

## President's Message

**H**ey Folks, well here it is time for my words of wisdom (or whatever), hope everyone survived our varied weather and the germs or whatever was going around. I for one am ready for some warm spring weather!

I would like to thank K & W for hosting our Valentine meeting. Thanks to my Poker Playing wife & friends (Bridge Player) it was free. Also want to thank Henry for his Mayberry trivia program. I think we all enjoyed remembering a TV program that always taught a lesson and had a happy ending.

John Cox and Jeanne have worked with Emily Lott, Dave Wright and the City of Burlington about our 2018 Car Show. We have the paperwork filled out, the Insurance coverage and are on the City Council's docket March the 6th @ 7:00. Hopefully John will Dazzle & Amaze them as he did last year and we will receive final approval.

We are off to a slow start of folks selling sponsors with only 3 people who have sold any! I know I repeat myself but without sponsor support we cannot have Car Shows or pay our monthly bills. Each year we lose some of our sponsors for various reasons which means we need to find some new ones. Please continue to push the Website Advertisement as that has been a great addition. Several of you folks already work hard for sponsors. If the rest of you would get just one sponsor each that would push us over the top (Or you could be a sponsor?).

Remember this year we will reward 3 people for their sponsor sale (or sales) w/a ticket for each sale for a drawing at the June Meeting. 1st prize is \$100, 2nd is dues to our Club and the National and 3rd is dues to our Club. I hope this entices your gambling blood and increases our sales.

Enough begging for help, the sponsor forms will be available at the clubhouse and/or I can send the print file to your email.

The 2018 Car Show Flyer will be available online and at the clubhous I know I repeat myself (Old Age?) but we need to get the flyers out early this year, especially to any car events. It's been proven that advertising is a major factor in a successful Car Show. Please join in and help us this year. The car show requires a lot work to have any chance of being a success.

Please remember our members, Pat Burke, Judy Holmes, Byron Thomas and Judy Cox in your prayers.

Spring is in the air (I HOPE!), so it's time to start your old ride up, wash & shine her, then take her out for some exercise. I think Henry has some tours thought up that I'm sure that you folks will like since I heard the words Ice Cream!

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

*Tal Johnson*

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## Hosts

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| February: | Larry & Elizabeth Coble<br>and Otto Watson |
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## Next Month's Weak Spark Deadline

April Issue 3/31/18

## Next Club Meeting

March 10, 2018 at 6:30pm  
ACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

## Sunshine Committee!

### March Birthdays

|         |                |          |                   |
|---------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| March 1 | Marta McKenzie | March 12 | Pat Tulauskas     |
| March 6 | Jane King      | March 25 | Ed Tulauskas      |
| March 6 | John Cox       | March 30 | Henry Gaither Sr. |

### March Anniversaries

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| March 13 | Richard and Judy Holmes  |
| March 19 | Herb and Barbara Kluttz  |
| March 31 | Butch and Marta McKenzie |

## Minutes of the February Meeting

**T**he Alamance Region, AACA met on February 10, 2018 at the K & W Cafeteria. Tal Johnson called the meeting to order. He noted that Jeannie Johnson decorated the tables and she commented that the K & W let us have the room for free. Tal mentioned that Byron Thomas is in the hospital and his friend, Polly Hawkins has had a heart issue recently. He also said that Pat Burke will have a knee replacement on February 12. Alan Irwin arrived at the K & W but had to leave to go to the hospital with chest pains. It was also noted that Elizabeth Coble's mother had a heart attack and was still in the hospital in Greensboro.

Tal asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written in the newsletter. Rick Holmes made a motion to approve as written and this was seconded by Henry Gaither. The motion was approved.

Jeannie Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. She has sent a \$50.00 donation to Hospice in memory of Julian Griffin. She reminded everyone that we spent more that we took in for 2017. She currently has 3 registrations for the car show and 6 sponsors. Registration forms were available as well as sponsor forms and a membership listing and 2018 membership cards. Henry Gaither made a motion to accept the report and Pat Tulauskas seconded. The report was approved. Jeannie said that she was able to file taxes for the club this morning on the E Postcard. Otto Watson and Elizabeth and Larry Coble are hosting the March meeting at the clubhouse.

Tal commented that we had Flyers for our show at the NC Region Business Meeting in January and they are slated to be in the NC Region Newsletter. He said the process for the car show has started and that we are getting slated to go to the Burlington City Council; he will keep registration and sponsor forms at the clubhouse. He asked how we can put a push on for sponsors? It was suggested at the Board Meeting that we offer 3 prizes - \$100.00 for 1st, National and Local dues for 2nd and Local dues for 3rd place winner. For each sponsor the member would get one ticket for the drawing. Herb Klutz asked that Jeannie send out a list of last years sponsors and who called on them so we don't duplicate efforts. Jeannie will e-mail these. Elizabeth Coble commented that we try this for this year. Henry said it was worth a try.

Everyone needs to make sure Jeannie knows who we are calling on so she can keep everyone updated. She agreed to send out as we get and will highlight the new ones.

Richard Holmes made a motion to accept the incentive idea and Herb Klutz seconded. Pat T. questioned how much we were giving and other than the \$100.00 and National dues amounts, the local dues would be absorbed by the club so the investment isn't great. Herb Klutz motioned that we accept as presented for one year and Larry Coble seconded. This was approved.

Tal mentioned that the Homeplace still wants cars in the spring but there is no definite date. The Pontiac - Oakland club has given Tal details of their trip to Burlington. The NC Region agreed to give then \$250.00 to defray expenses but the Alamance Region doesn't plan to give money. On Friday April 20 they plan to have a meet and greet from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Best Western Hotel. Ralph P. said that there would be about 15 cars. They will be going to Saxapahaw and Pittsboro on Saturday at 8:30 am and will tour Glencoe Mill Village on Sunday at 8:30 am. Rick Holmes felt we should make the Meet and Greet on Friday and Tal said that we are welcome to tour with them if we wish. They are planning their Saturday night meal at Grill 584 and this seems to be where they felt they needed help to defray costs. Ed T. suggested that maybe they would want to look at other restaurant options. It was felt that they should make their own arrangements.

Henry Gaither made a motion that we not give any money and this was seconded by Becky Pickett and was approved. It was agreed that we should attend the Meet and Greet on Friday. Bob King suggested that we provide soft drinks and cookies at the Meet and Greet or sometime during their time here. Tal noted that the Dogwood Festival will be in Mebane on that Saturday. He stated that we can discuss more at our next meeting about Sunday.

Henry Gaither presented Andy Griffin Show Trivia as the program and winners got small boxes of candy in honor of Valentine's Day.

### Upcoming events:

Greensboro Auto Auction will be the first weekend in March.

There will also be a Bluegrass Festival on March 3 in Mayodan at the Fairgrounds that will include a Car Show. The East Tennessee State Bluegrass Band will present a concert and the cost is \$5.00 per person. There will be 5 or 6 additional bands. Registration for the Car Show is free.

Henry made a motion to adjourn and Herb Klutz seconded.

*Elizabeth Coble*

## February 2018 Treasurer's Report

**T**reasurer's Report: The 3 members who have been getting sponsors for our spring car show have helped our bank balance, but we need MORE! Please consider talking to those businesses you frequent to see if they will help sponsor our show. Let them know that we are a not-for-profit organization ( a 501c(3) corporation) and provide a scholarship for an auto tech student at ACC, support

Hospice of Alamance-Caswell and contribute to the AACA Library and Research Center. We have some people who have expressed interest in joining our club and it would be good to add to our membership. If you know someone who enjoys old cars, let them know about our club!

*Jeannie Johnson*

## The Murdered Car

Since I have been a member of our outstanding region I have heard the term “murdered car.” I asked our esteemed leader what that referred to and he told me it was coined by one of our members referring to His Most High and Mighty Tal the First’s little red Corvette. I asked Tal exactly what that meant and he said he wasn’t exactly sure but maybe the fender flares and other modifications Tal has made since he has had the car. So I began thinking exactly what makes a “murdered” car.

I guess that is a matter of opinion. To some it might be radical mods like fender flares, superchargers sticking out of the hood so high you need a periscope to see over it, huge rear tires with interior tubs to hold them, interiors that are so bright with blinding chrome you need a welder’s helmet or your eyes will be burned from the sockets, or painted flames flickering down the sides. To others the modifications might not have to be so radical, maybe a slight departure like a nice set of Torque-thrust wheels and bigger tires, or maybe going from a two-barrel carb to a four barrel is enough for some to cry foul!

But what if those modifications whatever they are were done back in the day...is the car still murdered? Does it make a difference on a '40 Ford Coupe that those Offenhauser heads were bolted on in 1956 or the '64 'Vette that went to the body shop for those flares in 1970 or a '66 Mustang that still rumbles with an Edelbrock intake from 1975? Do these cars have a place in AACA or do they need to be brought back to pure stock to even be considered for competition?

In my opinion they should be considered and AACA classes developed for them BEYOND DPC. Cars that were modified back in the day represent an era of automotive history when these cars were just, dare I say it, cars. Their owners had a vision that was representative of a time when Corvettes were flared because otherwise the tires were skinny and tiny and going down the drag strip on skinny tiny tires could be really interesting. Flatheads in stock form were what, 85 horsepower in a car that weighs in at almost 3000 pounds? Who would not change things to go fast...OK maybe faster (my Dad told me his '40 had a Mercury engine that regularly ate transmissions). Seeing a car with period modifications brings back those fabulous 50's, 60's 70's and maybe even 80's. A time when we looked at Hot Rod magazine and tried to figure out how to come up with the money to get those bigger wheels, tires, and Cherry Bombs so maybe if we could not buy that Paxton supercharger to go really fast we might sound and look like we could.

So, how would I handle these period modified vehicles?

First, I would create THREE new classes in AACA judging. These classes would be DPC-S (DPC-Stock), DPC-PM (DPC-PERIOD MODIFIED), and DPC-M (DPC-MODIFIED)... DPC as a single class would be dissolved. As an example of each class let's say you bought a 1967 Olds Cutlass two door with a six cylinder, you put on some radials and drove it for fun with no noticeable modifications, only those that made the car safe to drive regularly...you should be classified as DPC-S. As time marches on let's say you really like your '67 but the six banger is lame so you find yourself a period correct V-8 which you really like and some period correct US Mag wheels. Then decide you really, really like the '67 442 and decide to make yourself a 442 using parts that would have been available from various sources in 1967 because you can't afford a really nice '67 442 because it is \$60,000 and you really like driving your Olds plus paying bills and eating is important...you should be classified as

DPC-PM. So now we come to the class that purists are going to be gnashing their teeth and threatening me with death...DPC-M. So you really like your Olds but you decided you want to go on the Hot Rod Power Tour but it would be really nice to have a super reliable and comfortable car so you put in a modern fuel injected LS motor with an overdrive transmission, rack and pinion steering, modern size wheels and tires, but the car still looks like a '67 Olds Cutlass...you should be classified as DPC-M. Now I know there are many out there that are questioning what about this or that or whatever...those details would need to be worked out but I think it could be done.

The great thing about AACA and our hobby in general is the diversity of the cars and their owners. There are few things finer than a pure stock vehicle that looked like it just came off the showroom

floor and I know there are those in the hobby that will keep those vehicles just like that. That being said, the sound of an original '32 Ford hot rod with a flat head and multiple carbs, side pipes and exhaust cutouts pulled at just the right time just brings a smile to your face. I think that one day we as an organization are going to have to face the facts that there is a new generation out there that loves the old cars but wants modern drivability because they want more than a trailer queen you cannot drive on the interstate and we need to welcome them to the AACA family. This is also the generation that may want an old modified car to drive and then evolve into wanting another old car to keep stock because they have now associated with AACA members who have the stock cars and have grown to appreciate the stock cars and decide to carry on that legacy.

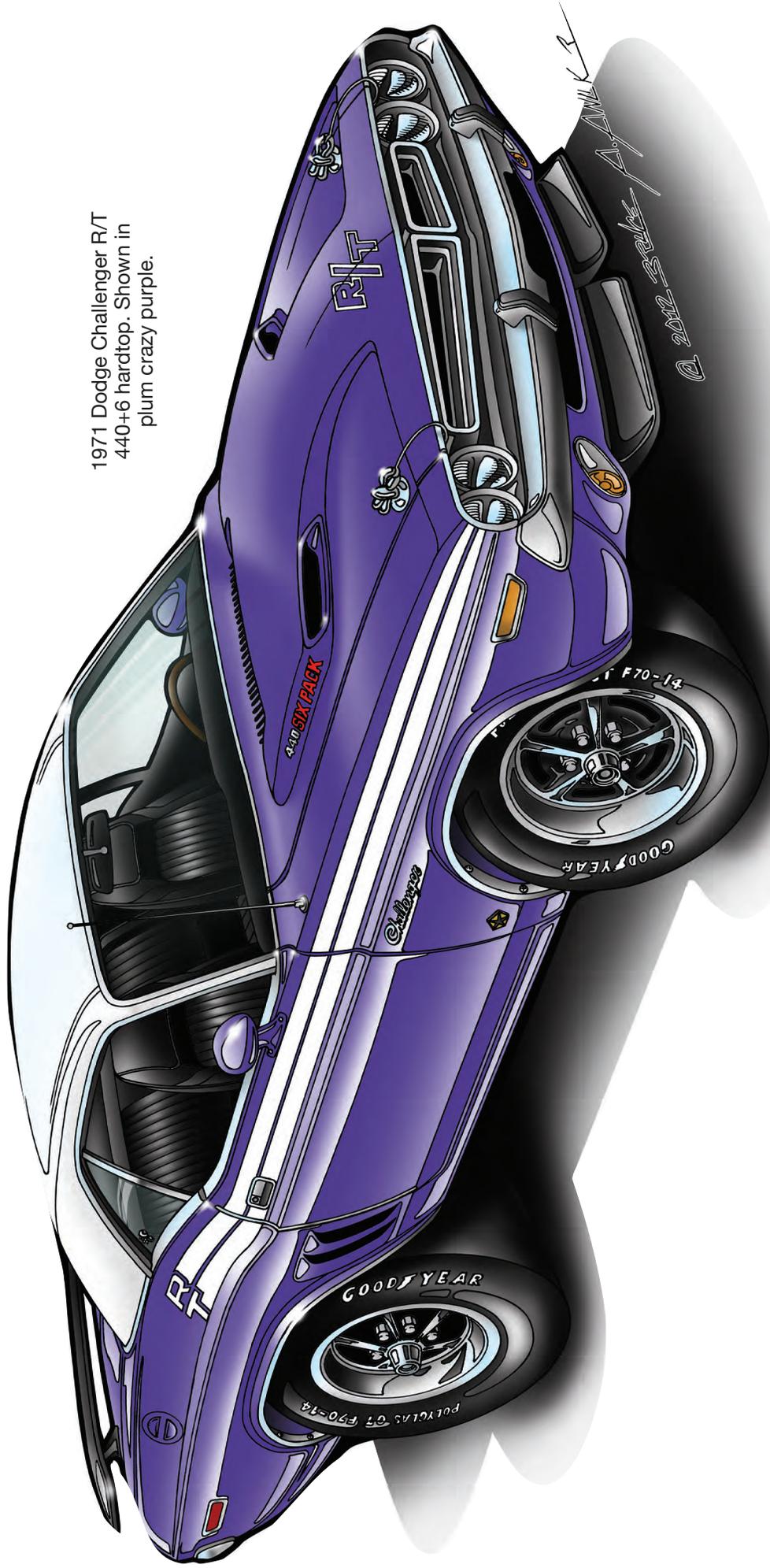
So what makes a murdered car? Did we ever answer the question? Sure we did but only you know what the answer is for you...



A “murdered” ‘34 Ford convertible shows how it was done back in the ‘50s. This one had wheel covers from another car, sealed beam headlights, a spotlight, the running boards removed, turn signals mounted atop the fenders, etc. This “murdered” ‘34 belonged to Bruce Anliker’s dad Dale who courted Bruce’s mom in the car. How could she possibly resist?

*Henry Gaither*

1971 Dodge Challenger R/T  
440+6 hardtop. Shown in  
plum crazy purple.



**We need articles for the Weak Spark! Here are some ideas:**

- The first or the newest car in your collection.
- Car shows, cruise-ins or any cars you see that stand out.
- Car related locations you have seen or that we might visit.
- The best or worst time you had with or in your car.
- Any old car stories you have, even second hand tales.
- We especially enjoy pictures of your past or new car projects. Please email or give your pictures and articles to Bruce at [bruceanliker@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceanliker@yahoo.com).

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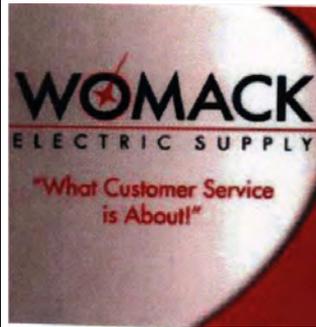
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