

President's Message

Our annual car show is in the books and I am thankful for our club and the great weather that day. We will start working on the September 28 Hospice Car Show. This will again be held at the Dillard's parking lot at Alamance Crossing (near the movie theater). We will be arranging a meeting with The Heat NC Car Club as they have expressed an interest in helping with our show.

As I mentioned last month, I want as many cars and members as can go on August 3 to the Zooland Region Car Show in Asheboro. Zooland and Alamance were, for many years, chapters in the North Carolina Region, AACA until we both decided to become our own regions. They registered 10 cars for our show and had 9 vehicles on the day of the show. We will plan to tour to their show. Everyone should meet at the Bellemont Food Store which is on Hwy. 49 going South out of Burlington at 8:30 am. We will drive at a leisurely pace to the show in Asheboro. On the way back we will plan to stop at Homeland Creamery in Julian and enjoy some ice cream. They are located off Hwy. 62.

The following weekend, August 10, offers the General Greene Show at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market off Sandy Ridge Road in Greensboro. The General Greene group just hosted the North Carolina Region Spring Meet on June 15 at the Petty Museum and Garage. This show had around 93 cars and the weather was really nice. A highlight for me was the fact that Richard Petty signed all the trophies prior to the show. We showed our 1969 Mustang and won a 1st place and repeat Red Bird. Ray Fowler showed his 1955 Chevrolet and he won a 1st place and his first Red Bird. Bill Cox was there taking pictures. Great show, great location and great people. Saw lots of friends.

We also have another opportunity to show some of our cars. On Sunday afternoon, July 14, at 2:00 pm, we are invited to display vehicles at the Homeplace Assisted Living/Nursing Facility. They are located on Alamance Road in Burlington. This will allow their residents to come out and see the cars and talk with us.

Please note all of these chances to show your cars and enjoy fellowship with other car folks.

Upcoming events:

July 14 - The Homeplace, Burlington, NC - 2 pm - Display Cars

July 21 - Coble's Cruise In - 2 pm until - Liberty

July 27 - Cars and Coffee - 8 am - 10 am Holly Hill Mall

Cruise In - 4 pm to 8 pm - Holly Hill Mall

August 3 - Four and Show - Asheboro - Zooland Region - 8:30 am

August 10 - General Greene Show - Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market, Sandy Ridge Road, Greensboro

Elizabeth Coble

June 2019 Treasurer's Report

Things have been quiet in the treasurer's corner this month. We have 3 winners in our drawing for prizes for members who brought in sponsors for our spring car show. The \$100 first prize winner was Ande Shoe. The \$50 second prize went to Beckie and Lynn Pickett and the \$25 third prize went to Sam Burke. Sam and Pat Burke graciously donated their winnings back to the club.



Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

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

Hosts

Wallace and Annie Compton,
Dave and Pat Rich

We Need Hosts

Please sign up to help!

Minutes of the June 8, 2019 Meeting

The Alamance Region car club held its regular monthly meeting June 8th at the clubhouse. Twenty-five members and four guests attended: Mike and Debbie Blaylock, Ben and Betty Boney. Hosts and Hostesses for the meeting were Richard, Judy Holmes and Rick Holmes. President Elizabeth discussed the results of the May 18th car show. The weather was ideal and it was one of our most successful spring shows with 134 vehicles registered and 119 attended the day of the show. Twenty-nine of the 119 were modified cars and trucks, and only eight available parking spaces remained where cars could be displayed. "Beer Works" is a new bar/restaurant in the center of the area where the cars were displayed. The restaurant put pictures of many of the cars on their Facebook website during the show, which served as good advertising while the show was in progress.

There was a contest for car club members who sold sponsors for the car show, with three winners to be determined by a drawing; the more sponsors a member sold, the more tickets in the pot to be picked from. The three winners were Ande Shoe \$100; Lynn Pickett \$50; and Sam Burke the \$25 winner.

Our club has been contacted by a representative of the Home Place of Burlington Senior Living community about

having a car display for their residents, date and details to be worked out. Later this summer or fall we will invite young members and friends to Richard and Judy Holmes' farm to learn about his antique Fords and maybe drive one.

It was announced Dave Rich had cataract surgery during the week and is recovering at home.

The clubhouse and possibly outbuildings are beginning to need new roofs. Estimated roofing costs for various options will be obtained from local roofing contractors before deciding how to proceed.

A large group of Asheboro and Greensboro General Greene car club members brought cars to our show. We hope to support them on August 3 and August 10 by organizing caravans of our members to attend their shows. Details will be worked out to meet at designated locations and drive together to their shows.

Rick Holmes showed a video of 'Dragging Main and Drag Racing at the Fairchild Airstrip', activities which took place in Burlington from about 1953 to 1956. The video included interviews with many participants and spectators from that era. The tidy shop of our own Herb Kluttz with its collection of colorful barber chairs served as backdrop for the interviews.

Ray Fowler

Spring at the Petty Garage and Museum

The NC Region Spring Meet was held at the Petty Garage and Museum on Saturday June 15th. It turned out to be a fabulous day as part of Father's Day weekend with beautiful weather and a trip to central North Carolina. You can't beat the rolling hills and farmland of the area and the Petty Enterprises Headquarters is plopped right down in the middle of it. Somewhere around 85 cars were parked in the freshly mowed field out in front of the old Petty home, beside the museum building and the garages. What a great venue for showing your car.

The show was orderly and efficient with only a few altercations between friends! 21 Red Birds were awarded to some very deserving vehicles and the Ray Croke and Herb Payne winners were chosen to be recognized at this year's annual NC Region business meeting in January, 2020. The Ray Croke award went to Jimmy Evans for a spectacular 1966 Pontiac GTO, and Bob McAdam's 1925 Ford Model T was chosen for the Herb Payne award.

The Petty Museum proved to be a wonderful venue again this spring. The folks with the Petty organization are so nice to us and genuinely appreciate the AACA show being there. Richard Petty signed each one of the trophies given at the Meet... that's a lot of autographs! It will be a treasured award for all those who received one.

Included in these fabulous group of winners, were some spectacular vehicles including Ray Fowler's one owner 1955 Chevrolet Belair, Jim and Becky Aldrich's stunning 1923 Stutz Touring Car, a 1953 Elsheman Micro Car and several gleaming Corvette's including John Watson's spotless 1964 Silver Convertible. Alamance President Elizabeth Coble and her husband Larry brought along their 1969 Mustang, and I left the Corvette in the barn... decided I wanted to just look and take pictures! If you missed the show, I have just a few pictures to share... I was busy talking!

Happy Motoring!

Bill Cox



The Greatest Rolling Car Show...EVER! The 25th Annual Hot Rod Power Tour

The Hot Rod Power Tour...what the heck has he done now and what is this Power Tour? These are most excellent questions so here we go. The Hot Rod Power Tour is an annual event where participants drive their cars from venue to venue. The cars go from stock to EXTREMELY not stock; street rods, hot rods, restomods, cars worth six figures and other cars you can't figure out how they got out of their driveways! This year the tour began at ZMAX Dragway in Concord (8 June). From there it went to Martinsville Speedway (9 June), Bristol Motor Speedway (10 June), Kentucky Speedway Sparta KY (11 June), Lucas Oil Raceway Park Indianapolis IN (12 June), Fort Wayne IN (13 June), and finally Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk OH (14 June) (at all but two venues cars were on tracks, especially drag strips). Last year one of my best friend's did the whole deal and I was planning to do some of the tour but work once again reared its ugly head so I decided, especially since the tour came right through Burlington, to join the tour at Hursey's BBQ on Sunday the 9th. I prepped the Shelby a few days prior but the weather forecast was looking not so wonderful. I decided to wait until Sunday morning to decide the Shelby or the Tundra.

Saturday morning dawned with some drizzle but it gradually stopped. I decided to go ahead with the old car since I'm not sure if I ever would have the Power Tour so close or have the Shelby to make the run. I got the car fired up and off we went... to the gas station. Passing Hursey's I saw the cars already turning from Highway 62 to Church Street. I got my gas and joined the tour. All along the way there were people on the sides of the road clapping their hands, waving at us, giving us the thumbs up! This happened throughout Burlington and all along the way to Martinsville...

just random folks looking at the cars. In Roxboro there was big crowd especially when we turned on US 158 toward Leasburg holding up a sign "Welcome Hot Rod Power Tour." The drive was through some beautiful backcountry roads I had never seen and there were folks along these roads too... it was FANTASTIC!

As I turned in the Speedway there were cars everywhere (my registration number was 6034)! The large grass parking area at the front of the place was packed; there was a dyno available in another area if you wanted to see what you really had at the rear wheels too. Inside the track the infield was jammed with sponsors, vendors, and cars! There was a band playing on a huge stage and there were cars parked on the track. As I walked around the different areas it was the cars, and cars, and more cars that were there... it was one of those things you really had to be there to experience plus no one, NO ONE had their car on a trailer... very, very bad form! Very few cars had their hoods open; the tour is about the drive though there were plenty of cars that I wish did have their hoods open. I stayed on the grounds for quite a while... like three hours and cars were still coming in the speedway when I left. Again the beauty of the tour is you can do what you want, drive the published route or not, stay all day or not; just hang out with folks who like to drive their cars. I meet some folks at the track I did not know until that moment and we just chatted about the cars we saw.

So, another event is now on my bucket list... driving the entire tour... Also known as a "Long Hauler" in Power Tour speak. What will I drive? Don't know don't care. The Hot Rod Power Tour is all about the drive and the people along the drive... yeah, you had to be there to understand.

Henry Gaither





This Mustang was driven from British Columbia.



Yes this runs and drives.



The trailer attached to the vehicle above.



A Ford GT... no cheapie for sure.



Notice the "Plan B" on the vehicle behind the GT 350.



The cars kept coming...



This Mustang was driven from Ontario Canada.



And kept coming...



The author's Mustang now sports a badge of honor.

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