

President's Message

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings! It's hard to believe we are already in December! Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, starting at 6:00 PM. We will meet at the Troop 19 Boy Scout Hut at Shiloh Presbyterian Church (2638 Grand Oaks Blvd, Burlington, NC). From I-85/40 take NC 62 south to Grand Oaks Blvd, then turn right. You can call my mobile phone if you get turned around (919-592-6861). The Scout Hut has a separate driveway just before you get to the Church.

Our meal will be catered by Western Charcoal Steakhouse and will be \$20 per person. You can pay Jeannie Saturday upon arrival (or before!), but please let us know via email if you will be attending. You can send a count of how many people you will bring to our club email at: Alamance.aaca@gmail.com. One dessert will be provided by the caterer, and we are asking the Club members to bring additional desserts if you can.

We will have a "Mystery Gift" exchange, so be sure to bring one wrapped "gift" each. There is a \$10 maximum for a purchased gift, or you can select a treasure from your collection in the garage, attic, or storage shed to share with someone new! Regifting is encouraged, and I can't wait to see if anyone can actually find soap-on-a-rope anymore! John and Pat Cox will MC our evening program, so I am sure we will have a great time!

If you have not paid your Alamance Region dues for 2023, you can bring it to the Christmas party. Annual membership is \$25 per family.

Thank you to all of the folks that signed up to write an article for the Car of The Month! I'm sure we will all learn something new about our member's cars. Henry Gaither will start us off in January with the backstory on his 1966 Mustang 2+2, and February will have Sam and Pat Burke showcasing their 1950 Oldsmobile. There are still a couple of spots to fill. I'm looking forward to this series!

Thank you to all of the Officers and Board Members that agreed to serve again in 2023! And Thank You also to new Board Members Donnie Nance and Mickey Klutz! We all look forward to serving the Club in the upcoming year.

We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

November 2022 Treasurer's Report

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party. The cost of the dinner will be \$20 per person. You might want to pay your 2023 club dues of \$25 along with the cost of the meal at the party. As a reminder, the national AACA dues are also due. You can find the dues information in the last AACA magazine. Our club has had a very good year financially. I will have an annual report at the January meeting.

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

January Issue 12/26/22

Next Club Meeting

December 10, 2022
6:00 PM
Troop 19 Boy Scout Hut
Shiloh Presbyterian Church
2638 Grand Oaks Blvd
Burlington, NC



Minutes of the November 2022 Meeting

Happy birthday to Otto Watson! Otto is 90 years young! The December meeting will be held at the Scout Hut in Burlington. Western Steakhouse will cater and provide one dessert. Anyone who would like can bring a dessert. Chocolate pies would be nice.

Your annual dues will due at the December meeting. Please be sure to pay Jeannie.

The North Carolina Region Annual Meeting will be held on January 18. We make a donation toward this meeting and they advertise our show in their Newsletter for us. Other events happening at this meeting are:

• **Judges training on Friday** • **Seminars on Saturday** • **The Meeting is held at the Ramada on Blue Ridge Road**

January Meeting Show & Tell: bring an auto-related item for people to guess what it is. Cash prizes will be awarded!

February Meeting will be held at Kimber's Steakhouse in Gibsonville.

Bruce does a great job on our newsletter, he is awesome (**editor's note, Bruce disagrees with this assesment, but thank you!*) but he is always looking for new things to put in our Newsletter. One suggestion is to take pictures of your car or project with you and your spouse in it. This way our members will get to know each other and what vehicle(s) they have. A lot of we new guys don't yet know everyone's names and what everyone drives or is building. Bruce's email is: bruceanliker@yahoo.com. Please send any such materials to be included in the Weak Spark to Bruce two weeks prior to the next meeting date. That's the deadline for the Weak Spark.

Went over and approved the Treasurer's Report. The club had a very good year!

Election of officers was held.

We have come to an agreement to sell our club property, and expect the contract to be signed soon. The buyer will be responsible for paying the taxes for the year of sale, as well as most of the other costs of the sale. The closing could happen toward the end of March or April 2023.

Floyd and Elsie Smith have offered to sell the Club a piece of property to relocate to and build a new clubhouse. They graciously offered to also make a donation toward the cost of a new clubhouse.

We will save our tractor wheels that serve as the gate to our current property.

The Scout Hut is available for us to meet in.

Mike Blalock

The Winds of Change are Blowing...

As I write this tomorrow night is our November business meeting with updates on the state of the clubhouse. Depending upon how things go, there is a high possibility that our days meeting in our clubhouse are numbered. I can imagine a time when I was not in the club and the excitement when our current clubhouse became a reality. Now, we may be changing but definitely this is an opportunity to continue to move forward...like we always do. However, in order for the club to move forward every member needs to pitch in—every member.

Activities will become more important than ever if we depart the clubhouse. While the Scout Hut may be our interim "home," we need to plan activities away from the hut as we have done this year. I cannot empathize this enough. Anyone can plan a club activity, ANYONE. I heard in the past there were garage tours so why can that be revived? Many of you have cars we have never seen and pretty cool garages so why not show them off? We can always add a trip to the local ice cream place to the garage tour but without volunteers to open up their garages then no garage tours. There is no such thing as a stupid activity. However, the activity needs to be presented as a complete package. As I have written before we need who, what, when, where, how and any other pertinent details for the activity.

Speaking of activities, our January 2023 activity will be a show and, eventually tell. How it works is pretty simple, bring in a car related item and I will give it a number and place it in the back of the clubhouse with other car related items. After the general meeting, everyone will get a paper and have an opportunity to write what they think the item may be. The paper will be collected and the male and female who gets the most correct will win.... something...ah yes, the mystery prize! If you do bring an item or if you know what an item is please keep a secret until the reveal time. I will provide more details that night.

So, as I finish this up it is now 28 November and Thanksgiving is in the rear-view mirror. I hope everyone took the time to be thankful for what we have. Personally, one of the things I am very thankful for is our club. Yes, we definitely have some personalities but that's what makes us great...it would be really dull if we were all clones.

Finally, I hope you all have a great Christmas season. Take the time to give someone a hug because we never know what the next tick of the clock will bring. I believe the greatest gift we have ever received was born in a stable long ago. I also believe that the greatest gifts I have ever been given by Him are my family and friends. There is no amount of money or worldly things that can replace love and true friendship. Like the Wizard of Oz told the Tin Man; "And remember, my sentimental friend, that a heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others."

I'll see you on the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Donnie & Rhonda Nance's 1965 Plymouth Barracuda



Here's a little encouragement to get your car signed up to be featured as a "Car of the Month." Here's Donnie and Rhonda Nance's sweet '65 Plymouth Barracuda shown sporting some brand-new Cragars and rechromed bumpers! Now break out your cameras and get some shots of your antique car. Project cars are welcome too! Be sure to get signed up at the club's next meeting!



Upcoming Car of the Month Articles

January	Henry Gaither	1966 Mustang
February	Sam & Pat Burke	1950 Oldsmobile
March	Dave Dodge	1965 Chevy II & Model car collection
April	John & Pat Cox	1929 & 1930 Ford Model A's
May	Jerry & Judy Purchell	1941 Graham
June	Donnie & Rhonda Nance	1965 Plymouth Barracuda
July	Mike Blalock	1972 F100 Ford Truck
August	Larry & Elizabeth Coble	TBD
September	Max Wicker	1965 Mustang
October	Herb Kluttz	1956 Ford Thunderbird
November	TBD	
December	TBD	

We need hosts!

Please be sure to check the host list at our next meeting and get signed up to host a meeting! It's not difficult, and it is MUCH appreciated.

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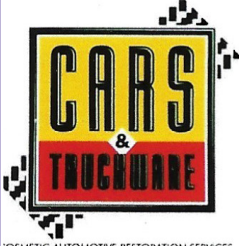
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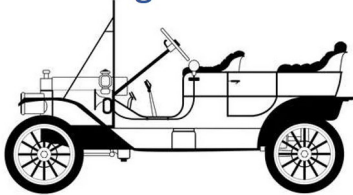
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


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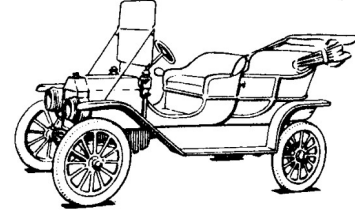
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