

President's Message

We are officially into Spring and that means that the pace is picking up. Cruise-ins and car shows are starting to pop up. Larry and I attended the 1st Cruise-in at the Holly Hill Mall this year on March 23. The Heat NC Car Club estimated around 200 cars in attendance. They felt that there was potentially 200 more cars that were in Myrtle Beach for a big show the same weekend. We handed out around 100 registration flyers for our show and also 5-6 of the Region information. We have placed Antique Automobile magazines with my contact information at Westcott Automotive, Dee's Hair Studio and the Shell Quik-Lube on Maple Avenue. Let's continue to get the word out about our club. Also, please be sure to get registration flyers from the club house if you are attending a car event. We all need to continue to work hard to find sponsors for our show. Tal Johnson sent out an e-mail reminder and he also mentioned that in addition to business sponsors, you can honor someone or make a memorial donation by being an individual sponsor.

Our on-line registration is up and running thanks to Rick Holmes. Please fill out your registration on-line at alamance.aaca.com or by completing a paper registration form. This is a money saver for you for early registration but in addition, it helps at Registration on the day of the show. We are able to get all paperwork ready in advance which saves a lot of time.

Many thanks to Ray Fowler for purchasing 6 new walkie-talkies and a large batch of batteries, for use on the day of our show.

Please remember to bring 12 packs of canned drinks and bottled water to our next 2 meetings. These will be sold at the show.

It will take all of us to have a successful show. Thanks for all you do and I will be sending out an e-mail with day of show assignments and will have copies at our next meeting.

Upcoming events:

- April 13** - Cars and Coffee - Elon Community Church sponsored by the Town of Elon - Free Coffee
- April 21** - Coble's Cruise-In - 2 pm until - Liberty, NC
- April 27** - Cars and Coffee - 8 am until 10 am - Holly Hill Mall
Cruise-In - 4 pm until 8 pm - Holly Hill Mall
- April 27** - Mebane Dogwood Festival and Car Show - Downtown Mebane
- April 29 to May 1** - Southeastern Divisional Tour - Wilmington, NC
- May 4** - Chicken Festival - Siler City, NC
- May 4** - Triangle Chapter Show, Capital Crossing Shopping Center, Raleigh, NC 8 am until 3 pm (in front of Tractor Supply)
- May 11** - Timeless Cruisers Show - Cedar Grove, NC
- May 18** - **OUR SHOW!**

Elizabeth Coble

March 2019 Treasurer's Report

As of April 1 we have 32 sponsors for our upcoming spring car show. We need FIFTY-TWO more to match our total for last year's show! Please consider talking to businesses where you shop or being a sponsor in memory or in honor of someone special. Our club depends on sponsors in order to have a great show and keep our club operating. Also, we use these funds to provide a scholarship to a deserving auto-tech student at Alamance Community College and help support the AACA Library. If you need sponsor forms, please contact me!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

May Issue 4/27/19

Next Club Meeting

April 13, 2019 at 6:30pm
Alamance Region AACA Clubhouse
Burlington, NC

Hosts

Herb and Barbara Klutzz
and John Cox

We Need Hosts

Please sign up to help!

Minutes of the March 9, 2019 Meeting

The Alamance Region Car Club monthly meeting was March 9th 2019 at the clubhouse. Twenty members and Jim Shaw attended. Jim and wife Margot are joining National AACA and will soon be members of our Alamance Region. President Elizabeth Coble recognized Richard Holmes and other Car Club members for repairing the Whitesell Drive potholes for the second time in about three years. Copies of Flyers, Registration and Sponsor Forms for the May 18th car show were available for members. Forms are also available on the club website. Pre-registration for the car show is encouraged by the difference of \$15 preregistration fee vs. \$25 fee the day of the show.

Bruce is creating a registration form for modified vehicles this year that will feature a picture of Herb Klutz' modified Model-A truck on the form. A new plaque is being awarded annually for the member who sells the most sponsors for the May car show and will be displayed on a special board in the clubhouse.

Elizabeth discussed the recent announcement of the planned merger of the Alamance/Caswell and Guilford County Hospice organizations. It's not known if the merger will have any effect on the fall car show we have sponsored many years to benefit the Alamance/Caswell Hospice.

A 'Cars and Coffee' will be at Holly Hill Mall Saturday March 23rd 8-10 AM. Later that day a 'Cruise-In' will be at the same Holly Hill Mall location from 4-8 PM. The Town of Elon is hosting a Cars and Coffee at Elon Community Church on April 13 and will have free coffee (no time given).

George Nall has contacted a few club members to display their cars Saturday March 30th at the restored Glenco Mills complex. Siler City is having a 'Chicken Festival' May 4th to include antique vehicles. Contact Elizabeth for information if you would like to participate.

We would like to schedule a tour soon to the 'Field of Honor' located near Kernersville. Elizabeth encouraged our club's participation in the '2019 Southeastern Divisional Tour' April 29 to May 1 in Wilmington, sponsored by the Cape Fear Chapter.

Many copies of Antique Automobile, Hemmings, and other similar magazines were brought to the meeting and labels affixed giving information on our club, monthly meeting schedules and Elizabeth's cell phone number. These will be left in various medical, dentist, barber and beauty shop waiting rooms in the area.

Bill Cox showed scenes and pictures of cars at a number of car shows he has attended.

Ray Fowler



James Byron Thomas, Sr. July 1, 1936 – April 1, 2019



*“A moment is not complete
until you realise it is fleeting...”*
Stuti Dhyani



James Byron Thomas, Sr., 82, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Hospice Home surrounded by his family. He was born in Randolph County to the late William Lorenzo Thomas and Zelma Loy Thomas, and was married to the late Faye Jean Lowe Thomas who died in 1980 and the late Sandra Kay Durham Thomas who died in 2015.

James was a retired painter; he was the co-owner and operator of Thomas Paint and Paper. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he served in many capacities and member of the Alamance Region Car Club. James enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, traveling and going to car shows.

James is survived by his sons, James Byron Thomas, Jr. and Jeffrey Dwayne Thomas and wife, Sheila; grandchildren,

Chad Isaac, Faith Thomas and Vann Thomas; a brother, John Thomas; a sister, Jeanette Thomas, and his special friend and caregiver, Polly Hawkins. He was preceded in death by his two wives, parents, and a brother, Willard Thomas.

The funeral service was held at 2:00PM Thursday, April 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. Nathan Hook with the burial to follow in Pine Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 12:00PM to 1:45PM at the church prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2719 Bellemont-Alamance Road, Burlington, NC 27215.

— Obituary by Lowe Funeral Home

The Glencoe Mill Textile Heritage Museum Anniversary Celebration

Our Alamance Region AACA Club was invited to display at the anniversary of the Glencoe Mill Textile Heritage Museum on Saturday March 30th. There were five vehicles from the club present; Melody Brevda's 1926 Cadillac, Ray Fowler's 1938 Buick, Larry and Elizabeth Coble's 1956 Ford F100, Herb and Barbara Klutts' 1956 Ford Thunderbird and my 1966 Corvette.

What promised to be a beautiful Spring Saturday started off with sprinkles around Burlington. So much for all that car clean up Friday afternoon! The weather did not stop us though, and eventually provided its beauty by mid morning. It turned out to be a perfect day as the sun never got too hot and the temperatures were perfect all afternoon. We parked our cars in front of the museum and greeted guests of the museum who were there to soak in the history of the Mill Village. The cars were a bonus to everyone who stopped by as many shared their stories of cars they had owned in their past.

The Glencoe Mill was built in the late 1800's and operated as a mill up to the 1950's. It produced plaid flannel cloth at the time when there were many mills throughout central North Carolina, some of which were owned by the Holt family, original developers of the Glencoe Mill. The area was named an historic district for Alamance County in 1999 and is currently a National Historic District. The current district

has been a cooperative effort between Preservation North Carolina, Alamance County and the city of Burlington. The mill village was purchased by PNC through a generous gift from Ms Sarah Rhyne a local citizen.

On Saturday, the museum provided an open house of the premises and several demonstrations of the work done at the mill over many years. The museum building houses the original administrative offices and company shop from the time it was a working operation. We enjoyed a lunch in the event hall from the Chopping Block Restaurant and then an anniversary cake was provided at 2 in the afternoon. We displayed until late in the afternoon and then took a nice ride home... I was fortunate enough to have a nice ride back to Hillsborough with the top down!

Many of us discussed the idea of a club outing to the mill sometime in the near future. It's an easy ride out highway 62 north of Burlington, just across the mighty Haw River. I look forward to a return to the mill!

Happy Motoring!

Bill Cox



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