



# Spinning Wheels

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## On the Web:

### National:

<http://AACA.org>

### NC Region:

[www.NCRegionAACA.com](http://www.NCRegionAACA.com)

### Old Salem Chapter:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/ldsalem/>

## July Meeting – Olympic Restaurant – Kernersville

AACA's Old Salem Chapter's monthly meeting for this month will be **Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Olympic Family Restaurant, 1541 W. Mountain St. (Hwy 66) between Linville Rd. and Main St., in Kernersville. Dinner starts at **6:00 PM** and the business part of the meeting will start at **7:00 PM**. Be sure to mark your calendars so you won't miss any of the fun events with your Old Salem Chapter family. Be sure to invite/bring some of your antique/classic vehicle friend(s) with you too. Bring your classic/antique vehicle, weather permitting, and enjoy some good food, fellowship!

## Message from the President

Where does the time go? It seems I just got done with the last Message from the President and here it is time to do it again.

It's been another interesting month to say the least. The club participated in the Kernersville Summerfest, Kernersville Music at Twilight and the Kernersville July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade followed by the picnic in the park that Julie and Joe Huygens put on.

The parade was a little eventful for us. About the time we got to Main St. my fan shroud broke and made some interesting noises under the hood when the fan hit it. We did make it to the end but the engine was VERY hot. We stopped next to Mrs. Winners when Scott Mercer needed a screwdriver. It seems that Clarence Lamb's Mustang quit running. After a little time it appeared to have run out of gas, so Clarence went off to get some gas.

In the mean time, Christopher, Joe and Julie's neighbor, who was driving a John Deere riding mower, said he didn't know how to get back to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park. I told him to follow us. So with the very slow mower behind us, we slowly made our way to Harmon Lane headed toward Main St. When we reached Main St. the car was really getting HOT. We had to wait for Christopher to catch up which did not help the heating problem. We finally made it to Oakhurst St. When we got to Cherry St., about the center of the intersection, the engine died. It wouldn't start so I put it in first gear and hit the starter to clear the intersection. We coasted to a shady spot and stopped. It appeared that we were out of gas. I called Scott and asked if he had the gas can and told him that I needed gas and water. A few minutes later Clarence and Scott rode up in a golf cart. They put the gas in the tank and we filled the radiator with water and tried to start the car. It would not fire. After some investigation I found that the coil wire had come off. After reconnecting the coil wire the engine started. By that time John Huygens, Julie and Joe's son, had come to get the riding mower so off we went to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park.

After the great meal and visiting with everyone we were ready to go home. I looked at the fan shroud. I tried cutting it out with a pair of wire cutters but didn't get very far. So, I decided to fix it, like most on the road repairs, with duct tape. I taped the pieces so they weren't hitting the fan so we could make it home. When we got home I cut the shroud into three pieces to get it out. I have received the new shroud today so y'all know what I'll be doing.

Another exciting event this month was our Blue Ridge Parkway Tour. Ruth Ann will have her report on this in next month's newsletter.

Well, that's about it for this month. Hope to see y'all at the eatin' meetin' on Tuesday, July 19, at the Olympic Restaurant. The eatin' starts at 6 PM and the meetin' starts at 7 PM.

# John

## *Car Events Schedule – Mark your Calendar!*

- ❖ July 16<sup>th</sup>: Modern Chevy-Classic Muscle Cruise-in, 9 AM-2 PM, Kelly-Moore Dr. (off Shattalon Dr.), W-S.
- ❖ July 16<sup>th</sup>: Yadkin Valley Cruisers Cruise-in, 4:00 PM until, Downtown Yadkinville, NC.
- ❖ July 16<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Appreciation Day Cruise-in, 6–10 PM, King Shopping Center, King, NC.
- ❖ **July 19<sup>th</sup>: Old Salem Chapter Monthly Meeting – 6 PM, Olympic Family Restaurant, Kernersville.**
- ❖ July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Old Town Cruise-in, 5 – 9 PM, Old Town Shopping Ctr., Reynolda Rd., Winston Salem.
- ❖ July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Neighbor-2-Neighbor Car Show, Registration \$15, Veterans Park, 691 W. Lebanon St., Mt. Airy.
- ❖ **July 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: AACA Special Vintage Tour (pre-1938 vehicles), N. Central PA & Lower NY, hosted by the Susquehannock Region, (see activities request card with “Automobile”).**
- ❖ July 29<sup>th</sup>: Triad Classic Car Cruise-in, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Behind Hardees’s on S. Main St. Kernersville.
- ❖ **July 30<sup>th</sup>: Old Salem Chapter Outing, (find out the details at the meeting Tuesday evening).**
- ❖ July 30<sup>th</sup>: New Home Methodist Church Cruise-in, (Jim & Pat Hailey’s son’s church) 11AM- 3PM, Food, door prizes, raffle. 3340 Smithtown Rd., East Bend, NC.
- ❖ July 30<sup>th</sup>: Fun in the Sun Car Show, (& Carolina Shinefest) Reg. \$20, Madison Rescue Squad, Hunter St, Downtown Madison.
- ❖ Aug 1<sup>st</sup>: Hot Rods in the Park Cruise-in, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Downtown Mocksville, NC.
- ❖ Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>: Let’s Talk Cars & Trucks Cruise-in, 5 – 9 PM, 1628 S. Main St., High Point, NC.
- ❖ Aug 5<sup>th</sup>: King’s Hot Dog Cruise-in, 5 – 9 PM, Tractor Supply Shopping Ctr. (Hwy 52 & 65), Rural Hall.
- ❖ Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>: Hot Nights-Hot Cars Cruise-in, 3 PM – 9:30 PM, Pilot Mountain, NC.
- ❖ **Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual AACA General Greene Chapter Car Show, (no Street Rods, Modifieds, or Customs) 8AM-3PM, Piedmont Triad Farmers Mkt., Exit 208 off I-40, Sandy Ridge Rd., Greensboro, NC.**
- ❖ **Aug 8<sup>th</sup>: Old Salem Chapter 2012 Regional Tour Committee Meeting, 6PM, (All OSC Members are invited) Olympic Restaurant, Kernersville.**
- ❖ **Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: AACA SE Fall Meet, sponsored by AACA Appalachian Region, featuring HPOF vehicles! Registration Deadline July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN. (see: [http://www.aaca.org/meets/brochures/2011\\_Bristol\\_TN.pdf](http://www.aaca.org/meets/brochures/2011_Bristol_TN.pdf)).**
- ❖ Aug 11<sup>th</sup>: Let’s Talk Cars & Trucks Cruise-in, 5 – 9 PM, 1628 S. Main St., High Point, NC.
- ❖ Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>: Old Orchard Dinner Cruise-in, 5 PM – 8 PM, 2291 Old Salisbury Rd.) Winston-Salem.
- ❖ Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>: Downtown Kernersville Cruise-in, 4 –8 PM, North Main St.& Mountain St., Kernersville.
- ❖ Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>: Triad Chevy Club’s 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, 8AM-3PM, Reg. \$20, Greensboro Country Park, 3905 Nathanael Greene Dr, Greensboro, NC.
- ❖ **Aug 16<sup>st</sup>: Old Salem Chapter Monthly Meeting – 6 PM, Olympic Family Restaurant, Kernersville.**
- ❖ Aug 19<sup>th</sup>: Bethania Moravian Church Cruise-in, 6 PM until, good food, entertainment, Bethania, NC.
- ❖ **Aug. 25-29<sup>th</sup>: Charlotte Auto Fair, Lowes Motor Speedway, Concord, NC**
- ❖ Aug 26<sup>th</sup>: Old Town Cruise-in, 5 – 9 PM, Old Town Shopping Ctr., Reynolda Rd., Winston Salem.
- ❖ Aug 27<sup>th</sup>: Triad Classic Car Cruise-in, 5:30–8:30 PM, S. Main St. (Behind Hardees’s), Kernersville.
- ❖ Aug 27<sup>th</sup>: Kernel Kustard Cruise-in, 1630 Fox Trot Ln. (off Hanes Mall Blvd), Winston Salem.

**Note: Even though there are Car Events listed that are not associated with AACA, please make every effort to support our Old Salem Chapter events and other AACA Chapter, Region, and National events when possible.**

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### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**“Fathom the hypocrisy of a Government that requires every citizen to prove they are insured.....but not everyone must prove they are a citizen” — author unknown**

# Lee Salley's "Petty Driving Experience"

*By Lee Salley*

For Christmas, Mom bought me a Rookie Petty Driving Experience that includes a short class and an eight-lap solo drive in a 600HP Sprint Cup NASCAR. A busy schedule and weather caused me to have to wait until June 18<sup>th</sup> to get in my drive at the Charlotte Speedway.

We got there early and I checked in to get my pass. We had plenty of time before my class and Mom had bought my 77-year-old Dad a ride-along gift card for Christmas that he was finally going to get to use. They put him in a race suit and helmet, and then had him climb (hip replacement and all) through the passenger window of one of the cars. The professional driver took him on a two-lap run at over 160mph. He did great and thoroughly enjoyed it. He said those curves look awful narrow going that fast.

When it was time for my 45-minute class, they fit me for a short and wide race suit and we watched a video of Richard Petty thanking us for coming and spending lots of money. During our individual drive we would have an instructor car in front of us and we were to keep three car lengths behind him and stay in the same groove he is in so we don't get too high or low on the curves and wipe out. The instructor car has a green light that flashes when he wants you to speed up and a yellow light for when you're too close. They teach you how to get out of the car in an emergency and have a short refresher course for anyone that hasn't driven a four speed in a while.

Then it was time to drive. They fitted us all for helmets and we sat and waited for the last group to finish.

The seats in the cars don't move so they have cars that are already set up for, as the guy nicely said, "each person's eating and exercise habits and genetics". That being said I noticed all morning the racecars were Chevys, Dodges, and Toyotas; not a single Ford. Well when our group was ready, they brought out this one black Ford Fusion. I soon figured out that it was the short wide guy car as it was assigned to me. I was thankful to be in a Ford no matter the reason. The car was number 28. To show the generational gaps and how little I keep up with NASCAR, I have no idea who drives number 28 today. My first thought was Davie Allison, but then I hear Dad say, "That's Fred Lorenzen's number". Two thirds of the people there probably had never heard of Lorenzen.

Finally it's my turn to drive. They put a neck brace in place that fit over my shoulders and hooked to the back of my helmet. This hinders your neck from stretching to the breaking point during a wreck. It also keeps you from looking down or looking very far right or left which was a strange feeling. I put both feet in the window and slid down into the very tight cockpit. I've never been claustrophobic but I got out of breath climbing in and the guy strapped me in before I could recover. I actually had to fight off a short panic attack. It was pretty unnerving not being able to move anything but my arms and legs and not being able to take a deep breath.

The instructor car pulled in front of me, they cranked my car and we started rolling. I went through the gears driving below the white line around to the backstretch then shifting into fourth I followed my guy out onto the track already close to 100mph. He takes off and I'm thinking, "are you sure it's okay for me to drive this fast?" But, the car held on no matter how fast I went. With the banked curves and the cars setup to turn left, I barely had to move the wheel. The only time I fought the wheel was on the backstretch when he would get close to the wall. I would have to fight to turn the wheel to the right to follow him. Soon I began to trust the car and enjoy the ride. My top speed in one lap was 132mph and I averaged around 120. I had a fear that I would hit the instructor car and I think that held me back some.

The drive is not cheap but it is worth doing at least once if you have ever dreamed of driving a racecar on a major speedway. The cost is justified if you think of how much it would cost to prep your own car, fuel it up with racing fuel at \$10.00 a gallon (the cars we drove get 5mpg), haul it down on a trailer, and burn up your own tires. The Petty staff was friendly and helpful much like Disney's staff.

I have always loved riding roller coasters, but to me being able to personally control a racecar on a major speedway at a potential 160mph puts any thrill ride to shame.



# Kernersville Had it Goin' On!

*Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter*

There were a few of our events this last month that John and I weren't able to get to but I did want to mention what I was told about them.

On **Friday, June 17**, our Old Salem Chapter was invited to bring our cars for display to Friday night's festivities at **Kernersville's Summerfest** at the Kernersville Elementary School on West Mountain Street. I was told that the car turnout was lower than last year but a lot of our loyal club members showed up as requested ... thank you! As was done last year, CiCi's Pizza provided free pizza and drinks for everyone that participated in the display.

The next week on **Thursday, June 23**, was **Kernersville's Music at Twilight** free concert at the grounds of Town Hall. It was a very warm evening but despite the heat our members and their cars came through. Jim Taylor told me there were 15-18 cars there with most of them being our club members. Again, thank you all for your support!

Then on **Saturday, July 9**, was the **Kernersville Downtown Cruise-In, "Something Old, Something New."** Thankfully, it did not get rained out like it did last month, and the numbers certainly proved that. I was given several different "guestimates" for the number of cars attending ... one was 160+ cars and the other one was around 100 cars. Either way, it was a success ... because of the good attendance, the 50/50 drawing was \$175, half divided equally among four local charities ... The Shepherd Center, Crisis Control, Battered Women's Shelter, and the Triad Flight of Honor ... and the other half of the money went to the winner, our OSC Richie Powers ... way to go, Richie!

Our friend Glen Anderson was spinnin' the tunes with our favorite "Oldies" music and we want to thank him for doing that! Also, something new was added to help promote the merchants ... flyers with merchant coupons were handed out to everyone. Oh, and I was also told that Vestal GMC was again the major sponsor for our Cruise-In and brought some of their vehicles to display, too. Thank you, Vestal GMC!

**Kernersville certainly doesn't lack for things to do! Keep 'em comin' Kville!**

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## Movie / Potluck at Karen & Jim Quick's

*Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter*

Saturday, **June 18**, was our first outdoor "Movie/Potluck" and the setting was at the home of **Karen and Jim Quick**. What a wonderful outdoor area they have ... a mini farm where they raise their cute little miniature horses in a lovely barn that Jim built. Jim also constructed an outdoor stage that looks like an old timey General Store ... so cool ... and its "maiden voyage," shall we say, was the night of our visit, with several musicians sharing their talents, including our own Ralph Proscia with his guitar.

Also, in the same area as the "General Store" there is another outbuilding with an overhang that Jim

decorated with old signs and memorabilia ... this was the perfect place to have our food tables. They also have two hanging 3-seater swings, which were made constant use of during the evening. Immediately in front of the swings is a large fire pit surrounded by stone and log seats to go around it. It was a little too warm to fire it up that night, but John and I have been there when it was lit, and it really nice!

It was so nice to see so many of our members show up for "Outing" ... one of the largest we've had ... and of course ... all the good food that everyone brought was wonderful, as usual. Our members outdid



themselves again ... they never disappoint! It was really enjoyable to sit out there under the trees, eating, and chatting with everyone.



These gatherings are so nice because it gives us an opportunity to get to know one another on a more personal level instead of just going to a meeting and sitting next to someone you don't really know that much about. We get "to be friends" at these gatherings ... and that, I think, is why our club is so special ... we all get along so well together and have become real friends.



After we finished eating, there was still time to kill before it got dark enough to show our movie so Jim invited several of his friends who brought their guitars and our member Ralph Proscia brought his, too. The three of them never played together and after a short time pickin', they were jammin'! It was so entertaining and Ralph even sang a few songs and we were all very pleasantly surprised ... very nice! Ralph has been a member of a band for quite a long time so this is "old hat" for him. Great job, guys!

OK ... it was show time! John Ronchetti and David Hawks set up the movie screen on the "General Store"



porch along with the speakers and then found a table for the projector and laptop. I had sent an email out before our event polling our members about what they would like to see from a list of suggestions. It got narrowed down to two and it was decided to show "The Long, Long Trailer" starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

What a funny movie! For those of you that are not familiar with this movie, it is about a newly married couple (Lucy & Desi) that are talked into buying a 40 ft. trailer ... and of course, that is what she wanted, too ... and a more substantial car to haul it. Learning to drive it and backing it up lead to some pretty funny situations, not to

mention their "over the mountains" road trip!

We all had a great time and it had been suggested by some that "we need to do this more often!" **Thank you, Karen and Jim, for welcoming us to your home and your wonderful hospitality!**

## Our July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities

*Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter*

Several opportunities were presented to us for our 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration. **The Kernersville Pine Knolls community** contacted us, John and me, to see if we could get together some cars from our club to join in their **community parade on Saturday, July 2**. I presented the idea to our members last month at our meeting and you guys came through for us ... thank you all so much!

It wasn't a big "to do," just a little, fun, community parade. We all met at the pool ... with 9 of our members showing up ... and were followed by golf carts, riding lawn mowers, bicycles, and anything else on wheels you could think of. The neighbors loved it, with many standing out in their yards to catch a glimpse of "their" parade. When we got back to our starting place, some fire engines even showed up, but they were a little late for the parade.

Those participating also were given access to the pool, if they wanted ... but it was sooo hot, we all just wanted to get back into air conditioning. Participants could also come and watch the fireworks later that evening as well. Thank you all for doing that! It was fun!



Also, last month I was contacted about getting 15 convertibles from our club to be used to carry the **Kernersville** local dignitaries and honored veterans in the town's **4<sup>th</sup> July Parade**. It was a challenge at first, but our members stepped up to the plate! We had the necessary 15 plus a few more. The cars for the veterans met at Hayworth Miller Cain funeral home on Hwy. 150 and all of our other cars lined up at the Kernersville Elementary School.



There were lots of parade participants so it was a real trick trying to get all of our members together as a group to make the trek on the parade route. We just had to wait for everyone else to go first and parked on the side till we all got together ... we finally did it! Hope Peddle and I led off our group by walking our club banner in front so everyone would know

who our group was. I have never done that before and IT WAS HOT, but Hope and I did OK ... we made it! Thanks, Hope, for your help!

After the parade is when our (John's and mine) "fun" started. Since it was sooo hot, our car started to heat up and by the time we got not quite halfway to the 4<sup>th</sup> July Park, our "BelAir" was spewing out steam and hot water ... oh, my! We pulled over and I tried to call to get help ... and ... my phone locked up ... couldn't call anybody! Darn, darn! So then John used his and got Scott Mercer who shortly thereafter showed up in a golf cart with Clarence Lambe driving, bringing us some water for the radiator.



Just before their arrival, David Hawks came by driving Joe Huygens' '22 Touring car and Al DeVictoria driving Joe's Model A Cabriolet ... and they both stopped. Sooo ... here they all are ... staring at the engine trying to figure out what to do ... and, of course ... I had to take a picture of it ... had to get this all documented ... heehee! Well, after it cooled off and John added the water, it seemed to be OK ... at least, OK enough to get us to the park for our 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck Picnic. Whew ... we were sooo ready for that picnic! When we arrived, most everyone had gotten there already and many were wondering where we were and why it took us so long to get there ... and ... our storytelling began. Enough of that ...

**Julie and Joe Huygens and family** did a wonderful job again this year of hosting our Potluck Picnic.



**Thank you guys, so much ... a wonderful job!** It was so nicely decorated, very festive for our 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration, and the vast array of food was absolutely wonderful! Joe and family provided pork loins, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and the best homemade strawberry ice cream ... yum! And the rest of us brought side dishes or desserts ... sooo much to eat! Our Chapter sure does like to eat good food!

A good many of our members showed up, too! It was such a nice time for all of us to get together and chat. Thank you all for participating! It would have been a little more bearable

though if it wasn't quite so hot ... but ... it was the 4<sup>th</sup> July, after all!

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!"**

# The Art of Building Your Own Vehicle (Part 2)

By Dick Bear (©2011 Dick Bear all rights reserved)

**Editors Note:** This is part 2 in the series written by our honorary member, Dick Bear, who has allowed us to publish an article he has written on the design and construction of two custom vehicles, the McBearen and the Mabaan, which he has built. After reading this article over the next few issues of Spinning Wheels you should have a good appreciation of what it takes to build a car. This part will continue with his McBearen, which he drove on a “coast-to-coast” tour just last year.

## The McBearen (continued from the June 2011 Issue of Spinning Wheels):

### III. Metal Shaping:

Dick’s involvement and recent interest in the craft of metal shaping is the primary reason for the two vehicles he produced. In 2002 he joined the web site Metalmeet.com and after becoming familiar with the basics of shaping metal and with help from those on that site he set out to build his dream. Dick had been fortunate to witness the skill and daring of Bruce McLaren on two occasions before Bruce’s untimely death while test-driving the successor to his M8B model in the early 70’s. Once the decision was made to build a car, there was no question in Dick’s mind as to what that car would be similar to.

He had for years remembered the thrill of watching the bright orange M8B McLaren dominate the CanAm series having first seen it at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI while in college and secondly at Bridge Hampton, Long Island, NY while in the Army.

Obviously it was not Dick’s intent to produce a replica. A gigantic Chevy V8 powered the original M8B, while Dick’s McBearen is powered by a stock Honda K20 vtec from a 2002 Honda Civic. Not being a “motor head”, Dick chose the Honda simply for its reliability. Not knowing anything about engines and not wanting to be confronted by engine failures after building the car he based his decision on his own experience with Hondas as a personal vehicle. Picking the smaller engine necessitated the shortening of the McBearen by 8” between the cockpit and the rear wheels. Other than that, the McBearen is a full-sized McLaren based upon the research information described in the first section of this document.





(To be continued in the August Issue of Spinning Wheels)

### Quote of the month

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?" — Jay Leno

# Blue Ridge Parkway Tour

*Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter*

Unfortunately, I can't submit an article about our FUN, 4-DAY ADVENTURE ... driving down the Blue Ridge Parkway, visiting Sparta, going to a gem mine and a General Store, eating at Dan'l Boone's Inn & Restaurant, driving in fog canceling our stop in Blowing Rock and having to come up with "Plan B," then climbing a mountain and swinging on a bridge, going underground in the caverns, and then climbing another mountain only to find heavy rain and dropping temperatures, eating at a restaurant on the mountain in desperation only to find the best food and desserts to die for ... then driving down the mountain in DENSE FOG and HEAVY RAIN, and going to Cherokee the next day with a change in plans for the day's itinerary, seeing a wonderful outdoor drama, visiting a cool museum in Maggie Valley and another one in Asheville ... whew ... in this month's newsletter! And ... adding to all that FUN ... were four really cool people from Tennessee!

I just simply didn't have enough time to put it all together since it was a four-day tour, it will be rather lengthy. With us just getting home this past Sunday evening, trying to catch up on things at home, and attending two evening meetings this week about our 2012 tour, and writing my other articles for David by Thursday ... I just ran out of time! It will be worth the read next month though ... I promise ... stay tuned!

Be sure to look at the 89 pictures that I posted on facebook! If you are not a regular facebook user, you can access them at [www.facebook.com/Old.Salem.AACA](http://www.facebook.com/Old.Salem.AACA) and click on "Photos."



Don't forget ...



Bring your aluminum CANS AND FOOD DONATIONS/\$ FOR SECOND HARVEST to our meeting!

Throw the CANS in the back of John Ronchetti's "Petty blue" El Camino before you come in ... and ... bring the FOOD DONATIONS inside with you! We will take care of the rest! THANX!

### Personal Notes and Rumors

- ❖ Please keep **Bill Hutchins** (and **Lee**) on your prayer list. Bill is still having some bad days mixed in with the good ones and we were happy that you and Lee were having a good one so you could attend our June Monthly meeting! That was a very nice surprise!! We hope you continue having good days and we're always glad to see you both.
- ❖ Please keep **Dennis Gregory** (and **Ann**) in your prayers. Dennis's back is doing much better but still has room for improvement. We wish you well and hope you're feeling great all over again soon.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Ann Beeson** (and **Wade**) as the results from all her medical test came back showing that she is in good health!



To Our  
New Members

- ★ Rick & Beth Pierce  
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- ★ Orlando Wheaton  
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Madison, NC 27025
- ★ John and Karen Fowle  
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Kernersville, NC 27284



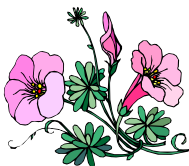
- ♥ **Rebecca Truett** —  
July 17<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **Barnes Daniels** —  
July 18<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **Sandra Yokeley** —  
July 26<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **Ralph Proscia**—  
August 1<sup>st</sup>
- ♥ **Imogene Lambe** —  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ♥ **Bennie Proscia**—  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ♥ **Karen Quick** —  
August 5<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **Hope Peddle**—  
August 10<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **James Alley**—  
August 12<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ **Shirley Tharpe**—  
August 17<sup>th</sup>

May your birthday be the best ever with many more to come!



To:

- \* **Jim & Jo Ruckdashel**—  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>



# Old Salem Chapter Members of the Month

July 2011



## "Kermit & Shirley Tharpe"

Kermit and Shirley have known each other since she was 14 and he was 17. They retired from R.J.Reynolds Tobacco Company and will be married 50 years next February.

They were car lovers from the time they bought their first car. Kermit had a black '58 Chevy and Shirley had a white '58 Chevy convertible.

In 1961 Kermit was drafted in the Army. During his leave, they were married on February 1962 before he was stationed in Germany. After Kermit returned home the first car they purchased was a 1964 Corvette. Their son, Derrick, especially enjoyed riding on road trips tucked away in the cargo space of a '69 Vette, and Shirley can tell hair raising stories of high speed runs down Highway 421.

However, for several years their interest in cars had to take a backseat to other priorities, such as school activities, little league and summer vacations. Their sports cars were replaced by pick-ups and RV's. They did hold on to a 1928 Chevy coupe convertible and after several years they found a white 1956 T-Bird they just couldn't resist. Since then their car collection has continued to grow. Each time they bought a new antique car, they promised to part with one they already had but somehow that never happened. As a result, they now have 4 antique convertibles - a '28 Chevy Coupe, a '56 T-Bird, a '58 Corvette and a '63 T-Bird Roadster, and 3 newer convertibles including a '98 Corvette Pace Car, '89 Cadillac Allante and a Lexus 430SC.

They have belonged to many car clubs, but really enjoy AACA and the Old Salem Chapter, including the activities, tours and the people they have met. We are proud to have Kermit and Shirley as part of our Old Salem Chapter family.



**Kermit & Shirley's  
Lexus 430SC  
(Future AACA Classic)**