

President's Message

Well, 2016 is officially here, so here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year. 2015 is one for the history books, but we stayed strong financially, enjoyed fun, fellowship, antique cars, and delicious meals. We were able to add several new members to our car club this year and I hope we can add new members who share our passion for keeping those antique cars rolling. A simple invitation is all it takes.

Our annual Christmas Party on Dec 12th was outstanding this year. I personally want to thank all who took part in planning, preparation, food, and entertainment. As you can see in the photos, the children enjoyed dressing Santa and creating Frosty the Snowman. Creative headgear or funny hats were the rage. All in all, the grandkids want to be booked for Christmas 2016.

Just a few dates to keep in mind even this early in the year. Our monthly meeting on January 9th is at 5:00PM so we can have time for the White Elephant Bingo. Please bring a White Elephant item per participant. The following weekend January 15th & 16th, NC Region will meet at the Ramada Inn in Burlington. We help sponsor this meeting, so I hope to see you there. Cathy and I are planning to attend the annual AACA meeting in Philadelphia on February 11-13th. Our Antique Car Show this year is May 21st. It's only 5 1/2 months away, but there's lots of work ahead and it will be here soon.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for December 2015

The December 2015 meeting of the Alamance AACA was held at the Lake Mackintosh Club House on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 PM. Several families help set-up and decorate the tables at 9am in the morning before the party. We had 50 in attendance (including 3 guests). The guests were LaRae Dick and Ann & Ron Imrick. LaRae played the keyboard and Ann sang.

Our meal was catered by Smokehouse Bistro and included grilled marinated chicken breast filets, sliced beef brisket, garlic potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, tea, water, coffee and desserts. All of the desserts were brought by members of the club.

A formal business meeting was not held during the Christmas party. Our President, Billy Patterson mentioned a few items before we started the dinner. He mentioned that we may want to schedule and reserve the Mackintosh clubhouse for the 2016 Christmas party a week earlier (on December 3rd, 2016) if possible. If not, then on December 10th, 2016. John Cox will check into the dates for reserving the clubhouse for next Christmas.

Billy asked Jeannie if there was anything as treasurer she needed to mention. She mentioned that we not not paid up quite yet for local dues and National will e-mail you and remind you if dues have not been paid.

Next Club Meeting
 January 9, 2016 at 5:00pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

Pat Tulauskas headed up the program for the party. We started out by singing Deck the Halls and Go Tell It on the Mountain.

Next, John Cox read Christmas riddles and jokes. There were a few he had to skip over...

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Pat then got out a hat box and asked for a few elves to help hand out the hats. Some of the hats were regular hats and others were funny hats.

The elves (Bailey, Casey, Hannah, Preston and Lily) went around the room and handed out hats to people. Billy Patterson ended up with the oldest most sophisticated red hat. Wallace Compton wore a hat with mistletoe attached and tried to get Becky to kiss him. Tal Johnson & Bob King ended up with the silly/funny hats. The "orange hair" hat was passed a couple of times, but ended up on Judy Cox's head.

We continued the carol singing with Jingle Bells and Silent Night. During Jingle Bells there were a couple of people shaking bells.

Casey Cox read the story from the New York Sun 1897--Virginia yes there is a Santa Claus. Then John Cox read a poem about Christmas that was a funny pun...

Pat and elves pretended to make toys for Santa to take to boys and girls. Pat asked the elves what they would like to do next and the answer was build a snowman. Pat sent the elves out to get a person to help out with the "snowman". At first the elves picked Tal Johnson, but Pat told them it needed to be Bob King. Bob was escorted to a chair in front of the room. Pat and the elves started with white pillows and white blankets around Bob and then added a top

hat. She gave the elves paint so that they could paint the snowman's face. All of the elves added color to Bob's face and covered every inch. They even had a carrot nose that they put in his mouth. Then Pat pulled out a can of whip cream that was sprayed on his face also. There were a few pictures taken of the stages of the building of the snowman. The next carol we sang was Frosty the Snowman!

The singing continued with We Wish You a Merry Christmas. And Bob King came back after washing all of the paint and whip cream off his face and hair.

Next, Pat asked the elves to get Bruce Anliker up for the Santa dressing. They helped him get in the pieces of the Santa suit and then we all sang Here Comes Santa Claus. A few people (Preston Dover, Tyler Solomon, and Pat Tulauskas) sat in Santa's lap and told what they wanted for Christmas. Then Tal Johnson was picked to sit and tell Santa what he wanted, but he sat in a chair next to Santa.

We then sang two more carols--Its Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas and White Christmas.

The program closed with a reading of the Christmas story (birth of Jesus) by Judy Holmes from the bible (from Matthew).

Before we started the clean-up--Wallace announced that all girls could come under the mistletoe...

Cathy Dover

White Elephant Bingo At The January Meeting!

The event for January will be White Elephant Bingo. For the January meeting only we will meet at 5:00 PM to begin the meal at 5:15. After dinner there will be minimal business (reading of minutes, reports, etc) so we can begin the game at 6:00 pm or very close to that time. Each person who wants to participate needs to bring ONE (no, we are not going to clean out your garage) item that they wish to donate as a prize. Most of the white elephant bingo prizes I have seen are something you might sell at a garage sale but it is up to you (I have also seen some very nice prizes too!). The game will be standard bingo with details briefed before we begin. Each participant may win only once. When someone wins they go to the prize table and pick something. If a winner decides

they want a previously won prize they may steal that item. The person who was stolen from may either steal another person's prize or go up to the table and pick another. Each participant may only be stolen from once and each prize may be only stolen once...otherwise it gets really crazy and takes forever. The event is over when all prizes have been awarded or it is 8:00 PM, whichever happens first. Leftover prizes will go home with whoever brought them unless you work something out with another member to take it...no donations to the club please. We will review the rules before we begin the game so there will be no questions. It should be a lot of fun so please come out and join in! See you in January!

December Treasurer's Report

Just a reminder! Please bring your dues to the January meeting or drop them in the mail to me at P. O. Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302. I need to send a report to National in January with a list of all our current members.

Jeannie Johnson



Annual Christmas Party, 2016!



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Wallace Cassanova makes his play, *above*. Yeah, that's mistletoe affixed to his cap. What WERE all these silly hats about? If you weren't there you MISSED it!

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Taylor "Tater Tot" Solomon asking Santa for Melony McCullock's hand in marriage as she listens on with rapt attention. Reportedly Santa reminded Taylor that Melony is only 16 years old. All in good time Tater, all in good time... Now where did Santa hide his Glock again?

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*An evidently tipsy Santa gives ear
to Tal's long list of Christmas wishes...
There's always NEXT year Mr. Tal!*



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