

President's Message

September has arrived and school has officially started back. Its Labor Day weekend and I hope everyone has a fun weekend before we get back into the routine of our kids or grandkids in school again. At our meeting last month, we enjoyed a lot of school day stories from our past. I'm sure there are a lot more stories, so revisiting that program would be fun. I took a few pictures during the meeting that should be in the newsletter somewhere.

One of the car shows Cathy & I attended in August was The Zooland region AACA show in Asheboro. I was surprised at the number of members attending and showing their cars. It was my first time to attend and it was a lot like our show. Having it downtown near a lot of antique stores allowed people a variety of things to see and do. I'll certainly put it on my agenda to do next year.

Sometimes I like to attend a car show that I've never been to before. I saw an announcement in the Raleigh News and Observer in late July about an all Ford show near Kerr Lake. It was on Aug. 29th and we were able to attend. Seeing cars that you've never seen before and meeting new people can be interesting. I took a few photos, but one I missed was a 1965 Ford Anglia. It was an import produced by Ford in Europe and had a 4 cylinder engine with 45 horsepower. It was not a restored car, but a regular driver car. The owner was elderly and bought it used in 67, and brought it just to let people see it and ask what it is. He wasn't interested in a trophy, but to wanted to educate and inform people about his car and its history, kind of like show and tell. Isn't that what AACA is really all about?

We still have a few car shows before the season ends, namely the Rockingham County High School Car Show on Sept 12th that we all need to support for the kids. Also there is the Brightleaf Hoedown Car Show in Yanceyville Sept. 19th and the Occoneechee Speedway reunion show on Sept 26th. I hope to see you at our next meeting as well as a Car Show.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for August 2015

The August 2015 meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson, who thanked the hosts, Bob & Jane King and Ed & Pat Tulaskas. We had 51 people attending including 44 members, 5 children and 2 guests. The guests were Bruce Anliker's sister Dawn from Iowa and Melony's friend, Tyler was visiting again.

Our president, Billy Patterson asked if the July 2015 minutes were accepted as written. Henry Gaither, Jr. made the motion and John Cox seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written.

Jeannie gave the treasurers report next. She said that our property taxes went up \$623 from last year and we were over budget by 40%. The newsletter cost was more than budgeted for previously. Jeannie mentioned she had copies of the membership list.

Next Club Meeting
 September 12, 2015 at 6:30pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

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- May Issue 4/27/16

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It was mentioned that we were to reuse the table cloths and do not throw away until needed. Also, mentioned that Richard Holmes had found a key that worked on the storage building lock. He had a few extra keys made.

Pat brought a cupcake and candles to celebrate Dave Rich's 70th birthday today. We all sang Happy Birthday to Dave.

Henry Gaither, Jr. mentioned the 5th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, September 12th @ Rockingham Co. High School. The show will be from 9AM to 2PM. Henry mentioned that if you register before 8/14/15 you will get a free T-shirt. He also mentioned there would be fewer door prizes this year.

Billy went over the upcoming car shows that were listed in the July newsletter. He then mentioned that there were three students that benefited from the automotive scholarship that we gave to ACC. Their names were James Saar, David Thompson and Ricketta Self. They all wrote a thank you note to the club for helping them out with the scholarship.

Billy brought up the business item for the meeting. He mentioned that the board members discussed our May car show during the board meeting on August 5th. Chip King was invited to the board meeting to aide with the car show discussion. The board discussed and recommended that we only have antique vehicles for our show whether AACA or modified. Therefore, the May car show would be for cars 25 years or older and we would need to note on this requirement on the car show flyer. Billy asked for a motion and Rick Holmes made the motion and then John Cox seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the change passed for the car show.

There were a few other items mentioned concerning the car show and flyer:

- note physical depot address on flyers for May 2016 car show
- maybe go back to having the map and classes listed on the back of the car show flyer
- note registration time and award time on the flyer
- quicker awards--maybe two announcer

Pat & Ed Tulaskus and Bob King mentioned that the program theme would be "Back to School" with audience participation. They wanted us to tell something about grade school & parent's car memories.

Bob King had two school stories and two car stories during the first part of the program. One of the school stories happened during grade school about a feared teacher and her electric paddle and the other school story was about a girl he liked in the 8th grade. His car story was about his father's Henry J when he was small. He remembered curling up in the floorboard where the heat would come through. Bob's second car story was about the first time driving. He would drive his Dad's 1957 Chevy once a month to the dump and they would come home with more than they took to dump.



John Cox told about a school story that got him in trouble. He and two other friends made a girl miss the school bus and the lady across the street saw them. John's two friends were paddled first. The first one got 6 hits, the second one got 6 hits and lastly John only got 3 hits. He also told about his step Dad's 1960 F85 Olds with 3 speed on the column. John said he had this car up to 90mph in 2nd and his step Dad told John he had it up to 95mph so the next time John drove the car he had got it up to 100mph.



Top, Bob King "rests" his eyes while club members like John Cox (above) share car stories from days gone by.

Judy Cox mentioned that she grew up in an Air Force family and started school in Canada. This school in Canada had a full size slide and playground inside. She mentioned that her father was similar to the Great Santini. She mentioned that she and her 3 brothers fought who would get the pillow at the hump in the car. Judy said she learned to drive on Scott Military Base on a stick shift.

Herb Klutz told a school story when he was in the 7th grade and the teacher sent him and some other kids up to move a piano. The piano ended up falling on a boy's leg and breaking it. He mentioned that their school picture had the boy in cast with broken leg. For his car story, Herb told that his grandfather let him drive his 1951 Ford on a highway in Charlotte when he was 12 years old.

Jeannie Johnson told about a car story when she was young. They found a cocoon in her parents 1948 Dodge Sedan and on their way to school millions of small praying mantis were all over the car.

Judy Holmes told a car story about when she was 12 years old. They had a driveway on each side of the house out in the country and she would drive her parent's 1951 Ford (formerly taxi cab) one one driveway out on the street and then back on the other driveway.

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Pat Tulaskus mentioned that she was the youngest of 6 children and they had a station wagon for trips to NY. One of her brother's friends borrowed the station wagon and had a wreck. He asked for someone to break a leg or arm before he had to tell. This friend now visits her Mom every Sunday.

Tal Johnson told a car story where he begged his Dad to let him change the oil in the truck when he was about 9 or 10 years old. He said he accidentally drained the transmission fluid and poured oil back in and it filled back up quick. He told another car story about picking up his aunt when he was 12 years old in a 1951 Ford. He was fiddling with the glove box while driving and ended up in the ditch and a neighbor had to pull them out with a mule. He thought his Dad would kill him. Tal backed it up at the country store then told his Dad about the wreck and then jumped on the school bus...

Dave Rich told a car story about riding in a rumble seat to church school. He also told a school story about an early romance in the first grade. He asked the little girl to marry him so he thought he should give her something so he gave her 3 Easter biddies (chickens). The next day the Easter chickens came back...

Bruce Anliker mentioned that his Dad was a car guy. Bruce drove a 1948 Studebaker Coupe early when he was 14 years old with a permit. He started borrowing cars when his parents would go away. He borrowed his Dad's 1966 T-bird with some friends. He got the T-bird stuck in the mud and mud sprayed into open car door. On Sunday he took it to the car wash and got it spotless. He then parked it back in same spot in the garage. His Dad took the T-bird to the bank and when he got back he yelled you missed a spot! The hinges on the door had mud on them and he was busted. He mentioned that his Dad never got angry about him borrowing cars.

Henry Gaither, Jr. told a story about back in the day...

His grandmother lived in Boone and he used to grab branches and jump up. He busted his head on a branch and his Dad grabbed a bunch of towels so he would not mess up his 1965 GTO.

Wallace Compton told a car story about a Model A and a 99 year old woman. The radiator was messed up to give her a ride so he took her when she was 100 years old. Wallace asked her if he could put his arm around her and she said yeah--give them something to talk about...

Alan Irwin mentioned he was raised on a farm in the Midwest. His parents had a 1949 Studebaker pick-up that used more oil than gas. When he was 14-15 years old he would drive to school in the snow--slipping and ended up in ditch. He walked down to get his Dad and the guys at the men's club pushed the car out of the ditch.

Lynn Pickett told a car story about hauling lumber in a 1949 Studebaker 1 ton when he was 14 years old. He also told about being in T-model behind O.T. Smith on motorcycle. A cop stopped O.T, but did not bother him in the model-T.

He also mentioned he used to haul pigs and calves in the trunk of car. Now this car is a show car...

Pat Burke told a school story about when he was in 4th grade and there was a teacher that beat kids hands with a sharp paddle. Later he was delivering meals on wheels and ran into the teacher and thought about 4th grade incident.

Elsie Smith told a car story about learning to drive in a 1937 Ford. There was one highway patrolman in county so she knew he could not be everywhere. She still did not have license at 19 years old so she asked Floyd to lend her his car to get license.

O.T. Smith told about when his Dad carried him to get his drivers license. The patrolman that meet him at the truck for test knew that he had been already driving...

Billy Patterson told a car story about when he was 3 years old. He watched his Dad every time they were in their 1957 Ford station wagon and one day while the car was in the driveway he got in and stood up in seat and knocked the gear shift. His Mom was washing dishes at the window and saw the car go by and roll into the fence. Billy also told school story about when they were in Mississippi. One Friday afternoon his sister got off the bus with a cage. She had volunteered to keep a white mouse for the weekend. It turned out that their parents had invited the new preacher over for dinner and his Mom thought that the mouse might get out while the preacher was there. The mouse ended up in the closet while the preacher visited...

Our meeting was adjourned @ 08:50PM.

Cathy Dover

Upcoming Shows and Cruise Ins

3rd Saturday Every Month	Liberty, NC Cruise-In. North Fayetteville Street
September 12	5th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show Rockingham County High School 180 High School Road Reidsville, NC
September 19	Brightleaf Hoedown 9th Annual Car Show "Around the Square", Downtown Yanceyville
September 26	9th Annual Occoneechee/Orange Speedway Racer's Reunion and Car Show.
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
October 17	Reidsville Downtown Fall Jubilee Reidsville, NC

Photos From the Zooland Show



Photos From the Ford Show in Henderson



This '50 Ford Shoebox has some seriously nice bodywork and black paint!

Kruizin for Kidneys

4th Annual Car Show

Oct 17th

1256 Longest Acre Road, Snow Camp

2016 Car Calendars - \$20

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Folklore tells us that in 1957 Henry Ford finally relented and updated his famous saying to: "You can have any color you like as long as it's red and white. As exhibited by the '57 retractable above and the '58 hardtop left.



Photos courtesy of Cathy Dover and Billy Patterson.

August Treasurer's Report

Our club has made donations in memory of our members Dr. Ronald Pruitt and Jerry Keen who passed away last month. Dr. Pruitt had been a member for many years and Jerry Keen had just recently joined our group. We express our deepest sympathy to their families.

We paid our annual property tax and post office box rent as well as paying our Duke Energy bill and for clubhouse supplies. The next big item will be our upcoming insurance bill.

Jeannie Johnson

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Also from the Zooland show, this one is for Bailey! Yes, our little "hippie chick" loves these VW Kombi buses. Unfortunately she doesn't know what these things sell for nowadays!

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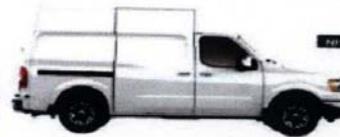
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