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President's Message

As we bid farewell to another eventful year, we reflect on all the activities and adventures we have had. We sold our longtime clubhouse property in January, had a very successful car show in May, participated in numerous excellent outings, and had several members attend National events and earn awards. We have said goodbye to a few members, and welcomed some new members, watched with pride and anticipation the accomplishments and adventures of our young folks. Our Club is not really defined by a building or a particular property, but by the family that we are, the memories we have of past activities and members, and our enthusiasm. Without our members, we would not have a club, and we would certainly not have as much fun (or ice cream!). I thank you all for being part of my extended family, and helping to define who we are!

The backbone of our Club lies in the tireless efforts of our dedicated leadership. We are a volunteer organization, and taking on a leadership role is not always comfortable, but it is always rewarding. I would like to thank our 2023 Directors and Officers for all of their efforts, inputs, decisions, and guidance. Our incoming team for 2024 will consist of many of the same team with a few additions and a few that are stepping down (for now!). I'm sure we will have great leadership in the upcoming year as we take on some new challenges and activities.

Even though we are not defined by a building, it is really handy to have a place for our family to call home, and to keep our "stuff" at. We are starting the process of locating the right property for our next clubhouse. We are looking for up to two acres, hopefully within about ten miles of I-85/40. We do not have a specific timeline, but can move quickly if we find the right property. Bob King and Mickey Klutz will be heading up the search committee, so please let them know if you spot anything that looks interesting.

In 2023 we had several folks that participated in AACA National shows, as well as NC Region shows. The awards received at the National level are special, and I congratulate each of you for your accomplishments. There will be several National (and Grand National) events within reach of our area in 2024. The SE Spring Nationals and Grand National will be in April at Charlotte, the Founders Tour will be in March in Louisiana, Eastern Divisional Tour in June out of Fredericksburg, VA, and the SE Fall Nationals are in Huntsville Alabama at the end of October. And if you are willing to travel a bit, there are tours or meets in Puerto Rico, New York, Wyoming, Colorado, and Pennsylvania. Take a look at the Events page on AACA.org, and find something to participate in. Even if you don't take a vehicle, it is well worth your while to go to the National events as a spectator.

As we go into the Christmas holiday season and the dawn of a new year, let us carry the spirit of camaraderie, the thrill of exploration, and the joy of accomplishment into the days ahead. The Alamance Region family is poised for a great year ahead, we just have to get out there and make it happen! Wishing you all a festive Christmas season and a prosperous New year filled with vintage rides, lasting friendships, and memorable adventures!

Merry Christmas, and we'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

December 2023 Treasurer's Report

A number of members paid their annual dues of \$25 at the November meeting. If you have not paid yet, please send your check made out to "Alamance Region AACA" to PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302 or bring it to the December Christmas party meeting. The cost of the meal is \$20 per person. One check for both dues and dinner fees will be fine – or cash is always accepted! Please remember to pay your national dues (\$45) as well. A renewal notice was sent on the card in the September/October issue of the national magazine. You can also pay online at AACA.org. I would like to thank Ben Boney and Jane King for volunteering to be on the audit committee for 2023.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

January Issue 12/30/23

Next Club Meeting

December 9, 2023
Meet at 6:30 PM at
Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Scout Hut
2638 Grand Oaks Blvd
Burlington, NC

Minutes of November 11, 2023 Meeting

- Hurry next full week in October Move-in Monday Car Show on Friday swap meet and car corral Tuesday — Thursday
- Business Meeting, we need to change our address. Officers for 2024 are: Rick Holmes President, Donnie Nance Vice President, Jeannie Johnson Treasurer, Mike Blalock Secretary.
- Budget has been approved, and the financial statement okayed, club is solvent.
- Support for the scholarship at ACC will continue.
- Opportunity to participate in helping the Reliability Tour — 1915 and older cars, 5-day tour, last week of June 2024, core group of 5 or 6 people do routes, run routes to make sure they are acceptable, up-front preparation. Week of the Tour the Buzzard's Breath Club would come in to help. Tour Booklet, coffee breaks, lunch and pit stops, hotel arrangements, etc. Have to hire security for cars and trailers. Club voted not to participate. We will provide routes, and help to get them to the sponsors of the May 18, 2024 Car Show.
- Committee will be formed to look for club property. Must have ability to get the most bang for the buck. 1-1/2 to 2 acres and build. Or buy existing building and modify. Then keep doing what we are doing and have our outings.
- December 9 Christmas Party. Need people Saturday morning to help set up.
- We are going to continue to have regular meetings at the Scout Hut and we will pay the Scouts for letting us use it.

Mike Blalock

The Car Off-Season...Really?

As I write this Thanksgiving was last Thursday and I think I'm still stuffed...it was fantastic! Tomorrow night and Wednesday night it is going to be real winter with temps possibly in the high teens...where did Fall go?

Anyway, today I took advantage of the "balmy" 50 degrees to give the Mustang a well-deserved bath! I got the car back from the shop (where we got front disc brakes, dual master cylinder and all new steel brake lines...you know to avoid death) about 10 days ago and for circumstances beyond my control it spent a few days in my dad's garage. Between the extended stay at the shop and his garage the bath was needed. Tomorrow I'll finish up the outside and get the engine compartment and inside tidied up. Now some may be thinking I'm putting the car away for the winter, but you would be wrong. No matter the season, if there is no precipitation or salt on the roads the car gets driven as often as I can year-round (I aim for once-a-week minimum). Now I know there are many out there who do put the vehicle to bed for an extended hibernation but for others while the car may not be driven for a while, late fall and winter is car project time.

Though cruise-in's and car shows are months away, car folks are in their garages (hopefully with a good heater if needed) and finally ordering parts to fix that whatchamacallit that you've been nursing along for months and are taking the time to dig into those

parts catalogs or on-line and finally ordering that new radio or carpet or whatever to make the car better. Maybe you are getting ready for a long road trip and that thirty-plus-year-old stuff will not make the grade this time. I'm kinda in the second category. My original radio finally croaked so I'm deciding what to buy to replace it. Same thing for my carpet. Though not original it has seen better days plus I'd like to add some better (read that modern) sound deadener to perhaps quiet things down a little. My fold down carpet is original and I can tell you Ford never had gray as an optional carpet color in 1966 so that is definitely on the list! Maybe that letter to Santa with my wish list will finally arrive this year. We have a lot going on right now (all good) so hopefully I can knock a thing or two off the list.

Anyway, why are you reading this when there's work to be done...get out there and get that project completed. Putting it off will only push your blood pressure up when you realize that the first big car event is way closer than you think...I'm going to try that myself and maybe I can avoid having the big stress-out! Once you get done get out there and drive that old car...feel the THUNDER!!

I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, a Great New Year and all the best!

I'll see you on the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Time To Head Down The Road...Kinda...

It is late October as I write this. I'm trying to get ahead and actually meet or perhaps beat Bruce's deadline for Weak Spark submissions. He does such a great job on the newsletter I'd hate to hold him back.

This is my last submission as vice-president of the club and I wanted to thank everyone who planned and executed an event for this year. It has been quite the year as we moved away from our clubhouse and that we had an event for every month that followed our departure made leaving it a little less traumatic. I understand that for next year there may be a proposal to meet at the Scout Hut more often as many of our members enjoy those monthly gatherings and the fellowship, stability and of course the food that goes with the meeting. I heard some months may have a meeting and an event but I'm sure there is more to follow as 2024

shapes up. If you have an idea for a club outing, make sure you see the new VP and pass along your ideas.

I would also like to thank those members who were able to attend our 2023 events. I know weekends are often packed with activities and choices are tough setting priorities of our very limited time. I hope you had a great time and didn't pack on any additional pounds or if so burned them off working on your old car.

Well, that's about it from me. I hope you all have the best holiday season ever and for me, I remember the reason for the season everyday...not just at Christmastime. Y'all take care out there and I'll see you on the road!

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Henry Gaither, Jr.



52nd Annual Alamance Region

Antique Auto Show



Saturday May 18, 2023

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

Name _____ Email _____

Club or Region _____ AACA # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

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Entry	Year	Make	Model	Class
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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 May 13, 2023: \$20.00 x _____ = _____

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

Flea Market Spaces: \$10.00 x _____ = _____

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

Pre-registration online at www.Alamance.aaca.com Total: _____
and pay at the show, or you can mail check with registration form to the address below.
Pre-registration deadline is May 11, 2023.

**Make checks payable to: Alamance Region, Inc., AACA
Mail to: PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302
Phone: 919-592-6861 Rick Holmes, President**

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

***All vehicles must be 25 years old (1999 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.**

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