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*President's Message*

Hey Folks, I am still enjoying being through w/ the Hospice Car Show & here it is November & time to write something for the newsletter. It's a sign how time flies when you are having fun (or old)!

I would like to thank Linda & Ed Burns and Pat & Ed Tualaskas for hosting last month's meeting.

Bruce is working on the pictures, artwork & new flyer to be submitted to the NC Region the 1st of December. We will try to get the flyers done so we can get them out early in 2018. I keep preaching that advertising is instrumental in having a successful Car Show. I may be wrong but I think the Charity Car Show @ Holly Hill Mall today is a prime example. I only saw one add in the paper this week & only (maybe) 40 cars attending.

November is our Annual Business meeting, so come on out and join us. The Treasurer will present a Budget suggested by the board for your approval. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers for your consideration. The floor will be open for other nominations & a vote taken for your choice of Officers for 2018. This is your Club so this is your opportunity to choose who runs it & how they spend the money.

This year's Hospice Car Show was the best fundraiser we have had in several years. I want to take this opportunity to again thank everyone who helped in anyway (of course God for the great weather).

December and Christmas are coming up fast. It's time to decide if you will attend our Annual Christmas dinner this year. We need for you to let Jeanne know if you plan to attend so we can order food. Each year we spend a lot of extra money for food just in case someone forgot to sign up. If you think you are coming please let her know. If something happens you can't attend, no problem, much better than trying to read your mind. We really need your cooperation on attendance numbers.

Thanksgiving is coming up very soon and we all have something to be thankful for, I know I do. It's the time when most folks have an opportunity to get together with family. Our Club is like a family to Jeanne & me. We are thankful to have made a lot of good friends since joining. The downside is it seems we lose some each year.

Keep the old ones rolling on down the road! Get them out and enjoy them while you can and before they rust and all the paint falls off!

*Tal Johnson*

*November 2017 Treasurer's Report*

It is time to pay dues again! Our club dues for 2018 remain at \$25 and our Christmas dinner cost is still \$25 per couple (\$12.50 per individual). If you would like to pay both at the same time, that would be great. Note that the AACA dues are \$40 for 2018. The bill for your annual National dues can be found in the last Antique Automobile magazine. You must be a member of National to be a member of our club. Our income and expenses for 2017 are close to our budget for the year. We will be reviewing and adopting a budget for 2018 at our November meeting. Please let me know if you will be attending our annual Christmas dinner on December 9, 2017, at the Lake Mackintosh clubhouse. My email is: kygeniej@mebtel.net or my cell phone is 336-213-0799.

*Jeannie Johnson*

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**Next Club Meeting**

December 9, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Christmas Party  
Lake Mackintosh Clubhouse  
Burlington, NC

## Minutes from the September and October 2017 meetings

 On September 9, the Alamance Region met for its' monthly meeting. Tal Johnson called the meeting to order. There were two visitors as Richard and Judy Holmes grandson, Parker, and his girlfriend, Larissa, were visiting. Tal also thanked the hosts Henry and Catherine Gaither and Hank and Jane Gaither. There was a motion to approve the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Rick Holmes and seconded by John Cox. The minutes were approved. Jeannie Johnson wasn't at the meeting but Tal reported that there was no income for the month and several bills had been paid. Tal again asked that we all submit car stories for the newsletter. In researching when the clubhouse was featured on the plaque for the our annual Car show, Tal stated that it had been used in 2016. A motion was made by Henry Gaither to use the Powell Manor for the background and this was seconded by John Cox. This was approved. John will contact Elon University about using the image as they now own the property. Tal suggested that we give 2 more plaques for those who have cars on the advertising. Herb Klutz made the motion to give the 2 more trophies and Elizabeth Coble seconded and this was approved. Our goal is to get the flyers for the NC Region newsletter by December 1. Tal reminded us that we will be having elections in November for officers and the nominating committee consists of John Cox, Rick Holmes and Bob King.

With the upcoming Hospice Car Show we will need to bring soft drinks, water and baked goods. There will also be additional plaques for Alamance Crossing, Dillard's, WBAG and to the car club that has the most members at the show. WBAG has been making daily announcements and Floyd and O. T. Smith will be on the day before the show to talk about the show and promote it. Last year we were accused, along with Hospice, of not advertising. This year we have given out 1,400 flyers and Tal said that he has emailed other car clubs. We have also advertising in the Burlington, Mebane papers and the Alamance News. The show has been listed on Cruising Carolina's website. We plan to prepare a banner to explain what the buckets are for and the way to vote for your favorite car. We also have permission to use the Electronic billboard at Cox Toyota. Bruce has put on the Facebook page. Larry Coble commented that someone has put it on Craig's list as it is showing up every 2-3 days. Hospice has also been sending email blasts. Judging will again be done by students from ACC. There will be a 50/50 raffle and Chick-fil-A will be bringing 150 sandwiches. Be sure to slice, wrap and price all bake sale items. Tables, chairs, Port-a-Johns and trash cans all being taken care of by Hospice. Henry said that we will need to block the parking lot after 9 pm on Friday and we will need to set up tents. Registratin will be the same as last year. Henry contacted WFMY TV and is waiting for a response on a possible interview or on-site promotion. Floyd and Elsie Smith are being honored with their Austin Bantam on the plaque.

Upcoming show : Mt. View Ruritan Car Show - September 23 - Someone will need to take flyers to distribute.

Bright Leaf Hoedown - September 23 - Yanceyville.

The Veterans Cruise In in Asheboro had over 200 cars and Cars and Coffee has around 300 cars.

Tal will get Hospice to make 500 to 600 more entry forms  
There was no program.

John Cox made a motion to adjourn and Henry Gaither seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 14. Tal called the meeting to order and that our hosts - Ed and Pat Tulauskas and Ed and Linda Burns. Jerry King and Kimberly were introduced as new members. No minutes were read but will be in the next newsletter. Jeannie Johnson gave the Treasurer's report and talked about the Hospice show. We raised \$9,730.28. She said she gets lots of compliments on the location and felt the ACC students did a good job on judging. There were 134 cars registered. She distributed the budget for 2018. She said that just to run the club it takes \$5,863 per year so this helps us understand how important getting sponsors for our annual car show is to running the club. Jeannie said that an audit has been done on the books and that everything looked fine. She also asked if anyone needed a name badge as she has some newer members that she was going to place an order for and could include others. It looks like we will break even for 2017. She did comment that there was a little mix-up on the door prize tickets and the 50/50 tickets. We just need to read all digits on the tickets and then also verify. Tal said that we needed to recognize Otto Watson as being the 3rd highest in donation even though he wasn't recognized at the show. Otto expressed that he didn't need another trophy. Floyd commented that the buckets were being blown around by the gusts of wind and that we may need to put buckets in them next year.

It was noted that we need to put a map on the entry form on where the show is located and also the liability statement needs to be on the form. We also will need to look for the additional lids for the buckets as we ran out. Tal has contacted Dave Rich to see if he can get a picture of Billy Patterson's car. Tal announced that the Board has voted to pay National and Alamance Region dues for Bruce Anliker in appreciation for all that he does for the club.

There is a Cruise-In that is planned for November 5 from 2 pm until 5 pm for the Village of Brookwood Health Center. They are trying for a Veterans Day tie in. Herb Klutz, Ray Fowler, Otto Watson all said that they are willing to take cars. Bill Cox asked for cars for the Hillsborough Candlelight Tour on December 10. There will be houses on the tour from every war era and there will be music, skits, people dressed up to represent WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam. This runs from 3 pm until 7 pm and he needs cars from the different war eras to set at the hourses. He said we can come at noon, eat lunch and leave when we want. Please call Bill at 919-971-3382. He says that he can accommodate cars overnight if you don't want to drive the old ones back home. Tal reminded us that the Oakland/ Pontiac Region will be coming to Burlington in April, 2018.

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## Minutes from the September and October 2017 meetings (con't.)

There will be a meet and greet on Friday evening at the Ramada Inn and they would like our club members to come by and then go to the Cutting Board for dinner with them. On Saturday they will be following our southern route from the Sentimental tour. This will take them to Saxapahaw General Store, Chapel Hill and Pittsboro. They will eat lunch in Pittsboro. On Sunday morning they will be going to Glencoe Mill Village. We can go along or ride along.

John Cox suggested that we rotate our seating at the meetings in for new people to be more comfortable. Bruce Anliker is selling coloring books for \$12.00 each and they come with stickers. Ed T. said that there were 4 people that needed keys to the clubhouse.

Larry Coble mentioned that it pays to talk to folks at Hersey. He started talking to a gentleman about his 1986 long-bed Ford Truck and about where he got a particular molding as we had not been able to find one and it isn't being reproduced. The gentle said he had some and he would be glad to send Larry one. He just needed a name and address. Larry offered to pay him and he wouldn't take any money. The part came a week after we got back from Hershey. Larry did send him a gift card for his generosity.

Herb Klutz made the motion to adjourn and Rick Holmes seconded. The Meeting was adjourned.

*Elizabeth Coble*

## Ramblings of a Snake Driver

### "Speaking the Unspeakable . . . Thinking the Unthinkable"

**S**tage 4 Pancreatic Cancer . . . four words that will bring the strongest to their knees and turn their blood ice cold . . . a quick and painful slap in the face of reality and a reminder of our mortality. Friday 13 September I was talking to a friend of mine in Charlotte as Catherine and I were headed down there for the weekend and I wanted to see how his car turned out after almost two years in restoration. As we chatted he told me he had a bad couple of weeks so I asked why. That's when he uttered those four words and my heart sank. I've known Woody for over twenty years and he and I are proud members of the "red light district," owners of early 67 Shelby's with the upper scoop brake lights found only on the first 180-200 cars . . . he is in fact the original owner of his car. I went to his house on Sunday and we talked some about the disease and his prognosis which is not good. However Woody is a combat vet from Vietnam, an infantry platoon leader, and he is not going out without a fight. We got the Shelby out and had a "spirited" drive and the conversation quickly turned away from the cancer to the cars and his 1928 Model A and the fact he may have spun an engine bearing driving back from Myrtle Beach and it needed to be fixed. When we parted on Sunday afternoon the spotlight was on the cars but the cancer was definitely on our minds.

Before I found out about Woody I had planned to write this article, an article on something we don't like to talk about, our own mortality. Like it or not we are all born with an expiration date for life on this earth and that is a fact we often chose to ignore. We feel good, are in great health and have a ball of energy so why think about what it may be like after we are gone . . . though I am 61 I don't feel much different than I did at 30, I'm sure many of you feel the same way. The easy answer is our family and friends and what we leave for them to clean up after we leave for that great garage in the sky. Specifically, what as car enthusiast are we asking our family to do with our cars and the associated stuff. I read an article on this recently so forgive me if you read it too and I'm repeating myself.

There are some essential questions that you and your

family need to discuss. First, does anyone even want the cars? I used to live in la-la land and think there would be a big fight between my kids for my cars and they would become family heirlooms. Fact is they do not and that is OK with me. Often family members want the cars for sure but only to sell and I absolutely do not fault them one bit. Many young people as just like that . . . they have no interest in old cars. They have no extra storage space for them and they want cars they don't have to tinker with to keep them running. Plus many young folks want things like A/C, power steering, power brakes, cruise control, great sound systems and above all dependability. If they are interested in the cars who is going to fix them when they break? If you are the resident expert on repairing your antique car who does your family go to when it breaks and if they have to pay to fix it will the cost of parts and repairs be out of their reach? Will the car(s) become a burden more than an asset?

Next, what about the stuff . . . you know all the cool stuff you have collected over the years: parts, posters, screws, nuts, bolts, tools, old magazines, shop manuals, every 1/18th scale diecast car known to man . . . you name it and you have it...right? For some don't forget those parts and/or project cars that are out back (you know those project cars you are going to restore one day). When you are gone what is going to happen with all this stuff and who is going to take care of the disposition of it? Does anybody but you even have a clue what this stuff really is...what part is what, does any of this stuff go with a particular car (the part you pulled off 20 years ago because it was broken but you wanted to keep it because it was original . . . you remember now . . . oh you sold the car 10 years ago . . . yea that part you forgot).

So, now this Pandora's Box has spilled all over the work bench, what do we do to handle this deal . . . is it panic time??? The answer is an easy one . . . no.

Communicate with your family and discuss what they want and what you want. Nobody is saying sell anything or everything but if you have one collector car or many

## Ramblings of a Snake Driver (con't.)

and you are not going to sell it as you get older you need to provide specific instructions on how to handle it (as in written instructions that someone knows exactly where they are located). Maybe you are lucky and your family members want the cars and associated stuff...your spouse and/or kids or whoever you designate to get your cars and/or automobilia want everything and are all trained in antique car repair and have plenty of room to store everything and share the same passion for the hobby as you do...that would be fantastic! But, what if you are like me and the family is not interested in keeping the cars and stuff? Well, there are a few solutions I would suggest. We all have knowledgeable friends and/or professionals we can trust to take care of the car(s) and associated stuff. Tell your family who they are and have their contact information readily available just in case. Keep the values of your cars up to date and tell your family what you believe the car(s) are worth and the resources they can use to help determine the values once you are gone (there are often sharks out there ready to pounce on the unsuspecting family member who does not know where to go to determine a car's true value). Dealing with stuff can be tough. Try to label parts or at least keep them together and if you have something rare make a note of it and what the value might be. Manuals or anything make/model specific can go with the cars. You might want to suggest that anything else left is put on Craig's List, EBay, or whatever. Don't forget to check with an attorney to see if there will be tax implications!

So here are some more thoughts. Right now is the time to be realistic on what you want to do and what you can really do. How many project cars can you really get finished and be honest with yourself. This is tough because you have to admit that sometime you are going to slow down whether you want to or not . . . it is called aging and we all age at a different rate but trust me, it happens (remember the saying "Getting old is not for sissies!") and you are also admitting something none of us want to do . . . you are mortal. If your family is not interested in the cars and you have more than one can you cut the collection back to make things more manageable for them? Of course

the next question is when you do that and that is another tough one I cannot answer, that is for you. If you feel great and are managing and enjoying your cars then that is outstanding! However if the cars are becoming a burden is it time to let them go? Do you enjoy the car like you used to . . . is the car just sitting . . . is the car's condition in decline . . . can you use the money more than the car? That is how I got my 66 fastback back . . . the car was pretty much sitting and the owner was an older gentleman and admitted he was not really driving and enjoying the car and he knew how much the car meant to me. Should you loosen the grip and admit something you never thought you would . . . the car needs to go . . . a very tough question. Finally get rid of the junk. Now I understand one person's trash is another person's treasure and I also (much to my wife's fury though she has sentimental stuff too) understand keeping sentimental stuff but really, are you really ever going to repair that broken whchamacallit that broke in 1986 and is still broken and the car it came off of you sold in 1988? Do you still have the 50/50 ticket that did not win from our car show this past May...I hate to tell you but you lost and there are no second, fourth or whatever chances to win. If you got rid of just your junk you might earn sainthood from your family members... think about it.

So, after you have read this, what now? Well what happens now depends on you and your brutally honest self-evaluation of what you need to do and when. Some factors to consider might be how old are you, what about your health, your family, family member stated interest (or not) in your car(s), car hobby, automobilia, etc. Only you can make that tough choice. Step out right now and look around your garage/workshop/storage building(s)/yard or whatever and think about if you disappeared from the earth today for whatever reason what would happen to all that you see. Then think of those left behind and what they would do with all that you see. You need to help them out and provide some direction now and revise as necessary later in life. Nobody ever said looking at your mortality would be easy whether you are young or young at heart!

*Henry Gaither*

### November Birthdays!

1 *Tal Johnson*

5 *Lynn Isley*

8 *Otto Watson*

9 *Andy Hunt*

23 *Andy Shoe*

### November Anniversaries!

12 *Bill and Linda Cox*

19 *Alan and Kathy Irwin*

25 *Wallace and Annie Compton*

28 *Bob and Jane King*

28 *Floyd and Elsie Smith*



### **The Last of the Cars & Coffee Dates for 2017!**

Kernersville: Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Greensboro: Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am



*Attached is a photo of the new 2018 Tesla "B" with the popular Skylark package. Ed Tulauskas unfortunately reports that he could not find where it plugs in at the Alamance Crossing Tesla charging station. (Photo courtesy of Pat Tulauskas)*



*Our esteemed President Tal Johnson drives his 1964 Corvette into the show in downtown Burlington . . . circa 2012! (Photo courtesy of Bill Cox)*

*Still More From The 2017 Hospice Car Show!*



*Indeed the weather for the Hospice Show was absolutely PERFECT! Unfortunately, due to an oversight on the part of your intrepid editor these photos by Henry Gaither were left out of last month's newsletter. So now he's making amends...*

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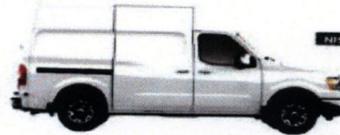
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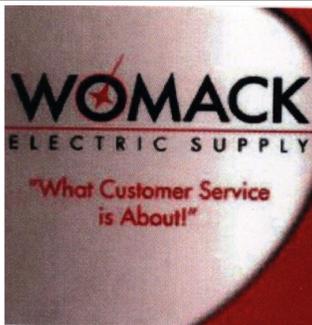
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