



DAN'L BOONE REGION AACA NEWSLETTER

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From Howard's Desk

Greetings Dan'l Boone Members and Friends,

With sadness, we mourn the loss of our longtime member and Treasurer for many years, Wayne Lambert, who passed away on April 3rd. Our prayers are with Frankie and their family. We were all glad to see Frankie at our April 15th club meeting.

On a brighter note, we have some birthdays to celebrate in the month of May: Matt Caldwell the 15th, Fred Counts the 21st and Dave Simmering the 12th. Hope you all have

great birthdays and many more we can celebrate with you! Those of you who haven't shared your birthdays with us, please let us know so that we can include them in our member directory, coming out soon.

Since our April Newsletter we've really been busy welcoming in Springtime here in the Appalachians. We've enjoyed the first big show of the year, the 2nd annual West Ridge show on April 5th. We had 10 club member cars participating with the hard luck award going to Susan and David who sent up a smoke screen with a leaking power steering hose spraying the exhaust manifold on the blue Mustang rag top. Next up we had a great Saturday event on April 12th. We started the day at Mickey Smith's place on Lynn Garden where we enjoyed coffee and pastries while checking out his collection. Then we caravanned on to the Red Stone Drive In on the old road to Natural Tunnell for a lunch together. Next, on to the Powell Valley overlook on US 23, just past Big Stone Gap, and then continued caravanning the old roads into the valley to see Colby Reasor's collection. If my count is correct, we had 26 people attending driving 15 cars (including a few modern rides). Many thanks to Mickey and Colby for hosting us for a great outing! I'll include a couple photos below of these April events. The following Tuesday, April 15th, we had our monthly meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse, also well attended with 26 members and a guest by my count. Randy Still's minutes of the meeting are below. Of particular note, we're asking all members who are able to help us secure sponsors for our 2025 club events. Fred Counts will be reaching out to you for help with this effort.

Now for what's happening with our Dan'l Boone Club in May:

May 3rd, is the Axe Handle Distilling Show will be from 11am - 2pm. The show flyer is below.

- Meet at Mickey Smith's place at 9:30am and departing at 10am
- Caravan to Axe Handle Distilling, 42236 Wilderness Rd, Pennington Gap, VA

May 17th is our Second Annual Blake Car Show Cruise-in for the Seniors at The Blake from 1pm-3pm. The show flyer is below-please share with friends in the car community

May 20th will be our monthly meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse, again 6pm for your calendars.

Other car happenings in the area for the next few months include:

- May
 - 24 Kingsport Antique and Rod Annual Cruise In Ft Henry Mall 12-6 (**Cancelled due to Mall changes**)
 - 30 Music on the Hill, Happy Valley, 3-8
 - 31 Trinity Baptist Church Jonesborough Car Cruise In 9-2
- June

- 7 Ridge Runners Rods and Custom Greeneville Show 10-3
- 7 Celebration Church Show 9-3:30
- 7 Fredericksburg AACA
- **17 Monthly meeting at Zachary's 6pm**
- 17-21 GTO National Meet Kingsport Meadow View Resort
- 19-21 Eastern Spring Nationals-Beckly WV
- **27 Sonic Cruise In**
- 28 Fall Branch Show??
- July
 - **12 Cruise to Nottingham Church**
 - **15 Monthly meeting at Zachary's**
 - **25 Sonic Cruise In**
 - **26 Fun Fest Show**
- August
 - **1 Cruise to Hot Bristol Nights**
 - **23 Cruise to Doe River Gorge and monthly meeting**
 - **29 Sonic Cruise In**
 - 30 Fall Branch Cruise In Show???

Looking forward to seeing you at many of these upcoming club and local events,
 Happy Spring Motoring!
 Howard

Minutes of April 15th Dan'l Boone Car Club monthly meeting by Randy Still:

During our dinner, Matt Caldwell shared images of the AACA National Meet in Concord, NC. At that Meet Fred Counts received an Original Car Designation for his 1965 Chrysler Newport Town Sedan and Matt Caldwell had received a First Junior Award for one motorcycle and a 3rd Junior for his other motorbike. Lewis Safriet had served as Judge.

President Howard Irwin called the meeting to order and asked Dave Williams to give the invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance, himself. Lewis Safriet introduced his guest from Michigan. Howard Osborne announced that his brother in law and sister in law planned to join our region. In the absence of our treasurer, Bill Anderson, our President, gave the treasurer's report which was accepted as submitted. Randy Still read the minutes of our March meeting which were accepted as submitted.

President Howard then thanked Randy Still for hosting the club on March 22nd and Colby Reasor for hosting the club on April 12th. He then announced a run down of upcoming club activities: The Axe Handle Distilling Car Show in Pennington Gap, VA on May 3rd was the first event and we were to meet at Mickey Smith Motors at 9:45 to caravan together. On May 17th our free show at The Blake Retirement Center is to be held. On June 7th is the Ridge Runners Car Show at Harden Park in Greenville from 10-3. The Nottingham Church Car Show is slated for July 12th. Our Fun Fest Car Show will be July 26th. Hot Bristol Nights Car Show is slated for August 1st. Our excursion to Doe River Gorge will be August 23rd. He also announced that the GTO Nationals would again be held at the Meadowview Convention Center June 17 to 21. Howard then quickly showed flyers of other upcoming car events in our area.

It was announced that Fred Counts will be heading up our efforts to get sponsorships for the year for our Region. Colby Reasor had agreed for his insurance agency to be the Platinum Sponsor for the year. Fred distributed materials for members to use in soliciting donations. Colby Reasor's Blue Chevrolet Pickup and boat were chosen as the 3rd vehicle for our Allandale dash plaques, t-shirts, and the logo for the event.

John Longwell then presented an interesting program of unusual antique automobile parts and accessories. At the conclusion of his presentation, members applauded indicating their appreciation. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Randy Still, Secretary













Woodway Ruritan Club Presents AXE HANDLE DISTILLING'S 5th ANNUAL CAR AND BIKE SHOW!

**May 3rd 11am-2pm at Axe Handle
42236 Wilderness Rd
Pennington Gap, VA 24277
276-318-6162**

Free admission to public and entry is free!

- Dash Plaques for all entries!
- Food truck onsite!
- Door Prizes!
- Distillery will be open 10am-8pm!
- Music!
- Free Tastings!
- Just 45 minutes from Kingsport, TN!



**The Blake Second Annual Classic Cars
for Classic Seniors Cruise In
The Blake at Kingsport @ 915 Holston Hills Drive
Saturday, May 17th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



ALL antique, classic, muscle cars, trucks, bikes and special interest vehicles invited!

Registration on day of show! FREE! Dash plaques to the first 30 registered!

Trophies will be awarded by: The Blake Residents, The Blake Staff, Dan'l Boone Car Club

Hot dogs and refreshments by the Blake with proceeds for their special activities program

Sponsors: The Dan'l Boone Car Club, Colonial Heights United Methodist Church, The Blake

Upcoming 2025 Dan'l Boone Car Club Shows:

FunFest Car Show Saturday, July 26 10 AM - 2PM- FREE! Downtown Citizens Bank

47th Annual Allandale Car Show - European Cars Specialty Sunday, September 21 9 AM - 3 PM

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