

President's Message

We had a good first meeting of the year at the K & W Cafeteria in February. Hope everyone enjoyed being together to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Recently, I talked at length with David Boswell (1st Place winner at our 2018 Hospice Car show). He is the President of The Heat NC Car Club. Beginning in March on the 23rd, The Heat will be holding Cars and Coffee from 8 am until 10 am at Holly Hill Mall in the parking area near Dunhams. Then at 4 pm that same day, they will be holding the Cruise-In at the the same area. These events will be every fourth Saturday of the Month. David has secured liability coverage and stated that there will be no food trucks at the Cruise-In. He is all about supporting your community and wants to encourage eating with the local restaurants. He said that he hopes to block some of the entrances to the area in order to make it more pedestrian friendly. He is asking that everyone attending bring non-perishable food items to be given to the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

David also stated that The Heat would like to help with the Hospice Car Show. This might provide us with a larger turnout of cars and result in more money raised for Hospice. I plan to invite him to a meet with us when we start the planning for the Hospice Show. This is exciting news!

When I asked each of you to write down activities you enjoy or would like us to do, you all responded. Following is a list of the items that were mentioned and it appears that getting in the cars and driving is at the top of the list.

Tours/Driving Events - Field of Honor, Visit Car related businesses, ACC automotive area, Ace Speedway or Orange County Speedway (see is they would let us make a few laps in our old cars)", Day trips or even an overnight trip; Ice Cream Runs; Cruise-Ins; Grandkids and Cars; Tech Events (Discussions)/Car Workday; Antique Car Olympics; Visit Members' Garages and their cars; Have a drone or photographer to take pictures of the cars at the shows; Christmas Parades. If you don't have an old car to drive or don't feel comfortable driving, just bring your newer car and join the fun.

Please remember that National AACA is looking for donations toward the Building Fund Campaign toward a new Headquarters and Library Building. They are currently in an over 100 year old house that has been added on to but there is no more room to expand. The new building is at the edge of the Hershey Show Field. This is a big step but is a necessary move. Please be supportive of our organization.

Please be sure to bring your Antique Automobile magazines to the next meeting that you might not normally keep. We will apply stickers with contact information and then they can be place in waiting areas/lobbies around town.

Thanks for all your support of our Alamance Region.

Elizabeth Coble

February 2019 Treasurer's Report

Now is the time to contact local businesses about sponsoring our spring car show to be held on May 18, 2019 at the Historic Depot in Downtown Burlington. These sponsors enable us to put on a quality show and keep our club running so we can make charitable contributions to various organizations and to provide a scholarship to a ACC Auto Tech student each year. We have been so fortunate to have so many good sponsors over the years thanks to a number of our hard-working members. Another way to support our club is to honor or remember a special person in your life by providing a sponsorship in honor or memory of that person. Please consider doing that! Just let me know and I will provide all the sponsor forms you need! *(Editor's note: or copy and print the last page of this month's Weak Spark.)*

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

April Issue 3/30/19

Next Club Meeting

March 9, 2019 at 6:00pm
Alamance Region AACA Clubhouse
Burlington, NC

Hosts

Elizabeth & Larry Coble
and Otto Watson

We Need Hosts

Please sign up to help!

Minutes of the February 16, 2019 Meeting

The Alamance Region car club met Saturday February 16th at the K&W Cafeteria for a Valentine's-themed meeting away from the usual clubhouse monthly covered-dish meeting. Thirty-one members and two guests Jim and Margo Shaw attended. The K&W meeting room was decorated for Valentine's by Jeannie Johnson with heart-shaped candy decorations on the tables. New members Jerry and Judy Purchell attended and were welcomed by President Elizabeth Coble. Elizabeth read excerpts from an old 1979 Alamance Car Club newsletter brought in by Floyd Smith about the club's upcoming car show to be held at the Holly Hill Mall.

Elizabeth reported on the AACA National Winter Meeting in Philadelphia which she and Larry attended. She discussed a new AACA National brochure concerning the future of AACA and the new AACA headquarters building being purchased. The Hershey Region has contributed \$100,000 and the Hornet's Nest Region \$50,000 toward the purchase of the new building.

Elizabeth described the duties in hosting one of our monthly clubhouse meetings and encouraged couples and single

members to sign up on the hosting form being circulated. She discussed an editorial column "a plea for civility" by AACA Executive Director Steve Moskowitz in the January-February Antique Automobile magazine. The column deals with car show etiquette and everyone was encouraged to read and heed its message of being nice and to compliment those who enter their car in the show regardless of the car or condition – find something positive to say about the car and thank the owner for bringing it. New cars titled in 1994 are twenty-five years old this year and are considered 'antique' for AACA judging. A small sheet of paper was given to everyone and Elizabeth asked each to write down the activities they enjoy most in the car club. In discussing some activities that would appeal to young people, Richard Holmes suggested he could bring a Model-T and teach the young people how to drive it. A suitable large area with no obstructions would have to be found for this activity. Bruce reported the posters for the Alamance May 18th car show are complete. The evening ended with Henry Gaither leading the group with a Valentine's-themed trivia contest.

Ray Fowler

Ramblings from a Snake Driver: Stirring the Pot...

February is almost a memory and with it a decreased chance of cold weather and more of a chance of warmer weather . . . and maybe a whole lot less wet weather too! The past few weeks I thought I was back in Iceland where it is usually cold and something is falling from the skies! Sunday I actually got the 66 out and went for a drive . . . how nice to see clear blue skies out of the windshield!

At our last meeting Elizabeth discussed what I consider the state of the club and some issues we are facing as an organization. I will not go into everything she said but the bottom line is we need to get new members who are going to be more than what I call "one hit wonders," i.e. they come to one meeting and never come back. To get ideas pieces of paper were passed out to everyone in attendance and each person was asked to write down activities that they would like to see in our club. Elizabeth has not shared these with me yet but I am sure she will at or before or next board meeting. In the meantime, I'd like to share my thoughts with you.

Before I begin, did you know **ANY MEMBER** can organize a club activity? All you have to do is tell me or any club officer/board member what you would like to do; basically let us know Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why or something similar outlining your plan for the event . . . pretty easy stuff. This can also include a presentation at our regular meeting. Presentations can be anything car related including if you want to tell us about your special car(s)!

So what do I think? Some of you are not going to like this but I think we need to do activities that may take the place of the monthly meeting. These might include tours, tech sessions, picnics, cruise-in's that begin or end with food. I know that is a significant break in tradition but is it time we broke some traditions? In the past I have heard complaints about doing an event the day of our meeting because it was too much for that day. Well, if the event is the meeting how

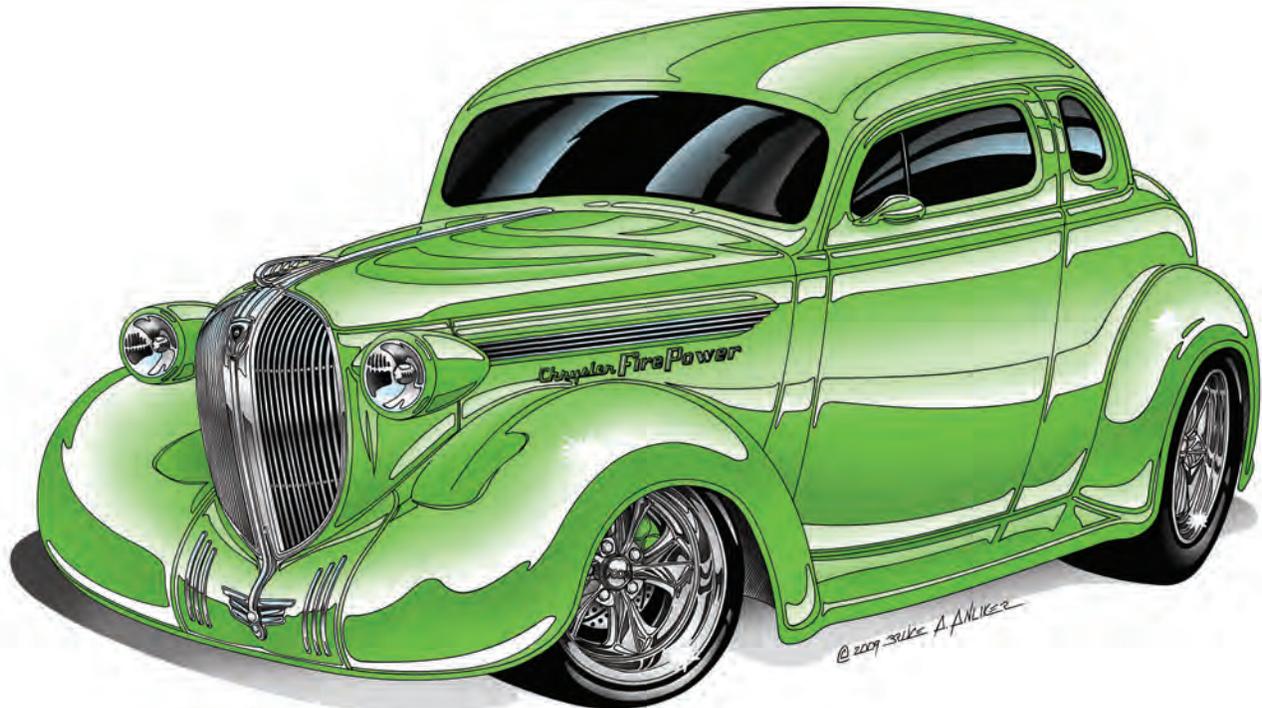
would that be? I can already hear the groans but folks we need to reexamine how we do and what we do as a club if we are to get new members. If members want to keep the monthly meeting that is great but we need to get out there in the communities with our cars as often as we can **BEYOND OUR CAR SHOW**. Our car show is great but it is only one opportunity for folks to see the cars and interact with our fantastic members. If we go for ice cream in Gibsonville, Pittsboro, and Julian that is three more times. If we have the poker run followed by a picnic that is four times. What if someone organized a "help me with my car" day? How that works is if someone is having an issue with their old car they ask for help and if someone could volunteer their shop we meet there and help members fix their cars. There could also be a tech day where members bring their cars and talk about technical issues like setting timing on car with points, adjusting drum brakes on a 40 Ford or whatever. What about a drive a Model A or Model T day combined with a picnic or other gathering? One suggestion was bring your children or grandchildren to an event. Activities like these keep new members because we do more than have a monthly meeting.

If we as an organization are to survive and grow **EVERY MEMBER MUST BUY INTO AND CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING**. We have so much car knowledge, experience, talent and great ideas in our club. We just need to make it happen but it will not happen without you . . . yes you, the person reading this article right now. So what are you going to do to keep our club alive and viable for years to come? Are you going to just sit in the stands on your hands or are you going to be on the field up to your elbows in the action? Only you can make that choice but chose carefully . . . the club you save may be our own. Until next time see you on the open road!

Henry Gaither

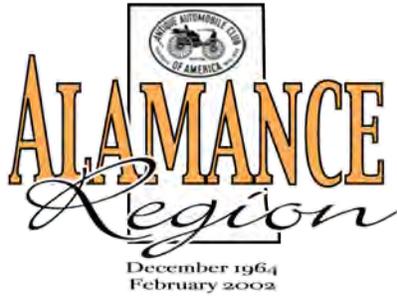


Elizabeth presenting our donation for the AACA Library at the President's Dinner. The others are of our banner that was hung above the lobby area of the hotel.



Upcoming Events!

- March 17:** Coble's Cruise-In, 400 Greensboro Street, Liberty, NC 27298 - Every 3rd Sunday of each month - 2 pm until
- March 23:** Cars and Coffee, 8 am to 10 am - Holly Hill Mall, Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC 27215
Cruise-In, 4 pm to 9 pm - same location. Bring non-perishable food items. Every 4th Saturday of each month
- April 4-6:** Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Bruton Smith Parkway, Concord, NC
- April 6:** Southeastern Spring Meet, AACA National Car Show - Charlotte Motor Speedway- Must Pre-register to show your car. Request Card is in your Antique Automobile Magazine.
- April 21:** Coble's Cruise-In, Liberty, NC
- April 27:** Cars & Coffee and Cruise-In, Holly Hill Mall, Burlington, NC
- April 29:** Southeastern Divisional Tour, Wilmington, NC -Registration opens March 1 for cars 25 years and older.
- May 1:** Limited to first 100 cars. Request information from AACA National Headquarters



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