

President's Message

Hey Folks, I want to thank Elizabeth "again" for taking over last month (& the month before). Henry & I again were both unable to be there for the meeting. Ashamed to ask Elizabeth at the last minute, I asked John Cox, but he passed it to her. But on the bright side, you didn't have to listen to me ramble around! Also, the nomination committee is always thinking about a slate of Officers for 2018, HMMMMMM? I would like to thank Annie & Wallace Compton and Judy & John Cox for hosting last month's meeting.

Larry Coble has been in the hospital & had surgery. As of this writing, he has returned home. Mary Jo Milne has also had a trip to the hospital. Please include both in your prayers.

I want to congratulate Billy Patterson & Bruce Anliker for having their Cars chosen for our 2018 Car Show Flyers, Trophies, etc. We still need to choose a background for the cars. Please think about a suitable site to allow us ample time to take the pictures, get them to Bruce for the artwork & have it ready to print & submit to the NC Region by the 1st of December. We need a local Historical site or place of interest to use for a background.

If we are going to have a Hospice Car Show this year, we need to get going (again) and fast. We have a date, September 30th & a new location, Dillard's at Alamance Crossing. Henry & Bob have been working on the project and asking for ideas. We will address it at the board meeting see where we are at on the project. If we are going to all the work of having a Car Show we need to figure some way to make more money for Hospice. So please bring any ideas you have to the meeting.

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

Tal Johnson

August 2017 Treasurer's Report

Once again it has been a quiet month in the treasurer's corner. Duke Energy has been paid and our website has been renewed for the next 9 years. I received our tax notice in the mail this week and the taxable value of our clubhouse property went down in the last reevaluation so we will be saving about \$70 in property tax. I guess that is good news and bad news!

Jeannie Johnson

Minutes from the July 2017 meeting

The Alamance Region of AACA met on July 8, 2017. Elizabeth Coble, Secretary, called the meeting to order in the absence of the President and Vice-President. She thanked the hosts, Annie and Wallace Compton and Judy and John Cox.

The first item of business was to decide on the two cars to be featured on all advertising and awards for our car show. Elizabeth read a list of those members who have never had one of their cars pictured. She made a motion that we use Bruce Anliker's car as it was supposed to have been featured during the last car show. This was seconded by Pat Tulauskas and was approved. Bruce has a 1968 Plymouth Barracuda - 50th Anniversary edition.

Next Club Meeting
 August 12, 2017 at 6:30pm
 Alamance AACA Clubhouse
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The Weak Spark Deadlines:

- Sept. Issue 8/26/17
- Oct. Issue 9/30/17
- Nov. Issue 10/28/17
- Dec. Issue 11/25/17

For the second car, Judy Cox made the motion to use Billy Patterson and Cathy Dover's 1968 Ford LTD. This was seconded by Larry Coble and was approved.

We were also to discuss whether to have the show in downtown Burlington again or to move to another venue. It was suggested that we table this for discussion later. John Cox said that at our last show we got everything that we asked for from Lisa Wolfe with the Downtown Corporation. We got the parking lots and streets that we asked for. Elizabeth mentioned that Dave Wright will be moving to the Moorefield Florist building and didn't know if that would have an impact on our use of the Depot. This will be something to discuss at a later date.

Elizabeth asked the club for suggestions of buildings around the county that could be used for the background for our advertising. Suggestions were: Our Clubhouse;

Fire Station in Downtown Burlington; Presbyterian Church in Graham; Bank of America Building; Nicks Building in Graham; Powell Manor; Burke Manor Inn in Gibsonville; The Hospice Home.

Everyone was reminded that the Hospice show is scheduled for September 30, 2017. Richard Holmes also commented that Vic Euliss had passed away. Vic was a former member of the club.

John Cox presented a program on his attendance of the Model A Car Club meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. He had pictures of the activities and he and Judy also made a stop in Hamilton, Missouri. Judy was able to visit a Quilt Museum while John stayed a Man-Cave with other visiting husbands. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

Elizabeth Coble

Ramblings of a Snake Driver: What is Cool?

The past few weeks have found me on the road... a lot. Two weeks at the beach followed but a week in Alabama and at ROTC summer camp before that and the Shelby American Convention at IMS before that...it has been a very busy summer.

During my solo trip to "LA"—that's Lower Alabama, I got to pondering on what is cool. Now we are not talking about the temperature outside but rather "cool," an attitude or state of mind or when an object is cool—slang for great; fine; excellent: i.e., a cool car.

So what makes a cool car? I guess that depends upon the individual. I for one think all old cars are cool, whether it is a Cobra or a four-door Studebaker. There is just something about an old car that often times we cannot put our finger on. Maybe it brings us back to a more simple time—one without cell phones, computers, and flat screen TV's (OK maybe we will keep the TV's). Neighbors not only knew one another but also, are you sitting down, cared about one another too. Maybe we remember a particular car because someone in our family had one or our neighbors or friend's parents did and whenever we see that car it takes us back to remembering those special times with folks who perhaps have passed on. I can't count the number of times I've had one of the Mustangs out and some stranger comes up and tells me about their relative or friend that owned a Mustang and the Mustang story follows. Personally I think that is ultra-cool to help someone relive a great memory. Just seeing an old car on the road is really cool and I'm not talking just about cruise-ins or car shows, I'm talking a regular weekday when someone decides to drive their car. There are those that will argue that cool cars died after the

mid-70's but I am not one of them. How can anyone say that a new Dodge Demon or Hellcat or Challenger or a Camaro SS or ZL1 or a new GT-350 or Mustang GT is not cool? These cars have far more horsepower than anything you could buy off the showroom floor during the heyday of muscle cars whether it was a 426 Hemi, Boss 429, or LT pick whatever number you want to pick from GM. Plus the new iron has most of the creature comforts like A/C, overdrive transmissions and therefore acceptable gas mileage, seats that are actually comfortable, cruise control and great sound systems. The handling and horsepower available in these cars have far more capability than I'd guess 85% of most drivers and it could be argued that number is way too low. Plus they have a warranty—even the Demon! Most of those old muscle cars had no A/C, no overdrive tranny so the motor was constantly threatening to blow out of the engine compartment it was revving so high, it was so loud who needed a radio, and the seats—well maybe not so great and if you owned a big block it handled great—unless you had to turn.

I can already hear the naysayers bashing new cars as having all those gizmos and new fangled computers and you just can't work on them without a degree in computer science! Well, yes, but weren't the back in the day cars the best that we had? Wasn't a Model A in 1932 the best for 1932 and isn't a Model A cool? Isn't a new GT-350 the best for today and isn't that new GT-350 a cool car—you bet! Cool cars are cool cars whether it was made in 1917, 2017, or anywhere in between. Who knows, maybe one day a minivan will be cool. After all, according to AACA, they are now old cars, and to someone, maybe, cool.

Henry Gaither

August Birthdays!

<i>7 Cathy Dover</i>	<i>12 Ray Fowler</i>
<i>8 Dave Rich</i>	<i>15 Jane Gaither</i>
<i>12 Alan Irwin</i>	<i>23 Richard Holmes</i>

August Anniversaries!

<i>14 Henry and Jane Gaither</i>
<i>30 Jim and Barbara Ivey</i>



Club members may not have noticed, but Pat Tulauskas debuted her new business of detailing cars at a recent car show. Ed tells us her rates are ultra reasonable too! Give her a call at BR-549 now!



Wait, does that look like 80 candles to you? Somebody is pulling a fast one! Many happy returns O.T.!



Upcoming Cars & Coffee Dates

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
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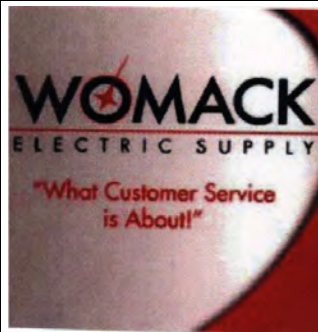
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