

President's Message

Hey Folks, please try to attend this meeting as this is our annual business meeting. So my input to the newsletter this month is mostly business. I want to thank Bobbie, Bruce & Bailey and Billy Mebane for hosting the October meeting.

It's been a rough month for our membership with the passing of Judy Cox, Bill Cox lost his mother & Jim Ivey was injured while removing a tree from his home. I had surgery on the Hip/Leg Area. Please remember all these folk in your prayers.

The Dave Rich Festivities were enjoyed by all, the restaurant, food & wait staff were the best! A 2019 Budget will be presented by the Treasurer for your approval.

Two of our member's cars and a historic place to honor for our 2019 Car Show advertisement will be chosen. We must get a flyer ready this month for the December Region Newsletter... Car choices are limited since most of you have had your cars honored. Remember, as in the past, only active members have been chosen and of course have a car.

Last month the Holt House in Haw River seemed to be the best choice. We are trying to get a photo to determine if that location is suitable.

Well folks, the Nominating Committee has found some folks to serve on the Board and as Officers for the 2019 year! As always, Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

With cooler & dryer weather 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!

Tal Johnson

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

2019 Officer Nominations

President - Elizabeth Coble
 Vice President - Henry Gaither
 Treasurer - Jeanne Johnson
 Secretary - Ray Fowler
 Board - Billy Mebane, Bob King & Larry Coble

We can always use articles for the Weak Spark! Here are some ideas:

- The first car or the latest addition to 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.

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919-563-0184

V. President: Henry Gaither, Jr.
336-266-4466

Secretary: Elizabeth Coble
336-376-9311

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336-580-0655

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Alan Irwin, Herb Kluttz

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

Dec Issue 11/24/18

Next Club Meeting

November 10, 2018 at 6:30pm
AACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

Hosts

TBA

October 2018 Treasurer's Report

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John Cox and his family on the passing of his wife, Judy, and to Bill and Linda Cox and their family on the passing of his mother, Alice Monfredo Cox.

It is time to pay annual dues for 2019 for our club and for National. Our club dues remain at \$25 for single or joint memberships. Please make checks payable to "Alamance Region AACA" or pay cash at the November meeting. You can also mail our dues to Alamance Region AACA, P.O. Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302.

National dues are \$40 for single or joint membership. You can find the bill for National dues in the latest edition of "Antique Automobile" magazine. Checks for National should be made payable to "AACA" and mailed to AACA, 501 W. Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033. Also, you can call AACA Headquarters at (717) 534-1910 and pay by credit card.

Our annual Christmas dinner meeting will be held on December 8 at the Lake Mackintosh clubhouse. The cost for the dinner remains at \$12.50 per person or \$25 per couple. Children under 12 eat for free. You can pay for the dinner and for your annual dues at the same time! Please, please sign up for the dinner by phone (919) 563-0184, by email at kygeniej@mebtel.net or at the November meeting. You do not have to pay in advance. We really need an

accurate count so we can order the right amount of food. If you sign up and are unable to come for whatever reason, you will not be charged for the dinner.

We will be voting on our annual budget at the November meeting. Even with the rainy weather at our spring car show, we are still slightly ahead of budget for 2018, thanks to all who contacted our fine sponsors. Our members spend wisely and keep our costs down, too. Please contact any friends or neighbors who might like to join our group. New members would be most welcome!

Jeannie Johnson

Sunshine Committee!

November Birthdays

1 Tal Johnson
5 Lynn Isley
8 Otto Watson
9 Andy Hunt
23 Andy Shoe

November Anniversaries

12 Bill and Linda Cox
19 Alan and Kathy Irwin
25 Wallace and Annie Compton
28 Bob and Jane King
28 Floyd and Elsie Smith

Minutes of the October 2018 Meeting

The Alamance Region met on October 6, 2018. Tal Johnson, President, called the meeting to order. He thanked our hosts Bruce and Bobbie Anliker and Billy Mebane. Tal asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Rick Holmes made the motion and it was seconded by Herb Kluttz. The motion was approved.

Jeannie Johnson gave the Treasurers Report. She reported that the Hospice Show raised over \$10,000.00. She also reported that we have new members - the Purchells - and that they will be back for the February meeting. Ray Fowler made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Herb Kluttz seconded. The report was approved. Jeannie said that Freddy's is still planning to donate a portion of their sales for that day. She also said that all the money that the Timeless Cruiser's gave was in memory of Mr. Shankell and most of it was from businesses. The Mebane Enterprise posted pictures from the show that Bill Cox sent and an article. The Times-News gave us a 1/4 page ad for free. Cox Toyota also let us have space on their electronic board at the Interstate.

The other Hospice Fundraiser - The Festival at the Farm has been rescheduled until some time in November due to rain and muddy conditions. They are still talking about when the tickets for the raffle car will be drawn. Eric Marsh, NC Region, appraised the car for \$8,000.00. Ronnie Kirkpatrick was the person who donated the car. Tal said that we need to work with Faith UMC next year so we don't schedule our Hospice Show on the same day. The Festival at the Farm is supposed to be the first weekend in October next year. Jeannie also suggested that our club have a Facebook Account which is free.

The Dave Rich Ice Cream Tour will be on October 20 to Pittsboro. Also the NC Region Fall Meet is that day in Spencer. Tal reminded everyone that November is our Annual Business Meeting and we will be voting on cars for the dash plaques, officers and the budget for 2019. Everyone needs to try to attend this meeting. Chip King asked about using different trophies versus the same as dash plaques. After discussion, Tal asked Chip to take a look at this and to come back with recommendations. He said that we have been getting trophies and dash plaques from a supplier in Eden. He also said that we have a lot of leftover trophies that we might be able to rehab. Chip commented that Smith Trophies used to give us a \$100 donation when we used him for the trophies and also we have used B & H Trophies as well. Chip will look into this for the club. Elizabeth Coble made a motion that we not have Goodie Bags at our Spring Show. Jeannie Johnson seconded and this was approved.

Tal said that Jeannie has talked to the owner's of the Teague/Holt House and they are ok with us taking a picture and Bill Cox may be able to do the photography. Bruce said that he will be able place the featured cars in front of the house and correct any flaws from the photo. Tal shared that Dwight Murray is wanting to sell Jim Murray's 1957 Ford T-Bird. Jim was a founding member of our Region. Flyers were passed around with the information.

We were reminded that anyone wanting run for an office for next year should contact John Cox. A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Homes and seconded by Jeannie Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Coble

Ramblings from a Snake Driver—Beyond the Great Beyond

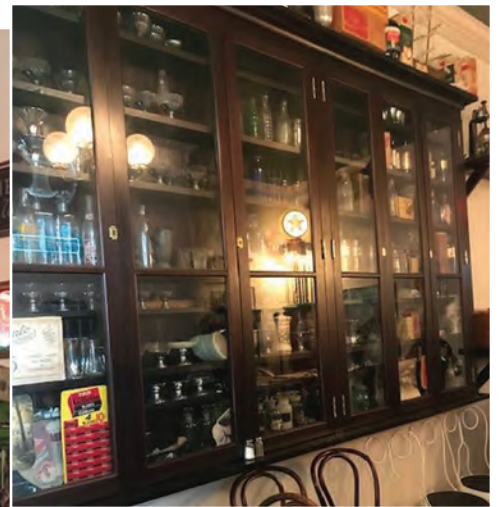
A BIG THANKS to all those who made the trek to the S&T Soda Shoppe in Pittsboro. Sixteen intrepid souls ventured out to watch Dave Rich, once again, prove he has absolutely no fear of ice cream, no matter the quantity! We all found out that a scoop of ice cream at S&T equals about three of other ice cream places. Dave had two scoops and it was HUGE!!! It was suggested by all that the soda shoppe by an annual event...DONE!!! Dave that means once a year but you can go whenever you want...we won't judge, only be envious!

As most of you may know I teach *Air Force Junior ROTC* at Rockingham County High School. Many of you may think of *JROTC* as a way to teach things like drill, leadership and discipline to the cadets in the program and you would be partially right. Believe or not we do not recruit into the military; that is NOT our job. Instead, the mission of *AFJROTC* is to "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." We often have long discussions about character, what is character, and what is important in life...and beyond. I often ask each of them if they disappeared, moved away, or whatever, how do they think they would be remembered and why. I get a lot of puzzled looks from these 14 and 15 year olds because frankly they have never thought about such a thing. As we discuss this topic, we always go back to the same thing, it is not where you were born or how you may have died, but how you lived your life and what people will remember about you. Did you make a difference to somebody, maybe a complete stranger, did you put others needs before your

own, did you live your life so that someone, maybe even just one person, would want to follow your footsteps and do the right things you did for others? Did you make a difference beyond the great beyond? Yes tough questions for not just teenagers but for all of us.

The past few months have been tough on our Alamance Region AACA family as we have lost some unforgettable family members. It is sad to attend a meeting and see an empty chair or a member show up solo when there was always a duo. I cannot imagine how our fellow members cope with this huge loss. Then I think about who those that have passed really were and what they have left for us. I know I can say that they are truly people who made and still make a difference in our lives. It might be a smile when we remember a joke or a funny remark or knowing what that person would say in a certain situation. It might be us doing what that person would want us to do when an opportunity came around. Yes, it should never be about how someone died, it is how they lived, and that is what is really important. The example they set for us to follow is what is important. The memories we made together are not to be forgotten. Remember that smile, that certain twinkle of mischief and the comment you knew was coming next...that is what we remember. I believe each of them would want us to keep looking forward while remembering the difference they made in the past and pointing the way for us to go. They will forever make us smile; make us laugh, and urge us to move forward, they made a difference in all our lives and will continue to do so Beyond the Great Beyond....

Henry Gaither





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