



## DAN'L BOONE REGION AACA NEWSLETTER

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### From Howard's Desk

Greetings Dan'l Boone Members and Friends,

First off, please remember our dear friend Lillian Constant as she struggles to recover from her recent surgery. Also, please keep Gene Archer and the Sillery's in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with medical issues.

#### Birthdays to celebrate in the month of July

- Burgin Claiborne July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Norma Safriet July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Gary Head July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Sandy Mathein July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Lewis Safriet July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Anderson July 28<sup>th</sup>

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.

Summer is truly here, and our calendars have lots of my favorite car events coming up in July, August, September and October. Coming up before our July meeting is the Nottingham Church All Wheel Show

just outside of the metropolitan Gate City Area. This is one of my favorite local shows with a shady, creek side venue. Hope you can cruise with us up to this show at Norma and Lewis Safriet's home Church. Details below. The following week we'll have our usual monthly meeting at Zachary's and later in July our Sonic Cruise In and our big Fun Fest Show downtown. Details will be discussed at our July monthly meeting. We'll need to get preliminary head counts at our July meeting for our August Cruise/Monthly meeting at Doe River Gorge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Please reserve that date as well. Also, in August our neighboring region in Bristol will host their annual Hot Bristol Nights show on State Street. Another great local event worth attending. September is our premier event, Allandale on the 21<sup>st</sup>, with rescheduling our monthly meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> and a work session on the 16<sup>th</sup> to get folders ready and other tasks for a successful event. Thanks to all who helped us reach our sponsorship goals for 2025 with reaching over \$5000 in sponsorships. Great work!

**Events to add to your calendars for the coming months in addition to our monthly meetings:**

- July
  - **12 Cruise to Nottingham Church All Wheel Show, 2616 Nottingham Rd, Gate City, VA 10am-2pm**
    - **Meet at Mickey Smith's at 9:30am**
    - **Depart for Cruise at 9:40am sharp**
  - **15 Monthly meeting at Zachary's**
  - **25 Sonic Cruise In**
  - **26 Fun Fest Show**
- August
  - **1 Cruise to Hot Bristol Nights (details to follow)**
  - **23 Cruise to Doe River Gorge including train ride, lunch and monthly meeting**
  - **29 Sonic Cruise In**
  - **30 Fall Branch Cruise In Show???**
- September
  - **9 Monthly meeting at Zachary's**
  - **16 Pre-Allandale Work session at Still File Storage 6pm-8pm**
  - **21 Allandale Show**
  - **26 Sonic Cruise In**
  - **27 Greeneville Airport Wings & Wheels Show 10am-5pm**
- October
  - **7 Hershey AACA National Meet begins**
  - **11 Cruise to Shady Valley Cranberry Festival & Parade**
  - **14 Monthly meeting at Zachary's**

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

**Minutes of June 17th Dan'l Boone Car Club monthly meeting by Randy Still:**

The June 17th meeting was held at Zachary's Steakhouse with Vice-President, Don Wood presiding. President, Howard Irwin, was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Bill Anderson gave the invocation. Marty Lane led the pledge of allegiance. Dave Williams reported that Gene Archer was ill as were the Sillerys. Howard Irwin was recovering from his surgery and Lillian Constant was in critical condition following her surgery. Cards were circulated for members to sign for Gene Archer and Lillian Constant.

Bill Anderson gave the Treasurer's Report followed by Randy Still with the Minutes of the May meeting. Both were accepted as submitted. Then Fred Counts reviewed our sale of sponsorships. Dave Williams then reported on our progress toward the Fun Fest and Allandale Shows.

Our program was about The Cincinnati Concours and Randy and Don's experiences showing a 1956 Crown Imperial at the event. Members were reminded of the upcoming Sonic Cruise In on Friday, June 27th at 6 pm. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Still, Secretary

**Photos below from the AACA Meet at Beckley, WV in June:** Several members were spotted at the AACA National Meet in Beckley, WV. Lewis Safriet worked as a class judge at the meet. Randy Still and Don Wood showed a 1976 Lincoln Mark IV (won at 1<sup>st</sup> Junior-congrats!). Susan Taylor and David Tolley, Sergio Merluzzi and Sharon Williams came up to check out the cars. The event was again held on the streets of Uptown Beckley and had excellent weather.

















