

President's Message

August proved to be a really busy month for us! Several of our members attended the Zooland and General Greene shows, and we had a really good Alamance Region tour on August 20. September is shaping up to be a lot of fun also, so check your points, top off your tank, and let's get rolling!

Henry Gaither was able to set up a really good tour to the Alamance County Historical Museum August 20. It was great to see so many of our old cars out on the backroads, enjoying the day. Museum Director Bill Vincent gave a fantastic tour of the house and summer kitchen of the Edwin Holt house, with tons of history relating to the textiles foundation of Alamance County. There are lots of items in the museum that show what life was like during the 1800's, including musical instruments, diaries from the Holt family, furniture, cooking equipment, and all of the family serving sets in the dining room. We were not able to view the 1906 Ford Model S due to renovations that were happening to some of the buildings. The Model S was donated to the museum by Lynn Pickett's father, and is a really interesting car. We will definitely have to schedule another visit to see it! After touring the museum, we traveled at Model A speed to Homeland Creamery in Julian for a scoop (or three!) of their delicious ice cream.

For our September meeting we will be touring to the S&T Soda Shop in Pittsboro, NC on Saturday, September 10. **THIS TOUR WILL REPLACE OUR REGULAR MEETING!** We will meet at 9:30 am in the parking lot of Carli-C's in Graham (807 S. Main St, Graham), close to the Wendy's. We will leave at 10:00 am, and plan to be at S&T Soda Shop for lunch at 11:00 am. There are a number of interesting shops in downtown Pittsboro to explore. We will make our way back home on our own. Hopefully I don't have to call AAA this year!

Our October meeting may be another destination tour. We are planning to go to the Homestead Steakhouse, just south of Roxboro for our meal and meeting. Stay tuned for more details!

The NC Region Fall Meet will be on September 17, at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. This is always a really nice show, and a fantastic venue. They have a number of antique cars on display in the main museum building, and quite a few more in the railroad engine repair building. There are locomotives in the roundhouse from all era's of railroad history. The NC Region has a display case in the museum where some of their memorabilia is stored, including a quilt made and auctioned as a fundraiser by the members in the 1980's. I plan to be there, and hope we have good representation there from the Alamance Region.

We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

Minutes from the August 2022 Meeting

We would like to welcome our visitors Don and Letty Nance, and Lindsey Moser. Chuck Smith's mother passed away.

\$10,502.05 profit from Car Show—a new record!

Several car shows are going on:

- General Greene at Farmer's Market
- Spencer coming up 7/16. Must pre-register 2 to 3 weeks ahead of time. The quilt made for the AACA will be on display.

8/20/2022—Alamance Historical Museum on Hwy 62—2 o'clock. Eat before you come. Tour the house and grounds, go to Homeland Creamery afterwards. Drive your old car if you can.

10/4/2022—Hershey Car Show will be on Friday. Great show if you can go,

October 8th meeting moved to 10/15 due to Hershey Show. Our meeting will be going to the Homestead for dinner. Will check menu options.

Sept. 10 meet at Carlie C's in Graham on South Main Street and head to Soda Shop in Pittsboro for lunch. Be there before 9:45 AM as we will be leaving at 10 sharp. This will be our September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mike Blalock

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

September 10, 2022

9:30 AM

Meet at Carli-C Parking Lot
Graham, NC

Tour to Pittsboro for shopping and
lunch at the S&T Soda Shop

The Clubhouse

Before I begin, I want to thank everyone who came out for the tour of the Alamance Historic Museum and Homeland Creamery tour. I had never been in the museum and being a history buff found it fascinating! Please don't forget our next tour will be Saturday 10 September for our annual trip to the S&T Soda Shop in Pittsboro. We will DEPART Carlie C's IGA, located at 807 S. Main Street in Graham at 10:00 AM in order to get to Pittsboro around 11:00. The Soda Shop opens at 11:00 and we want to be there to sit together downstairs. This will also be our September meeting so please try to come on out. If you are able, please drive your old car but if not, that is 110% OK!

At the last board meeting we talked about a bunch of this and that but when the subject of the clubhouse came up, we all got pretty quiet. I can tell that Rick is agonizing about the clubhouse. As president he is in a position that I'm sure he never wanted to be, leading the fate of our clubhouse...a clubhouse he has grown up inside.

At our meeting on Saturday, I took some extra time to look around the room, especially at the pictures of those that I remembered but have now passed on. Many of the faces I did not know because I still consider myself a "newbie" to the club. I looked at the bulletin board and the memorial plaques in the back. I looked at the names and of course my mom's was there. I thought what would those who have moved on would want us to do.

I think everyone of those folks, looking at the circumstances we have been given, would want us to move forward. The clubhouse is our home, but that doesn't mean we cannot find another home. While we were in the Air Force, my family moved 16 times in our 26-year career. Since we retired, we have moved twice...so doing the math my wife and I have moved 18 times on our 43 years of marriage. Each move was hard especially leaving family and friends, packing up boxes, breaking up routines...yes moving STINKS. But there was something always there that made a new house a home...that was us! A house is just a building, empty and hollow until a family moves it. Then, it becomes a home.

Our Alamance Region "home" is wherever we end up regardless because we are a family. It does not matter the building; it is the folks inside the building. We, the members, are Alamance Region, not the building. When the keys are handed over to whoever whenever we sell; we will remember the great times we had in our clubhouse. But we will move forward as families do, and build new memories wherever we go because we will go together. That's what makes Alamance Region so great...that WE stand together!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Alamance Museum and Dave Rich Memorial Ice Cream Tour—photos courtesy of Henry Gaither, Jr.



A small sampling from Chryslers at Carlisle—photos courtesy of Bruce Anliker



Rumor has it these are a couple local boys made good...



Since it seems to be the theme this month, here's the Barracuda making an ice cream stop in Pennsylvania!

August 2022 Treasurer's Report

Things have been slow in the treasurer's corner this month. We have paid our Duke Energy bill for the month of \$60 and made our annual contribution to the Alamance County Rescue Unit of \$50. We had no income.

Jeannie Johnson

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