

## President's Message

ey Folks, I want to thank Elizabeth for taking over last month. Henry & I, we both were unable to be there for the meeting. I am sure Henry enjoyed not being there more than I since he was at a Snake (Shelby) Convention and I was in pain. Plus you didn't have to listen to me!

I would like to thank Bobbie & Bruce Anliker & Dave Rich for hosting last month's meeting. We lost another member this month. Sylvia Smith passed away. Sylvia was a long time member & the only lady President in our Car Club. She will be missed. Please include OT in your prayers.

Thank you letters have been sent to all our sponsors & our website has been updated. We will choose both the eligible Cars & Historical Site for our 2018 Car Show Flyers, Trophies, etc., @ the meeting. This will allow us ample time to take the pictures, get them to Bruce for the artwork & have it ready to print & submit to the NC Region by the 1st of December. Included below is a list of people who have not had a car featured for our show yet. Some people on the list may not have a car. If so, please let me know so we can eliminate your name. This happened last year when we picked Bruce & he had sold his Road Runner (but just for the record, he does have one now). We also need a local historical site or place of interest to use for a background.

Thanks and keep the old ones rolling down the road. Get them out and enjoy them while you can!

### Members who have not yet had cars featured at the annual show:

Anliker, Bruce & Bobbie Elder, John & Emily Mebar Patter Acquilano, R.J. & Ann Holmes, Rick & Debbie Cath Brevda, Melody Irwin, Alan & Kathy Roger Burns, Ed & Linda Loftis, Page & Hazel

Mebane, William W. Patterson, Billy & Dover, Cathy

Rogers, Bob & Jean Shoe, Ande & Mary

Tal Johnson

## July 2017 Treasurer's Report

hings have been quiet in the Treasurer's Corner since the car show. I have just paid the regular bills – Duke Energy, Payne Oil and Piedmont Portables for the port-a-johns and \$15 to the City of Burlington for trash and recyclable can rental for the car show. The revised expense for the show was \$2,950.92 or \$29.81 per registered car. Our total income from registrations was \$2,125.00 or \$21.46 per car (since pre-registration was \$15 and day-of-show was \$25). Our 50-50 raffle, drink sale, vendor and car corral income help out but our fine sponsors make this show possible!

Next Club Meeting
July 8, 2017 at 6:30pm
Alamance AACA Clubhouse
Burlington, NC

Deepest sympathy is extended to O.T. Smith on the passing of his wife, Sylvia. Our club made a donation to Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell in her memory.

Jeannie Johnson

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#### **Hosts:**

July: Wallace & Annie Compton

# The Weak Spark Deadlines:

7/29/17
8/26/17
9/30/17
10/28/17
11/25/17

## Minutes from the June 2017 meeting

he Alamance Region, AACA met on June 10, 2017. Elizabeth Coble, Secretary, called the meeting to order in the absence of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer. She thanked the hosts Bruce and Bobbie Anliker. She then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. There were none and Rick Holmes made a motion to approve which was seconded by Herb Klutz. The minutes were approved.

Elizabeth congratulated everyone on a successful car show. Jeannie Johnson has sent out thank you letters to everyone – sponsors, Downtown Development Corporation, Fire Extinguisher donations, WBAG. Also, the Web sponsors are on the website. Elizabeth stated that we had 99 cars registered for the show and the cost per car was \$29.05. She said that this helps us to understand how important our sponsors are to making the show a success.

Tal Johnson has gotten the Memorial Plaques updated and Elizabeth asked that everyone take a look at them and to let Tal know if there are any additions.

Tal has asked that we consider moving our discussion and vote for the cars that will be on our dash plaques and trophies and location of the show to our July meeting. When we wait until later it really pushes Bruce to be able to get the artwork completed. This also ensures that we can our flyer in the NC Region news earlier. The last couple of years Bruce has had to just do an artwork picture for the flyer. Elizabeth stated that we need a motion for the move. Herb made the motion to move the discussion to July and Larry Coble seconded. The motion was approved.

Elizabeth said that a member has suggested that we have a Facebook Page. Elizabeth explained how this would work and how everyone can ask their friends to "Like" and "Share" with their friends. This is viewed as a way to reach a lot more people than just with our website. It was decided that we need to vote on this at a later date.

There being no more business, we moved to our program. Larry Coble visited a car display in San Diego, California and there was a 1947 Cadillac that the owner had modified to include a water fountain, bar, shower, toilet and an over. He did the modifications originally so he would take camping trips. He then decided to make it so he could drive across the country and back without stopping the car. He designed it so that he could change the tires going down the road.

The car also went from Alaska to Mexico City. The video that Larry purchased showed interviews with the owner and his son and detailed the modifications to the car.

Elizabeth adjourned the meeting.

Elizabeth Coble

## Ramblings of a Snake Driver: Into the Lion's Den

o here it is July already... the year is once again going by very quickly... like the old adage says the older you get the faster the days pass by... maybe that's why it is an old adage...

Anyway, many are probably wondering about my article's title this month, "Into the Lion's Den" so here goes. Not

long ago I was chatting with someone about their very nice car (1967 Shelby GT-500) and I asked why they never brought it out to shows, specifically Shelby American Automobile Club's 42nd Convention at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His answer was one I had heard before... that whenever he brought the car out invariably "experts" began



Spencer Gaither, left, hanging out at Shelby American Automobile Club's 42nd Convention with his dad Henry, right and Chuck Cantwell, center. Cantwell is recognized as the father of the GT-350 program at Shelby American. SAAC 42 was held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

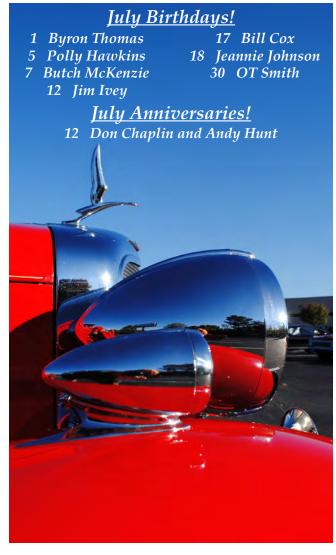
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to pick it apart. Now this was not during judging, it was when he first drove up. At SAAC 42 I was barely out of the car when another early car owner came by to check my car out. After the hood was up he said well it's a nice car for having this out of place or that as a reproduction part or this or that but it was a nice car... welcome to the lion's den.

I have heard this comment more than once from other classic car owners at multiple venues and it is really sad. Many folks who have classic (or not so classic) cars are immediately turned off whenever others start their unwanted critiques. They become so turned off they rarely, if ever, bring the car to a show. Instead they will hopefully take them to a cruise-in like Cars and Coffee where MOST folks are happy just to see the cars. Though not always true most cruise-in attendees have the common courtesy to appreciate a great car and not be concerned about the flaws it may have.

I guess I'm a type of person who just appreciates the cars and the owners who bring them out, whether it is to an event or a nice Sunday drive. All too often I think some get all tied up in the little details that for maybe just don't really matter. What matters is they have a great car and like

to share it with others. At SAAC 42 and other car events I found more enjoyment just chatting with the people who are there and you never know who might show up. At SAAC 42 for example, the prototype for the 1967 GT 500 was there as was the "father" of the entire GT-350 program at Shelby American, Chuck Cantwell. Both were "just guys" like I was, out looking at the cars and talking to the people at the event. For me car events are all about the people who are there and frankly the cars are secondary. SAAC 42 afforded me a chance to spend some quality time with my oldest son too, which as we grow older is a potentially disappearing commodity. Also for me when I get away with the cars the troubles of life seem for just a brief while to go away as the engine fires to life. After all, isn't the reason we have our cars and go to car events is to have fun and fellowship with others who share the same passion as we do? Isn't that the reason we have our cars? Trophies grow old and break and get tossed out or donated. But the memories of the people we meet along the way will never fade away. So, get out there and share that passion with others at a show, a cruise-in, or for a quiet Sunday Henry Gaither drive, make another memory.





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## **Upcoming Cars & Coffee Dates**

Kernersville: Saturday, July 1st, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Greensboro: Saturday, July 15th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Kernersville: Saturday, August 5th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Greensboro: Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Kernersville: Saturday, September 2nd, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Greensboro: Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Kernersville: Saturday, October 7th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Greensboro: Saturday, October 21st, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Kernersville: Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Greensboro: Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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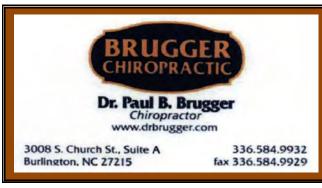
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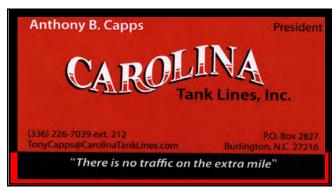
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