



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter May-June Activities Summary

Summary of the recent activities of the Triangle Chapter

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This is a summary of activities the of the Triangle Chapter and its members during late May and early June.

- The Triangle Chapter was invited to participate in the Mordecai Historic Park "Blast From the Past" family day on Saturday, May 16. Four members displayed vehicles and participated in two Take-Apart-T demonstrations.
- On May 21, 2009 the Triangle Chapter held its last dinner meeting until fall (September 17, 2009). The May meeting minutes can be found on Page 4.
- On May 23 nine Triangle members participated in the NC Region Spring Meet at Chinqua Penn Plantation in Reidsville.
- On June 6, 2009 Floyd Barnes and Fred Harley entered the San-Lee Chapter show in Sanford.
- Triangle Chapter was invited to display their cars and do the Take-Apart-T demonstration at New Hope Baptist Church on June 6, 2009. 12 members displayed and 10 members participated in the Take-Apart-T assembly.



Events Calendar

- June 11-13 Southeastern Spring Meet— Lebanon. TN
- June 20—Coastal Plains show Washington NC
- July 8— Ice Cream Social at Hartley's
- August 12— Watermelon Feast at Daniels
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New Newsletter Editor Comments

Denny Oestreich

Did you notice the Triangle Chapter News looks different this month? . Jean Soehnlein has passed the editor's visor to me. Jean took the editor's job 14 years ago and has provided a quality newsletter since. Many thanks, Jean .

This is my first effort. I will do my best to keep the Triangle Chapter Newsletter standards high. I need your help with contributions of interesting stories and Chapter news. You are all hereby appointed to be reporters. Tell me your stories.

The newsletter appearance will be different because I am using the Microsoft Publisher. I intend to mail the newsletter as we have done before. My experience has been that newsletters get read by more people in a household if it has the chance to sit on the desk, lie on the counter or be discussed at the dinner table. I will look at the possibility of Email delivery in the future.

To enable me to take the editor's job for the next two years, Mike Soehnlein will complete the Vice President's duties until the next election. Thanks, Mike.

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Message from the President By Chet Butcher, President Triangle Chapter

As I sit at the computer writing this months message, I'm looking out the cottage window at Newfound Lake, NH. I am keeping an eye out for the resident loon to make his daily swim by. The lake was so still and calm the other day we could hear him make that eerie call that is part of their mystique.

I decided to bring my 50 Ford up for the summer. So, I loaded it on the trailer and hauled it here. I was having second thoughts after traveling thirty miles in the morning commute through Durham. The next bare knuckle experience was along Route 501 as we headed toward Buena Vista, Virginia. The switchbacks on this mountain road make you pray that the brakes will hold back the trailer on the down-hills. Did I mention the rain? Oh yes, that shiny wax job got its test as we crossed over the Appalachians in Virginia and again in Vermont.

After arriving at the lake, a quick car wash had the paint shining again. We'll be driving it to Manchester, NH for a big benefit show next Sunday and plan to take in some cruise nights around the region during the summer.

How about the North Carolina Region AACA Spring Meet at Chinqua Penn Plantation. It was one of the best events that I've attended. The weather was delightful and the tour of the plantation was wonderful. There were over one hundred cars on display and I may add some of the best I've seen at any show. The crew from Triangle Chapter had fun doing the Take - Apart-T demonstration and the spectators enjoyed the show.

Have a great summer with all the tours and socials on the schedule. .

Regards,
Chet

How Triangle Chapter Works Denny Oestreich

If you are new to the AACA Triangle Chapter or just interested in the chapter, here is a continuing discussion on how the Triangle Chapter works.

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2009 Triangle Chapter Contacts

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Board of Directors (Class of 2009)

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- Joe Daniel 365-7123
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2009 Committees

- Awards Riley Reiner
- Newsletter Jean Soehnlein/Denny Oestreich
- Region News Correspondent Riley Reiner
- Youth Coordinator Open

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The AACA has National Club has over 50,000 members. The National magazine brings the stories and events to members six times a year. Adding color format has certainly improved the magazine

The Triangle Chapter is one of 400 Chapters and Regions in AACA. Our chapter has 84 participating families. This is our newsletter.

To organize AACA events between Chapters in a geographical areas, the Chapters are grouped into Regions. We are part of the North Carolina Region which has 16 chapters. The NC Region has its own newsletter to reporting events and activities of the other Chapters in the Region.

The Triangle Chapter holds dinner meetings and several events each year. Dinner meetings are held monthly January through May. True to the traditional school year, we do not have dinner meetings in June, July, and August. These months are reserved for car shows, tours, family vacations and other special events. Our tradition is to gather for an ice cream social in July, and a watermelon feast in August.

We start dinner meetings again in September, October, and November. On December 10, 2009 we will schedule the annual holiday party.

Calendar of Events

June 2009						
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November 2009						
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29	30					

Triangle Chapter Events

- July 12 Ice Cream Social at John and Nancy Hartley's
- Aug 9 Watermelon Feast at Joe and Sybol Daniels'
- Sept 17 1st Fall Dinner Meeting Golden Corral. 6 pm
- Oct 3 Heritage Days Oak View Park
- Oct Dinner Meeting Golden Corral 6 pm
- Nov 6 Chick Filet Car Display
- Nov 19 Dinner Meeting Golden Corral. 6 pm
- Dec 10 Holiday Party

Other NC Chapter Events

- June 20 Coastal Plains Washington, NC
- Aug 1 General Greene Greensboro, NC
- Sept 12 Moorehead City Moorehead City, NC
- Sept 26 Sandhills Pinehurst, NC
- Oct 3 New River Jacksonville, NC
- Oct 10 Southeastern Mt. Olive
- Oct 17 Furnitureland Spencer, NC

NC Region

- Oct 24 NC Region Fall Meet Cape Fear, Wilmington, NC

Tours

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

AACA National

- Jun 11-13 Southeastern Special Spring Meet, Lebanon, TN
- Sept 18 Annual Grand National Meet Topeka, KS
- Sept 19 Central Fall Meet Topeka, KS
- Oct 7-10 Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

Ice Cream Social July 12

The 21st Annual Ice Cream Social will be held at John and Nancy Hartley's home. Bring your homemade ice cream and other deserts. Bring your lawn chair. Drive your antique, classic or regular car. The ice cream is served indoors, so weather will not be a problem. Join in the fun and discussion.

Directions:

- From the outer beltline take the Jones Franklin Road exit.
- Turn left at the stop light onto Jones Franklin Road.
- Go to the first stop sign and turn right on Tryon Road.
- At the next traffic light turn left on onto Holly Springs Road.
- Go to the fifth stop light and turn left on to Sunset Lake Road. (You will pass Cary Parkway, Penny Road, Ten-Ten Road, and Kildaire Farm Road)
- Go on Sunset 1-2 miles past the dam and lake on the right, past Carrington.
- Turn left into Crofts at Brackenridge, and go 1.5 miles.

Watermelon Feast August 12

Join us at Joe and Sybol Daniel's home for Watermelon and other deserts. This activity offers a drive in the country, a fishing pond with guaranteed fish, a shop tour, great conversation in the back yard, and some good watermelon.

Triangle Chapter May Meeting Fred Harley

The May 21, 2009 meeting was called to order by President Chet Butcher.

1. Attendance: There were 50 members and one guest present.
3. Fred Harley gave the Treasurers Report. We had a very successful car show with positive cash flow.
4. Membership Report: New members Bob and Nancy Brink, bring membership to 84 families.
5. Upcoming Triangle Chapter events were discussed. All members are asked to review their calendars and plan to attend.
 - June 6 – Take-Apart-T demo and car show at the New Hope Baptist Church in Raleigh. This was a fund raiser for the Chapter. Call Riley Reiner at 554-1158 if you can help out. We are still short two people. Free Lunch included.
 - July 12 – Ice Cream Social at the Hartleys'
 - Aug 9 – Watermelon Feast at the Daniels'
6. Brass Nichol Report: Riley Reiner.
Brass Nickel has three tours planned this season. Triangle Chapter members are invited to participate in these tours.
 - June 13-14 - Tour of Roanoke, VA, Blueridge parkway, Bedford. The tour includes the D-Day Memorial and the Bedford train station. Riley and Sandra reported they have tested the tour route and made some changes.
 - May 9th - Tour of Silk Hope and visit to the Steam display. This will be a tune up tour for the National Fall Vintage Tour being planned. The tour will start from the Fuquay-Varina TSC parking lot an tour through Chatham county.
 - October 26-30 – 2009 Vintage Tour based from Fuquay-Varina. This will be a National AACA Tour.
6. May 16, Triangle Car show update: Joe Parsons reviewed sponsor contributions totaling \$2100. He was able to obtain several new sponsors to replace several that could not contribute due to the difficult economy. Thanks Joe, for an outstanding effort. Riley Reiner thanked members for their work on the trophies. Riley brought trophy samples to the meeting, and handed out extra

photos taken at the show. Thanks to Riley and Mike Soehnlein for their creative use of excess trophies and all their time and effort in a most successful undertaking.

7. The Take-Apart-T show at Mordecai House was a big success with 12 members helping in the show. This fundraiser contributed \$150 to the treasury.
8. Pat Gaglione asked for members to participate in the "JOY" car show at Croasdaile Retirement Village in Durham, on Sunday June 7th from 1-4PM Registration on-site starting at 12:30PM.. Please contact Pat at gaglione@nc.rr.com or 919-280-8350 if you plan to attend. The folks at the retirement village really look forward to this show and they enjoy going for a short ride around the village.
9. Riley Reiner gave a fun and interesting presentation on the 2008 Hershey car show. He had great photos from the swap meet, car corral, and AACA show on Saturday. Thanks Riley for a great review and presentation.

Talking Trophy

The general consensus had been that the 2009 car show trophies were well received by the members and participants. Discussion and planning for Chapter members to build next years trophies have already started. Comments have been, "They are the kind of trophy that makes our club stand apart from other clubs. If we are hosting a Region Show in 2010, I think that trophies such as these would be a HUGE success." If you have ideas about trophy design, contact Riley Reiner.



2009 1st Place Trophy

Mordecai “Blast from the Past”

The Triangle Chapter was invited to participate in the Mordecai Historic Park “Blast From the Past” family day on Saturday, May 16. The Chapter was part of a day long event that featured several activities on the grounds of the Mordecai House in downtown Raleigh. Activities included house tours, craft activities, plane spotter bingo, a ladies historic fashion show, a hula-hoop competition, a car display, and two Take-Apart-T demonstrations.



Four members displayed vehicles: John Hartley (1966 Dodge), Dan Fucella (1959 Willys Overland, Jack Anderson (1932B Ford Pickup) and Mike Soehnlein (1950 Ford Pickup).



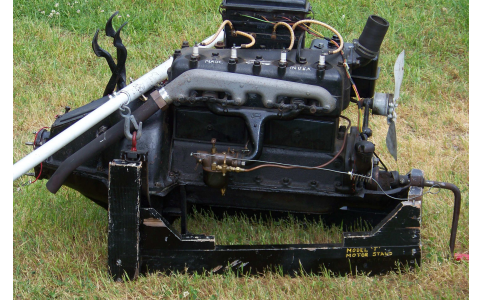
The Take-Apart-T was assembled at two times. The first assembly was complete in 8:18 minutes in a light rain. The second assembly was faster at 6:38 minutes. Participating in the demo were Riley Reiner, Dan Fucella, John Hartley, Floyd Barnes, Fred Harley, Mike Soehnlein, Chet Butcher, Jack Anderson, Gary Hunter and Peter Schambs.

Several guys learned a lot about history watching the women’s fashion show. They were also entertained by the hula hoop competition and the ball room dancing. You had to be there.



Chinqua Penn NC Region Show

On May 23, seven Triangle Chapter members entered the Three Rivers NC Region Spring meet at Chinqua Penn Plantation in Reidsville, NC. The Triangle Chapter put on the Take-Apart T demonstration. The assembly team included Fred Harley, Floyd Barnes, Jack Agayoff, Jim Aldridge, Don Aikin, Mike Soehnlein, and Riley Reiner.



Floyd Barnes says his favorite car at the show was a Tan Bantam convertible, with red fenders. I wonder if he will find one to restore.

San-Lee Chapter Show

Two Triangle members attended the San-Lee Chapter show on June 6, 2009. Floyd Barnes brought his 1957 T-Bird and Fred Harley entered his center door Model T. Floyd Barnes reported there were about 50 cars at the show. There were a lot of early pickups at this

New Hope Baptist Church

Triangle Chapter was invited to display their cars and do the Take-Apart-T demonstration at New Hope Baptist Church on June 4, 2009. Twelve Triangle members were among the total of 35 cars on display. Triangle Cars on display included Riley Reiner - ‘15 Model T, Marv Gage - ‘26 Franklin, Jack Johnson -32 Ford B, Denny Oestreich -‘57 Chevy, Dan Fucella -50 Willys Overland, Sandra Reiner -‘68 Mustang, John Columbo - ‘61 Thunderbird .

Ten members participated in the Take-Apart-T demonstration. This was a special learning session for several members who had not done this previously. Teamed with experts, the new assembly line workers learned how to do the take apart and assembly. The crowd was very appreciative. This was the first time I can recall getting a round of applause for taking the T apart. Relief driver Sandra Reiner did the driving honors.

There was also a bake sale and rummage sale to see and all participants were treated to a barbeque lunch. New Hope Church organizers were great hosts.

Other Costs Involved in Buying an Antique Automobile

By Denny Oestreich

Buying an antique car sometimes involves unexpected "other costs". There are unavoidable costs involved in bringing a restoration project home. Like everything else about antique cars, these costs add up. The best advice is, don't keep track of these costs. Here are some other costs that I have experienced. While these thoughts were meant to be humorous when I started, it is obvious, some of these are the result of my experience.

When you finally find that antique car to buy, the first challenge is how to get it home. The car is always some distance away from home. Let's face it, the next door neighbor rarely has a collector car for sale. Besides, a good rule to follow is never move a neighbor's mess into your yard.

The first "other" cost is gas money to go and look at the car. It takes a second trip to make the deal, and a third trip to determine what you will need to move it, and finally a fourth trip to go get it. The final trip usually involves more than one vehicle. It is best to take someone different with you on each trip so they don't talk you out of buying the car. Assuming the car you found is near Fuquay Varina and you live in Raleigh, the estimated gas cost per trip at \$2.52.9/gallon is \$8.09 per trip, or about \$40.64 total.

It would be good if the car you just bought was running, but the general rule is, running cars are not for sale. Therefore, you have two choices, get it started or haul it home. To get it started you will have to find a battery. Usually your extra battery is completely dead. A cheap new battery costs \$35.00 at Walmart. If you forget an old battery for core charge add \$7.00.

You will need a five gallon gas can, full. The lawn mower gas can will work, but it is always empty. Add \$12.50 for gas. Add \$3.39 for starter fluid too.

Two of four tires are always flat on any antique car that does not start. One tire can usually be inflated and will hold air for two days, but the other will have to be replaced. The cost of a used tire and wheel will be \$10 if you think ahead and/or \$25 if you need to buy one.

If something is missing under the hood such as a carburetor, belt, battery cable, hose, or generator, don't count on getting the car started. You can buy these necessary items and try to fix it where you pick up the car. The cost for parts will be between \$10 and \$162. It will be cold and dark before you get the car started.

You have a better chance of getting an antique car running in your garage where you have tools and parts.

Your garage is closer to the local auto parts stores and friends who can help.

How do you get it to your garage? When you were in high school it was a matter of getting a friend with a rope or a chain and towing it home. If you recall towing a car, it usually involved damage to one of the two bumpers and a very dangerous ride close behind a tow car.

Today, you need to be more careful. Your choices are: buy a trailer \$1200-\$1800, rent a trailer \$75, hire a roll-back \$65-\$80, hire a wrecker \$60, or borrow a trailer (cost = unspecified IOUs). A trailer works best but you will need a winch or several friends to help you get the car on the trailer. The winch will cost about \$110. Buying a trailer is expensive, but if you plan to own several vintage cars the cost per car gets better.

When you finally get the car home you need to put it out of sight or someone may complain. Your choices are to put in behind the garage, in the garage, in your storage building or in someone else's storage building. You can rent space to keep the car for \$20-\$160 a month. Another choice is to build a building or an addition, but that can cost will between \$300-\$25,000 depending on whether you can build it yourself. If you plan to put the car in the driveway or park it outside you will need a cover, \$10 for plastic to \$150 for a custom fit cover.

Oh yes, if you plan to put the car in the garage or driveway you should also plan on buying dinner for your wife, \$20-\$35. You may also have to buy a valentine, \$10-\$25, even in September.

You can add up the cost for your options. If you think about all of these things you may never buy another vintage car. However, with some planning and experience you can reduce these costs by volume (buy several vin-

New Members

One of the benefits of our local Triangle Chapter Car Show is that we often recruit new members. Thanks to Jean Soehnlein and Tony Hanjic for setting up the membership display at the car show.

Bob and Nancy Brink joined the Triangle Chapter AACA at the Triangle Chapter Show on Saturday May 2, 2009. They own four cars, a 40 Chevy Sedan; 46 Chevy Pick-Up; 69 Chevy Chevelle; and a 66 Pontiac GTO HT. Please welcome Bob and Nancy at our next events.

Are You Positive?

By Joel Hoffman

I'd like to "apply" for the "Bad Luck Trophy" from the Triangle Chapter car show May, 2. I spent Friday afternoon before the show getting my 1966 Mini Cooper ready. Saturday morning, the battery was dead because I apparently left a light switch on. It was so dead that my charger wouldn't recognize a battery was attached, and wouldn't charge it. So-----

I grabbed the brand new battery from my E-Type Jaguar and installed it. As soon as I turned on the ignition switch, the wiring harness for the starting circuit and alternator burned up in a fairly spectacular way.

This car is supposed to be positive ground. All of them WERE positive ground. The owners manual, shop manual, and all the other books I have say it's POSITIVE GROUND. Apparently, a previous owner converted it to NEGATIVE GROUND, and the reversed polarity blew right through the diode in the alternator.

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Museum List

By Dean Tryon

Several years ago the Triangle Chapter had a meeting where members shared interesting car museums they had seen. I put it all on a spreadsheet and keep it up to date. It's now over 100 museums in the US alone.

When the *Skinned Knuckles* magazine had articles on occasion about museums, I sent them a letter and a copy of our list. They acknowledged it and in the May issue, mentioned the chapter and indicated that it added to their list significantly. Their list in the issue has 195 museums in the US so I will be adding these to my list. If anyone is interested, I can send them an electronic copy (in Excel) or a hard copy.

Incidentally, *Skinned Knuckles* is one of the two or three best magazines I've seen for good practical info on the old cars. Contact Dean at:

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WEB Links

- National AACA: www.aaca.org
- NC Region: www.aaca.org/northcarolina
- NC Region News online: www.aaca.org/northcarolina/ncrnews
- Triangle newsletter online: www.aaca.org/northcarolina/ncrnews

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I spent much of Saturday, part of Sunday, and a little bit of Monday replacing the wires that burned, the adjacent ones whose insulation was damaged by the heat, and the alternator. Anyway, the car was at the show in spirit, if not in fact. It's running fine now.

This was, in fact, the third in one of those infamous series of three things that happen. A couple of days before, the XKE Jag quit due to a still unsolved electrical problem (Where, oh where, is the power for the ignition system?), which is why I wasn't bringing it to the show. I hitched a ride home with, no kidding, a mechanic from Leith Jaguar, who told me he really LOVED SEEING THE CAR. While hooking up the trailer, my Ford pickup truck then blew it's starter solenoid, so I had to call a wrecker to recover the Jag. Please don't remind me that 30 years ago I swore I'd never buy another British car. <<HEE, HEE>>

Pop Quiz

Get out your pencil and we will have a quiz to determine your newsletter comprehension and math skills. All answers will come from this issue. The winner will be determined by a drawing of all correct answers submitted. The drawing will be at the Ice Cream Social. The winner will receive a "substantial" award.

1. Start with the year of the newest car displayed at Mordecai. _____
2. Subtract the number of years Jean Soehnlein was Editor of the Triangle Newsletter _____
3. Add the number of spark plugs in the Take-Apart-T. _____
4. Subtract the longest time in seconds for the Mordecai Take-Apart -T demo. _____
5. Add the number of families who are members of the Triangle Chapter. _____
6. Subtract the number of years Triangle has had the Ice Cream social. _____

Your answer is _____

1. Email your answer to OestreichD@AOL.com
2. Send you answer to Denny Oestreich
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3. Or bring your answer to the Ice Cream Social.

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