

President's Message

Hello Everyone! We are living through different times right now. Although, some of us have lived through the Depression, World War II, a Polio Epidemic, Gas rationing of the early 70's - times when we faced shortages, loss of employment and quarantines. I don't remember seeing toilet paper in such demand. Home schooling is hard on the grandkids and their parents. Due to continued restrictions we will not hold a meeting in May.

With so many unknowns as to reopening of events, we do have a August 22 date for our Downtown Burlington Car Show and everything has been cleared with the City and the Depot. We will have to play it by ear as to whether business will be back open and any restrictions on number of people who can be in the area. Also, once things open back up there will be lots of groups wanting to reschedule events. Sponsors will be harder to get as many small businesses have been closed.

We will continue to monitor and stay informed as we move forward and will plan accordingly. Stay Safe and Stay Home!

Elizabeth Coble

April 2020 Treasurer's Report

We have 13 cars registered for our rescheduled August 22 "Spring" Car Show. Of those 13, only 2 are not members of the club! Our work is cut out for us once things start to return to somewhat normal. WBAG will be helping us get the word out about our show. Hopefully, there will be enough car shows prior to ours to let people know about our show.

Getting sponsors will also be a real challenge in this environment! I have written the sponsors who have already signed up to let them know about our new plans and have assured them that they will have the same advertising benefits they would have had for our May show. So many have been loyal sponsors for many years.

Currently we have 23 sponsors and 6 of those also advertise on our website. We need many more to break even on our show. Thanks to our members who work tirelessly for our club to make our events successful!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

June Issue 3/23/20

Next Club Meeting

To Be Determined
AACAA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

Hosts

To Be Announced

Please Volunteer to Host a Meeting!

Stay tuned!



Bony Fingers and Paint Strainers



While cleaning up Richard Holmes's 1929 Model A Roadster in preparation for granddaughter Rebecca's upcoming wedding, it was decided that it was time to replace the tires, and "while we're at it", paint some better wheels for it. The old tires and wheels had served well for many miles of transporting grandkids around the neighborhood, but were deemed a bit sketchy for wedding duty! After sandblasting and welding up the cracks and pits in the rims, and a coat of high fill primer, then the real work began... SANDING!

Counting the hub, rim, and the spokes, I believe there is approximately an acre and a half of surface area on each wheel, all of which must be sanded after each primer and filler cycle! Finally, most of the pits were filled, and they were ready to be painted with the Ford Straw yellow urethane. Dad insisted that we use two strainers on the paint so we would "strain out the runs" before painting. I'm still skeptical about that one, but it seems to have worked! Another lesson from the master that I will file away to pass along to another (gullible) generation!

A set of Goodyear patterned European Classic tires, and proper metal-stemmed inner tubes were ordered for the newly painted wheels. They sure look nice on the wheels, but getting the tires on the rims will sure give you an upper body workout! We will have to get a few miles of driving in before we can give a review of the new tires, but they are supposed to ride quite nicely. Since the wedding has been rescheduled to the Fall (due to the Covid-19 outbreak), we will have a bit of time to finish the freshening up and get some touring around under the belt to work out any kinks before taking it to Tennessee.

To Be Continued!

Rick Holmes




Goldilocks and the two Bears.

The Bear on the right is a stock Belvedere GTX.

That is to say it carries the standard 440 cu. in. V-8, which, aside from being the biggest GT engine in the world, generates 375 hp. And 480 lbs.-ft. of torque through a fast-shifting Torque-Flite automatic and the recommended 3.23-to-1 rear axle.

Said Bear also carries a heavy-duty suspension including beefed-up torsion bars, ball joints, front stabilizer bar, shocks and rear springs—along with bigger brakes, low-restriction exhausts, a pit-stop gas filler, chromed valve covers, Red Streak tires, wide rims, hood scoops and bucket seats. And this is the *standard* Bear, mind you.

The Bear on the left is also a stock GTX—with a heavy-duty 4-speed gearbox—and a few extra cost options, including the famed Hemi, with 426 cu. in. and 490 lbs.-ft. of torque. It also has our super-duty Sure-Grip differential; not to mention racing stripes and front disc brakes.

So what's the moral? Simply that GTX is one very tempting bowl of porridge. In one form, even Goldilocks can drive it (although you'll recall Goldilocks was a highly adventure-some kind of female). In another form, it's strictly for the "Move over, honey, and let a man drive" set. You know the story: there's bound to be one that's just right. After all, we're out to win you over. '67 Belvedere GTX. 

Plymouth



Antique Auto Show

49th Annual
Alamance
Region

At the Historic Railroad Depot in Downtown Burlington
200 South Main Street Burlington, NC 27215



Owner: Billy Mebane



RESCHEDULED!

New Date: Saturday August 22, 2020

Name _____ Email _____

Club or Region _____ AACA # _____ Will You Help Judge? _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

| Entry | Year | Make | Model | Class |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I agree to abide by all rules of the show and understand that I am responsible for my vehicle(s) and the actions of persons accompanying me to this activity. I agree to release from liability all tenants and/or businesses located on/and/or within the property known as The City of Burlington, Alamance Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), and any employee, members and/or volunteers and any other person or persons connected with the aforementioned organizations from any loss, damage, and/or injuries incurred as a result of participation in this activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pre-registration by August 14, 2020: \$15.00 x _____ = _____

Registration: 8:00 to 11am, Awards at 3pm, *Rain or shine.*

Day of Show Registration: \$25.00 x _____ = _____

Flea Market Spaces: \$10.00 x _____ = _____

Car Corral Spaces (cars for sale): \$10.00 x _____ = _____

Total: _____

We encourage pre-registration. Participants can mail check with registration form or pre-register on the club website: www.alamance.aaca.com
Pre-registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020.

Make checks payable to: Alamance Region, Inc., AACA
Mail to: Elizabeth Coble, President
PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302
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***All vehicles must be 25 years old (1995 or older) to be judged. Antique Vehicles will be judged per AACA criteria using AACA classifications. Antique Vehicles will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophy in each class if they meet the AACA point requirements. Modified Vehicles will be judged on workmanship, quality, and condition. The Top 25 Non-AACA Vehicles will be awarded a trophy.**

****ALL Vehicles MUST have Fire Extinguishers!****

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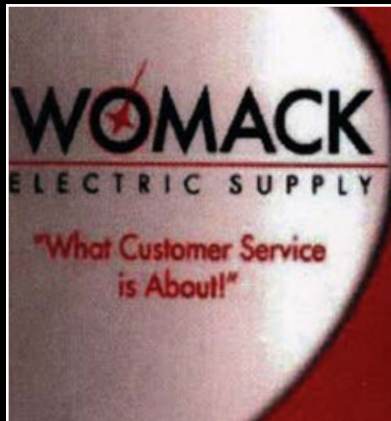
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