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President's Message

As most of you are aware, the Fall National Meet scheduled for Hershey in October has been cancelled. A Special National Meet is now scheduled for November 6-7 in Gettysburg, PA, at the same location where the Grand Nationals were held earlier.

It is time to get back to meeting again. No, things won't be like they were before but we do need to continue working for our club. Let's plan to meet at the Clubhouse on October 10 at 3:00 pm. Bring your yard chair, something to drink and a snack if you wish. This will be a business meeting only and we will meet in the parking lot. Drive your old cars as we won't be late and everyone will have plenty of time to get home early.

Our trip to Mebane Ridge Assisted Living Facility is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 pm. We will meet at Alexander Wilson Elementary School at the corner of Hwy. 54 South and Hwy 119 at 1:40 pm. This will be easier to get back onto Hwy 119 than from the Hawfields Church area. You can make signs, drive your old cars, add some streamers, to brighten the resident's day. We will then tour back to the Clubhouse for a business meeting. If anyone doesn't want to do the Drive-Thru at Mebane Ridge, just plan to meet at the Clubhouse at 3:00 pm. In case of rain we will reschedule. We will again plan to meet outside.

November is our Annual Business meeting. This means it is Election time for Officers and the Board of Directors. The Nominations Committee consists of past Presidents - John Cox, Tal Johnson and Rick Holmes. If one of these guys calls and asks if you will serve, please answer YES! The Election may be done through e-mail, regular mail or an in-person ballot. All offices and Board positions are open to all of our membership except for the President and Vice-President position that require the nominee has served on the Board of Directors previously. Newer members, this is a chance to get more involved. Contact any of the Committee to express your interest in serving.

There is a great opportunity to learn what other clubs are doing in their communities and for new ideas and information. The "Speedster" is a monthly e-newsletter that is sent directly to your e-mail. There is no hard copy. It includes the latest information on what is going on within the National Club, club activities where they are showing and sharing their cars. You can reach this by going to the main AACA.org site. Look under publications and click on Speedster. You can then sign up to receive this publication.

I realize that some of you are still not comfortable with in-person meetings. That is fine and we don't necessarily meet every month. It has just been such a long time since we have been able to be together. I can only hope and pray that 2021 will bring us back to some sort of normal. There are National Meets and Tours that Larry and I want to participate in - Charlotte; Greenville, SC; Maryland Eastern Shore Tour. I miss getting to travel and see new things and meet new people. As well as seeing all of you.

Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Elizabeth Coble

September 2020 Treasurer's Report

It is time to prepare the club budget for 2021 to be approved by the Board and presented to the club membership in November for a vote. Hopefully the pandemic will not impact our country in 2021 as it has in 2020 and we will again be able to have car shows and enjoy being out with family and friends. I plan to prepare an optimistic but realistic budget for consideration!

Jeannie Johnson

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

To Be Determined
AACA Clubhouse, Burlington, NC

Hosts

To Be Announced

Please Volunteer to Host a Meeting!

Stay tuned!

Getaway A's

Richard Holmes' 1929 Model A Roadster received a vigorous shakedown in September. After working on it off and on for the last year, it was used as the "getaway vehicle" in the wedding of two of his granddaughters! Rebecca was married on September 12 in Tennessee, and Amaris was married September 27 in Graham. This continues a long Holmes

tradition of leaving their weddings in one of "Henry's Ladies". Karen, Rick, Kristy, and Gary all left in a Model A, while Chris used a 1967 Mustang convertible.

Rick Holmes



The Getaway Roadster awaits being pressed into service once again.



While gassing up the Getaway Roadster before Rebecca's wedding, Richard received a warning from a Rhea County Deputy to watch his speed in town!



Richard drives Rebecca and Brandon Heath away from their wedding.



Gary Holmes drives Amaris and Jason Tseng from their wedding.



Judy and Richard Holmes.

Getaway A's continued



Gary's wedding day.



Rick chose the coupe.



Karen climbs into the rumble seat inspite of her wedding dress, left.



Kristy during her wedding day rumble seat ride.

See the next page for more wedding and antique car photos!

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We all want to see our antique cars being used for something good. We share the history and nostalgia with all who want to enjoy what an old car brings to us. We enjoy the memories of times past with friends or relatives or with people who owned one like ours years ago. With the social restrictions we are all experiencing today, we have not been able to do much of that and I'm pretty sure you are like me and miss the fun we have connecting with others through our cars.

Well, this past weekend, I was able to have a lot of fun with the 65 GTO. Our daughter Allyson was married at the NC Arboretum in Wilmington, N.C. What a beautiful venue for a wedding. She had postponed her wedding from the original date to August thinking all would be clear, but it was marginal. She was able to hold an outdoor wedding with proper precautions and a small reception after. No matter the circumstance, with all that she has gone through with so many changes and so many people telling her what she could not do, this was going to happen one way or another.

You may remember I have this Pontiac GTO I have been working on forever! Really... forever; and it needed to get done so I can move on. So... since the happy couple needed a get-away car after the ceremony, I set out to make the GTO roadworthy for just that purpose. I had overheating problems, battery problems, the front tires rubbed the fenderwells and there was no console to

finish up the interior. I worked pretty hard for a couple of weeks and called in some pretty big favors to get everything done, but I got it in good enough shape to take it to Wilmington and see them off in it. I trailered it down Friday morning and had it at the Arboretum by 3:00 on Saturday.

I parked the car out front, took the top down and got it all set. When Ally and Brian came out from the gardens, they were quite surprised and excited. Plenty of photos were taken and they were off. Ally told me later that it was an incredible ride to downtown Wilmington and people were honking their horns, waving and shouting congratulations. Plenty of folks were hanging out of their cars taking videos and everyone was having a ball.

This was the most fun I've had with one of my collector cars in a long time, and I wasn't even in the car. There is nothing like bringing joy to your kids, and this was a bright spot for an otherwise difficult event to orchestrate in such a difficult time. I hope you enjoy your cars some way over the fall of the year as the weather turns a little cooler... there might not be any shows, but maybe you can get out and cruise the town and grab a burger or visit a friend. We can all remember a time when we were young and energetic and just got in the car to ride for no other reason than to be out of the house. I'm sure you remember those times.... I know I do!

Bill Cox



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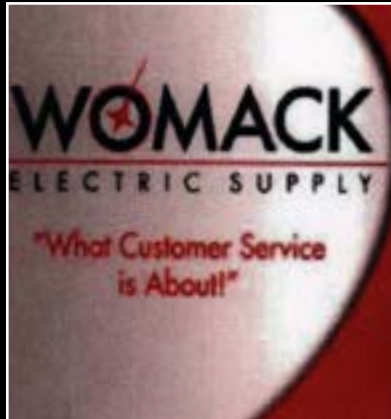
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