

President's Message

ershey week has always been the epitome of Fall for me. As far back as I can remember October meant that Mom and Dad would be taking me to the Hershey flea market fields, camping in the old pop-up Jayco, and talking old cars with friends (old and new) on every row. When schoolwork wouldn't allow me to go with them, I would have to settle for a care package of chocolate when they got back late Saturday night. This year we were not able to go due to work and family activities, but I am living vicariously through the folks that are posting things on Facebook and the internet, as well as through emails. I am thrilled to see that the flea market looks like it is full, and plenty of folks have turned out to browse for treasures. Now if someone would just bring me that bag of chocolaty goodness, it might finally feel like Fall after all!

One sad note from National is that our AACA Library Director Chris Ritter passed away unexpectedly due to a freak accident. I met Chris and his wife at the National convention just after he started working at the Library, and he was a truly nice guy, and very sharp. His leadership took an already nationally recognized library and transformed it into a world class library and research facility in our new headquarters building. Please keep Chris's wife Tam, and their sons Pierce and Case in your thoughts and prayers.

Our September meeting and tour to S&T Soda Shop in Pittsboro was very enjoyable. Even though most of us had to revert to our modern vehicles due to the rain, we had a fantastic turnout. After a very brief business update, we all enjoyed an excellent meal. Afterwards, many of us enjoyed their famous ice cream delights, and some enjoyed heaping helpings of it! After exploring the interesting shops around the court square, we made our way back home.

Several of our Alamance Region members attended the NC Region Fall Meet at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer. Larry and Elizabeth Coble, Richard and Judy Holmes, Max and Scott Wicker, and Bill Cox all received awards for their vehicles. The trophies from the Spencer show are always a variation of a railroad car and are very cool collectibles. One very interesting vehicle there was a 1911 Thomas Flyer, in all its shiny brass glory! The attention to detail and the craftsmanship of the restoration was phenomenal. I enjoyed seeing such a rare car restored to such a high standard.

We will have another destination meeting for October. We will NOT be meeting on October 8, but instead will go to The Homestead Steakhouse close to Roxboro on October 15. Meet in the parking lot of the Lamb's Chapel/Grace Academy in Haw River on Saturday, Oct 15 for a departure time of 3:45 pm. We will take the backroads to The Homestead, so if you are comfortable taking your antique cars, please do. Otherwise just drive the modern ride. The route sheet will be printed and will also be available on our website. We plan to be at the Homestead at 4:30 and will individually order off of the menu. We will target a departure by 6:30 to allow us to get home by the time it gets dark. If you would like to preview the menu and location, their website is below.

We will have a business meeting at the Homestead and have a number of items to discuss. Our elections will be held at our November business meeting (normal schedule, at our clubhouse), and our nominating committee would love to be able to add YOUR NAME to the ballots! The featured car for our 2023 car show dash plaque and trophy need to be selected, and we will have an update on our real estate situation.

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We'll see y'all down the road! Rick (Holmes

October 2022 Treasurer's Report

ur big expense for the month was our property insurance bill for \$923. There was no increase in the premium this year. We made a contribution to AuthoraCare Foundation (Hospice) in memory of Chuck Smith's mother. We paid our annual post office box rent and our Duke Energy bill. We received \$200 from one of our show sponsors.

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline November Issue 10/29/22

Next Club Meeting October 15, 2022 3:45 PM Meet at Lamb's Chapel Haw River, NC Tour to the Homestead Steakhouse near Roxboro, NC for dinner.

S&T Soda Shop and September meeting and NC Region Fall Meet—photos courtesy of Rick Holmes



Here I go...AGAIN!

huge **THANK YOU** to those who were able to make our annual trek to the S&T Soda Shoppe in Pittsboro. Yes, the weather did not cooperate so our old cars stayed home but a little rain did not dissuade a fine group from showing up prepared for, of course, ICE CREAM (and a little lunch too)! Yes, I'm sure Dave Rich would've been proud of MANY of our members and what they enjoyed but I think Floyd would've won first prize with his choice...it was definitely worthy of the "Dave Rich Stamp of Approval!", of this I have no doubt. I think everyone who went busted their diet if they were on one or they started the next day...maybe it was a "cheat" day and that cleared your conscious...no matter it was a great day. I know Dave was right there with us 110% (you saw his picture in the newsletter, right?), smiling that big smile he always had especially in the presence of ice cream and he had the huge banana split to boot! I bet in Heaven you can eat all the ice cream you want whenever you want and it is free and zero calories!

The next event will be set up by Mickey Klutz and details are found elsewhere in the newsletter. November will find us back at the clubhouse for our very important business meeting electing new officers (if necessary) and the Board of Directors whose term expires in 2022. Please make sure attend and if you want to volunteer to be a club officer or a member of the Board of Directors, please contact any of the club's leadership. Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas party this year as last at the Scout Hut. Stand by for further details!

So, did you know **ANYBODY CAN SET UP A CLUB EVENT?** Why yes, that means if you are reading this **YOU** can set up an event...what an opportunity! All you have to do is get your idea to the club leadership and have some details like who, when, where, how, what...you know normal planning stuff. Then once you get the green light off you go! How simple is that? Did you know we already have activities for 2023...4 Feb Kimber's in Gibsonville for Valentine's Day celebration, spring ice cream to Homeland Creamery, May car show, the S&T Soda Shoppe in the early fall or late summer, Nov 2023 Business Meeting and of course Christmas Celebration 2023...that leaves lots of dates for YOU to come up with an idea that will blow the socks off our members...yes YOU who is reading this right now! So, get with a club officer or Board Member and pitch your unbelievably fantastic ideas...RIGHT NOW!

I'll see you down the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Photos of the Dave Rich Memorial Ice Cream Tour to S&T Soda Shop—photos courtesy of Henry Gaither, Jr.





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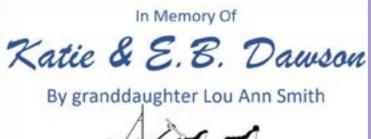
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