

President's Message

Hey Folks, well here we go again. It's time for my input to the newsletter and as usual I am looking for some words to write! First I want to remind everyone that our meeting is a week early, the 6th of October! We moved it a week early since several of our members will be attending the Hershey Show. I want to thank Catherine & Henry Gaither and Judy & John Cox for hosting the September meeting.

Our Hospice Car Show will be history before you read this & I hope we raised a lot of money for a great organization. The weather appears favorable as I write this but since its several days off, who knows. We also have some heavy competition for our event this year from a well sponsored Church. It gets harder each year to make money on Car Shows without major sponsors.

We need to pick 2 of our member's cars & a historic home to honor for our 2019 flyers this month so Bruce has time to get the flyer ready for the Region newsletter in December... Car picks are limited since most of you have had your cars honored. Last month two places were suggested the Holt House in Haw River & the Alamance Museum... We looked at both. Photographing the Museum appears impossible, but the Holt place looks like a prospect. Think about it as it will be decided at this meeting.

Well folks, it's that time of year when the Nominating Committee is tasked with the "Curse" of finding some of you folks to serve on the Board and Officers for the 2019 year! The Committee needs your help!!! Please consider serving your club as secretary. If you have to miss a meeting, we will help you find a substitute. This position is SO IMPORTANT! News Flash, if we can't fill these offices we will lose our Tax exempt status and our AACA Charter. We can continue to exist as a Car Club, but without any AACA affiliation. This is as we understand it. The Committee is John Cox, Rick Holmes & Otto Watson.

Looks like cooler & hopefully dryer weather is on the way so there's no excuse to not keep the old ones rolling on down the road!!! Get them out and enjoy them while you can and before you or they rust and all the paint falls off!

Members Who Have Not Had Cars Honored

We will vote to honor 2 of these folks for 2019.

Remember, in the past, members chosen have been active members & of course have a car.

Barlow, Kurt & Wendy	Hollo, Richard & Joy	Loftis, Page & Hazel
Brevda, Melody	Holmes, Rick & Debbie	Mebane, Billy
Burns, Ed & Linda	Irwin, Alan & Kathy	Porterfield, Ken & Pam
Cox, Bill & Linda	Ivey, James & Barbara	Rogers, Bob & Jean
Elder, John & Emily	King, Jerry	Shoe, Ande & Mary

Tal Johnson

September 2018 Treasurer's Report

We have had some expenses this month. Our property insurance and our officers and directors insurance totaling over \$1,000 were paid this month. Thankfully, both bills were the same as last year. Also, we have purchased clubhouse supplies. Our members are good shoppers and

find the best prices on the items we need. Good news! We have new members! Jerry and Judy Purchell of Mebane have joined our club. Jerry visited the club in August while Judy was with grandchildren. They are already members of National. Jerry can be reached at (813) 505-0717 and samara3121@gmail.com

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

October 13, 2018 at 6:30pm
AACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

Hosts

Bruce & Bobbie Anliker
Billy Mebane

Minutes of the September 2018 Meeting

The Alamance Region, AACA met on September 8, 2018. There were 23 members present. Tal Johnson called the meeting to order and thanked our hosts - Catherine and Henry Gaither and July and John Cox. He then asked for an approval of the minutes as published in the newsletter. Henry Gaither made a motion to approve and Richard Holmes seconded. The minutes were approved. Jeannie Johnson wasn't present but Tal gave a brief Treasurer's report. He said that the Property Tax has been paid and Post Office Box rental. He said that the club has received a Thank You card from Bill Webster's family for the donation to Hospice in his memory.

Tal moved on to the upcoming Hospice Show on September 29. We will need everyone to bring canned drinks to sell and Bake Sale items. Peter from Hospice is to pick up the Tents, Tables and Chairs from TCS. TCS will deliver the Port-a-Potties. Herb Klutz, Henry Gaither and O.T. Smith will go to WBAG at 10:00 am on Friday, September 28 to talk about the Show. Our flyers and information are listed on Carolina Crusin', Craig's List, Cox Toyota's Electronic Sign on the Interstate and the Mebane newspaper, Alamance News and Times News are saying they will cover the show as well as the Times News is donating a free ad thanks to Becky Pickett. Tal has sent out emails to all those that have been collected over several car shows. So far only 3-4 have signed up. We will also be in competition with Faith United Methodist Church Car show on that day. Herb Klutz reported that there will be no more Cruise-Ins at Holly Hill Mall - this may have to do with liability insurance. Hospice has the insurance for our show but everyone has to sign a release when they come to registration. The auction of the Pontiac Sign still needs an auctioneer. We still have about 400 flyers and several posters. Please take posters and put them up around the area. September 15 is a show at Bethlehem Christian Church in Altamahaw if anyone is going and can pass out flyers. Tal passed around the dash plaque that has a picture of Sylvia Smith, her car and O.T. New lids for the donation buckets have been acquired and the holes are in the tops. Trophies have been ordered. We will plan to use caution tape and saw horses to mark off the parking lot. Peter will get the saw horses from the hospice store. Freddy's is a may be for a portion of earnings that day and coupons. Bob King has order Chick-fil-A sandwiches to be sold at the show. For those who are on the list to help with transporting items from the club house to the parking area, please plan to meet at the clubhouse on Friday at 4 pm in order to start set-up by 5 pm. Let Jeannie Johnson know if you aren't assigned to a duty for the meet and she will add you. Bob King said that they need another truck on Friday since John Cox won't be here and Billy Mebane volunteered. Bob also asked if anyone has a 10 x 10 pop up tent, we need a couple more. Becky Pickett

commented that the University Drive Chick-fil-A is closed for remodeling. We buy the sandwiches for \$3.20 and can sell them for \$4.00 per our contract with them. The Hospice Raffle Car will be there and Floyd Smith will be selling the raffle tickets for this. Someone else will need to sell 50/50 tickets since Floyd usually does this. If you are bringing bake goods please be sure to Slice and Price them.

Tal reminded everyone that we always need articles for the Newsletter and that next month we will be picking the cars to be featured for our 2019 car show. Tal and Jeannie have been working on the place to feature on the advertising and he said that the Alamance County Historical Museum is so grown up that it would be hard to get a picture to put the cars in front of. They contacted Preservation NC and were told that to use the picture of the Teague House would cost \$100.00 as it is a copyrighted picture and then was told that we wouldn't be able to put cars in front of it. Diane Eckland and Jennifer Viza are currently living in the house. Tal asked for someone to go talk to them. Richard said he will go and maybe Dave Rich can go with him to take the picture.

November will be the election of officers and you need to contact John Cox if you want to participate.

Herb and Barbara Klutz talked about their Montana Vacation. Poor Herb had to ride in a Chevrolet. He said they drove 2,000 miles and the check engine light came on. When they turned it in at an airport, they were then given a Dodge. They flew out and then drove a total of 3,100 miles. Herb says "No More Traveling". Barbara isn't saying the same thing. She talked about having Hackleberry Ice Cream and it was soooo good.

Henry reminded everyone that we will be touring next Saturday from Hurshy's BBQ in Graham at 10:30 am down to Pittsboro and the S & T Soda Shop on the next leg of the Dave Rich Ice Cream tour. He said that we won't go if it is actively raining.

There was no program but John Cox from the Nominating Committee said that he has been overwhelmed by the number of volunteers wanting to be officers - NOT! He said that they still need someone to be Secretary. Also Richard and Judy Holmes have a 55th Anniversary in the Model A Club. John also has some tickets for the Greensboro Auto Auction on November 1, 2 and 3.

Tal said that everyone either donates \$25.00 or brings a car to the Hospice Show. John Cox made a motion to adjourn and Henry Gaither seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Coble

Coming Events!

Cruz-ins

3rd Sat: 8 to 10:00 am - Cars and Coffee event on UNCG campus.

3rd Fri - Timeless Cruisers Cruz-in - Highway 55 Burgers- Mebane.

4th Sat: 8:00 - Holly Hill Mall Cruz-in parking lot

Local Car Shows

Oct 12 & 13 - Mopar Days @ Piedmont Dragway - Julian, NC

Sunshine Committee!

October Birthdays

11 Ann Acquilano
21 Bobbie Anliker
25 Bailey McCulloch
23 Pat Burke

October Anniversaries

21 Lynn and Beckie Pickett

By the time you read this the Hospice Charity Car Show will be in the books. I really hope the weather was better than it is predicted to be as I write this on the Tuesday before the show. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the show whether it was bringing a car (or two), monetary donation without bringing a car, setting up and/or taking down the show, helping park cars, register entries, sell food, bring food or drinks to sell, hosting the guest judges, or a myriad other tasks that make a successful show. Without your help we cannot put on a successful car show. Having personal experience with Hospice I am indebted to your contributions.

On 20 October we are once again going to try for the second leg of the ice cream tour. Yes, I know there are lots of activities that day and our meeting that night but if you look at the calendar there are lots of activities every weekend in the fall so I hope some of you can make the trek to Pittsboro. We will meet at the Hursey's BBQ in Graham at 10:30 and depart around 10:40 for the S&T Soda Shoppe. There we will have lunch and ICE CREAM then depart at your leisure. Let's hope for great weather and a great time! Our final leg will be in early November...possibly the 3rd.

In a short period of time we will once again be electing the club leadership for 2019...yes it is coming up really fast. With that in mind, have you ever wanted to serve as a club officer or on the board? If not, why not? I have sometimes heard moans and groans about the club should do this or that or why is this done like this instead of like that blah, blah, blah. Yet, when it comes time for members to volunteer to serve in leadership roles those folks decline the opportunity. I have

always been taught if you want to make a change you have to put yourself in a position where you can make the change. Sure members can suggest changes to the leadership but if you really want changes then you need to become the club leadership...does that make sense? I think some members don't want to become club officers because they feel if they volunteered then they would be "trapped" in that position for a long time. Well that would not happen if other members stepped up and took a turn. Where would we be if all the current

club officers said they would not serve next year in their current or a different leadership position...who would step up? I look around the room at our meeting and see lots of members who have served in leadership positions, some multiple times. So who is left to serve that have not served? I honestly do not know the answer to that question. I do know that the leadership of our club will not allow the club to fail; they will continue to sacrifice in order to keep the club alive. As of this writing we do not have a secretary for 2019. We MUST have a secretary in order to remain an AACA organization. So, who is it going to be...who is going to step up?

During the Battle of Britain Sir Winston Churchill meet with his fighter pilots and uttered his famous phrase "Never was so much owed by so many to so few." Of course he was referring to the Royal Air Force defending their country against the much larger German Air Force. Though being a club officer hopefully does not require you to be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for the membership, it does require sacrifice in other ways. So what is the reward for that sacrifice? Well, to me I see it every time we have a gathering whether it is at our monthly meeting, our two car shows, Sunday night at Harbor Inn, or any time we see one another anywhere...it is that laugh or corny joke or just being together as a family. The reward is we have our club and our club is not the building or the cars but the people in our club. That is why the few are willing to sacrifice for the many and will continue to do so... My final question to you is are you ready to join the few?

Henry Gaither



What's this fellow doing? Courtesy of Ray Fowler



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