

President's Message

The month of May is here and our car show is less than 3 weeks away. Everything is coming together at this time as sponsors have been secured and our posters and newspaper ad has been completed. In addition to the traditional newspaper ad, this year we will have the ad online with the newspaper for additional advertising for our show. A link will be provided to our website for online registration. Note that car show participants can save \$10 by preregistering by mail or online.

I would like to thank everyone who secured a sponsor or sponsors this year. Our sponsors are the key to our car show success. If anyone buys from one of our sponsors, please thank them for their support. Everyone has his or her assignment, but we still need one or more members to step up to handle Hospitality. Remember that we need items for goody bags that we will prepare on Tuesday night May 17th at 7:00PM at the clubhouse. Bring canned drinks to the clubhouse or to the show to sell. Don't forget to help us judge all the beautiful cars too.

I'm excited about the show this year. I always enjoy our show downtown at the Depot in Burlington. The only thing now to wish for is good weather.

I know that for some time we have needed to do some work on our road and driveway. Thanks to Richard Holmes, Bob King, and John Cox for their hard work on this. In addition, R. L. Long Sand and Stone provided an outstanding deal on the gravel and became a car show sponsor too. The owner is related to the late Willie Long, one of our Charter members.

As many of you know I announced at the last meeting that Cathy and I would be moving to West Columbia, SC to work for Shealy Environmental Labs. We moved on April 15 and have settled in our new jobs and house. We will continue to serve as president and secretary till the end of the year.

Billy Patterson

Meeting Minutes for April 2016

The April meeting of the Alamance Region AACA was held at our clubhouse on Saturday, April 9th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by our president, Billy Patterson. We had 39 people attending including 36 members, 1 child and with 2 guests. Jeanne Johnson invited guests R.J and Ann Acquilano. They have already turned their membership paperwork in to join the club.

Our president, Billy Patterson thanked the hosts, the Holmes family (Richard, Judy, Rick and Debbie).

Billy mentioned that we need help with hosting for our June meeting.

Jeanne gave her treasurers report. She mentioned that we have 33 sponsors so far, but we need more. Last year we made \$9100 on sponsors. She said that 5 people have preregistered for the car show. She also mentioned she sent a donation in the memory of Glenn Thomas.

Jeanne introduced R.J. and Ann Acquilano next. She mentioned that R.J. was her boss at H&R Block previously. She said that they have lived here since 1978 and they bought a 1978 Corvette.

Billy asked if the March minutes are accepted as written. John Cox made the motion and Ed Burns seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written.

Next Club Meeting
 May 14, 2016 at 6:30pm
 Alamance Region Clubhouse
 Burlington, NC

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- April:** Herb & Barbara Klutz,
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- Aug. Issue 7/27/16
- Sept. Issue 8/24/16
- Oct. Issue 9/28/16
- Nov. Issue 10/26/16
- Dec. Issue 11/23/16

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We all agreed that it was good to have Judy back after surgery and Herb back after his back trouble.

Billy mentioned some of the upcoming activities:

1. April 16th-cruise-in for NC Region: meet at Daniel Boone ~ 10am
2. April 23rd-General Greene hosting another one--meet in Greensboro (place to be announced) and go to the Nagle Car Collection, lunch and private tour in Randleman of Victory Junction. The General Greene Chapter needs to know by Sat. 4/16/16.
3. April 23rd-Mebane Dogwood Festival in Suntrust parking lot (register by 4/13/16.
4. May 14th-Wallace and Annie have a flyer for Bethel Church car show
5. May 14th-Timeless Cruisers car show in Efland

It was mentioned that we need to take our car show flyers to all upcoming cruise-ins and car shows.

Rick Holmes went over car show highlights. He mentioned that we needed judges and that we will have a training program for judges. He also mentioned that John Cox was updating the assignments. We need someone to substitute for hospitality room in Elsie's place.

We passed around a sign-up sheet for hospitality items and one for sign-up for judging. We will pass these sign-up sheets around again at the May 14th meeting.

Billy mentioned that we have a few new judging books. John Cox picked up these judging books from Herb Oakes at Charlotte Auto Fair on Friday.

John Cox went over all assignments. It was announced that we will pack goody bags at the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 17th. John Cox and possibly one other person will go down and do the radio show to promote the car show. John mentioned that the parking persons needed to get there early. We will also need help transporting items to the car show Friday afternoon. Herb and John said they could help. Tal mentioned that Rock Auto will support us again this year with magnets and coupons.

The new on-line registration is up and ready thanks to Ed Tulauskas. Ed went on the website and demonstrated the new on-line registration. Rick commented that the earlier we get the info the smoother everything will go on the day of the show.

Floyd Smith thanked all of the people that had helped Elsie with the hospitality room over the years. He also mentioned that the clubhouse yard looked good and thanked Richard Holmes.

John Cox mentioned that "The Depot" in Concord on McGill Ave. has an Auto Barn for classic cars. He mentioned that have a meeting room and would be good for a trip. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 8am-5pm. The admission is free. He mentioned there is a man-cave and antique shops.

Our meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 by Billy Patterson.

Cathy Dover

April 2016 Treasurer's Report

Our campaign for car show sponsors has ended and we have a great group of companies who support our club. We have 65 sponsors and 15 of those have elected to have a business card size ad on our website as well. Look for those new sponsors on our website in June. Many thanks to members who worked so hard to get these sponsors to make our car show a success. It would not be possible without their support. Our half page ad will appear in The Times News on the Wednesday before our show. We will also have advertising on The Times News web page. Two members will be promoting our show on radio station WBAG (1150 AM) on Friday, May 20 at 10:30 am on The Meeting Place with Olin "The Big O" Campbell. Please tune in! There will be a list of sponsors in the goodie bags at the car show so please support these companies with your business! This year you can pre-register your car for the show on-line and pay the pre-registration fee of \$15 on the day of the show. Day of show registration is \$25 this year. There are registration forms at the clubhouse if you need them.

Please bring bottled water and/or soft drinks to the clubhouse at the next meeting so we will have drinks to sell at the car show!

Jeannie Johnson



You may notice some much needed roadwork has been done on Whitesell Road. Rumor has it that Richard Holmes was involved. Whoever it was, their efforts are GREATLY appreciated!

Tal's Corvette

If you remember Tal having surgery a few years ago, you know that he had a little difficulty with it and it really curtailed his activity for a good long time. So long in fact that his 1964 Corvette sat in the garage for a long time. Being a Corvette aficionado, I was always thinking about that Corvette that I had last seen about 4 years ago at one of our Region car shows in Burlington.

Occasionally I would ask Jeannie about it and she would tell me it's still sitting in the garage and Tal had not been able to touch it. He was having enough trouble getting back to walking good, much less getting into a small two seat sports car! As I thought about it, I knew that leaving this car sitting for a long period of time would be trouble and if it went too long, it could have some serious problems that would be costly to repair.

So, last month at one of our board meetings, I asked Jeannie if Tal would like for some of the guys in the club to come over one Saturday and have a little work session and get the car started again. It was well received and we arranged it for one Saturday in late March. I called a few guys that I knew were close by and I figured had some car-starting knowledge. There was Bob King and I because we have Corvettes, John Cox, because he has significant experience being stuck on the side of the road, and then there was Herb Klutz, because we needed a serious mechanic that the rest of us could watch.

We started off with a tour of the garage and all the cool stuff Tal and Jeannie have collected over the years. Then we got down to some serious work. It seems Tal and Jeannie's son had already spent significant time replacing the battery which is in a really tight spot on Tal's car. So we replaced the old gas and gave the engine a start. With a little coaxing and starting fluid she cranked up. We didn't run it long though as the carburetor began to flood the engine intake. This happens when a car sits without running and the working parts inside the carburetor gum up over time.

The only thing to really cure the problem is to remove the carburetor, tear it down and clean it, and then replace those inner parts with a new kit. Of course,



Herb jumped right in, took the carburetor off and took it with him to perform the rebuild at his shop at home. The rest of us had to sit down after a tough day of watching Herb work and have a cold drink!

After a sufficient rest, we were invited inside to a fabulous lunch and some lively discussion about cars, people and the state of the world today. It was so pleasant that I suggested we do this same sort of thing



more often, even if we have to make up some sort of problem with a member's car. We just let you know we're coming to fix something and all you have to do is throw a party!

We had a great time visiting with Tal and Jeannie, and in a few days, Herb finished rebuilding the carburetor and put it back on Tal's car. It's back running again and Tal can move along with whatever else he needs to do to keep it maintained. This was a great club activity and we all had a great time... of course you gotta ask Herb his opinion... he did all the work!

Bill Cox

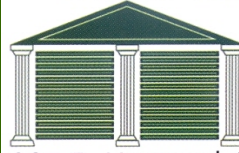
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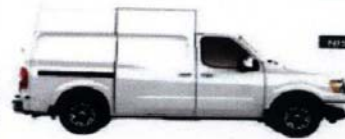
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