



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter March News Summary

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- The Triangle Chapter's next monthly meeting will be April 15, 2010 at the new venue, Golden Corral in Cary.
- Be sure to note the three Take-Apart T events and plan to participate or support the team.
- Check out the tour activities with the Brass Nickel Region. See tour details and plans.
- Brian and Trish White displayed their 1908 Cadillac at the prestigious Amelia Island Concours de'Elegance.
- See this month's member Spotlight on Bob and Sharyl Monkovich.
- New member Bob Gault's 61 Ford F250 is ready for AACA car shows.
- Fill out and send in your entry blank for the NC Region Meet
- Is your car pictured on this month's back page photos?



April 15 Meeting at the New Venue

Notice: April 15 Dinner Meeting at the Cary Golden Corral
 The Triangle Chapter April 15 meeting has been moved to the Golden Corral in Cary, NC. There is rumor of construction at Golden Corral in Raleigh.

Venue :
Golden Corral—Cary
5707 Dillard Drive
Cary, NC 27518-9284

Times:
Dinner 6 –7 pm
Meeting 7– 7:30 pm
Program 7:30 pm.

Events Calendar

- **Monthly meeting April 15**
- **NC Region Meet hosted by Triangle Chapter May 8.**
- **More Calendar on Page 3.**

Mordecai Park Take-A-Part T Demo Set for May 1

The City of Raleigh Parks department will hold a **free** Family Fun Day at Mordecai Historic Park in downtown Raleigh on May 1. Events will include crafts, games, performances, food, old-time cartoons, craft-vendors, an open house and much more. The Triangle Chapter will give two Take –A-Part T demos. Please sign up to help with one of the demos. Remember to wear your Triangle Shirt. This is a leisurely and fun event. It is a good time; join us and cheer on the team, tour Mordecai house and gardens, and see the other events.

President's Message

By Chet Butcher, President Triangle Chapter

By the time you read this message Mary and I should be half way down the Natchez Trace Parkway. I received a nice map of the parkway put out by the National Park Service. The map indicates that it's about 440 miles from just below Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi. There are about 20 Model 'A's meeting in Franklin, TN to participate in the tour. I guess we are a brave lot as there will be no chase trailer accompanying us on the trip. I did order a new distributor cover and body as well as a coil just in case. In checking the battery it looks like it was put in service in late 03, I hope it will get through the week. I was hoping that I-40 out beyond Ashville would be open by now, but when I last checked they were still detouring vehicles up into Virginia onto I-81 to get around the closure.

Preparation is well under way for our NC Region Spring Meet on May 8. If you would like to help with setting up the field, come out to Oak View Historic Park on Friday, May 7 around 10:00AM and we'll put you to work. Also don't forget to send in the registration form to display your vehicle. I have received several inquiries from other clubs members about our meet so it looks like we will have a good turn-out.

Crew members of the Take-A-Part T team need to get there skills honed for our Grand National demo at New Bern by coming out to Mordecai Park on May 1 for our first event of the season. We also need about five or six cars to represent the Triangle Chapter.

Remember that the monthly meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Cary. The manager there said he will give us a small discount if we show the cashier our club name badges.

Regards, Chet

How the Triangle Works Triangle Chapter Shirts

Here are some items that you should consider to help keep the Triangle Chapter going and take part in the Chapter activities.

Fred Harley has found a new vendor to supply Triangle Chapter golf shirts. The golf shirts are \$20 each.. You can contact Linda Miller to have one prepared for you before our spring Region Car Show. If you would like to order one or more shirts please send an Email note or call Fred Harley or Lynda Miller

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WEB Links

- National AACA:
www.aaca.org
- NC Region News online:
www.ncregionaaca.com
- Triangle Chapter News online:
www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle

with the size required. They can be reached at fredharley@nc.rr.com ; 919-233-4889 or bobnlyndamiller@aol.com ; 919-557-0508.

Fred Harley has also acquired the matching touring caps with Ford written on the cap. These will be worn by the Take-A-Part T team at the next three demonstrations. The Triangle Chapter starts the first of three Take -A-Part T demos at the Mordecai Historic Park on May 1. The second demonstration will be at the NC Region which the Triangle will host at the Oak View Historic Park on May 8. The Triangle will also demonstrate the Take-A-Part again at the NC Region Meet on May 8 and the Grand National meet May 15.

The Triangle Chapter is known for the special Trophies made by the members. The trophy building is a planned multi step project involving 20 to 30 members. Thank you for contributing your skills and time to complete your tasks.

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Calendar of Triangle Events

Triangle Chapter 2010 Events

- Mar 18 Dinner Meeting
- Apr 15 Dinner Meeting
Golden Corral at 6 pm
- May 1 Mordecai Park "Blast from the Past Event"
Take-A-Part Demo.
11 am and 2 pm.
- May 8 Triangle Hosts NC Region Meet
Take-A-Part T Demo
- May 20 Dinner Meeting
Golden Corral at 6 pm
No Dinner Meeting
- Jun Ice Cream Social at Hartley's 2 pm
- July No Dinner Meeting
- August 1 Watermelon Feast at Daniels
- Aug No Dinner Meeting
- Sept 16 Dinner Meeting
Golden Corral at 6 pm
- Oct 2 Oak View Park Heritage Days Car Display
Take-A-Part T Demo
- Oct 21 Dinner Meeting
Golden Corral at 6 pm
- Nov TBA Chick-Fil-A Car Display.
Take-A-Part T Demo
- Nov 18 Dinner Meeting
Golden Corral at 6 pm
- Dec TBA Holiday Party

NC Region Events

- May 8 NC Region Spring Meet at Oak View Park. Hosted by the Triangle Chapter
- Oct TBA NC Region Fall Meet.
- Tours**
Tours with the Brass Nickel Region
- Apr 24 Goldsboro Tour
- Jun 19 Little Washington Tour
- Aug 21 John Cheek B'Day Tour
- Sep 25 Appomattox Tour
- Nov 6 Carthage Tour

Other NC Region Chapter Events

- April 24 Cape Fear Car Show
Wilmington, NC
- June 5 San-Lee Car Show
Sanford, NC

ACA National Events

- May 13-15 Grand National Meet
New Bern, NC
Hosted by First Capital Region.
Take-A-Part T Demo
- Jun 30-Jul 3 75th AACA Anniversary Meet.
Louisville, KY

NC Region Spring Meet

The Triangle Chapter is hosting the 2010 NC Region Spring meet on May 8, 2010. Some things the club needs you to do to help this year:

1. Pre-Register your car. The Region meet is a nationally judged show which requires you to pre-register. There is no day of the show registration. There is a registration form inside this issue.
2. Get your car cleaned and ready to show. That is the fun part.
3. Make sure you are signed up to help. We need judges, people to assist with parking, and Take-Apart T assemblers. If you are going to part of the Take-A-Part T demo, be sure to wear your Triangle shirt.
4. Trophy Assemblers needed. Riley reports the Trophy parts are being completed. He will arrange an assembly day in the near future.

Editor's Notes and comments

By Denny Oestreich

The Newsletter has four feature articles: Brass Nickel Tours— Riley Reiner and Judy Edwards; Bob Gault's 63 Ford PU F250; Brian and Trish White were invited to the Amelia Island Concours—Pictures by Jim Aldrich; Spotlight on Bob Monkovich—edited by Sue Hartley. Thanks to everyone who contributed to these articles.

I have talked to several of you who are planning to go to Charlotte. I would like to hear the stories about your experience. I hope to see you there.

We had our first meeting at the new venue last month. What did you think? Closer for you?

Thanks to Dean Tryon for the Meeting minutes that reminded everyone of events and activities.

Consider the tour opportunities with Brass Nickel Chapter. It sounds like fun.

Please answer the Christmas Party questionnaire and let us know what you prefer.

Ten people have signed up for newsletter on line. I hope you enjoy this edition.

Triangle Meeting Notes—Feb 18

By Dean Tryon

Action Items & Upcoming Events:

These items need your response or action if you are interested.

1. Take-A-Part "T" – we have 3 events planned in May. If you can participate in any of them, please let Chet or Riley know unless you signed up at the meeting.
 - a. May 1 – **Mordecai** in downtown Raleigh
 - b. May 8 – **AACA Region** show in Raleigh
 - c. May 15 – Annual **Grand National Meet** in New Bern, NC
2. Our May car show is 5/8 at Historic Oak View County Park. Details are in the newsletter but if you can help either with set up on Friday 5/7 or the day of the show, contact **Marv Gage** (846-4708). All of the major responsibilities have been assigned but many need helpers. PR cards published by the Park were distributed to those at the meeting.
3. The trophies are coming along fine. If you are interested in helping in any aspect (no wood working experience needed), call **Riley** – 554-1158).
4. The Golden Corral on Glenwood is closing for

renovations this spring so we will also have the April and May meetings at the Cary Golden Corral. It is on Dillard Dr, off Walnut, south of US#1/64, across the street from Crossroads Ford and on the west side of Walnut.

5. Lynda Miller (aka the "Badge Lady") has just 4 blue Triangle Chapter polo shirts left. If you are going to be part of the Take Apart T team, you need to have one. Call Lynda at 557-0508 if you need one. Cost is \$16 I believe.
6. **Jean Soehnlein** distributed the 2010 Members Guide (light green cover). Yours will be mailed if you did not pick it up at the meeting. Please correct the e-mail address:
 - i. Dean Tryon DGTryon2516@Gmail.com
 - ii. Les Tryon Tryon.Les@Gmail.com

Information only:

1. Guests **Bob Gault** and **Michael Brunner** were introduced. Both plan to join. Bob works at Crossroads Ford and has a 61 Ford truck. Michael has a '17 Ford T truck that is under restoration. We had a good turnout for the meeting – about 48 people.
2. Membership is 86 families and the treasury is at \$3300 per **Fred Harley**. That will come down a bit when expenses for the Chili-Cook off, Take Apart T maintenance, etc are paid.
3. The Take-Apart T has new parts and is running great (for a T). The assembly team this year will be dressed appropriately with a "Ford" white hat to go with our blue chapter T shirts.
4. **Mike Soehnlein** discussed the on-going parking issue in Raleigh. It has moved out of one committee but was sent back to committee by the City Council. Mike needs help from our members in battling this proposal. Since Mike is having surgery next week, he needs someone to be available to attend the city meetings in his absence. Please call Mike (847-4832) if you can help. The meetings are on Wed. but the agenda does not come out until a few days before.
5. **Chet** reminded members to wear their nametags to meetings and events. **Lynda Miller** is our official "badge lady" and will relieve you of \$1 if you do not have it at the meeting. **Sue Harley** is the "assistant badge lady".
6. **Fred Harley** found a neat photo of a 1915 Ford T similar to Riley's. He bought it, framed it and presented it to Riley as an expression of all the hard work **Riley and Sandra** do behind the scenes for the Chapter (and BrNi).

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Brass Nickel Tours 2010

Riley Reiner and Judy Edwards

The Brass Nickel Touring Region AACA is primarily for early vehicles with brass or nickel plated trim. Brass Nickel's activities are primarily touring events. In 2010, Brass Nickel have planned five touring events to which they have invited the Triangle Chapter members to join.

Riley "Chip" Reiner, President of Brass Nickel chapter has extended the following invitation. "At the March dinner meeting, the schedule of activities for 2010 was announced. Please refer to the activities calendar for dates and locations - three day trips and two overnight trips.

As in the past, Triangle members were invited to participate with the understanding that tour speeds would be suitable for Model T's and older cars. Brass-Nickel enjoys having folks join us for the day or overnight trips as the region has gained several new members from Triangle who do not own Brass-Nickel era cars. The Aikins, Fuccellas and the Gendlers are three that have joined. You do not have to join the region to participate. "

Someone asked me why Triangle doesn't sponsor a tour? The answer is finding someone willing to plan the activity and get the information to Denny for the newsletter. In the past, Triangle has sponsored tours but many of the tour planners have joined Brass-Nickel. Help is available if anyone is interested in testing the planning concept. I would enjoy returning the invitation favor to Brass-Nickel for their hospitality."

Don't miss Riley's 10 reasons for not touring at the end of this article.

The five tour events are described below. Three of the tours are one day tours and two are overnight events. There are no registration costs for these tours. You are of course responsible for your lunches and rooms on overnight tours. If you are interested in joining all or one of these tours you can call Riley Reiner at 919-554-1158 to let him know.

1. Goldsboro Tour (Waynesborough Historical Village on the Nuese River).

Date: June 19, 2010

Tour Chairs: Barker and Judy Edwards
Cell (919) 210-9863

Meeting place: Church @ Clayton Crossings parking lot located at 11407 US Hwy 70 Business Hwy a in Clayton NC.

Tour Stops and Sites: Driving through Historic

Waynesborough, located near Goldsboro. In 1839 the Wilmington-Weldon Railroad was built a mile away and at the site that is now Goldsboro. Over the next 10 years the residents moved away. In 1865 the remaining five buildings were burned by the Union soldiers in the Civil War. A historic reconstruction of buildings at the original site will be visited.

2. Little Washington Tour

Date: June 19-20, 2010

Tour Chairs: Dan and Jean Fucella

Meeting place: To be determined.

Tour Stops and Sites: Touring around Little Washington and stopping at the Coastal Plains Chapter AACA Car Show to look at the car at the show.

3. John Cheek B'Day Tour

Date: August 21, 2010

Tour Chairs: Barker and Judy Edwards

Meeting place: To be determined.



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Whites Invited to Amelia Concours

By Denny Oestreich

Pictures by Jim Aldrich

On March 11-13. March, Jim and Becky Aldrich attended the 2010 Amelia Island Florida Concours d'Elégance as spectators. They enjoy going to this annual spring time event, sort of spring training on the car show circuit.

This was the 15th year of this major charity event. There were 275 of the finest vehicles invited to this year's concours. The event is sponsored by Ritz Carlton on Amelia Island and Mercedes. The Special Guest Honoree at this event was Richard Petty. There were nine of his former stock cars, plus 275 European and American classics and race cars and a record crowd of



18,000 people.

Other vehicles shown on the golf greens outside the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. were Jonathan Feiber's 1960 Maserati Birdcage racer. Sir Stirling Moss raced this car to a win in the last Cuban Grand Prix in 1960. Another car shown was the curved 1949 Norman Timbs Special.

At this event Jim and Becky met Brian and Trish White who were invited to attend the prestigious 2010 Concours d'Elégance with their 1909 Cadillac. Jim took several pictures of the Whites and their car at the event. Brian and Trish were dressed in period costume of the Cadillac while on the show field.

This concours features several activities including the car display, selections of prize winners, seminars, several parties, and a car auction. The event featured both Concours d'Elégance and Concours de Sport displays. A focus of the event at this years show was a display and a seminar about the last road races on the streets of Havana Cuba in 1959.

To show your vehicle at this event you must be invited to even apply. The application process includes sending two pictures and a written history of your vehicles for the selection committee. To illus-



trate the broad interest in cars here is a partial list of classes of vehicles shown.

Class Descriptions

- RP Cars of Richard Petty
- ACC American Classic Closed (1925 - 1948)
- CCR Cars of the Cuban Races
- CNE Cars You Never Knew Existed
- ECCF European Custom Coachwork French
- HC Horseless Carriage (1895 - 1915)
- HCB Horseless Carriage (40+hp)
- MB Classic Mercedes-Benz
- MT Motor Trend Cover Cars Porsche 917
- SC2 Sports and GT Cars (1954 - 1957) SC3 Sports and GT Cars (1958 - 1968)



- SL Special Lincoln Display

Spectators pay \$50 for a ticket to attend the event. The associated auction reported more than 150 cars sold for a total \$35 million dollars including the highest cost of \$2.75 Million for a 1931 Avions Voisin.

New Member, Bob Gault's F250

By Denny Oestreich

In August of 2007 Bob Gault purchased a 1961 Ford F250 4 wheel drive pickup on Ebay. The truck came from Ny County, Nevada. He had the truck hauled to Raleigh in October 2007. Bob has worked on the truck since 2007 and has just completed a frame off restoration. He will enter his first AACA Car Show in Charlotte on April 10. The truck only had about 20,000 miles on it when he got it, but had been used hard to haul wood. It had a lot of dents and other damage to be repaired. The truck was originally



shorted 120 inch wheel base making the truck unique. painted white, so Bob restored the truck to its original Corinthian White color.

The truck is rare with only 1640 of these 4 wheel drive F250 models made in 1961. Bob used original



sales brochures and assembly manuals to identify the correct parts. The truck has a special truck bed and a

shorted 120 inch wheel base making the truck unique.

Bob works at Crossroads Ford and was able to use his connections in the body shop and parts department to find many NOS parts required to restore the truck. Bob did as much of the work on the truck as he could.



He disassembled and reassembled the truck and painted the pieces in the body shop whenever he could find time available. He did most of the work that he could himself. He bead blasted every nut bolt and screw and had them re-plated locally at Suntonics.

Using the shop manuals and sales brochures Bob was able identify parts that he need to find and replace.

Among the important NOS parts he was able to find and replace on his truck were a fly wheel, original mirrors, spindles



and a complete exhaust system. He found many of parts through Dennis Carpenter in Charlotte. Bob found parts in many places. He kept track of where he found parts on a spread sheets. He counted that he has bought parts from 29 different states and Canada.

Like all restorations Bob encountered some major problems to be solved. The engine was a major challenge. It is a 292 Y-Block V-8. It had to be bored to 60 thousandths. The original Crankshaft was used without major resizing.

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Spotlight on Bob and Sharyl Monkovich

By Sue Harley

Bob Monkovich was born and raised in Johnson City, New York, not far from the cities of Endicott and Binghamton. The area was home to two major companies, IBM and the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company (E-J), the area's largest employers. As many as 22,000 people may have been employed by IBM and E-J at that time. (E-J had been manufacturing shoes since the early 1900s, and made wartime footwear for both World Wars.) However, Bob's father, Mr. Monkovich (pronounced Mon-KO'-vich), worked for



Bob and Sharyl Monkovich

IBM, manufacturing M1 Carbine gun barrels.

Oakdale was the neighborhood in which Bob and his older sister grew up. While its main street was "Oakdale Road," Bob recalls that its nearly 12-mile length was lined with maple trees.

E-J and the Johnson family experimented with community planning: they either provided or helped to finance libraries, theaters, a golf course, swimming pools, carousels, parks and food markets, many of which were available to the community without charge. Oakdale even had a summer day camp and a dairy - where Bob would take the empty gallon milk carton to have it refilled.

It was an idyllic childhood, although Bob claims that his family owned a TV before it got a telephone! Not far from Oakdale, IBM had purchased a Masonic Lodge that became the IBM Homestead - a large recreational facility for its employees and guests. There was a very large hotel, (the Homestead), two golf courses, an indoor rifle range, hiking trails, picnic area, tennis courts, and two pools. During the winter, Bob and his father would take advantage of the bowling alley and indoor rifle range, and in warmer

weather, the golf course.

Bob's paper route afforded him a little spending money, which allowed him to pursue his interest in flying model airplanes. His last, and very special, model plane was a "Free Flight" with a 5-foot wingspan. Free flight means that once launched, the engine runs until out of gas. Bob was thrilled that the plane landed, intact, about a mile from where it was launched. The plane has now been restored and is hanging in his garage.

Intrigued by how things work, Bob would take things apart just to see how they were made, especially engines and transmissions. Chrysler engines have long been a family favorite, owing to Bob's uncle Jack, his mother's brother. Jack was a Navy pilot who made more than 250 landings on aircraft carriers in the Pacific and the Atlantic. He also crashed 3 or 4 planes and several helicopters. When Jack discovered that the most reliable aircraft engines had been built by Chrysler, the entire family became Chrysler converts. Bob recalls that family gatherings following Sunday mass "looked like a gangland meeting - all Chryslers - maybe one Plymouth, a Desoto or an occasional Imperial." Bob's father had a 1953 New Yorker with the 331 'Hemi.'



The high school that Bob attended was in Binghamton, and was very similar to a magnet school. The school had several first class machine shops, and the Machine Trade Technology curriculum was a perfect fit for Bob's interests and talent. As his special project, Bob had an idea for a pneumatic torque con-

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verter for small vehicles. Since there were no CAD computers then, Bob had to design it entirely on his own. He also built every component of the project, which took a year to complete and about 35 pounds of special nickel alloy steel. Bob states that the fun part was “turning the one-piece 2 inch ‘throw’ 4 journal crankshaft.”

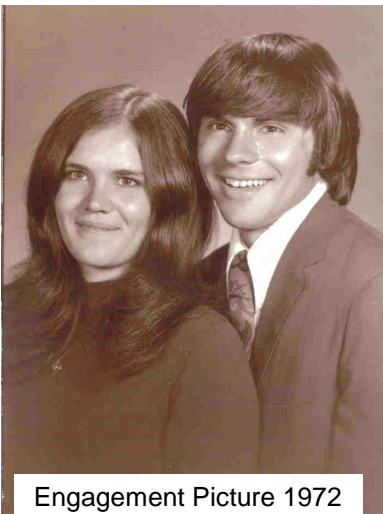
The school told Bob that if the converter worked, he wouldn't have to pay for the steel. The device did work and proved his principle, and it also won him the Universal Instruments' award and acceptance at Utah State University in their Industrial Engineering.

Unfortunately, Bob's father never knew of his achievements: he had died of a sudden heart attack when Bob was just 16. As his mother had been a stay-at-home mom, Bob's support was needed. He got a part-time job at a local machine shop during high school, and also at a Firestone Tire store working as a mechanic's assistant.

Due to financial constraints, Bob could not accept the offer to attend Utah State: instead, he got a job at the IBM Homestead, where he met many interesting and famous people. He later was hired by IBM's Federal Systems Division in Owego, NY, working in their space program. There they machined components for B 52s and Bob operated one of the first digital jig bores. Allergies to machine cutting fluids forced him to transfer to another area. He worked in the drafting area as a designer before taking a leave of absence to go to college. Bob graduated with an Associate Degree in Mechanical Technology and a future wife, Sharyl.

In April 1973 Bob and Sharyl were married. Though working for IBM in Owego, Bob also went to night school at SUNY Binghamton. At this time, Bob and Sharyl had a 1936 Plymouth coupe in which they toured throughout the state of New York with the Iroquois Region of the AACA.

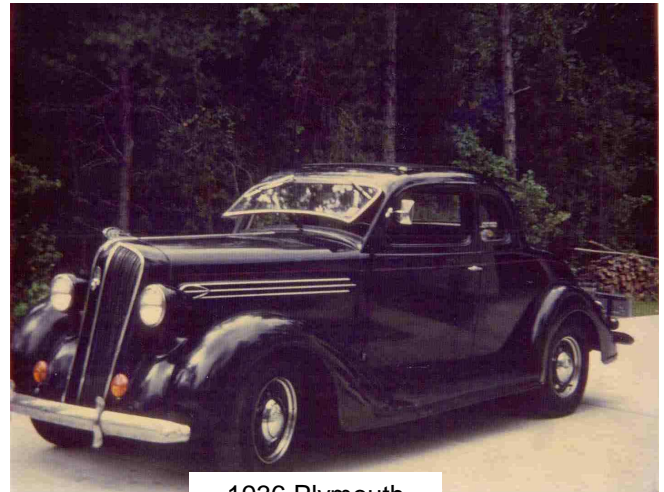
As both Bob and Sharyl love antiques, their first house was an 1840s farm house, complete with a 2-story barn. The house had been used as a Civil War recruiting station. Un-



Engagement Picture 1972

fortunately, the previous owner had not put a penny into maintaining the house, which created no end of projects for Bob and Sharyl. They did everything from putting in a new foundation to replacing the entire electrical system. They loved their house, but New York winters can be brutal. After one winter of 40 below zero temperatures that lasted for a week, Bob had an offer from IBM to move to Charlotte. He took it.

Bob and Sharyl loved Charlotte. Their daughters Denise and Michelle were born there; they built their ideal home in Charlotte; and they joined the Hornets Nest Region of the AACA. They now owned a 1956 Chrysler Imperial and a 1928 Chrysler Model 62, having sold the '36 coupe. While in Charlotte, Bob and



1936 Plymouth

his friend Reg Boland started the Carolinas Chrysler Club. The club put on shows at dealerships, in malls, went on tours, and in general had a really good time.

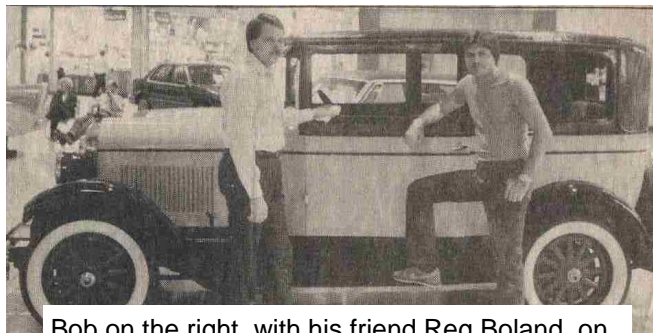
In Charlotte, Bob had his own mechanical analysis lab, and a great deal of freedom. He was the first to bring in lasers for stress testing and motion analysis. He presented a paper on his work to the Society for Experimental Mechanics: the paper was referenced in the International Journal of Mechanical Engineering Education (Vol. 29, No 4).

Unfortunately, in the 1980s IBM announced that it was closing its manufacturing division in Charlotte. After 10 years in Charlotte, the family – and Bob's lab - moved to Lexington, Kentucky where Bob worked for Lexmark, then owned by IBM. Bob subsequently retired from Lexmark and found a job in Raleigh. Bob and Sharyl came to Raleigh in 1993, and Bob worked for a while as a contract engineer, doing research and development.

Bob and Sharyl are delighted that both of their

daughters live in the area as well. Denise lives in Raleigh and has a degree in social work. Michelle attended Wake Tech and earned a degree in graphic design and photography. She is married to a photographer/videographer and they do trade shows.

No longer doing research for medical companies, Bob's most recent project is designing handcuffs!



Bob on the right, with his friend Reg Boland, on the left at a Chrysler Car Club display in Charlotte in 1975. Behind is Bob's 1928 Imperial.

His next-door neighbor works for the Department of Prisons and one of his responsibilities is inspecting handcuffs and throwing them out if they are defective or dirty. As handcuffs are impossible to clean, discarding dirty handcuffs is a major expense for the state. The neighbor asked Bob if he could build a special set of handcuffs that could be cleaned. Bob was up for the challenge! He has a CAD system at home, and was able to



1956 Imperial

build a prototype. Bob continues to perfect his product and may eventually be able to patent his design. With the assistance of a special computer design program, Solid Works, Bob is also developing a unit to put on a quadricycle to make it easier to pedal.

A man of many interests and talents, Bob also enjoys photography. He has taken photos for many years, purchasing better and better equipment. About 10 years ago he decided to focus on wedding photography. Being able to use his daughter and son-in-law's studio is an added bonus. You can check out his website - Robert's Wedding Photography: roberts-weddingphotos.com.

Both Bob and Sharyl love antiques of every kind, and have a collection of 8- and 16-millimeter projectors as well as films from the early 1900s to the 1980s. These include documentaries, trailers, and feature films, which they enjoy sharing with others.

Bob is especially fond of antique automobiles: they reflect particular times in our history and are



1963 Imperial

works of art as well as reminders of the past. As he had sold the '56 Imperial and '28 Chrysler prior to moving to Kentucky, Bob was in the market for a "new" car when he got to Raleigh. His friend Reg had a 1963 Chrysler Imperial, navy blue, in the Transportation Museum in Spencer. Bob was able to purchase the car, and only needed to do a little cosmetic work on it. Bob reminds us that many famous people have owned Imperials: Jack Benny, Ozzie Nelson, Roy Rogers, Bob Hope, Edgar Bergen, Ernest Hemingway, Eddie Fisher, Lyndon Johnson, along with Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. Harry Truman settled for a Plymouth.

Bob and Sharyl have been members of Triangle Chapter for just two years. As a current member of the Board of Directors, Bob has generously offered to document and photograph all of the club's properties. We appreciate Bob's sharing his talents with the chapter, and we wish him great success with the redesigned handcuffs.

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Tour Stops and Sites: Birthday celebration for Member John Cheek's special birthday. The tour will visit the historic Seep River Camel Back Truss Bridge which now spans the Deep River as a pedestrian bridge in a riverside park. The tour will also visit the House in the Horseshoe plantation. This a plantation house dating from circa 1770 which contains antiques and from the colonial and Revolutionary War eras.

4. Appomattox Tour

Date: September 25, 2010

Tour Chairs: Don & Dottie Aiken

Meeting place: To be determined.

Tour Stops and Sites: This tour will be an overnight tour to historic Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

5. Carthage NC Tour

Date: November 6, 2010

Tour Chairs: Barker and Judy Edwards

Meeting place: To be determined.

Tour Stops and Sites: This tour will be a one day tour to see Ken and Patti Eder's famous tractor collection.

Top Ten Reasons Why I (We) Don't Tour

(With apologies to David Letterman.)

10. My car might break down. Cars can be repaired and no one has ever been left on the side of the road.
9. My car doesn't have air conditioning. Roll down the windows and open the vents to solve this problem.
8. My car doesn't travel fast or it will not go under 55. Slow down and enjoy the view. We have a different perspective on life from 35-40 mph.
7. Where would I get parts if something broke? Most of the cars our club owns have available parts. OK, so you may have a '31 Duesenberg dual cowl phaeton. Parts may be more difficult to find.
6. My car is apart for restoration. Somewhat interesting as our T engine was apart for 10 years but we toured in the Model A or Mustang.
5. My wife doesn't like to ride in the old car. Tour routes usually include a lunch stop or ice cream and touring beats housework.
4. We don't like to go off on weekends as (you pick) our kids, parents relatives might need us. Most everyone has a cell phone and if the kids need money again, they WILL find you.
3. My car doesn't look like much. It's not a show, enjoy it. Have you ever looked at old pictures of our cars in the Great Depression?
2. My car is too good to drive. If you are showing on the National level, it makes sense to hold off on

long tours but over half of the cars on the AACA Vintage Tour last October were National Senior or Grand National winners.

1. I'm too lazy. It's all I can do to find the newsletter let alone participate. What can I say?

In the future, if your car is not operational, ask for a ride. The backseat or rumble seats are usually open and looking for a guest.

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7. Anne Russell is planning a reunion of World War II veterans in honor of her father (Rollie Kemp). She requested that club members attend with their cars if interested. It will be in Sept at their house at a date TBD. The chapter agree to support it and will advise when the details are set up.

8. Judy Edwards has purchased a 1918 Ford Center Door T that will be delivered soon.

Chet Butcher did an interesting presentation showing a collection of old tractors and heavy duty equipment in NH that one man has restored.

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Finding the original interior colors was a challenge that required the skills of a good upholsterer. Restoring the bed required special fabrication of the bed sides because of the location of the fenders.

Bob's Truck was featured in the May 2009 Hemmings Motor News in an article as it was under restoration. He looks forward to showing the truck at upcoming AACA car shows. His first show will be the Hornet's Nest meet at Lowe's Motor Speedway on April 10. We hope Bob does well in the judging as he pursues his Red Bird.

Quiz

March Quiz answers.

Match the Car with its Father.

John DeLorean =	D. Pontiac GTO
Harley Earl	B. Chevrolet Corvette
Henry Ford =	F. Model T
Lee Iacocca =	H. Ford Mustang
William Lyons =	G. Jaguar XK-120
Ferdinand Porsche =	E. Volkswagen Beetle
Carroll Shelby =	C. AC Cobra
Edward Cole =	A. Chevrolet Corvair

April Math Quiz

Joe and Harry are trading parts. Joe, who lives in Charlotte left at 8 am traveling at 65 mph toward Raleigh 162 miles away. Harry, who lives in Raleigh left at 8:30 am at 70 mph. What time will they meet on the same road. How far will Joe travel?

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