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President's Message

Happy New Year! As we usher in 2024, we are gearing up for an exciting and eventful year ahead. We always look forward to the excellent shows and cruise-ins during the warmer months, and we are planning some new outings in addition to some of our old favorites. A couple of focus areas for the year are bringing in new members and stepping up the search for our future "new home"!

The search for a new clubhouse location for the Alamance Region has started in earnest, and we have been getting suggestions and leads for a few promising opportunities. The search committee has checked out a few leads, and is following up on a few more. No offers are made yet, but we are still early in the process. If you know of a potential property that is within about 10 miles of I-85/40 and approximately 2 acres, please contact one of the Board members or Bob King. We are focusing on land outside of city limits to minimize taxes on the Club.

We have started preparations for our May 18th Antique Auto Show already! The permits and street closure requests have to be submitted fairly early in the year to make sure we have our date locked in and to secure use of the Historic Depot. Likewise, we have to start working in January to secure sponsors for the show! Without sponsorships, we could not afford to conduct the show each year, so please start working on your list of potential sponsors. We can pair you up with an experienced member if you need guidance!

As 2024 is the 60th anniversary of the launch of the Mustang, we will feature the Mustang's of our club members on the trophies for our show this year. Henry Gaither will help to organize a photo shoot of our club corral on Sunday afternoon, January 14 (weather permitting!). We will meet at the Dunham's parking lot at Holly Hill Mall at 1:00 pm. If you have a Mustang you would like to include, please let Henry know.

As you work for sponsorships and attend old car activities, let's work together to grow our antique car community by being on the lookout for potential new members! We have several items that you can carry in your vehicle to distribute to anyone that may have an interest in joining our Club. We have tri-fold brochures from AACA National that tell what AACA is all about, and how to become a member. We still have three free one-year membership applications for first time members, and we also have free one-year memberships for veterans. Student memberships to AACA National are only \$12/year and make a great gift (Alamance Region student membership is free)! Alamance Region will match the AACA National free memberships with a free first-year membership. And if you need extra motivation, AACA National will send you a snazzy "I Got A Member" pin when you sponsor a new member!

You may be tempted to winterize your antique vehicle and tuck it away in the garage while the weather is cold and blustery. Don't miss this opportunity to take care of all of those forgotten little projects that you have been putting off! Detailing the engine compartment, replacing that door seal that always leaks air, or rebuilding that darned old leaky Zenith carburetor are all projects that you can take care of before the spring weather reappears. For me, I plan to pull the oil pan on a certain 1931 Model A to see just how much work I have in front of me for the engine. It is a daunting task, but I have to start sometime!

Our January meeting will be at the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Scout Hut, at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share. As always, chocolate pies and banana pudding are encouraged! We'll see y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

January 2024 Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all our members who paid their 2024 annual dues so promptly! I sent a reminder to a couple of folks who have been unable to attend our recent meetings and their checks appeared in our mailbox. I will be giving our audit committee the financial reports and documents after I receive the bank statements in January. Because of the sale of our clubhouse, I will be getting help with our 2023 tax return.

I hope to see everyone at our January meeting!

Jeannie Johnson

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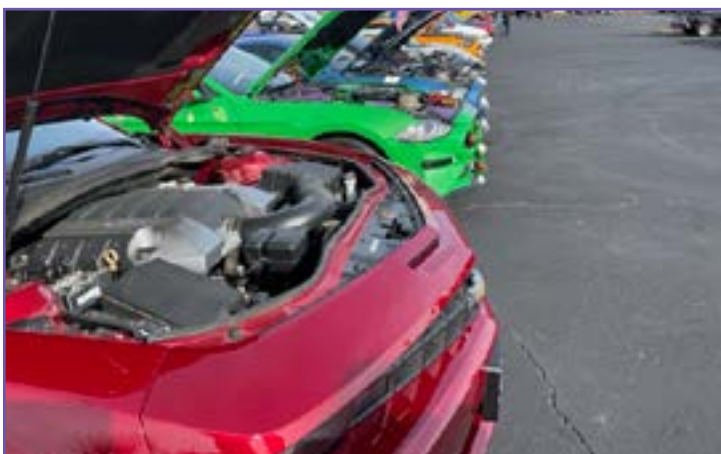
Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

January 13, 2024
Meet at 6:30 PM at
Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Scout Hut
2638 Grand Oaks Blvd
Burlington, NC

Charity Car Show! Photos courtesy of Henry Gaither, Jr



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 # _____

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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.

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!****

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

A Cruising They Will Go! (and for a good cause, too!)

December 16th dawned bright and cool, and held the promise of a lovely day. And a lovely day it was! Especially for a Cruise-In!

I don't know how many cars participated in the Hospice Cruise-In benefiting their Kids' Path division, but the parking lot on the Dunham's end of Holly Hill Mall was pretty full, with our '67 Camaro, Lucille, being the very first entry of the morning. There were stock classics to daily drivers to hot rods to rat rods to dragsters aplenty! And the attendees were joyful and ready to chat about their vehicles. Kevin was more than happy to talk to a gentleman from Pittsboro, Jay Hilliard, about his 1969 Camaro, red and black in color. Larry Coble, my precious Deddy, brought Ole Blue, his 1986 Ford pickup truck. Herb Klutz was there, too, in fine form with his Model A truck. Henry Gaither strong-armed me into writing this for the Weak Spark while he was there. He's crafty, that Henry.

Several local towing companies participated as well, and they brought patriotism to the event by hoisting high Old Glory for all to see! We certainly appreciated and benefited from the presence of

the Alamance County Sheriff's office – and the children enjoyed getting to climb into one of their tactical vehicles.

I personally enjoyed watching Doug Shambley ride around the event on his trolley with his faithful companion, a miniature Australian shepherd perhaps (that Kevin really wanted to bring home!). The recycled Red Rider Wagons he'd attached to the back of it were ingenious, as he helped to collect the donations for the Cruise-In. The Broken Chains Biker Church helped load the truck and trailer with all of the donated items, and by the end of the Cruise-In the trailer was full. I asked the ladies at the Hospice tent if they had any idea how much they'd raised in monetary donations...they didn't yet have a total, but they said they were blown away by the turnout and the support, both financial and in donated items.

So, thank you to all who came and saw and enjoyed that bright, beautiful day!

See you at the next one?

Jessica A.C. Hill

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