

President's Message

We have been busy for a couple of months passing out our flyers for the Hospice Show on September 28. This is our 22nd year and the weather is supposed to be clear and sunny. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors - anyone wanting to bring a car is welcome. There will be cars of every type - modifieds, hot rods, rat rods, resto-mods and original cars on display. We are thankful that we have such a large community of car lovers. We hope to have Faye Boswell, who helped start the Hospice League, with her newly published book. The book outlines her journey and that of Hospice. For those who purchase a book, she will autograph your copy.

We recently attended the North Carolina Region, AACA, Fall Meet in Spencer, NC. This event is put on by the Furnitureland Chapter and there were 110 cars. This is a really neat place for a car show. There are working steam trains, those being restored and a roundhouse and buildings from when this was a repair facility back in the day. Burlington, NC was also a repair facility like Spencer when it was known as Company Shops. Our grandboys love to go and look at the giant train engines and play on the simulator. It is less than 1 1/2 hours to get there and they have a covered picnic area if you want to take snacks or lunch. Check out their website for special events - a Day out with Thomas, The Polar Express, etc.

Our next meeting will be on October 5 not on the 12th. Both your President and Vice-President will be making the annual trek to Hershey, Pennsylvania along with other members of the club. This event is the most amazing flea market (car parts, old toys, signs, gasoline and oil items) that you will ever see. On Saturday, there is a National Antique Automobile Club of America car show. Last count we saw, there were over 1,200 cars registered for the show. They range in age from the early teens all the way to 1994 vehicles. If you had a favorite car growing up then someone has probably restored and will be showing it. If you are into vintage race cars, fire trucks or buses then you will be in heaven. If there is a part that you need for your old car, this is the place to go to find it. Larry and I have spaces and we will talk with people from all over the world who need parts. If you have never been to Hershey before, please plan to go, but make your room reservations early as the hotels/motels in that area are booked from year-to-year.

Upcoming Events:

Elizabeth Coble

October 5 Faith United Methodist Car Show, Davis Street, Burlington, NC

October 9-12 Hershey, PA

October 17-20 Charlotte Fall Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC

October 20 Coble's Cruise-in, Liberty, NC

October 26 Holly Hill Mall Cruise-in

September 2019 Treasurer's Report

We have 17 registrations for the upcoming Hospice Car Show. I think most people wait until the day of the show to see what the weather will be like. We are planning on a nice day and that will make the registration desk a very busy place! If you have a registration form, it would be helpful if you would fill it out and bring it to the show so registration will be quicker! We received a nice donation from the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce because 2 of our members took their cars to the Vanity Fair event at Merry Hill Farm in Mebane. Soon it will be time to prepare a budget for 2020. At present we have received 99% of our budgeted income for the year and have spent 80% of our budgeted expenses. We should end the year very close to our budget figures. Our members are very good at holding down expenses!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

November Issue 10/26/19

Next Club Meeting

October 5, 2019 at 6:30pm
Alamance Region AACA Clubhouse
Burlington, NC

Hosts

Henry & Catherine Gaither
and Ray Fowler

We Need Hosts

Please sign up to help!

Minutes of the August 10, 2019 Meeting

The Alamance Region met on September 14 with 30 members and no guests present. Elizabeth Coble, President, called the meeting to order. She thanked the hosts, Henry and Catherine Gaither and Henry Gaither, Sr. The Secretary's report as listed in the Weak Spark was approved with a motion from John Cox and a second from Rick Holmes. There was no Treasurer's Report. Elizabeth distributed the job assignments for the upcoming Hospice Show on September 28. An update on the food vendors was given. A reminder about everyone needing to bring bake sale items and water and soft drinks. Under other business it was noted that the club received a \$100.00 donation from the Hillsborough Chamber

of Commerce for Richard Holmes and Billy Mebane bringing their cars to an event.

Elizabeth reminded everyone that our next club meeting will be October 5, one week earlier than usual. Mike Blalock stated that at the recent Bethlehem Christian Church Show that Lonnie Graves is planning a show at Grandad's Antique Mall for September 28. Judy Holmes asked that we remember the Larry Hoke family, who were charter members of our club as Judy is battling cancer.

Rick Holmes presented a short video about the durability of the Model T and the meeting was adjourned.

Ray Fowler/ Elizabeth Coble

NC Region Fall Meet at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer

The NC Region AACA held their Fall Region Meet at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC this past Saturday, September 21st.

Attending from the Alamance Region were Elizabeth and Larry Coble, Richard and Judy Holmes, Rick Holmes and Bill Cox.

The weather was beautiful and there was a good crowd of AACA members from several Regions and spectators who come to enjoy the Transportation Museum and the many trains and other exhibits they have. Dr. Kevin Cherry, Deputy Secretary of N.C. Natural and Cultural Resources spoke to

the group and told us what was going on at the Museum and thanked the AACA for its support of the museum efforts. He also gave us details of the new exhibit made from an old car dealership next to the museum property that will be shown as a working dealership complete with showroom and auto repair area.

There were 109 vehicles registered ranging from early Ford's, a 1930's era Hudson 1 ton truck and a number of cars from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's. An excellent example of an early Miata was shown and it fit right in with the rest of the crowd! It was a fun day.

Bill Cox



The Holmes crew celebrates Richard's win with his Cadillac.

More from Spencer!

A bevy of beautiful Fords graced the showfield at Spencer, including Larry Coble's flawless pickup. Larry is shown here collecting the hardware for his well-deserved win.

More Fords highlight the following page, joined by a couple nice examples of General Motors' handiwork. Compliments to lensman Bill Cox for his wonderful photo of the '62 Thunderbird Sports Roadster! It appears to be straight out of the pages of the showroom brochure.



Yet more from Spencer!



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