

President's Message

Hey Folks, Well here we are back again to try for some words of wisdom. The good news is this is the last one you will have to endure. I had to lay out of the last meeting due to health reasons so that gave you folks a reprieve from my rambling. I want to thank Elizabeth for replacing me last month and Jane & Bob King and John Cox for stepping up (for a 2nd time) and hosting the November meeting.

The Holt House in Haw River was chosen for the background and Bill Cox & Alan Irwin's cars were selected to honor for our 2019 Car Show dash plaques. We need to get a flyer ready for the January-February Region Newsletter.

I would like to congratulate (& offer my condolences to) the new Board and the Officers for 2019! I would ask the membership to please step up & help them when they ask for help with our Car Show, projects or ideas and to support our events, tours, etc. If you want our club to succeed they will need some help, because 4 or 5 people can't carry the work load! We are all getting older but we can still help, so please support your Club!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped me the last 2 years. I always knew I had 3 or 4 folks I could ask for help & especially Jeanne who did much more than me. Thanks to all for your support.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family & friends and ate too much like I did (enjoyed each bite). I look forward to seeing all you folks at our Christmas dinner the 8th of December @6 pm @ Mackintosh Lake Clubhouse.

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!

Jeanne & I wish for all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Tal Johnson

Let's all Welcome & Support the 2019 Officers!

President - Elizabeth Coble
VP - Henry Gaither
Treasurer - Jeanne Johnson
Secretary - Ray Fowler

Board
2019-20 - Billy Mebane, Bob King,
& Larry Coble
2019 - Herb Kluttz, Bill Cox

November 2018 Treasurer's Report

Now is the time to pay your annual club dues of \$25! Please make checks payable to "Alamance Region AACA." You can combine your dues and the payment for the Christmas dinner in one check if you would like to do so. I need to send our membership roster to National early in 2019 so prompt payment really

helps me. You can mail your dues to P. O. Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302 if you cannot attend our December meeting. Thanks to all our members for keeping the costs down for operating our club. It looks like we will have a small surplus at the end of this year in spite of our rainy day car show. We will put that aside to cover any unexpected expenses in the new year.

Jeanne Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline
Dec Issue 11/24/18

Next Club Meeting
December 8, 2018 at 6:30pm
Lake Mackintosh Clubhouse,
Burlington, NC

Hosts
Annual Christmas Party

Minutes of the November 2018 Meeting

The Alamance Region held the annual business meeting on November 10, 2018. There were 21 members and no visitors present. Elizabeth Coble, Secretary, in the absence of President Tal Johnson and Vice President Henry Gaither, Jr., called the meeting to order. She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October meeting as printed in The Weak Spark. John Cox moved that they be accepted as printed. Jeannie Johnson seconded the motion and it carried. Jeannie Johnson, Treasurer, passed out copies of the proposed budget for 2019. Barbara Kluttz made a motion that the budget be approved. Rick Holmes seconded the motion and it passed.

Elizabeth reported that John Elder donated \$150 to our club to be used as needed. The Board recommended that a Benevolence Fund be established with that money to be used for memorials for members or their families or for flowers for members who are ill. The recommendation was approved.

Bruce Anliker noted the high costs associated with printing the newsletter and requested that anyone who could receive it by email to please do so. The Coble and the Kluttz families removed their names from the mailing list.

Elizabeth noted that the NC Region annual meeting will be held in Raleigh this year. Our club has donated \$200 in past years to help defray the cost of the meeting and to have our car show flyer printed in a second edition of the NC Region newsletter. The members present were in favor of continuing that donation.

The Host List was passed around for everyone to sign up for 2019. Bobbie Anliker reported that a mouse had eaten a hole in the vacuum cleaner bag and dust blew out the hole when she tried to vacuum after the last meeting. Jeannie and Tal Johnson have donated a vacuum cleaner to the club.

A list was passed around for members to sign up to attend the December Christmas party. This year there will be a white elephant event. Each member is to bring a wrapped gift – anything you would like to bring. Also, it was requested that each family bring a dessert to be added to the desserts that will be provided by the caterer.

Elizabeth showed a picture taken by Bill Cox of the Teague/Holt house in Graham. Richard Holmes suggested in a prior meeting that we use this house on our car show dash plaques. Bruce Anliker said that he believes he can use that photograph and put the 2 cars selected into the picture.

A ballot with the names of members never having a car selected for a dash plaque was passed out. The list was reviewed and those members not having an eligible car were deleted. It was discussed having only one car on the dash plaque since we are running out of eligible members with cars. It was decided that next year we would open up the list to all cars instead of members not having been honored before as some members have multiple cars. Bill and Linda Cox and Alan and Kathy were selected to have their cars honored at our 2019 spring car show.

John Cox reported that the Christmas party will be held at 6 pm on December 8 at the Lake Mackintosh Clubhouse. We will meet to put up tables and chairs and decorate on the Saturday, December 7 at 10 am. There will be entertainment at the party which will include some of our members.

Elizabeth reported that Bill Cox needs 4 more convertibles for VIPs to ride in at the Hillsborough Christmas parade on December 2 at 3 pm. John Cox said he could use his son's convertible and he is to let Bill Cox know.

Elizabeth announced that Bill Cox is looking for muscle cars to be on display in Spencer at the Transportation Museum for a 3 month period. Anyone who has a car that could be used should contact Bill Cox. Herb Kluttz announced that The Village of Brookwood is sponsoring a car display tomorrow from 2-4. If anyone can attend, just show up there.

Jeannie Johnson distributed ballots for the election of officers and Board members. The Nominating Committee submitted the following names:

President: Elizabeth Coble
Vice President: Henry Gaither, Jr.
Secretary: Ray Fowler
Treasurer: Jeannie Johnson

Board Members for 2019-2020:

Larry Coble
Bob King
Billy Mebane

Board Member – 1 year term: Herb Kluttz

Nominations from the floor were accepted. John Cox nominated Chip King for the 2019-2020 term on the Board. The votes were counted and the members as submitted by the Nominating Committee were selected.

Elizabeth reported that the Board recommended moving the February meeting from February 9 to February 16 to be closer to Valentine's Day. Herb Kluttz made a motion to approve the change. John Cox seconded the motion and it was approved. Jeannie Johnson will check on the availability of the meeting room at K & W Cafeteria for that date.

Barbara Kluttz suggested having a tour of the Field of Honor in Kernersville. Herb Kluttz reported seeing a display of the Wings of War and was surprised to see John Cox getting out of one of the planes!

Elizabeth suggested members visit the Museum of History in Raleigh. There is currently a World War II display exhibited there. Admission is free and downtown parking is free on the weekends.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeannie Johnson

Jeannie Johnson
Treasurer (and Acting Secretary)

Ramblings from a Snake Driver

Well, I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is in the rear view mirror and Christmas is coming fast—really, REALLY FAST! With the approach of Christmas our annual Christmas Party is coming up even faster. Bad thing is many of our members have not committed to attending. How can one not plan to attend THE EVENT OF THE SEASON? Really??? Maybe you forgot because you have been so busy with Black Friday and Cyber Monday planning it just slipped your mind? Well, those days are over too so get your response in like yesterday!!! Speaking of our Christmas party this year we will have a white elephant gift exchange. It can be anything you want to give up, oh I mean give! Limits are what you want to establish after all the gift is not coming back, right? So bring a WRAPPED present to the party. Everyone who brings a gift is eligible to participate. The rules will be simple and the game will move along since we do have a deadline to be out of the party's location. So see you there!

This time of year I reflect on the many blessings I have been given this year which I truly do not deserve. For me my greatest blessing is my Faith and I thank the Big Guy every day. Catherine and I are very fortunate to have most of our family close by and we do actually talk to one another! This time next year I will have another blessing as my middle son is going to have child #2 in July—another opportunity for grandparent revenge with planned spoiling and high sugar treats just before returning the grandkids!!! Our daughter and son in-law moved back to Burlington from Charlotte but I'm not so sure on the blessing part for my wallet as mother

and daughter are shopping best friends! Though some of my best friends live faraway we communicate regularly and still chat about cars, wives, (not necessarily in that order) or whatever topic is on our minds. Then I think of one of my greatest blessings, our club. Herb Klutz was the guilty party that steered me in the direction of Alamance Region and frankly I wished I had come sooner. The times we share are like a family because we are a family. We are there for one another through the good times but more importantly the bad. This year our family has shared more than our fair share of challenges but we are still here, together, for one another. Our club is more than a monthly meeting and a couple of car shows; our club is there 24/7/365. Our members truly are there for one another and what more could you wish for in a club of any kind. Is our club perfect, a true car club nirvana without any differences between us? Of course not but that's one of the traits that makes a great family; we learn how to listen to one another and get along because it all comes down to caring.

So, at the next club event you attend, look around the room, see the faces, try to remember and the names, and listen to what is going on with everyone...just like a big family gathering. Then sit back and relax, enjoy the stories of "there I was in 1953" and put on that big smile...you are really home.

From my family to our AACA Alamance Region family, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and oh yea, the ice cream tour will continue in 2019...

Henry Gaither



Merry Christmas



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