



Spinning Wheels



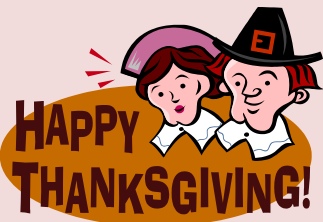
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November Meeting – Olympic Restaurant – Kernersville

AACA's Old Salem Chapter monthly meeting will be **Tuesday, November 15th** 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**. This is the last monthly meeting for this year and the last issue of Spinning wheels for 2011. There's still some exciting and fun events left for the remainder of this year plus the start of 2012 the NC Region Business Meeting and our OSC Christmas in January Dinner/Party. See ya Tuesday for some great food, fun, and fellowship!

Message from the President

I can't believe that it's November already. It seems like yesterday we were getting ready to go to Myrtle Beach for the March show.

This will be my last message as president. I have enjoyed the experience but now it's time for someone else to take the lead. As the outgoing president, I want to thank the other officers and members for their help during the year. I would especially like to thank Ruth Ann for helping me with my duties. Actually she did most of the work. She made up the agenda, which is not an easy job as we try to keep the meetings to an hour or so. So again I want to give her a big THANK YOU.

Looking back over the year we have been very busy. I hope everyone had a good time at the events our club held or we attended throughout the year. And we still have a few to do before the end of the year. By the time this newsletter comes out we will be getting ready for the Pot Luck at Clarence's garage and the trip to Greensboro for the Titanic Artifacts Exhibit. That will be very interesting.

Some of our members will also be going on the "Cruise to the Beach" on Friday, November 18. That is going to be a lot of fun. We are looking forward to going.

We just returned from Pennsylvania having been to Ruth Ann's class reunion. Even though I didn't go to school with her, I know a lot of her friends from reunions over the years. We had a great time.

I guess many of you will be putting your cars up for the winter and getting around to those things that need to be done. I have a few things to get done on the '55 while we have a little down time. After the parades and parties for the holidays it won't be too long before we get ready for Myrtle Beach in March. The time sure does fly when you're having fun.

We were sorry to hear that there won't be a Ramblin' Road Cruise on New Year's Day. Gary said they are taking a year off so they can be with family. So it looks like I won't have to get up early that day. Perhaps we'll take a trip to South Carolina to visit with some friends.

Don't forget the Vet Ride to the Salisbury VA Hospital in December. If you haven't participated in this before you should try to do it this year. It is such a good cause and it really gives you a good feeling to see these veterans and they really enjoy it. The ceremony at the cemetery is also very touching. The laying of the wreaths on the graves gives me chills. We will mention more on this at the meeting.

Well, that's about it for this month. Hope to see y'all at the eatin' meetin' on Tuesday, November 15, at the Olympic Restaurant. The eatin' starts at 6 PM and the meetin' starts at 7 PM.

John

Car Events Schedule – Mark your Calendar!

- ❖ Nov. 13th: Old Car Day at Linville Forest Church of Christ, 10 AM, 450 Linville Rd.
- ❖ Nov. 14th: Old Salem Chapter 2012 Regional Tour Committee Meeting, 6PM, Little Italy Restaurant, 612 S. Main St., King – (All OSC Members are welcomed).
- ❖ Nov. 15th: Old Salem Chapter Monthly Meeting – 6 PM, Olympic Family Restaurant, Kernersville. (Don't miss this last meeting of 2011 and the election of new OSC officers!)
- ❖ Nov. 17th: Let's Talk Cars & Trucks Cruise-in (every Thur., 5 – 9 PM), 1628 S. Main St., High Point.
- ❖ Nov. 19th: Christmas for Kids Car/Truck Show, 8 AM - 3 PM. Hendrick Motorsports, Concord, NC.
- ❖ **Nov 24th: Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!!!**
- ❖ Nov. 26th: Midway Christmas Parade, Line-up by 12 Noon, 310 Gumtree Rd.
- ❖ Dec. 4th: Kernersville Christmas Parade, Line-up by 1 PM, corner of Pineview Dr. & Hwy 66.
- ❖ Dec. 10th: Walnut Cove Christmas Parade, Line-up at 11:30 AM at Whitehall Village off Hwy. 66.
- ❖ Dec. 10th: Danny Crouse Christmas Show, 5:30 PM, Royal House, Kernersville.
- ❖ **Dec. ??: Old Salem Chapter Christmas Outing to Carolina Christmas at Charlotte Motor Speedway. See "Heads Up for the Christmas Holiday!" article on page 5 for more details.**
- ❖ **Dec. 25th: Merry Christmas to you and yours!!!!!!**
- ❖ January 1st: Happy New Year and Best wishes for a healthy and enjoyable 2012!!!!
- ❖ January 20th-21st: AACCA NC Region Winter Business Meeting(See NC Region News), Pre-register by Dec. 31st (Only \$10 which includes hot buffet meal Saturday), Seminars, judging school, fun, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC.
- ❖ **January ??: Christmas in January Dinner/Party. Come Tuesday to find out when and where!**

"Speedster"

Are you receiving AACCA's "Speedster"? If not, you're missing out on one of AACCA's benefits, and it's only available by e-mail, so be sure to subscribe on AACCA's web site at:

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs079/1102261497032/archive/1107152665187.html>)... just scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Join our Mailing List". The AACCA "Speedster" is a monthly publication where you receive important AACCA information on a timely basis. If you are receiving it, be sure to open the e-mails and click on all the links. Also, remember that it is *not spam* so make sure your e-mail program is not transferring it to your "Spam folder"!

AACCA Dues for 2012

2012 will be here before you know it and the Deadline for AACCA Dues for 2012 is Dec. 31st. Be sure to get your dues to Jo Ann so she'll have time to send them in before the deadline. There are no increases in National, NC Region, or Old Salem Chapter so the total again is \$60. Make your checks payable to "AACCA Old Salem Chapter" and we'll take care of all the paperwork, you'll only have to write one check, and your name will be put in the pot for a free membership for the year at our Christmas in January Dinner/Party! You can't beat that deal!

Don't forget ...



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

Put 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!

Busy Fall, Y'all!

Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter

(For lack of time, I will be condensing our October monthly activities into one article this month. I have been out of town, longer than expected, and it has cut into my time for preparing the articles for our newsletter ... sorry.)



On **Friday, October 21**, a number of us enjoyed our Friday evening by meeting for dinner and then going on to Lexington to Carolina Danceland to see and hear our member Ralph Proscia's "Centerline" band perform. Wow ... what a pleasant surprise ... they are a really talented bunch, playing most anything you would want to hear. Ralph played his guitar (on left) and was lead singer on some of the songs ... what a good job!

Of course, the evening didn't move on without some of us getting out on the dance floor and puttin' on some moves. Richie Powers is "the man" on the dance floor, almost never stopping and Judy Colley was a close second! Janice and Ron Casey are other ones that just luv to dance and Hope and Raymond were out there quite a bit, too! Not all of us danced, but we all had a good time sharing the evening together!

On **Saturday, October 22**, John and I went to the JR Motorsports (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) Fall Car Show in Mooresville. We had never been there before and thought it would be a good opportunity to go and see "Jr's" facility ... and ... it was a beautiful day for a drive! There wasn't any registration fee for the show and we wound up with quite a few goodies from it ... one of them being a very nice insulated bag with Jr's 88 on it ... cool! Then around 2:00 PM, a guided tour of his shop was offered, so naturally, we took advantage of that ... really neat seeing all of those cars up close and personal.



Saturday night, October 22, was our friend Danny Crouse's pre-Halloween show at The Royal House ...



WHAT FUN THAT WAS! We had a full table and most of us dressed for Halloween ... Hope Peddle & Raymond Ruttle, Judy Colley, Leigh & Mark Bodenheimer, Lou Ann Eddelman, and John & I, and also joining us at the last minute was Larry Jenkins.

As usual, the food was wonderful and the entertainment could not have been better ... Danny outdid himself again! And, of course, our "rowdy" group wound up being "part of the show" from time-to-time ... IT WAS A HOOT! And ... guess what? We can do it all over again on December 10th! Danny has scheduled a Christmas Show for that Saturday evening so mark it on your calendars and plan to attend!

Thursday, October 27th, was “play” night to see our Dick Strohmeier perform in “The Red Velvet Cake War” in Clemmons ... 18 of us attended ... yoo-hoo! We met and had dinner at Applebee’s in Clemmons and then went to the play after that. It was opening night so when we arrived there were snacks and drinks that were being served ... very nice. Dick was kind enough to reserve us seats up front so we had a good view of what was going on. As always, Dick had some funny parts in it and we all enjoyed seeing it!



After the show, Brenda & Roger Hockaday, living in Clemmons, opened up their house to us for some refreshments after the show ... **THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH!** What a fun evening we all had!



Saturday, October 29, Brenda & Roger Hockaday and John and I went to the Kepich Exhaust Tour/Potluck in Mocksville that had been extended to us from the Eric Marsh’s Mid-Carolina group. Wow ... what a collection John Kepich had! He had four buildings of cars in various stages of restoration ... bare metal to pristine. He seems to have a fondness for Packards, most of which he had ... some really beautiful ones ... but there were numerous other cars there, too ... sorry, I’m just not knowledgeable on recognizing what a lot of those old cars are.



After he told us about all of them, we went into the building that had his Exhaust business in it. Upon entering, there was a fella working with some pipe, cutting and bending it



with hardly no effort at all ... truly a man of his craft ... very interesting. There were “tons” of exhaust templates hanging all over the place and there isn’t any exhaust that they can’t do ... amazing! After the tour, a potluck followed in their house, but John and I had to leave. Brenda and Roger remained and said they had a wonderful time. **Thank you,**

Gretchen & John Kepich, and Eric Marsh for inviting our Chapter to attend!

Sunday, October 30, was a fun day! Judy Colley and her grandson Wyatt, Leigh Bodenheimer, and some of our family went to Kersey Valley Corn Maize in High Point. It was such a beautiful fall day ... could not have been better! We had never been there and thought it would be something different to try ... and it was! Before entering the



maize, we were given cards for us to locate different stations within the maize that had clues that we had to punch on our cards ... it was a process of elimination to try to figure out who “committed the murder, where it happened, and with what weapon.” Well, we couldn’t find one station and we just gave up, but our son and family got all of theirs! Oh, well ... leave it up to the “kids.” It was a fun, family and friends afternoon!

Last weekend, we had to go to PA for my class reunion so we missed a few activities that I would like to have gone to. **Friday, November 4th**, was the Senior Idol in Kernersville that our own Richie Powers competed in and then **Saturday, November 5th**, had three choices: the Persimmon Festival in Colfax, the NC/VA VIR Cruise-In, and Chinqua Penn’s Fall Festival, all of which I know some of you attended.

For those of you that went to these events last weekend, please share your fun at our meeting next week and tell us all about them. Thank! Till then!



“Heads Up for the Christmas Holiday!”

Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Reporter

The Christmas season is just around the corner, even though a lot of stores are already looking like Christmas! I wanted to alert you about a few events that will be happening with that in mind, especially since we don’t have a meeting in December. These are what I have so far:

Our first **Christmas parade** opportunity is on **Saturday, November 26th in Midway**, lining up by Noon on Gumtree Rd. This is always a fun parade to attend with “tons” of people!

Our next **Christmas parade** is on **Sunday, December 4th in Kernersville**. The line up for that will be on Broad St., as before, around 1 PM ... details to follow. And after the parade, the usual Pancake Supper will be served at the Kernersville Elementary School.

Saturday, December 10th meeting around 9 AM ... details later ... is the **Veterans Ride to the VA Hospital in Salisbury** from the American Legion Post #55 on Miller St. in Winston-Salem with the “Legion Riders” (motorcyclists). They welcome our classic cars and as many people as possible ... the Veterans REALLY appreciate our visit!

Saturday, December 10th, Walnut Cove Christmas Parade, line-up begins at 12:30 at SE Middle School.

Saturday, December 10th, **Danny Crouse’s Christmas Show at The Royal House**, doors open at 5:30 PM.

We will need to decide at our meeting about this date ... **middle of the week on a Tues/Wed. ... Dec. 13/14 or 20/21** ... would probably be the best time to do this, keeping in mind the crowds. We will also stop for dinner before we go to the track.

Carolina Christmas at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, \$20/car. The spectacular drive-through Christmas light park spans more than 4.5 miles and features more than three million LED lights in themed display areas. During your drive through the course, fulfill your need for speed on the track at Charlotte Motor Speedway at the unique drive-the-track experience Carolina Christmas offers!



There are also a few other suggestions that have been presented to me that I will bring up at our meeting Tuesday the 15th, but for now, we can plan and schedule these! If y'all have any other ideas, bring them to the meeting for discussion! See 'ya Tuesday!

Personal Notes and Rumors

- ❖ Please keep **Leo Baker** (and **Pat**) on your prayer list. Leo has been feeling pretty good and we're glad of that and hope that continue for a long time.
- ❖ Please keep **Dennis Gregory** (and **Ann**) on your prayer list. We hope your shoulder and back continues to improve and all that pain goes away.
- ❖ Please keep **Bill Hutchins** (and **Lee**) on your prayer list. Bill has some rough times but also some that aren't as bad. We miss seeing you folks at our meetings and events but know you'd be there if you could. Hope your breathing gets easier and you can come out and have fun with us real soon.
- ❖ Please add **Clarence Lambe** (and **Imogene**) to your prayer list. Clarence is out and about, but hasn't been feeling 100% these last couple of weeks. We hope you start feeling great again real soon! Thanks for having over to your "garage" for the Pot Luck/Movie Nite event. Everyone there enjoyed the evening and your gracious hospitality as always.
- ❖ Please keep **Bobby Phillips** (and **Linda**) to your prayer list. Bobby is putting a little more weight on his leg, but it seems like those bones are taking their time to knit back. The main thing is that they're tough and healthy when they're done! Hope you folks can join us again real soon!!
- ❖ Several of our members have had colds, sinus issues, and the crud to deal with and we hope everyone is getting over them without any long term effects. If we all pray for each other, I'm sure all of our adversities will be a lighter load for us all.
- ❖ Sometimes things just seem to work out just like they're supposed too and that's what happened to **Mike & Phyllis Oehman**. They had found a house that they liked but they didn't want to buy it until they sold the house they were living in. Well, it just so happened that some people found that Mike & Phyllis's house was just what they were looking for and within a few weeks time, everyone became new owners of the houses they wanted and with a lot of moving they are now where they want to be. Congratulations to Mike & Phyllis and the other parties too!
- ❖ Congratulations to **Dale & Bettie Moody** as they are just a few weeks from having their new home finished. Now they'll have a garage long enough to house their '58 Edsel with its continental kit!
- ❖ Congratulations to **Richie Powers** as his dance group, the Kernersville Country Liners, for being one of the Finalist in the "Senior" American Idol contest November 4th. Even though they didn't win first place, they are winners with the Old Salem Chapter!
- ❖ Congratulations to **Hope Peddle** for being a candidate for the 2012 NC Region Secretary. Arrange your schedule for January 20th and especially the 21st, so you attend to NC Region Winter Business Meeting in Burlington and vote for Hope.

Note: *Due to time constraints, the November Meeting Agenda will be not be available until our meeting Tuesday, November 15th.*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests".

— Patrick Henry

Happy Birthday To:

- ♥ **Richie Powers** – November 17th
- ♥ **Bill Hutchins** – November 23rd
- ♥ **Jan Parks** – December 3rd
- ♥ **Sara Marley** – December 13th
- ♥ **John Fowle** – December 19th
- ♥ **Laurin Eastling** – December 14th
- ♥ **Al DeVictoria** – December 23rd
- ♥ **Ray Ruttle** – December 25th
- ♥ **Mark Bodenheimer** – December 26th
- ♥ **Ron Riffe** – December 29th
- ♥ **Kim Unthank** – January 3rd
- ♥ **Mark Powell** – January 3rd
- ♥ **Pat Baker** – January 5th
- ♥ **Leigh Bodenheimer** – January 5th
- ♥ **Joe Huygens** – January 9th
- ♥ **Lee Salley** – January 10th
- ♥ **Pat Hardy** – January 14th
- ♥ **Scott Bryson** – January 14th
- ♥ **Allen Martin** – January 16th
- ♥ **Bob Hardy** – January 17th
- ♥ **Mary Taylor** – January 18th
- ♥ **Charlie Crutchfield** – January 19th
- ♥ **Sam Hollis** – January 22nd
- ♥ **Brenda Hockaday** – January 22nd
- ♥ **Jo Ruckdashel** – January 25th
- ♥ **Ericia Mercer** – January 29th
- ♥ **Ann Gregory** – January 31st
- ♥ **Darlene Crutchfield** – February 1st
- ♥ **George Frye** – February 5th
- ♥ **Linda Coker** – February 14th
- ♥ **Donna Hollis** – February 18th



Welcome!

*To Our
New Member*

★ **Ray Ruttle III**
Kernersville, NC 27284



To:

- * **Joe & Elizabeth Mabe** – November 19th
- * **James & Alma Alley** – November 24th
- * **George & Pam Frye** – November 25th
- * **Larry & Rebecca Truett** – November 26th
- * **Charlie & Darlene Crutchfield** – December 5th
- * **Mark & Connie Powell** – December 11th
- * **Bob & Linda Coker** – December 27th
- * **Bobby & Linda Phillips** – December 29th
- * **Robert & Gerri Dee Crummett** – December 31st
- * **Wade & Ann Beeson** – January 10th
- * **Marion & Billie Stack** – January 16th
- * **Mike & Kat Riegelman** – February 12th

Congratulations to everyone on reaching another Birthday and/or Anniversary milestone. May you enjoy many more!

OLD SALEM CHAPTER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2011



"LARRY & WENDY JENKINS"

Larry was born in Greensboro, NC and Wendy born in Vancouver, BC (Canada). They both grew up in California and moved to North Carolina in 1980. Larry and Wendy have been married for 39yrs, and they have 2 grown boys and 1 daughter-in-law. Jasen and Stephanie live in Raleigh and James lives in Wilmington. Larry did Bodywork as his career and is now retired. Wendy works part time at a local hospital.

Larry has been interested in cars since he was 9 years old and after moving to California, came back to Greensboro every time he got a chance, to work in his uncle's body shop starting at the young age of 12.

While living in California Larry and Wendy became interested in Off-Road Racing, such as the Baja 1000. It's always more fun to participate so Larry modified a VW 1600 to run in the Baja Bug Class. Larry, and Wendy as co-pilot/navigator, ran in numerous Off-Road Racing events making many runs, through the desert of course, between Barstow, CA and Las Vegas. Larry drove their Baja Bug on a 250 mile race through the rough and tough Mexican Baja and finished in the top 12, congratulations! Baja Off-Road Racing was such great fun that Wendy says they would do it again today if they went back to California and had an opportunity to make a run.

Larry and Wendy don't have their Baja Bug any more but they do have a rare 1959 Chevrolet El Camino which they enjoy driving and doing cruise-ins and local shows.

When asked about AACA and the Old Salem Chapter, they'll both tell you that they enjoy the club because it is a great way to meet people with similar interest and there is always an activity going on, plus the club does charity work. AACA and the Old Salem Chapter is a great group of folks and is a good club to be a part of! We think you are great folks to have as part of our Old Salem Chapter family too!



Larry & Wendy's "next" Baja Bug?



Larry & Wendy's '59 El Camino