

## President's Message

I am hopeful that each of you are healthy and safe during this challenging time. Everything has been put on hold and that includes our April Meeting. There will be no April meeting of our club. Also, the Board of Directors has decided to postpone our May car show and reschedule it for August 22. We will still be in Downtown Burlington. We will send out notifications to the sponsors and those that have preregistered to let them know our new date. Pretty much all other car related activities have been cancelled or postponed. Charlotte Auto Fair has been rescheduled for June 12-14. The National AACA Car Show that is held during Auto Fair will be held on June 13. Rick Holmes has posted on our Facebook page about the Gilmore Museum's virtual car show that will take place on April 11. You are able to upload pictures of your car or cars to compete in the show.

Let's all follow the CDC guidelines and those mandated by our local, state and federal governments. We have all lived through difficult and challenging times in the past and we will get through this. Stay Home, Stay safe!

*Elizabeth Coble*

## March 2020 Treasurer's Report

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this time! I will contact members who have obtained sponsors for our car show regarding the best way to notify those businesses about the change in our show schedule once it has been decided. Please let me know if you have sponsor money that I have not received. Our club is financially healthy and we will weather this crisis!

*Jeannie Johnson*



In keeping with Henry Gaither Jr.'s theme of "What have YOU been doing?" during the quarantine, here's one your editor completed while stuck at home: an illustration of a 1974 Camaro Z/28. Yep, it's not even a Mopar!

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## Next Weak Spark Deadline

May Issue 4/26/20

## Next Club Meeting

To Be Determined  
AACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

## Hosts

To Be Announced

## Please Volunteer to Host a Meeting!

Stay tuned!

## Minutes of the March 2020 Meeting

The Alamance Region met March 14, 2020 at the clubhouse for its regular monthly meeting. Twenty-seven members and no guests attended. The meeting date occurred early in the global Coronavirus period when many gatherings were being discouraged and likely affected attendance. The meeting was conducted by President Elizabeth Coble.

Elizabeth and Larry recently returned from the AACA Winter Meeting at Philadelphia where the first "Pinewood Derby" for small model car racers was held. Our Alamance member Rick Holmes' uniquely designed and constructed red miniature racer won every heat it raced in against approximately 30 competitors and won the race. Rick was awarded lifetime AACA membership for his winning racer. The Pinewood Derby was very popular and is expected to become a favorite event in annual winter meetings.

Some of our newer Alamance club members haven't had their cars photographed to display on the clubhouse walls. A date will be scheduled this spring for Bill Cox to make pictures of those members with their cars.

The club voted to order new red monogrammed T-shirts with our club logo, hopefully to be available for the May 16th car show. Samples are being ordered. A list was circulated for each person to choose their size, and will pay the approximately \$15 cost of the shirt.

We have 1500 flyers printed to be distributed for the May 16th car show. Trophies for the show usually come from China, and may not be available due to the effect of the Coronavirus on Chinese products.

Sponsors for the show must be identified by mid-April in order to receive advertising credit in the various media publicizing the show. Floyd Smith recommended that sponsors be told the car show could be rescheduled but would not be canceled.

Faye Boswell with the local Hospice organization contacted Floyd regarding a Hospice fundraiser event that will be held at Bob Keen's Alamance County Ranch May 2.

There was a lengthy discussion on how to arrange and park the wide assortment of cars at the car show. It was decided this year to park cars at random, without regard to any grouping as in past shows.

Henry Gaither is planning an ice cream outing/drive for the club on Saturday May 2nd.

Club treasurer Jeannie briefly discussed our finances, and that we are \$764 behind budget so far this year.

It was announced the March 28th scheduled visit to the Alamance Community College Automotive Technology Department has been postponed due to the effect of the Coronavirus on the facility's schedules.

A new date to clean and repair the clubhouse and outbuildings will be Saturday May 23rd, one week after the car show.

Lynn Pickett announced that a club he belongs to is having a \$5 per bale pine needle sale March 21 and 28.

*Ray Fowler*

## Mobile Calliope



While walking the show field at Hershey in October 2019, one vehicle caught my eye not only due to its rarity, but also due to the unique auto accessory. The car was a 1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost owned by Robert Barrett of Angola, New York. Cream yellow, bright brasswork, and beautifully restored, it was definitely hard to miss. But what really caught my attention was the strange looking contraption attached to the driver's side of the car. There was what appeared to be part of a pipe organ mounted to the running board and connected to the exhaust pipe, and a small set of keys or paddles mounted just behind the driver's door. Strings connected the keys to the pipe assembly. The owner was nearby, explaining the device to a small group of onlookers. It was a Gabriel 10-note Exhaust Organ, made by the Gabriel Horn Manufacturing Co. that was based in Cleveland, Ohio. The keys were connected

by the strings to valves on the organ pipes. When a key was pressed, the valve would open, and exhaust gas would sound the pipe.

Mr Barrett said that he has had the exhaust horn since the mid 1970's, and he has parts of another one that is not functional. After repairing this horn, he attached it to the exhaust side of his Electrolux vacuum cleaner to learn to play it. A search on Youtube will yield a video of him playing the exhaust organ at a car show. It is quite a nice sound, and much more pleasing than the exhaust whistles I have seen. So I wonder if operating this system while driving would be considered "distracted driving"?

Courtesy of:

*Rick Holmes*

## What Have YOU Been Doing While Sheltering In Place At Home?



**H**ow have you been spending your time now that you're cooped up at home? Been accomplishing any long over-due Honey-Dos? Been turning wrenches on your restoration project? Send photos of what YOU have been working on while you've been stuck at home to the Weak Spark editor at: [bruceanliker@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceanliker@yahoo.com) and we'll publish all of them in an upcoming issue. No photos of you snoozing in your recliner allowed! Thanks go to Henry Gaither, Jr. for the idea!



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Owner: Billy Mebane



**RESCHEDULED!**

**New Date: Saturday August 22, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Region \_\_\_\_\_ AACA # \_\_\_\_\_ Will You Help Judge? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Entry	Year	Make	Model	Class
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____

I agree to abide by all rules of the show and understand that I am responsible for my vehicle(s) and the actions of persons accompanying me to this activity. I agree to release from liability all tenants and/or businesses located on/and/or within the property known as The City of Burlington, Alamance Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), and any employee, members and/or volunteers and any other person or persons connected with the aforementioned organizations from any loss, damage, and/or injuries incurred as a result of participation in this activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration by August 14, 2020: \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Show Registration: \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Flea Market Spaces: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Car Corral Spaces (cars for sale): \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: 8:00 to 11am, Awards at 3pm, *Rain or shine.*

We encourage pre-registration. Participants can mail check with registration form or pre-register on the club website: [www.alamance.aaca.com](http://www.alamance.aaca.com)  
Pre-registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020.

Make checks payable to: Alamance Region, Inc., AACA  
Mail to: Elizabeth Coble, President  
PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302  
Phone: 336-263-4268

**\*All vehicles must be 25 years old (1995 or older) to be judged. Antique Vehicles will be judged per AACA criteria using AACA classifications. Antique Vehicles will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophy in each class if they meet the AACA point requirements. Modified Vehicles will be judged on workmanship, quality, and condition. The Top 25 Non-AACA Vehicles will be awarded a trophy.**

**\*\*ALL Vehicles MUST have Fire Extinguishers!\*\***

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