

President's Message

October is almost here as I write this and a lot of things are happening this month. First of all, the 18th Annual Hospice Car Show is back on stream for October 17th at the Hospice Clothing Store at the BOV. Hospice had to move the show due to a carnival with rides at the location in Haw River. We will need everyone's help on the 17th to make this a success.

Remember that our meeting is a week early this month. We will meet Oct 3rd at the clubhouse @ 6:30PM. Many of our members will make the annual journey to Hershey, Pa. for the AACA National Meet. Good luck and a safe trip for those who are travelling. At the meeting, we are planning on selecting 2 club cars for the dash plaque for our car show in May.

Our tour activity for this fall will be on Saturday November 7th with a trip to Pittsboro, NC. Our Vice President Henry Gaither is planning this outing. Details will be forthcoming at the meeting.

In September, Cathy & I attended two shows that our members were involved with, the Rockingham County High School ROTC & Tennis Club Car Show, and the Brightleaf Hoedown Festival in Yanceyville, NC. A few pictures of these two events should follow in the newsletter.

Cathy & I are planning on attending the Fall AutoFair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Sept 26 & 27 (rainy forecast), but hopefully some of our members can get pictures and a report on the Oconeechee Speedway Car Show in Hillsborough, NC.

As you can see, it's a busy month and hopefully full of good weather with chilly mornings and nice afternoons. See you at a car show this fall!

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for September 2015

The September 2015 meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, September 12th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson. We had 38 people attending including 35 members, 2 children and with 1 guest. The guest was Melony's friend, Tyler who was visiting again.

Our president, Billy Patterson asked if the August 2015 minutes were accepted as written. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and Henry Gaither, Sr. and O.T. Smith seconded the motion (at the same time) to accept the minutes as written.

Jeannie gave the treasurers report next. She mentioned she had received the property tax and insurance bill. She will try to renegotiate the insurance because it is closing in on the \$1000 mark. She also mentioned that we received a nice note from Dottie Keen thanking us and she was grateful for our support. We also received a thank you note from Hospice. Jeannie said we made a donation to church in memory of Sandy Thomas.

Henry Gaither, Jr. reminded everyone about the upcoming Rockingham County High School Car Show this Saturday (Sept. 12th). They are hoping for 50 cars if the weather is good. There will be more crafts and food vendors. He thanked us for the support through donations which help the ROTC and the

Next Club Meeting
 October 3, 2015 at 6:30pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

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Meeting Minutes for September 2015 (con't.)

tennis team. They will be able to offer 2 scholarships this year for the tennis team. He mentioned the car show will be on September 10th in 2016.

Billy went over the upcoming car show schedule which included:

- Sept. 19th–Charlotte Mustang & Yanceyville Hoedown
- Sept. 26th–Occoneechee (honoring Bud Moore) & Charlotte Auto Fair
- Oct. 3rd–Faith United Methodist Church
- Oct. 17th–NC Region Spencer & possibly Hospice Car Show

Billy mentioned that he was waiting on Karen Harris' decision about the date and location for the Hospice car show. It turned out that the owner of the shopping center where the flea market is located scheduled a week long carnival that covers both the weekend of the 17th and 26th. Karen is looking into either changing the date or event location.

Billy mentioned that the board discussed having a tour near the first of November (maybe Nov. 7th). He also thanked the hosts, Herb & Barbara Klutz and John & Janice Greiner.

Tal Johnson mentioned that we needed to order more plaques for the deceased members of the club to put up on board. We mentioned the names: Richard Smith, Willie and Mabel Long, Sandy Thomas and Jerry Keen.

Ed Burns mentioned that we needed a card to give to people when we introduce ourselves and tell them about our car club. It was mentioned that Ray Fowler had created a card previously and we will check with him to get info updated. Ed also mentioned that he brought 3 classic car magazines if anyone would like to have one.

Ed Tulauskas told about the Kruizin for Kidneys calendar and show on Oct. 17th @ 1256 Longest Acre Road in Snow Camp. The calendars are \$20. He had a couple of copies of the calendar to pass around.

Tal Johnson had the program for the night. He had a slide show of pictures documenting his 1964 Corvette restoration and some other pictures. He mentioned that he started the first restoration in 1973 and added a third tail light to make it look like 1967 Corvette. He also mentioned that since a guy in high school won a 1954 Corvette-then he wanted one. He bought this 1964 Corvette in 1964. At the time of restoration in 1973 he said he was also building a dune buggy. He went through several pictures that showed different stages of the restoration. He had one picture taken in Kentucky that included both the 1964 and 1989 Corvette. He mentioned that he had a second restoration done around 2003 because the car sat outside for a few years.

This time the frame was sand blasted, dipped and powder coated. The body was gel-coated and painted viper red. He also changed the wheels on the car. During the restoration process the shop lost his air cleaner so he had to get another one. After he got the car back he found several things that were not right with car and they needed fixin'. He mentioned that it was nothing major, but he asked them to go back over car and fix.

Billy reminded everyone of the meeting for October would be on Saturday, October 3rd.

Billy asked for the meeting to be adjourned and Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and Billy seconded the motion. The meeting was over @ 08:30PM.

Cathy Dover

2016 Dash Plaque Cars

Club members will be voting at the October meeting for our 2016 car show dash plaque cars. We will vote on 2 vehicles to be on the plaques. We normally vote on this at the November business meeting, but we decided to move it up a month to provide additional time for those involved with the pictures, etc. Also note we have some very important developments which have taken place regarding our 2016 car show. I encourage each member to attend the October meeting to learn of these details.

Chip King

September Treasurer's Report

It is almost time to start reviewing our club budget for next year. Thanks to our very successful spring car show, we are ahead of budget for this year. That will give us a cushion in case we incur some unexpected expenses around the clubhouse. I will be glad to provide the budget-to-actual figures for anyone who would like to see how we are doing. I will give a summary at the next club meeting.

Jeannie Johnson

Upcoming Shows and Cruise Ins

October 3	Faith United Methodist Church, 1732 West Davis Street Burlington, NC
Oct. 16–18	14th Annual East Coast Drag Times Hall Of Fame Downtown Henderson, NC
3rd Saturday October 17	Liberty, NC Cruise-In, North Fayetteville Street Reidsville Downtown Fall Jubilee, Reidsville, NC NC Region AACA, Spencer, NC Hospice Car Show, BMOC, Burlington, NC

Ramblings of a Snake Driver—Beyond Tomorrow

In my past life I worked at Headquarters United States Air Force in the Pentagon. It was a very interesting job most days though living in the DC area cured me of ever wanting to live in a big city...EVER! Anyway one of my jobs was the Chief of Personnel Recovery Division...I looked after all the Air Force's combat and non-combat rescue forces. One of the things we did was look beyond tomorrow...like ten years or more. We had to figure out what we thought we would need to execute the mission and sustain rescue forces for the future. That was a tall order because in the military there is no time to be a "Monday morning quarterback" because if you lose that game, you lose lives.

So, what does a Pentagon job have to do with the Alamance Region? Well, nothing but everything. I have often read in numerous clubs' publications the problems that organizations are having with declining membership and what can be done to reverse that trend. The loss of three of our members this year has, in my opinion, highlighted that challenge in our own backyard. I began thinking about what will our club membership look like in ten years? Now I know to some that seems like a long way out but I have been retired from the Air Force and living in Burlington for eleven years and that time has flown by! So, it is up to the current membership to determine what we will look like ten years from now...so now what? What can we do to insure that our club will remain healthy for another ten years and beyond?

First, I will tell you I saw the Mustang club that I am in came back from near dead to become a thriving growing organization. They did it because they are active. Almost every month we are doing something and that something is usually NOT sitting at a car show. They take cruises to different events, have a section of road in Greensboro to clean up quarterly (with the club's name on the sign and have a pot luck brunch after the cleanup!!)...basically get out there and get their cars out there. These events are often not elaborate or take a ton of planning. It might be as simple as going to Cars and Coffee in Greensboro for the morning or Eden Drive-in for a movie. People see this group of Mustangs and start asking questions and the next thing you know you start getting new members. Being active is what people, especially younger people, want in an organization.

I was president of the Rio Grande Mustang Club in Albuquerque, another very active club. Every January the club leadership met and planned the activities for the YEAR! These activities would be published in the January newsletter so everyone could plan their club yearly calendar. Some activities included the cars but there were other non-car events because of potential weather issues (it is really cold in winter and blazing hot in the dead of summer). So, what about some Alamance Region ideas



to get us more active? Off the top of my head here are some thoughts... white elephant bingo, poker run, road rally, attending the cruise night at Northern Tools as a group during selected months maybe followed by dinner somewhere, spring and fall picnics, a fall and spring tour perhaps in conjunction with the picnics or stand alone events, visit the Richard Petty Museum in Level Cross, and of course continuing our car show and sponsoring the annual Hospice Car show and monthly meetings.

These are my ideas but I want to know what events the club members want to do and WILL do. Send me your ideas to me and let's get an annual event calendar going. I know that everyone cannot do everything so by planning a year in advance members could pick and choose what they would like to do so let me know and IF you are willing to organize an event that would be great too! I also need to know my boundaries. My cars are "modern" compared to some in the club so I need to know what you might consider a limit in miles, speed, and time spent...do you want events within 60 miles and three or four hours or do they need to be longer or shorter...what do you want? By the way, we have a short tour set up for Friday 7 November to Pittsboro for lunch at the S&T Soda Shop. We will depart from the Hursey's BBQ parking lot in Graham along highway 87 at 10:30 to arrive at the shop between 11:30 and noon. We will eat lunch and then head home. I need a count of people to give to the shop by 28 October so let me know!

I think that getting out there and being more active will make us visible and increase our membership and insure a solid future for our great organization. However calendar full of planned activities are useless unless the members want to and will participate. Remember, we (yes that means you too) are the path to the future of Alamance Region; it is up to us to look beyond tomorrow.

Henry Gaither

Brightleaf Hoedown in Yanceyville

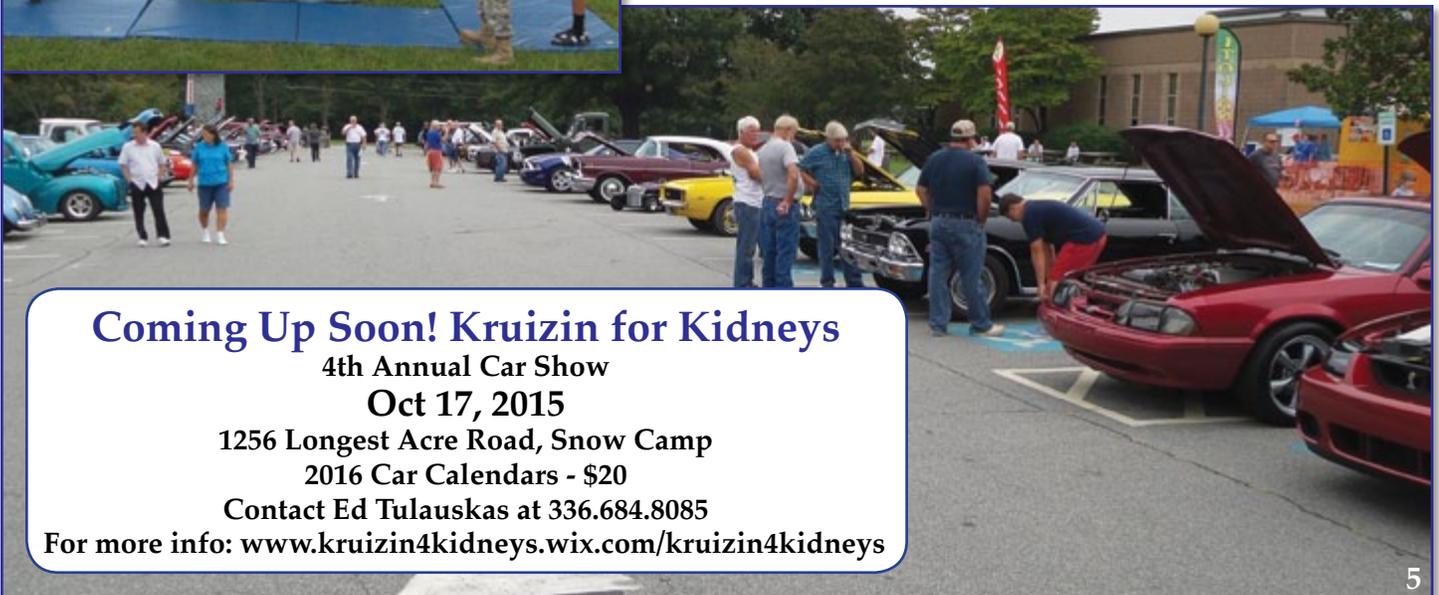


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Rockingham County High School Show



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Coming Up Soon! Kruizin for Kidneys

4th Annual Car Show

Oct 17, 2015

1256 Longest Acre Road, Snow Camp

2016 Car Calendars - \$20

Contact Ed Tulauskas at 336.684.8085

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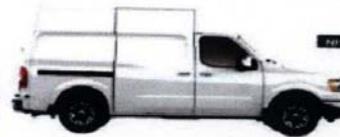
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