

President's Message

Hey folks, Bruce just reminded me that it's time that I find more words of wisdom to expound on for the April newsletter... With that in mind, I borrowed from an e-mail the following quote which I think sums up my wisdom... "Sometimes I pretend to be normal, but it gets boring, so I go back to being myself."

I would like to thank Otto Watson and the Cobles for hosting our fine meal and also the rest of you folks for a good turnout last month. We also welcomed 4 guests, John Elder, Richard & Joy Hollo and David Ballard to our meeting.

I know we all enjoyed Henry's infamous White Elephant Bingo event in March as always (even if I did wind up w/ an ugly Christmas tree ornament). I appreciate all of Henry's efforts to get us off our butts and get our old cars out on the road and enjoy them. Please help him out here!

Speaking of cars, we were on the way to our granddaughter's birthday festivities Saturday night and saw the Cruise-in at Northern Tool (I hope some of you were there). There must have been 500+ cars. I had to question how much I liked the granddaughter (Then Jeannie enlightened me) Hmmm! Hope someone thought to put some flyers out there or had them announce our show date.

David Ballard of the Timeless Cruizers attended our meeting to talk about their need for judges for their show May 13th and their willingness to help us. I hope some of our folks will help them out. Their members are getting older and can't help with their event.

Talked with the Mebane Dogwood Festival Car Show Manager Chris Sconzo and he decided to use the ACC folks for judging, as we advised. Jeanne and I are going to help w/ registration, etc. Show date is April 22nd.

Regarding our Car Show: We have approval from Burlington City Council for our Car Show on the 20th of May. Bill Cox is working on permission to use LabCorp parking lot. Bruce has the pictures of our 2017 cars & the background too and is working to get them ready so we can order dash plaques & trophies. As always we need Car Show Sponsors, so please work on any sources you can think of, get out and shake the bushes really hard. Everyone should be able to get one donation! Sponsor Forms and Car Show Flyers will be available at both the meeting and at the Clubhouse anytime, If you plan to attend a Car Show anywhere please stop and pick some up and get them out to the car people.

Henry & Bob have been working on the 2017 Hospice Show. Last I heard, it will be out near Dillard's in October. They will update us as details become available. If you have ideas on how we can raise more money at the show, please pass them on. I am sure they will appreciate it.

Thanks and keep the old ones rolling down the road. Get out and enjoy them while you can!

Tal Johnson

March 2017 Treasurer's Report

The key word for the treasurer's report for this month is: SPONSORS! As of March 26, we have 27 fine sponsors. We need 38 more to match last year's numbers! Two members have called me to let me know they have talked to about 10 more businesses. Please consider talking to businesses you frequent to see if they will support our car show! Let them know we provide a scholarship for an ACC student each year. Thanks!

Next Club Meeting
 April 8, 2017 at 6:30pm
 Alamance AACA Clubhouse
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Jeannie Johnson

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Meeting Minutes for March 2017

The Alamance Chapter, AACA met on March 11, 2017 and Tal Johnson called the meeting to order. Guests that were present were John Elder and Joy and Richard Hollo. Tal thanked the hosts, Larry & Elizabeth Coble and Otto Watson. They had their daughters, Jessica and Cheryl, to assist.

David Ballard with Timeless Cruisers spoke about their show which will be May 13 and he asked that anyone from our club that could help with judging to let him know.

Tal asked the club if we wanted to have a July meeting as previously it had been mentioned not meeting. Rick Holmes made a motion that we have the meeting and it was seconded by Lynn Pickett. The motion was approved.

Tal sent the host list around as hosts are still needed for some months.

Tal asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Henry Gaither made the motion to approve and Rich Holmes seconded and the minutes were approved as published.

Jeannie Johnson gave the treasurer's report and noted that Floyd Smith had gotten 14 sponsors out of the 22 that we had already. Bill Cox made the motion to accept and Henry Gaither seconded and this was approved.

Bill Cox asked if we could send out the membership roster by e-mail and Jeannie said that she would send. Tal asked about the newsletters and registration being on-line and Ed is continuing to work on this. Ed said that he had been in touch with the Webmaster at National for help.

Henry said that he had been working on locations and a date for the Hospice Car Show and will discuss this later. He said that we need ideas on how we can get sponsors for the show or create more interest.

Someone also asked if Graham was in consideration for future for our regular car show.

Tal said that we need to get car stories to Bruce for the newsletter. *(and photos! editor's note)*

Rich Holmes will oversee judging and Henry Gaither will manage the other aspects of the show. The flyers are

here tonight and we need to take to other car shows and cruise-ins. We also were given a flyer about a Cruise-in at the Antique Mall in Gibsonville on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Bruce stated that we now have the background picture of the original office building for Glen Raven, Inc. in Altamahaw and that he will work on trophy's and dash plaques.

Tal told the group that Mebane is struggling to get help with the Dogwood Festival car show and that they need judges. For this show, they award trophies based on Top 10, Best of Show, Best Chevy, Best Ford, Best Chrysler and Best Foreign Car. The show is April 22.

John Cox reported about the National Business Meeting that he attended. He and Judy attended several seminars—The History of the Auto, Collector Cars (Titles), Estate Planning, Repair and Restoration, and there was the Humorous History of Autos. At the member meeting, there was continuing concerns about the museum. He said that a couple of clubs didn't think that National was working hard enough. National has every conversation and memo documented. The museum wants half of everything that we raise plus \$300,000 per year paid to them. There are still legal issues concerning the logo and their being able to call it the AACA Museum. They don't have an elected board of directors. Judy thanked the club for sending them. The emphasis of the meeting was to get younger people involved in the hobby and all clubs are struggling with older populations.

Lynn Pickett said that the Alamance Civitan Club will be selling bales of pine needles for \$5.00 per bale next Saturday. They will deliver within 10 miles of their facility with a minimum purchase of 10 bales.

The program was a White Elephant Bingo Game that works similarly to Dirty Santa.

The meeting was adjourned by Tal.

Elizabeth Coble

Ramblings of a Snake Driver

Well it looks like spring may have finally sprung and that means it is time to get our cars ready to rock! There have been a few great articles on-line about waking your "Sleeping Beauty" so look one up before you hit the road. Speaking of hitting the road our April event will be a breakfast cruise-in to Hursey's BBQ in Graham on April 29 for breakfast. Yes, I said breakfast. This was suggested by one of our esteemed members and I thought why not give it a try. So, we will meet at Stearns Ford at 8:45 and drive in together. This activity will get our cars out of hibernation and allow us some fellowship away from the usual places (car shows, regular meetings, etc.). I am sure there will some kind of show that day but you should be able to eat a good

breakfast with us and then head out. I'm thinking that there will not be a "show free" weekend for a while so do the best you can to make the activities. Just a reminder our May activity is our car show so everyone should be there to help out the cause.

I want to thank everyone for making our White Elephant Bingo a great success! I think everybody had a good time even if that special prize disappeared from your grasp. Maybe next year we will increase the number of times an item can be stolen...

Until next time, Take Care Out There!

Henry Gaither

AACA National Show in Ocala, Florida

Larry and I went to the National Car Show in Ocala, Florida in February. We left on Wednesday, February 22, to break up the drive down. I-95 was a mess and we would come to complete stops at several different places across South Carolina and into Georgia due to road work and repair on bridges. When we got to the Georgia line we decided to spend the night at Exit 3 because it had started to pour down rain. Getting the 24 foot car trailer and truck into motel parking lots is always a challenge but we found a motel with an attached steakhouse restaurant and that had room for the trailer.

The next morning we were back on our way and it was a beautiful day. We wound our way across upper Florida and went down some smaller roads which was enjoyable. Check in was at the National Parts Depot in Ocala and from there were given directions to trailer parking at the Mall which is directly across from the College of Florida where the show was being held. We stayed at the host hotel so went by the hospitality and merchandise area once we were checked in. I had to buy a Judges' shirt and hat for show day. Later that day there was a Pizza Party in a large tent near the pool area of the hotel. We met up with Joe and Cathy from Monroe, NC that we got to know at the Grand National in Williamsport, PA last year.

Friday morning we went to Silver Springs, now a state park, and rode a glass bottom boat. Neither of us had been there since we were very young children. I remember them talking about filming the Tarzan movies there and they used to point out the tree where Tarzan would dive from. This brought back a lot of memories. That afternoon Larry dropped me at the College for Judging School.

Friday night brought an Ice Cream Social that was held at National Parts Depot. There is a car collection in that facility of probably 200 cars. Lots are very low mileage or #1 production cars. We even saw a 1969 Mercury Marauder – it was burgundy and ours had been baby blue.

Saturday morning was overcast and I had to attend the Judge's Breakfast. I helped Larry unload our 1956 Ford F-100 and he dropped me off on the way to his parking space. I did my apprenticeship judging in 2016 in New



Bern and some of you remember that we judged DPC cars. I went to my assigned table and met my Team Captain, Don, and the rest of the team. Don let the person with most judging credits pick what area of the car they wanted to judge, so yours truly got to do engines for 1965 – 1968 Mustangs and 2 1980's Camaros. Angelo from Tampa, Florida was my buddy and he helped me some. Overall it was a good experience. Also I did Engines for Continuing Judge's Education before the judging started. Sometimes you have to step out of your comfort zone and realize that just because you haven't done something before that doesn't mean you shouldn't try.

Saturday night was the Banquet which was again in the tent by the pool. We sat with people from the local club and then a couple of guys from Cumming, Georgia. One of them had stopped by and talked with me about our truck during the show. The company I work for, Glen Raven, Inc., has a small location in Cumming and I have been there before so it was easy to talk to the guys next to us. It also turned out that across the table there was a guy that lives in Cumming who is a retired Eastern Airlines Pilot. Small World! We received our Preservation Award.

National Car Shows offer opportunities to meet lots of new people and to develop friendships. As for Judging, if you go to Charlotte Auto Fair in April, I will be wearing my Judge's Shirt and Hat.

Elizabeth Coble

April Birthdays!

1 Barbara Ivey
5 Judy Cox
17 Herb Kluttz

17 Floyd Smith
19 Catherine
Gaithersburg

19 Barbara Kluttz
22 Mary Jo Milne
22 Sylvia Smith

23 Lynn Pickett
26 Henry Gaither Jr.
28 Pat Rich

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What in the world IS it?!

Photo by Elizabeth Coble.



Upcoming Cars & Coffee Dates

Kernersville: Saturday, April 1st, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Greensboro: Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Kernersville: Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Greensboro: Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Kernersville: Saturday, June 3rd, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Greensboro: Saturday, June 17th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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Kernersville: Saturday, August 5th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Greensboro: Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Kernersville: Saturday, September 2nd, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Greensboro: Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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