



President's Message

That time again, it's time to find some words of wisdom to write for our newsletter. Of course as many can attest, my wisdom should be ignored. Would like to thank our hosts in January, Elsie & Floyd Smith and Jeanne Johnson... As always we are still short on hosts for this year, so please step up and get these dates filled.

I would like to thank John and Judy Cox who volunteered to represent our club at the National Meeting in February.

Our February 11th Valentine Day meeting will be held at the K & W Cafeteria, 2629 Ramada Road, Burlington, NC. We have reserved the banquet room at the back of the dining area. Everyone pays for their own meal at this event. Just come through the line, choose your dinner items and come to the banquet room. Management tells us that the length of the line to get food is always a mystery "so plan to come in time to be seated by 6 pm". This is necessary as we are supposed to be out around 8 pm. We will have a short business meeting followed by "entertainment" arranged by Henry Gaither! You won't want to miss this! Please try to join us (remember ladies, you don't have to cook).

Several of our members attended the NC Region meeting at the Ramada Inn. Bill Cox was in charge of the festivities and held a seminar on Corvettes. They had a variety of informative seminars and discussions. They thanked our club for helping sponsor the meeting. We had our car show registration forms available at their registration desk for all attendees and our show date was announced at the meeting.

We have some free tickets for the Greensboro Classic Car Auction March 3rd & 4th.

John Cox will attend the Burlington City Council meeting to hopefully confirm our Car Show for this spring. We will let you know what he finds out at our February meeting. We need to start thinking about Car Show sponsors.

Ralph Proscia of the NC Region is having a Pontiac Club tour thru this area in the spring and asked if he could talk to our group about the tour. He was thinking that some of the NC Clubs could meet up with them when they are in their areas. I invited him to our meeting but not sure if he can make it at press time.

Thanks and keep the old ones on the road.

Tal Johnson

January 2017 Treasurer's Report

will have an updated membership list and membership cards (thanks to Ray Fowler's excellent printing skills!) available at the February meeting at the K & W Cafeteria on the 11th. If you have not paid your \$25 dues for 2017, please send a check to Alamance Region AACA, P. O. Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302 so your name will be included!

Jeannie Johnson

Next Club Meeting

February 11, 2017 at 6:30pm
K&W Cafeteria
Burlington, NC

February Anniversaries

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Meeting Minutes for January 2017

 The Alamance Region met on January 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order by our new President, Tal Johnson. Billy Patterson returned thanks prior to our meal.

Tal thanked our hosts – Floyd and Elsie Smith and Jeanne and himself. The decorations were snowmen and Elsie had a special one on the fridge that played “Shake Your Booty”. The approval of the December minutes came next and Rick Holmes moved to approve with a second by Henry Gaither. The minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

Jeannie stated that the 990 EZ has been filed. She is able to do the postcard filing as we have less than \$25,000.00 in income during the year for a 501(c)3 organization. The books are to be audited. She also mentioned that the Host list is on the fridge. There are sponsor forms for the May car show and everyone is encouraged to get out and find sponsors. She mentioned that she had been contacted by the Dogwood Festival group that they need a car show chairperson for their event in Mebane on April 22. Jeannie jokingly said that “Rick Holmes will help”. They give awards for Top 10, Best of Show, Best Chevy, Ford, GM and Foreign car. They have a registration table, mail flyers and have a hospitality room. She wondered if the Gibsonville show is the same day.

Old Business: None

Our February Meeting is the Valentine meeting and it was recommended that we meet again at the K & W so no one has to cook. The motion was made by Henry Gaither and seconded by John Cox. This was approved.

Rick Holmes gave an update on the Car Show. He stated that we would again be in downtown Burlington. John Cox met with Lisa Wolfe from the Parks and Recreation Department. She said that she will have to go to the City Manager and City Council in order to try to get the streets that we need for the show. We are asking that parking be as it has been in years past. The Board had discussed maybe a change to our trophy’s but Rick stated that we have a lot left over from last year that we can use which will save some money. Tal said that we need someone to help Rick on the day of the show and that he is unable to do much before around 11:00 am most days.

We need to get the pictures of the cars for the flyers and dash plaques. The cars that will be featured belong to Butch McKenzie and Hank Gaither. Bruce Anliker stated that he was behind on the flyers.

Bill Cox noted that the North Carolina Region Business Meeting is coming up here in Burlington. The Alamance Region gives the NC Region a donation to help offset the costs. The dates are February 20 and 21. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 20 – National Judging School with Dain King – 2 hours

CJE – Classes after Judging School

Saturday, February 21 – 8:00 am Coffee and Cars

9:00 am – 2 sessions with varied speakers

10:00 am – Carolina Wood Products Corvettes

11:00 am – Eleanor Roosevelt to speak on Rationing

12:00 – Lunch

1:30 – Business Meeting – Tom Cox the incoming President of National AACA will be there to discuss the Museum

At lunch other Regions can speak about their activities. You do not have to be pre-registered and can walk in and participate.

Richard Holmes said that he noticed that our car show date wasn’t in the current NC Region Newsletter but this will be corrected. It was noted that we can also put our flyer on their website.

Bill Cox said that there will be a place at the back of the meeting room for the NC Region where we can put flyers for our show. It was noted that the Alamance Region donates \$100.00 for our ad and \$200.00 for the cost of food. Bill was also trying to get a car to set out front at the Ramada Inn for the meeting.

The Board of Directors had discussed in their last meeting about the Hospice Show. It was noted that this show needs to be moved to somewhere else where there is foot traffic. Also the Board discussed possibly getting a local dealership to sponsor the show. The date usually conflicts with the NC Region Fall Show at Spencer so another date might be another change.

Discussion then shifted to the AACA Museum as most members had received communication from the Museum and there was lengthy discussion on the National Forum site. Initially the Museum was set up as a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization and the National AACA did not have that designation at the time. Tal stated that the Board felt that the Alamance Region should drop their donation to the Museum due to the problems.

Richard Holmes asked about the AACA Library and Larry Coble explained how it was set up and had rolled under the National AACA umbrella. Larry made the motion to drop the donation to the Museum and it was seconded by John Cox. The membership approved.

Larry also commented that it is felt that the Museum will go under without AACA support.

He said that he has read all the information that is on the different sites concerning National AACA pulling its support from the Museum.

Tal asked for someone to go to Philadelphia to

Meeting Minutes for January 2017 (cont.)

represent our club as he is unable to travel. The club gives \$500.00 to help offset the expense. No one volunteered during the meeting but Tal stated that all the paperwork that is needed to register is on the website.

There are also free memberships available to National for Veterans and Active Military that have not been members before.

Billy Patterson commented that the Greensboro Auto Auction is coming up in March on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and we should have 10 tickets that will be available.

Judy Cox commented that the Newsletter says that she is the Hospitality Chair and she is the "Happy Card Lady". She takes care of sending cards for birthdays, anniversaries and for those who are ill.

It was noted that Sylvia Smith was in the hospital most of the last week and that she isn't wanting to eat or drink. Herb Klutz had surgery recently and is still recovering. Also, Alice Loy passed away on Christmas Eve. She and her husband, Garland, were former members. Also, we need get the Board of deceased members updated. Judy Cox asked that everyone give her a call when they know about illness or deaths so she can send a card or flowers.

Henry Gaither presented the program. He went through an events calendar for 2017 and said that he hopes we can tour more and end them with ice cream or at a restaurant.

He would like to involve as many members as possible – with cars or no cars.

- February 11 will be the night out at the K & W and we will again play the newlywed game with a \$50.00 prize.
- March 11 we will do the White Elephant Bingo and we will start at 5:15 pm with eating and then the Bingo at 6:15 pm.
- April 22 will be a driving tour and he will make it longer and try to end up at an ice cream place.
- May 20 is the Car Show.
- June 17 is the Liberty Cruise In.
- No meeting in July.
- There will Cruise Ins at Northern Tool and a Fall Driving Event that are being planned.
- December 9 will be the Christmas Party and Dirty Santa Ornament Exchange.

Bill Cox asked if we could get the Car Show calendar in our newsletter so we know what is coming up with clubs around us.

John Cox also presented pictures and description of the Art Deco Cars that were on exhibit at the NC Art Museum. He had also purchased a book about the cars. The last car was the one built by The Guild in Canada and that had been featured on their tv program.

Floyd Smith asked is anyone was around when there was a 1948 Tucker in Burlington at a dealership on Church Street.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

Elizabeth Coble

NC Region Meeting

 On the weekend of January 20th, the NC Region held its annual business meeting and judging school. I was voted in as NC Region President and, unless they throw me out, I am to serve for two years. Wish me luck! (*editor's note: congratulations Bill!*)

I'd like to thank everyone in the Alamance Region for the donation for supporting the event and for the advertising in the NC Region News. This support helps to pay for the meeting rooms and travel for some of the guests. This year we had Dain King come from Pennsylvania to instruct the judging school and we had incoming President of the AACA, Tom Cox, to speak about the failed AACA Museum merger.

These type of resources along with the speakers we have during the morning on Saturday are enjoyed by anyone wishing to attend. The Alamance Region was well

represented at the meeting and I think everyone enjoyed being there. I'm sure there will be a lively discussion about the Museum issue at our next meeting and hopefully many members of the Alamance Board will be better informed because of having listened to Tom.

We have contracts with the Ramada Inn to continue holding the meeting here in Burlington as it has proven to be a good venue... they treat us well and it is a good location. We have attendees everywhere from Wilmington to Asheville and this location is about as centralized as you can get. This makes it very convenient for everyone in the Alamance Region and I hope you take advantage of that next year. For just \$10.00 you can enjoy a \$9.00 lunch and all the speakers and discussion you want to be involved in.

Thanks again for your support, I'll see you soon.

Bill Cox

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This 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T was once owned by someone famous. Who was it, do you know? Photo taken at the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum in Alabama.



Upcoming Cars & Coffee Dates

Kernersville: Saturday, March 4th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.
Greensboro: Saturday, March 18th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.
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.
Kernersville: Saturday, July 1st, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.
Greensboro: Saturday, July 15th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.
Kernersville: Saturday, August 5th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.
Greensboro: Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

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