

President's Message

Our February Meeting will be held at Harbor Inn Seafood in Burlington, at 4:00 for an early supper. Henry Gaither will be presiding while I am away at the AACA National Annual Convention. He will be having a special activity for this meeting, and possibly some prizes!

We have several members that have dealt with sickness and injury over the past month, and would appreciate our prayers and support. Pat Burke has been in the hospital dealing with pneumonia, Ande and Mary Shoe have been sick with Covid, with Ande spending quite a while in the hospital. Mike Blalock injured his hand while working on his truck restoration. Jim Shaw and Wallace Compton continue to recover from injuries at home. And our thoughts are with Pat Rich and family after the passing of our good friend Dave Rich.

The NC Region Annual Conference was held in Raleigh on Jan. 15, and several of our Alamance members attended. Elizabeth and Larry Coble, and Richard, Judy, and Rick Holmes enjoyed catching up with friends, earning continuing education credits for National Judging, and enjoyed two seminars. One of the seminars covered the narrow-gauge railroads used by the Champion Fiber company for logging western North Carolina to make paper products. The second seminar was given by NC Region members Mike Peterson and Annie Goldman, detailing the Civil War experiences of Henry Estes, a Union Soldier, and Mike's great great grandfather! Both presentations were extremely interesting, and very entertaining. Jack Harris brought the quilt that was made by NC Region members and raffled off as a fund raiser in 1992. Our own Judy Holmes and Helen Thomas were part of the committee that made the quilt. The quilt was donated back, and will be placed on permanent display at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer.

We also had a couple of our Alamance Region members receive awards at the NC Region Conference. Bill Cox was awarded the Dave Hinkle award for 2020 due to his MVP performance and service as NC Region president. Max and Scott Wicker received the Les Joyner Memorial award for most outstanding Mustang restoration. Great job folks!

Our plans for the 50th Alamance Region car show are moving forward, with a locked in date of May 21, 2022. We have the Historic Depot reserved and hope to receive street closure approval from the Burlington City Council on February 1. The flyer has been updated by Bruce Anliker (looks great Bruce!), and copies will be available at the February meeting, as well as on our website. Online registration will be coming active by Feb. 12, and there will be a \$5 discount for pre-registration. As always, it is the sponsors that allow us to have a successful show and to cover our operating expenses throughout the year, so please start working to get sponsors now! The sponsorship receipt/invoice forms are on the website under the Members Only page.

I'll miss seeing y'all at the February meeting since Debbie and I will be at the National Convention in Gettysburg, but I'll see you at the March meeting. Hopefully we will bring back some interesting information from the seminars, and I'm hoping to be able to defend our Pinewood Derby National Championship! I understand that there are some rules changes this year, so we'll have to get through tech inspection first!

Let's keep the old ones rolling!

Rick Holmes



Bill Cox receives the Dave Hinkle award from NC Region President John Allred.



Scott and Max Wicker received the Les Joyner award for most outstanding Mustang for 2021.



Judy Holmes with quilt raffled in 1992.



Quilt block made by Alamance Chapter members.

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

February 12, 2022
4:00 PM

Harbor Inn Seafood
Burlington, NC

January 2022 Treasurer's Report

Thanks to Ray Fowler's talents we will have your 2022 membership cards available at the February meeting at Harbor Inn. I will have updated membership lists there as well. It is time to be thinking about selling sponsorships for our spring car show. I will have

sponsor invoice forms available at the meeting. Thanks again to all those who brought in sponsors for last year's show!! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Jeannie Johnson

Minutes of the January Meeting

The Alamance Region met on January 8, 2022, at the Clubhouse. Rick Holmes, President, called the meeting to order. He thanked our hosts Floyd and Elsie Smith and Jeannie Johnson. Rick welcomed Max and Scott Wicker, new members and Mickey and Betty Klutz who plan to join our group. He asked that we remember the Dave Rich family following Dave's passing. Rick mentioned that the North Carolina Region would be hosting a Judging School taught by Dain King on January 14. The class will be held at the Ramada Inn on Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh and will start at 1:00 p.m. You can go to the NC Region web site to sign up. Rick reminded our group that he will be attending the National AACA Meeting when we are scheduled to have our February meeting. He gave a member update: Wallace Compton is at home and is using a walker and would appreciate a call or card; Jim Shaw is back home after breaking his hip, and he is in a wheelchair; Mike Blaylock injured his hand this afternoon while working on his truck project; O. T. Smith is still at Brookdale and can have visitors.

He reminded everyone that we have 4 free National Memberships for new members who have never been a part of AACA. There are also free memberships for military service members.

Our February meeting is around Valentine's Day. There was a lot of discussion around going out and where. There was finally a decision to try to go to the Harbor Inn at 4:00 p.m. on February 12. Henry Gaither will work on the arrangements. Rick will send an e-mail and also it will be the newsletter. Harbor Inn is a long-term sponsor for our Car Show.

The next Car Show is scheduled for May 21 in Downtown Burlington. As an update, we voted not to do the \$600.00 newspaper ad in the Times-News but to use that money toward the increased pricing to use the Depot. Herb Klutz said that he would talk with Tony Laws, Director of Parks and Rec, to see if

there are any concessions that can be made on pricing.

Rick said that he is working with Bruce Anliker to create a new flyer for 2022. He hopes to have something to put in the NC Region Newsletter soon. The Board has discussed giving a different kind of trophy since this is our 50th Show. Let us know your ideas. Henry Gaither suggested that we not judge the vehicles at the show but give a trophy to all participants. Others felt that if we charge an entry fee then the cars should be judged. Jeannie Johnson said that it costs \$33.86 per car to put on the show. When looking at the trophies for the show we need to keep in mind the cost. We also need 72 to 75 sponsors and a lot depends on the weather as to how many registrations we receive. Pre-registration is going to \$20.00 and \$25.00 day of show. Sponsorship is \$100.00 for Show advertising Day of Show and \$200.00 for their business card to be on our website and also prints off with our newsletter for one year.

Rick asked if everyone was getting emails from the club through MailChimp? He has been using this program for the last couple of months. Also, he asked that everyone write an article for our newsletter. What was your first car or your worst car?

Henry said that he plans for 3 Memorial Dave Rich Ice Cream tours during the next year. He is also looking at other activities and he passed out forms for everyone to complete with their ideas for activities. He also said that he would like for us to be able to go to Billy Eubank's car collection in Pittsboro once COVID is over. This would be a Sunday event as Billy goes to church on Saturday. Henry said he will need volunteers next month for a Dating Game or Match Game when we go out for our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

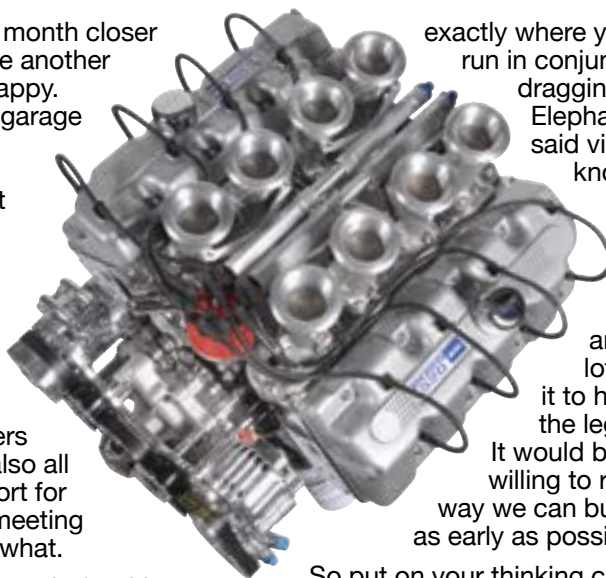
Elizabeth Cable filling in for Mike Blaylock

Get Your Motor Running!

January is in the books and we are one month closer to warmer weather...frankly if I don't see another flake of snow this winter I will be very happy. The mustang has not moved out of the garage I think the whole month of January and that really stinks! Hopefully we will get some warmer days soon and we can hit the road!

I tallied up the survey sheets that we completed at our last meeting and found the results interesting. One common theme was food, specifically, ice cream. There were those that were willing to drive their hobby cars 100 miles one way and others 10. Activities you wanted to see were also all over the map, literally. There was support for having activities instead of our regular meeting too but they varied in number. So now what.

Well, ice cream is in there and early. Instead of waiting to deconflict with UNC football in the fall we will be going to Pittsboro in the spring, date TBD. We will also be going to Julian and perhaps another ice cream adventure but not



exactly where yet. I'm also thinking of a poker run in conjunction with food of some type and dragging out the Bingo cards for White Elephant Bingo in March. Some of you said visit garages and other places you know. Well, ANYONE can propose an event so if you have a place you want to go then put forth your idea(s) to me or another club officer or board member. Outline the where, when, how, what etc., and then put it together. There are lots of ideas out there but if you want it to happen then YOU might need to do the legwork needed to make it happen. It would be great if you have an idea you are willing to run with get it to us ASAP. That way we can build a club calendar and get it out as early as possible.

So put on your thinking caps and help get our calendar for 2022 packed with adventures! I'll see you on the road!

Henry Gaither, Jr.

Antique Auto Show

50th Annual
Alamance
Region

Saturday May 21, 2022



1931 Model A Ford Coupe
Owners: Richard and Judy Holmes

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pre-registration by May 14, 2022: \$20.00 x _____ = _____

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

Flea Market Spaces: \$10.00 x _____ = _____

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

Pre-registration online at www.Alamance.aaca.com Total: _____

and pay at the show, or you can mail check with registration form to the address below.

Pre-registration deadline is May 14, 2022.

Make checks payable to: Alamance Region, Inc., AACA
Mail to: PO Box 565, Mebane, NC 27302
Phone: 919-592-6861 Rick Holmes, President

Registration: 8:00 to 11 a.m., Awards at 3 p.m., *Rain or shine.*

***All vehicles must be 25 years old (1997 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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