Mebane, followed by a memorial service there at 4 pm. Notes of sympathy can be mailed to Helen at 430 Shuford Circle Drive, Newton, NC 28658-9646. The club will make a donation to Catawba Regional Hospice Foundation in his memory.

Car show info: Make sure we tell people that the car show is only for vehicles that are 25 years and older (1991 and older). The modified vehicles will get top 25 award. We strongly recommended that people preregister and their is a monetary incentive to do so. Cathy is working on the plaques for the car show.

Judy Holmes asked if anyone had been accepted for the June 2016 Sentimental Tour in Salisbury this year. She mentioned that Rick and her were accepted for the tour. All cars accepted for this tour are from 1928 to 1958.

Henry mentioned that we did not have a program for tonight since we have the event for the month (Cars & Coffee).

Henry called for meeting to be adjourned @ 7:30pm.

*Cathy Dover*

## March 2016 Treasurer's Report

We need sponsors for our car show! Please contact businesses in the area and encourage them to sponsor our show! We will have sponsor forms at the next meeting and I will be glad to email or mail you all you need! Also, we will have registration forms available at the clubhouse. Please pass these out at any car shows you attend.

*Jeannie Johnson*



A nice little '56 T-Bird at Cars & Coffee with a for sale sign on the windshield. Rumor has it the asking price was \$500 OBO. What's that phone number on the sign? BR-549?

Cars & Coffee at UNCG in Greensboro drew a great crowd!

## More Cars & Coffee at UNCG



When you see these Chryslers (*above*), you know the McCandlesses are nearby. *Right*, a 1936 Dodge heavy truck. When was the last time YOU saw one?!

## At The Richard Petty Museum



*Top*, two of Richard's NASCAR stock cars, a 1966 Plymouth Belvedere, *left*; and a 1957 Oldsmobile, *right*.  
*Bottom left*, it looks like the Petty Shop is about to wrap up work on Bobbie's '68 Charger R/T.  
*Bottom right* is a 1969 Plymouth GTX convertible in F3 Light Green Metallic.

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A nice 1933  
Dodge sedan  
at the Richard  
Petty Museum.

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