



# Triangle Chapter News

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## Triangle Chapter July-Aug News Summary

- Read a message from Triangle Chapter President, Chet Butcher, enjoying the summer in New Hampshire. Page 2.
- How to get a new badge and Chapter T-Shirt. See Page 2.
- The NC Region Spring car show, being hosted by the Triangle Chapter, has been rescheduled from May 1 to May 8. See the calendar and info on Page 3.
- The 21st annual Triangle Chapter ice cream social was held at John and Nancy Hartley's home on July 12. See the pictures and story in this issue. Page 5.
- Sue Harley has continued her series of articles spotlighting Triangle Chapter members on Page 5. Marv and Jeanette Gage are featured in this story.
- The Triangle Chapter members attended a watermelon feast at Joe and Sybol Daniels' home near Wendell on Sunday August 9, 2009. Story and pictures, Page 8.
- The Triangle Chapter now has an updated Web site. You can now see pictures of Triangle events, the Triangle Chapter News in color, and members' vehicle pictures. See Page 10.
- Check the bolt torque chart on page 10.
- More Judging information and some corrections on Page 11.
- Solve the Model T Tale word scramble on Page 11.



## Monthly Meetings Will Resume September 17

Monthly dinner meetings are held third Thursday each month.

**Next Meeting: September 17, 2009**

**Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC**

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Presentation at 7:30 pm

### Directions: Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Avenue

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### Events Calendar

- Monthly meetings start September 17.
- NC Region Spring Meeting rescheduled to May 8.
- More Calendar on Page 3

## President's Message

By Chet Butcher, President Triangle Chapter

July certainly flew by with everything that we had on our agenda. Two of our grandsons spent a few days each with us followed by the rest of the family coming up and staying at a cottage just around the point here on the lake for a week.

I had the opportunity to take the oldest grandson, TJ, who'll turn 12 later this year, to a huge car show. There were 424 vehicles on display, while our favorite cars were very different. TJ's favorites were the Mystery Machine van complete with a stuffed Scoobie-Doo and a bright red Lamborghini. We had a great day viewing all the cars as well as touring the Castle in the Clouds the site of the show.

And then it was time go with my buddy Dick to an antique military rally. First we had to get an over-width permit form the State of New Hampshire to make the move. He was hauling his 1943 D7 Caterpillar bulldozer that was built for the US Army down to Weare, NH to display on the parade field. This machine was a real hit with the military equipment collectors.

Next, Dick and I took in an auction of old trucks and crawler tractors. I bid on a 1947 Ford cab-over engine truck; it was a nice little truck that need a total restoration. This vehicle went for more than I was willing to bid. Oh well, that's what makes an auction interesting. A 1947 Mack FW dump truck in un-restored, as it was parked thirty or forty years ago, sold for twenty-nine thousand dollars. A 1952 Sterling-White tandem axle tractor went for thirteen thousand dollars and a year unknown Linn crawler dump truck went for twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars. None of these vehicles were restored and to the casual observer the items looked like old junkyard junk.

What fun I have on my summer vacation.

Regards,  
Chet

## How Triangle Chapter Works

### Red Badge of Triangle Chapter.

Triangle Chapter members are requested to wear their red name badges at all events. The purpose of wearing the badges is so you can learn or remember the names of other members you meet at our events. Let's face it, some of us are challenged to

## 2009 Triangle Chapter Contacts

### Officers

President ..... Chet Butcher (557-6385)  
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### Board of Directors (Class of 2010)

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Newsletter .....Denny Oestreich (846-8163)  
Jean Soehnlein (847-4832)

### Region News

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### WEB Links

- National AACA:  
[www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org)
- NC Region News online:  
[www.ncregionaaca.com](http://www.ncregionaaca.com)
- Triangle Chapter News online:  
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remember names. Each Triangle Chapter member is given free a red badge when they join. If your badge is worn out or lost, new badges are available. Just Send an Email to Fred Harley (fredharley@nc.rr.com). Make sure you spell your name as you want it on your badge.

### Triangle Club T-Shirts

The current color of the Triangle Chapter golf shirts is blue. There are few size Large-X and Large-XX. If you would like a new club T-shirt in these sizes please call Linda Miller at 557-0508. The cost of shirts is a modest \$16.00.

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# Calendar of Triangle Events

## Triangle Chapter Events

- Sept 17 1st Fall Dinner Meeting Golden Corral. 6 pm
- Oct 3 Heritage Days Oak View Park
- Oct 15 Dinner Meeting Golden Corral 6 pm
- Nov 6 Chick Filet Car Display
- Nov 19 Dinner Meeting Golden Corral. 6 pm
- Dec 10 Holiday Party

## NC Region

- Oct 24 NC Region Fall Meet Cape Fear, Wilmington, NC
- May 8 NC Region Meet hosted by the Triangle Chapter at Oak Park.

## Tours

- Oct 26-30 Vintage Tour Fuquay-Varina NC Brass Nickel Hosting

## Other NC Chapter Events

- Aug 29 Brass Nickel Fayetteville Trial Tour
- Sept 12 Moorhead City Moorhead City, NC
- Sept 26 Sandhills Pinehurst, NC
- Oct 3 New River Jacksonville, NC
- Oct 10 Southeastern Mt. Olive
- Oct 17 Furnitureland Spencer, NC

## AACA National

- Sept 18 Annual Grand National Meet Topeka, KS
- Sept 19 Central Fall Meet Topeka, KS
- Oct 7-10 Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

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# NC Region Spring Meet Rescheduled

The Triangle Chapter was asked to reschedule the NC Region Meet from May 1 to May 8 due to conflicting plans for an AACA National meet in Illinois on May 1. The May 8 date is open at Oak Park, so the Triangle has rescheduled the Spring Meet event. The Triangle Chapter is planning a terrific event including a plan to make special trophies.

## Editor's Notes and comments

By Denny Oestreich

In this month's newsletter you will see some new things, some changes and some repeats. Please check out the August newsletter and tell me what you think. I always like to get feedback from members. I especially appreciate articles contributed by members. If you have an idea for an article, write it up and send it to me. If you don't like to write, send me a picture or call me and I will write it up. I especially would like to get your car restoration stories with pictures.

In the newsletter this month we have a member spotlight feature article on Marv and Jeanette Gage prepared by our biographer, Sue Harley. Great job Sue.

Mike Soehnlein submitted an article about the recent NC bill which defines various classifications of collector cars to make registration easier. The NC Region committee worked on this bill to make it helpful to the old car hobby. Thanks to Mike and the other members NC Region legislative committee. Good Job.

There have been some requests for color pictures in the newsletter. The reason we do not have color in the newsletter is cost. An 8 1/2 X 11 inch page printed in color is 79 cents each. To do 12 pages in color would cost \$9.48 plus tax. So my current solution is to mail the newsletter in black and white and put the newsletter on our Website in color. You can now read the newsletter in color or you can download and print it in color.

To put our newsletters on line I had to get access to our Web Site and become the Webmaster. That has been another adventure for me. See the story in this newsletter and give me feedback on the Website too. Dottie Aikin has given me several Web Site suggestions that I have implemented. Thanks Dottie.

I have gotten a few newsletters back because of no postage. It happened several time on my first issue, but only once on the second issue. I checked very carefully before I mailed second mailing, so I know there were stamps. I can imagine the stamps spinning around a roller on the Post Office's sorting machine.

## Classified Ads

'54 Chevrolet, 2 Dr Sedan, B2 Coupe

Re-chromed Bumpers, Cloth/Vinyl Interior is in reasonable condition. Fender Skirts, 5 Hubcaps. This is a excellent car to start or add to your hobby. Priced reasonably. Call 919-266-8083.

## Fayetteville Trial Tour

The Vintage Tour test of one of the daily routes will be held on August 29, 2009. This one day trial tour is open to all years of AACA vehicles. The agenda will go from Fuquay Varina to Fayetteville, visit three museums, have lunch, and return to Fuquay.

The tour will start at the Fuquay Varina Tractor Service Company (TSC) store parking lot. The TSC store is located on Highway 401 on the North side of Fuquay Varina. The address is 1348 N Main St.

The tour group will meet at 9 am and leave at 9:30 for Fayetteville. The tour will leave in groups of 4-5 with maps and directions to the destinations.

The tour group will visit the Airborne Museum and two others in Fayetteville. The tour should return to the TSC parking lot in Fuquay at 4:30 pm.

Call Riley Reiner at (554-1158) to join this tour.

## National Vintage Tour

Riley Reiner and Judy Edwards report a tremendous response to the AACA National Vintage Tour advertising. The responses asking for more information came from all over the United States. If everyone who applied joins the tour it will soon be a full tour. It is filling up quickly.

The October 26-30 tour is being sponsored by the Brass-Nickel Chapter. It will be a spoke and wheel tour with Fuquay Varina being tour central. The tour will travel 80-100 miles each day leaving from and returning to tour central.

There are five ways you can enjoy this tour.

1. Sign up for all 5 days, \$120.
2. Join at the daily rate of \$50/day.
3. Find a tour entrant and join the tour as their guest passenger \$50.
4. Come out to see the public display of the tour vehicles on the streets of downtown Fuquay Varina on October 28, 2009.
5. The fifth way, volunteering to assist Mike Soehnlein on trouble truck duty, is booked already. Let Riley know in case of a change.

Riley said the tour information was mailed to 113 tour applicants. Call Riley Reiner at (554-1158).

## 20th Annual Ice Cream Social — July 12, 2009

By Jean Soehnlein and Denny Oestreich

The annual Ice Cream Social at John and Nancy Hartley's home is a 21 year Triangle Chapter tradition. The crowd included 45 members, friends, and family. I thought I must have published good directions until I realized that most of the members had been there many times before. The members even found the Ice Cream Social after Hartley's moved to their beautiful new home a few years ago.



This year members brought their best ice cream flavors. Flavors included vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, peppermint, cherry vanilla, rum raisin, and peanut butter. There were also some great cookies, cake and fruit to add to your bowl of ice cream for the perfect touch. There was no reason not to have two helpings.



John's garage and shop provides a great place to open your lawn chair, catch up with friends, meet new members and stay close to the ice cream. Mike Soehnlein brought some expensive tools provided by Sears for members to review. The tools would look



good in any of our tool boxes.

Members who drove their antique vehicles included.

- Bob and Linda Miller '39 Buick
- Joel & Lauren Hoffman '23 Ford T Depot Hack
- Dan and Jean Fucella '60 Willy's Overland
- Bill and Barbara Werner '54 Ford
- Floyd and Peggy Barnes '57 Thunderbird



The winner of the June Triangle Chapter Newsletter Pop Quiz was announced at the Ice Cream social. Jean Soehnlein's answer of 1521 was correct. Jean was awarded a less expensive, but substantial set of tools.

## SPOTLIGHT ON MARV GAGE

By Sue Harley

Marv Gage loves water sports, which is not surprising as he grew up in Canandaigua, NY, just outside of Rochester. The Gage family (Marv, his parents, brother and sister) lived on the shores of Lake Canandaigua, one of the Finger Lakes. Consequently, nearly all of Marv's activities growing up were lake-related: swimming, boating, fishing, and skiing.

After graduating from high school in Canandaigua, Marv attended the University of Rochester, where he majored in finance and accounting, and also where he met a certain Jeanette Fenyn. Jeanette's family had moved to Newark, NY from Holland in 1951, and even though she had finished her formal education in the Netherlands, Jeanette elected to attend high school in Newark so she could more readily learn English. There she met and became good friends with Marian Botcher -- they sang together in a musical group. In college, Marv and Jeanette often went out with Marian and her date Ron Petty: the couples have been close friends ever since.

Jeanette and Marv were married in 1958 and recently celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

Marv's job with Stromberg Carlson Corporation (part of General Dynamics) took them to Rochester, NY. Their three children -- son Ken, daughter Debra and son Paul -- were all born in Rochester, where the family lived for 16 years until a transfer took them to St.



Louis, Missouri, headquarters of General Dynamics. Marv was president of their leasing company. Leaving life in the country and moving to a big city suburb was

a major change for the family, but everyone adjusted well.



The first old car that Marv purchased was a 1939 Hudson, which he bought in 1971. While in St. Louis, Marv got the idea to buy a convertible so he could chug around the subdivision. What he found was a 1919 Overland Touring car, which had been totally torn apart for restoration. The owner had hurt his back and subsequently let the car sit for a while. The "while" became 30 years! When Marv bought the car it came in bags and boxes: there were no notes, no photographs, no nothing. It took Marv 12 years to get it put together.

One reason the restoration took so long was that Marv was sidetracked by the restoration of other vehicles. First was the 1964 Triumph TR4 for Debra; next he and Ken restored a 1968 Fiat X19. Then Paul bought a 1970 Dodge Challenger convertible, which the two of them restored. Progress on the Overland was slow indeed.

Following their 11 years in St. Louis, Marv, Jeanette and Paul spent 3 years in Hartford, CT (Ken and Debra were already married by this time). The family enjoyed Connecticut, but with all of their relatives back in New York, they wanted to be there also. Marv got a job with Carrier in Syracuse, and while there he joined the AACA. With the Overland restoration nearly complete, Marv knew he needed another project. Through the AACA he met a man with 6 REOs and a Franklin. The gentleman wished to purchase another Franklin so to raise cash, he sold his 1926 Franklin to Marv: this was in 1988.

The 1926 Franklin needed work, but Marv put it in storage and didn't do much to it until he and Jeanette were in North Carolina. Marv does all of the restoration himself, except for upholstery, which is custom done, and - Model T restorers take note - there are NO PARTS available for a Franklin. Marv showed his son Paul how to paint cars, and taught him so well that



Paul was later hired by Sherwin Williams' automotive paints division.

Marv also joined the Franklin Club in Syracuse and remains very active in it: he has been on the board for three years and is currently their vice-president. In two years Marv will become president. Thanks to a generous benefactor, the Franklin Club is building a Franklin Museum at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Ground was broken in May and Marv serves on the finance committee. The Gilmore Museum itself is building a Heritage Center and has plans to be open year-round.

As much as they loved New York, Marv and Jeanette wanted to retire someplace where the weather was warmer and which had 4 seasons, and where there were interesting opportunities. They'd thought of moving to Wake Forest, but there was not much out there in the early 1990s. Instead they found a house in north Raleigh and moved down here in 1993. Marv had to hunt to find the local AACA chapter. No one returned his calls, so one night he just turned up at their meeting at

Brothers Pizza in Cary. Marv has been very active in Triangle Chapter ever since: he served on the board for a few years, was vice-president for 3 years under Jack Agayoff and was chapter president for 3 years.

If Marv was going to go on tours with Triangle Chapter, however, he needed a good driver. He found a 1964 Thunderbird, which became their touring car.

Still, the Franklins were his first love, and in 2005 Marv bought the green 1930 Franklin so that he might have a newer model. The car had been restored in 1988 and needed just a little mechanical tweaking to ready it for car shows and the Trek.

Jeanette and Marv have gone on the Franklin Trek for about 15 years. The Trek is held the first week of August and is headquartered in Syracuse (at Cazenovia College), where the Franklin was made. There can be 90-95 cars at a Trek, and over the course of a week, the cars travel close to 500 miles.

In addition to his involvement with old cars, Marv enjoys golf, bass fishing (on Falls Lake) and visiting with grandchildren. Ken and Kelley have 2 sons and live near Atlanta, the other grandchildren - a boy and a girl - live just outside of Charlotte.



Triangle Chapter is truly fortunate that Marv and Jeanette moved to the Raleigh area and that Marv persisted in finding the local AACA chapter!

# Watermelon Feast — August 9, 2009

By Merry Oestreich, Pictures by Jean Soehnlein

What do you do on a 99 degree Sunday afternoon in August? Why, you go to a watermelon feast of course! So we headed on out to Joe and Sybol Daniel's lovely country home to chow down on the beautiful red fruit.



There were homegrown watermelon, and cantaloupe, Sybol's homemade salsa with chips, and other goodies aplenty. This has been a great year for their garden produce, as the fruit was truly delicious. Beyond that,



we enjoyed good conversation, checked on Joe's cars and admired Sybol's flower beds, and even caught someone fishing in their pond. About 20 club members attended this event, and didn't mind the heat at all. Many, many thank to the Daniels for their gracious hospitality.

Joe continues to make progress with his 57 Chevy restoration. The rolling frame with engine and trans-

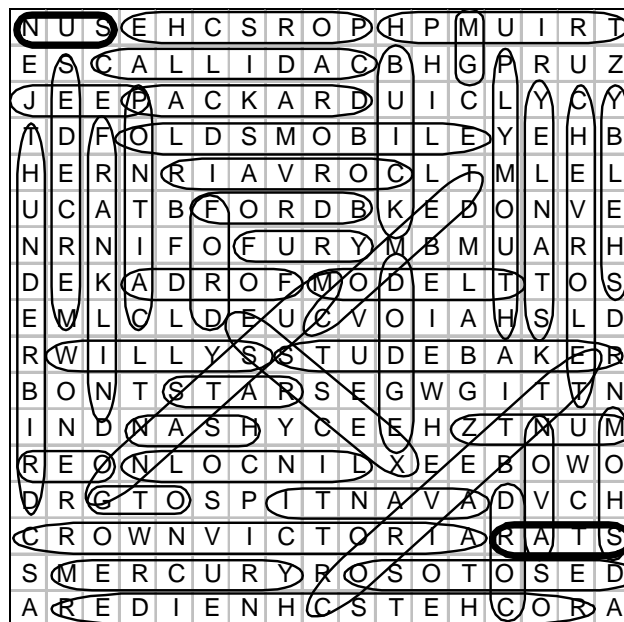


mission looks very good. Joe is now working on his deck lid. We were all envious of his organized work shop.

On a very hot day the winners of the fishing contest were the fish.

## July Parking Puzzle Answers

Here is the answer sheet for last month's Parking Puzzle. There were more cars that I thought. We found two more cars than were registered. See those with the dark circles. There was an unexpected SUN and two Stars.





## Legislation OK'd for Reclassification of Specialty Built Vehicles

By Mike Soehnlein

It has been a long, hard road, but your AACA NC Region Legislative Committee has worked hard to turn a nightmare into a positive reality.

NC Sen. Hartsell was the bill sponsor, but attempts by Sen. East and others drastically amended the bill to leave in place the “never-passed-into-law” versions that had created the recent horror stories of inspections. Since the law to amend the classifications was never passed, DMV – under the previous Commissioner – had arbitrarily instituted policies and then various agents, with no rules and training, began using procedures that were erratic and unreasonable. This bill was to codify and rectify these abuses.

The bill had its origin in a scandal under Gov. Easley when a person attempted to register a custom car as an antique to falsely claim the property tax cap.

Sen. Hartsell drafted a bill to make necessary classifications changes, but not bar registrations and titles for legitimate antiques. In its raw form, the bill had some merit, but many flaws. In the House Transportation Committee, there were so many conflicts and questions, Chairwoman Carney assigned it to a sub-committee of 17-year veteran Ron Sutton (chair), Rep. Goodwin and Rep. Frye. She could not have made a better choice. Sutton called for a round-table negotiation with representatives from the AACA, DMV and SEMA. There was a lot of hard negotiation. Nobody got everything on his or her wish list, but we came out with an excellent workable bill that protects our AACA interests.

Key items are new classifications of vehicles. Previously, §GS43.4.01(43) had only “Custom Vehicles” with a poor definition. There were no provisions for street rods or kit cars. Three new classifications are: Replica cars, cars made as a kit or assembly attempting to duplicate an existing model §4.01(43a); Street rods, vehicles prior to 1949 heavily modified with non-standard bodies, §4.01(43b). §4.01(43c) is a more tightly defined definition of the original custom cars, which are basically one-offs with non-standard body and/or chassis.

A vehicle that is an original chassis and body of original material and construction remains a standard vehicle, antique if it otherwise qualifies. It can have a modernized interior or drive train. AACA wanted a modified classification but could not carry the majority in the negotiations. It does not hurt AACA or antiques, but does allow vehicles that would not qualify as an-

tique to AACA standards to registration by year and make.

One of the more contentious clauses was about inspection. Horror stories of forced disassemblies, sanding for numbers and other damage, or arbitrary refusals of titling and registration abound. Unfortunately, they also grew and spawned massive rumors that were unverifiable. Because these acts were administrative decree and not based in law, Commissioner Robertson had already ordered cessation. The sub-committee faced finding a way to insure the integrity of the title and reasonable registration without placing an undue burden on the public.

Inspections will now be ‘hands off’. The owner has the burden of establishing that his documentation matches the vehicle. New class vehicles and vehicles from out-of-state over 35 years old will require inspections. This was forced by the mail order and fraudulent titles floating around. Owners must also establish the vehicle is more than a collection of parts – that it will be assembled into the vehicle applied for. The term “substantially” assembled means it does not have to be running, but show sufficient in-progress to establish that it is not likely to be turned into something else.

There is a review committee, one of the most important statutes, that becomes the fail-safe if an agent is unreasonable or an owner disputes the classification. Under the first draft, the committee was to be three DMV employees and two from the public, “selected and serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner.” The AACA had strong reservations, so Mike Soehnlein brought this to the negotiating table on two counts – the numbers and the “pleasure of the Commissioner” putting undue onus on the public members. The sub-committee worked hard and finally agreed to a review committee made up of two DMV employees and three from the public. One seat will be provided by the AACA.

We are glad to report that the bill was buried so deep (next to last on the agenda) and so small compared to the multi-million dollar budget bills ahead of it, it went through Finance with little comment. A major factor was the reputation of Rep. Sutton and his committee. Scuttlebutt in the NC House is that when he finishes a substitute bill, it is ready to go! The NC House & Senate must have agreed, because the bill passed without a “No” vote.

## Triangle Chapter Web Site

Denny Oestreich Webmaster

Have you seen our Triangle Web Site recently ? It has moved and it looks very different now. See our new site at:

**[ncregionaaca.com/triangle](http://ncregionaaca.com/triangle)**

After I completed the July newsletter, I wanted to put it online so you could see the photos in color. I found that to do that, the Triangle Chapter needed a Webmaster, so I volunteered. That gave me the opportunity to rebuild our web site with much more information about the Triangle Chapter.

AACA supports a web server and allocates a space for the AACA Regions. David Devine is the Webmaster for the NC Region. David created small web sites for all the chapters in the NC Region. You can also get our web site by going to the NC Region Web Site and clicking on the Triangle symbol. While you are there you may want to look at the other Region Web Sites.

**[ncregionaaca.com](http://ncregionaaca.com)**

I have redesigned our web site and posted Triangle Chapter information and pictures. The front page has an introduction to the Triangle Chapter. The main menu on the front page has links to other pages. The links include:

- [About the Triangle Chapter](#). General Information about our Chapter.
- [Contacts](#). A listing of the Triangle Chapter officers and other contacts.
- [Triangle Calendar](#). Triangle Events calendar.
- [Newsletters](#). The three most recent newsletters are linked from this page. To see the newsletter in color simply click on the newsletter you want. You can also download the newsletter and print it in color on your printer.
- [Brass Nickel Region](#). A Link to the Brass Nickel Region Website.
- [Events Picture Gallery](#). These are links to the Google Picasa Picture gallery where I have posted our recent event pictures.
- [Members' Pride](#). Pictures of Triangle Chapter members vehicles.
- [Take-Apart-T](#). Pictures of a recent Take – Apart-T assembly and pictures of an assembly done by younger members in 2002.
- Join us—An application form and instructions to join our Chapter.

Please have a look at our web site. Web sites are by nature always under construction. Let me know about changes, corrections, additions or recommendation you would like to see. Use the Web site to share with friends and recruit new members to the Triangle Chapter.

If you would like your vehicle (s) included on the Members' Pride page, send me a digital picture by Email and I will post it, or by regular mail and I will scan it and post. If your vehicle is under construction , send a picture and I will post it in a new section called Projects.

I hope you enjoy the web site. I have enjoyed building it and will continue to make improvements.

## Torque it Wrist Tight

Have you ever used a torque wrench on an entire project? I usually use my own wrist tight measurements for most bolts. I only torque special bolts like head bolts, and large brake and hub bolts. I looked up torque measurements for bolts and nuts and found the table below. However the table was incomplete. It did not contain a measurement for Denny's wrist tight torque. I know wrist tight torque is somewhere between a bolt so loose it vibrates out and the bolt breaking off when you tighten it.

I wondered how my calibrated wrist tightening compared to the chart. So I unscientifically measured. I put a nut into a vise and screwed in a bolt with a lock washer using an eight inch craftsman ratchet until it was wrist tight. Then I used my torque wrench to tighten it until I moved again and took a reading. My wrist is not calibrated closes to any category. What does your chart look like?

Bolt Diameter in Inches	Aluminum Alloy or Brass	Plain Steel	Case Hardened	Steel Alloy	Denny's "Wrist Tight" Torque
1/4	6	8	12	18	13
5/16	12	16	24	36	23
3/8	21	28	42	63	29
7/16	33	44	66	99	38
1/2	50	67	100	150	40
9/16	71	95	142	213	
5/8	98	131	196	294	
3/4	170	228	340	510	
7/8	270	361	540	810	
1	392	524	784	1176	

### Judging Assist Information What is Right and Wrong

Several of you have pointed out some errors in the judging assistance information provided in the last newsletter. Here are some corrections to judging information based on your input and checked in the latest AACA Judging manual

**Exterior**

- **1925** First year of chrome plating on Oldsmobile; 1928 on most other models.

**Chassis**

- **1920**—First use of Alemite pin-type bayonet lock grease fittings.
- **1946** First use of strength marks on bolt heads. Earlier years may have letter or number markings.

**Engine**

- **1953** First use of hydraulic power brakes.

Here are some non authentic items that are acceptable on AACA judged vehicles.

- Turn signals and cutoff switches are accepted as safety items when installed with good workmanship, using authentic wiring.
- No deduction for aluminum paint or stainless steel used to simulate cadmium plating.
- There is no deduction for an electric fuel pump on a 1942 or earlier vehicle.
- Outside rear view mirrors are accepted if they are of correct vintage.
- Auxiliary assist devices for handicapped drivers will be accepted.
- Seat belts and child restraints will be accepted if neatly installed.
- Safety glass is accepted.
- Unpolished stainless steel brake lines and fuel lines are accepted.
- Painted exhaust systems will receive no point deductions, nor will slight surface rust on unfinished steel systems. Unpolished stainless steel systems are acceptable.
- Tubeless tires with a tube will be allowed without removing “tubeless” on vehicles that did not come with tubeless tires. Tubeless tires were introduced in 1955.
- Wheel weights are considered a safety item.

The following are not acceptable.

Non factory air conditioning , power steering, power brakes, or hydraulic brakes added to vehicles not so equipped at the factory are non authentic and require maximum point deduction.

### Word Scramble Model T Tale

In 1932 Grandfather had just purchased a used 1919 Model T Ford on Monday from Herman Smeikel, the local store keeper. The center door Model T had been kept in immaculate condition and was equipped with an electric starter.

On Saturday night, grandmother had accepted an invitation for both of them to go to the Smeikels’ home to hear a violin concert by the Smeikels’ 14 year old daughter, Kaitlyn. She played her best piece first and then five others she knew less well. Encouraged by her mother, she finished her fifth encore at 9:30 pm.

There was not too much said on the way home. At 10:30 pm Grandfather finally drove the Model T up to the house. Grandmother got out and went in.

Grandfather drove the Model T to the machine shed. As he came near the door, he drove over a board with a nail in it. Because there were no lights in the machine shed, Grandfather left the Model T headlights on while he patched the inner tube.

It took only 20 minutes to patch the tire, but the headlights began to dim. When the tire was fixed, the Model T would not start, so Grandfather turned out the lights and pushed it into the shed.

When he came into the house, Grandmother said, “What took you so long?”

Grandfather said, “I had to fix a flat tire and the battery is dead.” Nothing more was said.

Next morning Grandmother was up early and ready to go to church. She was not worried about the Model T starting and getting them to church on time because she knew how Grandfather was feeling.

Unscramble the words from the story and arrange the circled letters to see how Grandfather was feeling.

TARBREY



HIGLST



HUCCHR



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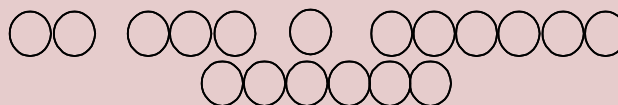
RAGGAE



TALKINY



How Grandfather felt.



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