

## President's Message

**H**ey Folks, I hope everyone survived the weather and of course the Flu/Krud or whatever was going around. I and several others got caught with it, not fun but we survived.

I would like to thank our Hosts Elsie & Floyd Smith and Jeanne & Tal Johnson for our January meeting.

Please remember if you haven't paid your National and/or Regional dues they are now overdue.

John Cox is representing our Club at the 82nd AACA Annual Meeting February 8-10, 2018, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also touched base with his contact at the City of Burlington about our 2018 Car Show and everything seems to be on track. We have the paperwork to be filled out and asked to get put on the City Council's docket.

The 2018 Car Show Flyer was submitted to the NC Region for their newsletter and copies were available at the NC Regional meeting in January. I know I repeat myself but we need to get the flyers out early in 2018. I think that advertising is a major factor in having a successful Car Show. Please join in and help us this year. The Car Shows require a lot work to have any chance of being a success.

Folks we all need to start working on our sponsors ASAP. We lost money again in 2017 the success of our shows depend on sponsor support. Without their support we cannot have car shows or pay our monthly bills. Thanks to several of our members we have stayed afloat but they need everyone's help. Each year we lose some of our sponsors for various reasons. Please continue to push the Website Advertisement as that has been a great help. With the folks who already work hard for sponsors, if each person would just get one sponsor that would push us over the top. Enough begging for help, the Sponsor forms will be available at the Club House and/or I can send the print file to your Email.

Remember our meeting is at K & W restaurant at 6pm this month for our annual Valentine meeting. The ladies get a night off from cooking.

Keep the old ones rolling on down the road! Get them out and enjoy them while you can and before they rust and all the paint falls off!

*Tal Johnson*

## February 2018 Treasurer's Report

**T**hanks to all who have paid their dues! We now have 34 paid members of our club. There are still 5 members who might still pay. We hope so! Ray Fowler has graciously agreed to print our membership cards again this year. They will be available at the February meeting. I will have an updated membership list to pass out at the meeting as well. We have 4 free National memberships available again this year for folks who have never been a member of National before. Our

club has agreed to provide a free first year membership to our club and to National if a prospect attends two of our meetings, expresses an interest in joining our club and has two of our members sign their application form. I have our club and the National membership applications available if anyone needs those.

*Jeanne Johnson*

## Sunshine Committee!

### February Anniversaries

February 6 Mary and Andy Shoe  
February 24 Tal and Jeannie Johnson

Get well wishes to  
Judy Holmes and  
Pat Burke!

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## Hosts

February: K&W Cafeteria

## Weak Spark Deadlines

March Issue 2/24/18

## Next Club Meeting

February 10, 2018 at 6:00pm  
K&W Cafeteria  
Burlington, NC

## Minutes of the January Meeting

**T**he Alamance Region, AACA met on January 13, 2018 at the clubhouse. Hosts for the meeting were Tal and Jeannie Johnson and Floyd and Elsie Smith.

Tal called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Chip King and Bill Webster were welcomed back. There was no meeting in December due to the cancellation of the Christmas Party so there were no minutes. Jeannie gave the Treasurer's Report and she stated that they were able to cancel the food for the Christmas Party and there was no charge and she handed out refund checks. She said that she and John Cox have secured the K & W for our February meeting for half price for the room and asked that we start the meeting at 6:00 pm rather than 6:30 pm as they would like to clear the room by 9:00 pm.

She also asked the club if we wanted to do a memorial contribution to Hospice in memory of Julian Griffin, a long term member even though not active currently.

John Cox motioned that we make the contribution to Hospice and it was seconded by Rick Holmes and was approved. Jeannie reminded everyone that dues for 2018 are now due. She had sponsor sheets available and encouraged everyone to get as many sponsors as possible. Due to a downturn in sponsors for 2017, we were a little short in our budget. She said that so far for 2018 she has only paid the Duke Energy bill. Henry Gaither made a motion to accept the report as presented and this was seconded by Herb Klutz and was approved.

Tal reminded everyone about the NC Region Meeting on January 19 and 20 in Burlington at the Ramada Inn. Bill Cox stated that Dain King with National Judging will be presenting a Judging School on Friday starting at 1:00 pm. He will then do a Continuing Judges Education program on Flathead Engines and at the same time, Mike Peterson will present on Interiors. On Saturday at 8:00 am there will be coffee and talking old cars with old friends and new ones. At 9:00 am there will a program on Fire Safety - In and Out of the Garage and at the same time a presentation on Tires in the Modern Day and Billy Roach will cover trailer tires. At 10:00 am there will be a presentation on "The Splinter",

a wooden car. The Petty Garage and Museum will present at 11:00 am. The NC Region Spring Meet will be held at the Petty Garage. You must preregister for the show. This will be in April. Noon is lunch and the Business Meeting will follow. Tal said that he had flyers for our show that we need to put out at this meeting. Bill Cox thanked everyone that brought vehicles to Hillsborough for their home tours in December. He appreciated all the help.

Tal asked if there was anyone willing to go to the National Meeting on February 8 to 10 in Philadelphia. He stated that the club pays \$500.00 toward expenses. John and Judy Cox agreed to go again this year. Some upcoming events: The Bryan Morgan Homeplace would like some cars to display in the Spring but no date at this time. The Oakland Club will be in Burlington on April 21 to 23. Due to the remodeling of the Ramada Inn during that time, the group will be at the Best Western on Huffman Mill Road and Ralph Proscia has asked if we could donate \$500.00 to offset the cost. The general concensus was that we could do coffee and donuts or we can think of some other activity that our club could do. Tal estimated 60 to 80 people could possibly be in attendance. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

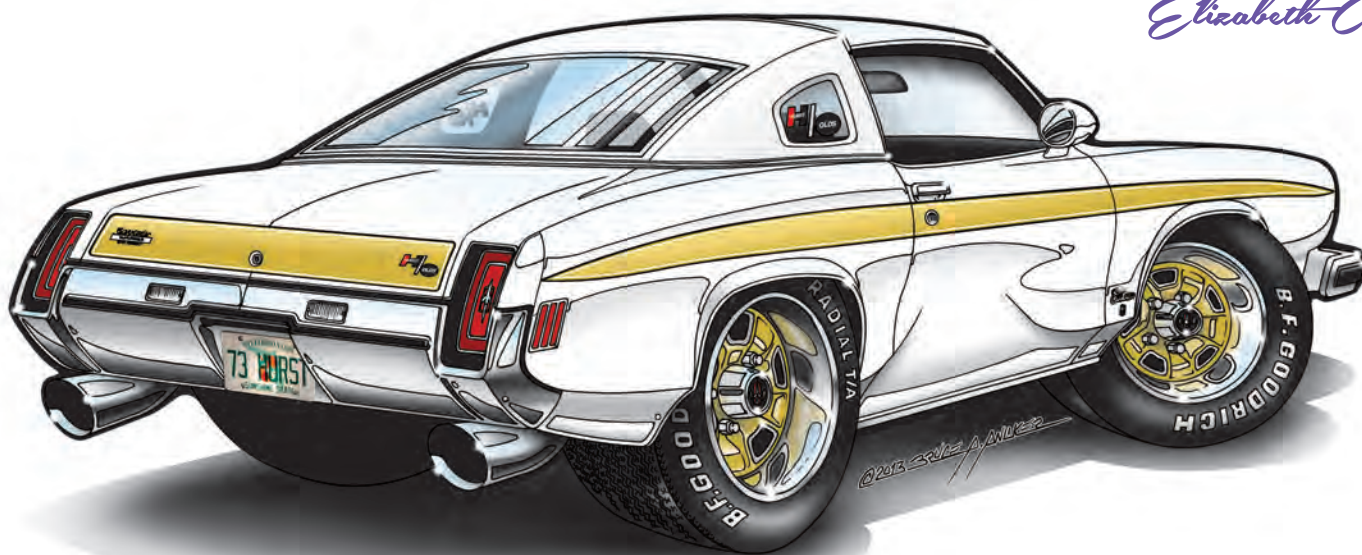
Everyone is encouraged to take flyers for our show to any other car shows we are attending or cruise ins. John Cox will touch base with Lauren Wolf at the Downtown Corporation and will go to the City Council Meeting in February. He stated that we are on Dave Wright's list for the Depot. Rick Holmes will work on the web site to get pre-registration up and running with the information that we need in advance. This helps with registration. Jeannie said that we don't have to have the money until the day of the show and Rick felt that he could get this completed.

Tal reminded everyone that we still need articles for the newsletter for Bruce Anliker.

Pat Tulauskas presented "Car Club Jeopardy" and gave out poker chips which could be redeemed for candy. This included a category that referenced folks in the club and was a lot of fun.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Elizabeth Coble*



## So When Is A Car Considered A Classic?

It is below 20 degrees outside as I write this article. I have not been warm in days and taking the dog outside is even more of a pain. You actually need to put a shirt on it is so cold! Anyway as I was driving back from my job this question popped into my head. Just when is a car considered a classic?

Now there are all sorts of definitions out there depending upon who is doing the talking. In NC legally an ANTIQUE vehicle was manufactured 1980 and prior. Notice that is an antique vehicle not a classic vehicle. For vehicles over 35 years old you can display a license plate of the year of manufacture on the back of the vehicle but you must have a current year plate and registration inside the vehicle in case of request by the authorities but does that make it a classic? The mother ship, AACA, defines classic automobiles as “fine” or “unusual” vehicles, foreign or domestic, that are between 25 and 50 years old. 50 and older means a car is officially an “antique.” OK the waters just got muddy. Does a 1993 Mustang qualify as fine or unusual since fine is somewhat subjective as is unusual since they made about a zillion of them (actually closer to 50,000)? Also what about all the four door sedans and grocery getter station wagons or, dare I say it—minivans—are they fine and unusual too. Are they classic cars?

The way I see a car I call a classic is this. First I believe they do need to be at least 25 years old. That is not to say newer cars will not become classics because in my opinion there are cars available right now that are destined to be true

classics. I just think they need a little age on them to get there. Next, a classic car for me is often classic in design whatever the function of the car was intended to be. That’s why I enjoy seeing the four doors and station wagons as much as pony cars, muscle cars, sports cars or specialty cars. Some designer sat back and came up with designs like station wagon rear doors that opened up flat or swung like a regular door. Somebody designed those fold up seats in the back big enough to shove in all the kids from the neighborhood and head to the Dairy Queen. Those things are classic and of course now regarded with maximum cool points. Minivans fall here to— whoever designed those big side sliding doors, low loading floors, and three rows of bench seats inside a fairly compact design has got my vote. My wife and I owned three and with three kids travelling all over the country it was wonderful! Another factor for some in what makes a classic car is memories. Loading up my Nina’s Plymouth and going to supper or my Papa’s pickup (Pic Pic) or my Mema’s Belvedere with a push-button automatic. Definitely classics. Also for me the cars that were there when I was growing up often fall into the classic category.

So what does make a car a classic? You can look at it from all sorts of perspectives but I guess like everything else it depends upon one factor. How do you perceive that car? Classic, antique, classic antique, antique classic or maybe just one really cool ride! You have to make the choice.

*Henry Gaither*

## A Cat Story—Boots’ and Fluffy’s Big Adventure

Today I decided to take Judy’s John Deere mower to have it prepped for our coming spring. I washed it, got all the old grass off and loaded it onto the trailer. After traveling about ten miles through several stop lights I got to the John Deere dealer and went in to get the ticket set up. They said just park it by the service door and they would take care of it.

As I lower the ramp gate I caught a glimpse of two gray furry things racing away to look at all the new JD mowers. I thought great, I don’t recall inviting them to accompany me guess they invited themselves. After I parked the mower I went looking for the two bundles of joy.

Having no idea where they might be I started wandering around acting as if I were examining the mowers, thankfully no one came out to try to sell me a mower. I heard a meow and saw Boots on the window sill looking inside the store I told her it was time to go so I put her in the truck and started looking for Fluffy.

As I went back to check on the mowers I see a gray animal flash by, *deja vu* it’s Boots, I forgot I had the windows cracked. I took Boots back to the truck quickly got the

windows up and went back to the mowers.

I could hear Fluffy but couldn’t quite locate her, she seemed to be under one particular mower so I looked all over but couldn’t quite locate her. I finally saw her and got her up and on the way to the truck she was less than happy and was able to escape.

I thought great now what, thankfully she came back and I got her and we made it to the truck although she was again less than appreciative.

With two cats captured and on our way home they crawled under the seats and expressed they were unhappy riding in the truck rather than in the open trailer. After we got home I was able to coax Fluffy out from under the seat and she quickly headed for the back door.

Boots wasn’t sure we were home and thought she would stay in the truck, now she wants to stay in the truck, I finally convinced her we were home and she joined Fluffy. Both cats are now totally zonked guess their big adventure was exhausting.

*John Cox*

## We need articles for the Weak Spark! Here are some ideas:

- The first or the newest car in your collection.
  - Car shows, cruise-ins or any cars you see that stand out.
  - Car related locations you have seen or that we might visit.
  - The best or worst time you had with or in your car.
  - Any old car stories you have, even second hand tales.
  - We especially enjoy pictures of your past or new car projects.
- Please email or give your pictures and articles to Bruce at [bruceanliker@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceanliker@yahoo.com).

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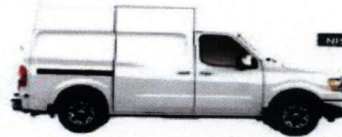
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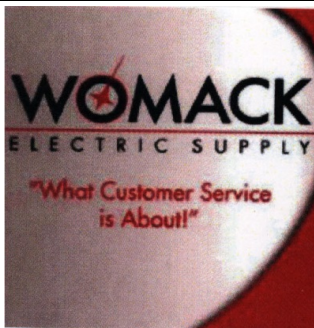
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