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President's Message

February always seems to sneak up on me. With Christmas and New Year's in the rearview mirror, we always want to use January and February to take a deep breath and get some mental rest. That seldom actually happens for me, but especially so this year! The Board of Directors and Committees have been busy getting the prep work done for our May car show, auditing the Club finances, planning outings for the upcoming year, and searching for a suitable new home for the Club. Fortunately, we have made progress on all of these activities!

We had received lots of leads from Club members, and have toured and viewed a number of opportunities, but nothing that was a great fit turned up—until this week! The search committee found a parcel of land that fit our criteria, and was listed at a good price. We met at the property and toured it, and the Board voted unanimously to submit an offer to purchase it. The offer was accepted! The property is 9 acres, and is located in the Village of Alamance, on NC-62 (4243 NC-62), just south of the Post Office in Alamance. There is city water and sewer available, and the property has a tractor shed and a driveway on it, and is mostly wooded. It is an ideal location for a new clubhouse, with much better visibility for our Club, and room to grow. Many thanks to the search committee for working so many leads to get to our new home!

Our May car show will be here before we know it as well! We have submitted all of the required requests to the City of Burlington, and are scheduled to be at the City Council meeting on Feb 20 for their review of our special use permit (allowing us to close the streets). As usual, we need to mobilize our entire club membership to help sell sponsorships for the show to pay for the show, the scholarship we provide to ACC, as well as our annual operating expenses. There will be sponsor forms available at the February meeting. This is our only fundraiser for the year, so let's get started now on sponsors!

The February meeting will be held at Kimber's Steakhouse on Feb 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We had to move our meeting to an earlier time to be able to reserve a room large enough for our group! Kimber's is located at 230 W. Main St, in Gibsonville.

I will not be able to make it to Kimber's since we will be attending the AACA National Convention in Chantilly, Virginia this year. Debbie, Hannah, and I will be attending the seminars this year, and will also enjoy touring the annex of the Smithsonian Air and Space museum that is located beside Dulles airport. I'm sure we will enjoy the museum, and I always learn new stuff from the seminars! The National Convention is open to ALL AACA members, and is well worth the trip. You will get a better understanding of what the National AACA is all about, learn about the judging system, meet the AACA Library staff and the National Board members and AACA CEO Steve Moskowitz. We are fortunate that we already know the new 2024 National President, Jack Harris! The seminars are on Friday and Saturday, and you can register at the convention. If you can't make it this year, I understand it is slated to be held in Charlotte, NC next year!

Now I just need to finish rebuilding the engine in the Model A, start the body work, find the upholstery material.... Did I mention rest? I don't see that happening anytime soon!

We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

February 2024 Treasurer's Report

I am starting to receive checks from spring car show sponsors and registrations for the show! That's great! If you need sponsor forms or registration forms, please let me know and I will send them to you. Sponsors keep our club running so we can donate money for scholarships to Alamance Community College auto tech students and other charitable causes.

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

March Issue 1/27/24

Next Club Meeting

February 10, 2024
Meet at 1:00 PM at
Kimbers Restaurant
Gibsonville, NC

Minutes of January 2024 Meeting

- NC Regional was last week. Had seminars Encourage everyone to go train judges.
- The AACA National Convention is February 8–11 in Chantilly, VA. Everyone should attend at least once.
- Donnie Nance will fill in for Rick Holmes who will be attending the National Convention.
- For the February meeting we will be going out to eat for Valentine's Day at a restaurant that is yet to be determined.
- Bob (last name?) is leading the search committee to find us a new place to meet.
- For the March meeting we're considering two possibilities: first is touring the automotive facility at Alamance Community College; second is attending a seminar at Leland Little Auction House, and then a cruise-in from 9 to 12 followed by our meeting.
- 2024 is the 60th year the Alamance Region has been a part of the AACA!
- We need to improve our outreach to gain new members and younger people in particular.
- Mebane Historical Museum is holding a program on street racing in Mebane called "Mebane Hot Rod History."
- May 18, 2024 will be our annual show in downtown Burlington. We are working on permits and rental for the Depot. Still need to sell more sponsorships—\$100 or \$200 to get the sponsor's name on the show poster and/or included in our newsletter.
- Photoshoot for the show trophies, meet at Dunham's on 1/24 and take photos of member's Mustangs. We would like for Max Wicker's '65 coupe to be on the dash plaque.
- The Hot Rod Power Tour is coming up. It is five days at five different venues. Approximately 6,000 cars and starts in Bowling Green, Kentucky and ends at Indianapolis Raceway Park. Go online to sign up, Search for "Hot Rod Power Tour."
- You earn a pin from National if you bring in a new member,
- Jessica Hill wrote a great article for our January newsletter, if you haven't read it, please do!

Mike Blalock



Check out how the work on Mike Blalock's beautiful Ford F100 short bed is coming along!



52nd Annual Alamance Region

Antique Auto Show



Saturday May 18, 2024

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

Name _____ Email _____

Club or Region _____ AACA # _____

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 May 11, 2024: \$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, 2024.

**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.**

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



In keeping with our Mustang theme, here's what happens when Bruce Anliker's high school friend Roger Gurnsey builds a '67 Mustang with a 520 cubic-inch Boss-style Hemi engine with carbon fiber hood, scoops and spoiler. It's a Hemi GT!

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