



## President's Message

**H**ey folks, It's time that again to find some words of wisdom to expound on for the May newsletter. With that in mind, the rain has stopped, it's warmed up, flowers are blooming and Car Shows are everywhere. It doesn't get much better than that!

I would like to thank the Holmes, Judy, Debbie, Richard & Rick for hosting our fine meal and also the rest of you folks for joining us last month. Please join me in welcoming our newest members Richard & Joy Hollo. Please remember Silvia & OT Smith in your prayers.

Again I will repeat myself, as us Ole Folks are expected to do, I want to thank Henry for his efforts to get us off our butts and get our old cars out on the road and enjoy them. This weekend trip to Hursey's (according to Jeanne) was a big success w/ several members joining in. Hmm, trips that involve food or ice cream appear to get folks out, surprise?

Jeanne and I (mostly Jeanne) helped with the Mebane Dogwood Festival Car Show. The ACC folks took care of the judging. I thought they did a great job, especially since there were some quality cars there. Unfortunately, they are tied up on our show date and will be unable to help us w/ the modified judging.

The Timeless Cruizers need help with judging for their show May 13th. I hope some of our folks will help them out. Their members (like us) are getting older and are unable to help with their event. If you can help, please contact David Ballard at 919-732-2158.

Regarding our Car Show: First and foremost, I want to thank Bruce for his hard and timely Artistic work that is required to order Trophies, Dash Plaques, Sponsor Posters and Newspaper advertisement. They have all been ordered and the posters are at the club house waiting for you to distribute. Trust me, that is a load off both of us. John took all the previous year's trophies to Eden to be salvaged for this year. The success of our car show is dependent on securing Car Show Sponsors. Without our sponsors, we would lose money on our car show. Our members secured a total of 61 sponsors; therefore we will have a successful show this year.

Car Show Flyers and Sponsor Posters are available at the Clubhouse anytime. We have 100 extra Posters that need to be placed in businesses to attract attention to our show. If you plan to attend a Car Show anywhere, please stop and pick some up flyers to put in the cars so we can get them to the car people. I know you get tired of my preaching but it takes advertising to get people to a car show. Gibsonville is an example of lack of advertisement (per a lady in Gibsonville), only 25 cars showed.

WBAG has been advertising our car show for a while now, so I hope that will help spread the word. Tune in at 10:30 the 19th for our live interview.

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

*Tal Johnson*

## April 2017 Treasurer's Report

**W**e have a great list of sponsors for our car show this year. Many thanks to the following members for their hard work in selling sponsorships: Floyd and Elsie Smith, Lynn and Beckie Pickett, Richard Holmes, Sam and Pat Burke, Tal Johnson, Wallace and Annie Compton, Pat Tulauskas, Ande Shoe, Herb Kluttz, Polly Hawkins, John Cox and Ray Fowler. We have 61 sponsors and 9 of those are also web sponsors.

**Next Club Meeting**  
 April 8, 2017 at 6:30pm  
 Alamance AACA Clubhouse  
 Burlington, NC

The poster, dash plaque, trophy pictures and newspaper ad are works of art by Bruce Anliker. Now we need nice weather for our show!

*Jeannie Johnson*

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## The Weak Spark Deadlines:

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| Jun. Issue  | 5/28/17  |
| July Issue  | 6/25/17  |
| Aug. Issue  | 7/29/17  |
| Sept. Issue | 8/26/17  |
| Oct. Issue  | 9/30/17  |
| Nov. Issue  | 10/28/17 |
| Dec. Issue  | 11/25/17 |

## (Unofficial) Meeting Minutes for April 2017

The Alamance Region met on April 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Tal Johnson. Elsie Smith returned thanks prior to our meal. Tal thanked our hosts – Richard and Judy Holmes, and Rick and Debbie Holmes. Our returning guests, Joy and Richard Hollo, have decided to join our club. There were 39 members in attendance. The business meeting started late because there were so many desserts. Pat Tulauskas arrived late and ate lots of the desserts.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the Weak Spark. Jeannie Johnson, Treasurer, reported that we have 38 car show sponsors, with 5 of those being web sponsors as well. The large expenditures for the quarter included \$500 for national meeting expenses, \$200 donation to the AACA Library and \$495 for printer toner. John Cox moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, Judy Holmes seconded the motion and it carried.

Tal announced that the cut-off date for getting sponsors will be April 20 in order for our posters to be printed and distributed prior to our show. Henry Gaither has planned for our members to meet on April 29 at Stearns Ford at 8:30 – 8:45am in our old cars. We will then drive to Hursey's in Graham for breakfast. The Gibsonville car show is that day as well. The Dogwood Festival Car Show will be held on April 22, 2017 on Clay Street in Mebane.

Bob King reported that Hospice will take care of insurance for the Hospice Car Show. The show will be September 30, 2017, in the parking lot behind Dillard's in Alamance Crossing. He also reported that the two Hospice stores will be combined in a new building to be built by Hospice on land the organization has acquired. Completion is expected by May 2018. Discussion followed concerning ideas for improving the profits from the Hospice Car Show. More advertising is needed prior to the show and the purpose of the buckets in front of the cars needs to be broadcast. Competition between car clubs to raise money was discussed.

Tal suggested members write car stories for the newsletter again. The assignment sheet for car show duties was distributed. Tal requested that members let him know about any changes that need to be made. The LabCorp parking lot will be available for parking. The awards plaques from prior years are available and can be refurbished with current pictures and information so we will not have to buy new plaques this year. Tal urged members to collect items for the goodie bags. The bags will be packed on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

Tal requested that a new plaque be purchased to include names of deceased members of our club. The names to be added include Fran Hook, Jerry Keen, Alice Lloyd, Willie Long, Mabel Long, Nina Patterson, Richard Smith, Glenn Thomas, Sandy Thomas, and Mary Watson.

Ed Tulauskas reported that our website was hacked and, after much work on his part, we now have a new one. The website is "alamance.aaca.com". He gave a slide presentation on the features of the new website. He is still working on getting all the data included on the car show registration feature on the website. Payment upon registering online for our show can be made on the day of the show.

Rick Holmes requested that members agree to be judges at our show. This year the cars will be judged once the owners raise the hood and the trunk of their vehicle as a signal the car is ready for judging. Stickers on the windshield cards will remind the owners of this new procedure. This should make the judging faster than waiting for a set time to start judging.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

*John Cox*

(Unofficial Secretary)

## That's One Rugged Overland!

My great-grandmother made a scrapbook of important events in the lives of family members. In that scrapbook, I found the following letter printed in the Lexington, Kentucky, newspaper which was probably The Lexington Herald (the morning newspaper) or The Lexington Leader (the afternoon newspaper). There was no date on the article but the information I found showed that the Overland Automobile was made between 1903 and 1911. The article was written by my great-grandfather, John Smith Barbee, and handwritten on the article in my great-grandmother's writing was "our first car." The article had the picture of the car and the headline, "The Car That Will Withstand Rough Usage." Here is my great-grandfather's letter:

**Lexington, Ky.**

**Overland Automobile Co., Toledo, Ohio.**

Gentlemen: -- Regarding the Overland car which I purchased of you last July, will say that I am still more pleased with it now than when I first purchased it of you. I have run this car about 3,000 miles, and it has given entire satisfaction, having never been out of

*commission a day except for repairs due to an accident.*

*During a long journey on which I had become tired driving, I allowed a friend (who had never driven a car before) to take the wheel, and on a down grade he suddenly lost his head, jumping the car off a ten-foot abutment, landing it in a ditch, upside down with four passengers underneath. However, no one was hurt, and no damage done to the engine, body nor running gear. With the aid of fifteen men and block and tackle, we got the car on its wheels again, and under its own power I drove it up an incline so steep that I made ready to jump out from under in case it reared over backwards. We finished our journey with only the loss of two hours in righting the car.*

*I notice the Overland people in their book of instructions to novices, say that an automobile is a delicate piece of machinery, and should be treated with a certain amount of respect. If this car is delicate we failed to discover it in the flying leap or since.*

Very truly,  
J. S. Barbee

*Jeannie Johnson*

*April Club Outing. Photos courtesy of Jeannie Johnson, Pat Tulauskas, & Henry Gaither*



**May Birthdays!**

**May Anniversaries!**

- 3 Larry Coble
- 4 Judy Holmes
- 7 Elsie Smith

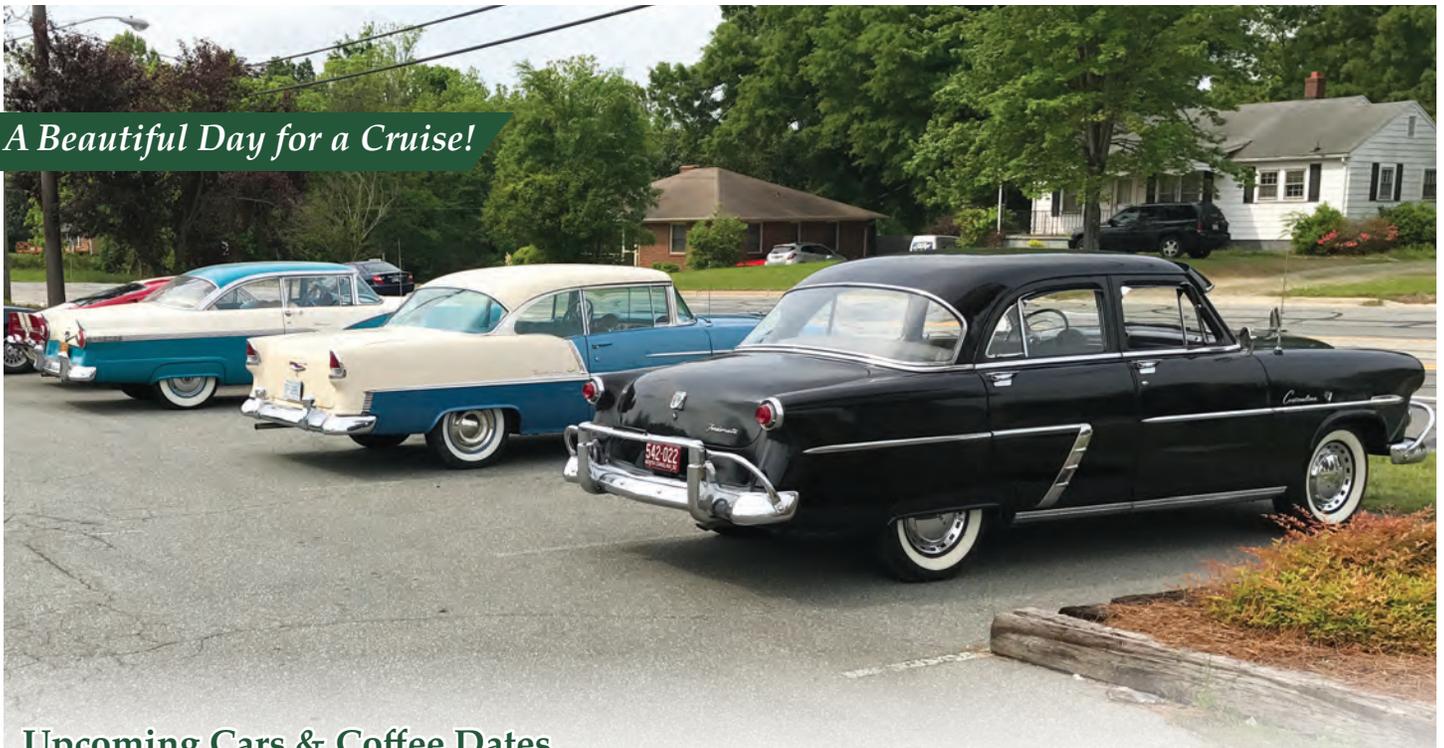
- 8 Elizabeth Coble
- 17 Rick Holmes
- 20 Linda Cox

- 20 Rick and Debbie Holmes
- 21 John and Judy Cox

- 28 RJ and Ann Acquilano

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**Greensboro:** Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
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**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  
**Kernersville:** Saturday, September 2nd, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Greensboro:** Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Kernersville:** Saturday, October 7th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Greensboro:** Saturday, October 21st, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Kernersville:** Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Greensboro:** Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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