



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter February News Summary

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- The Triangle Chapter's next monthly meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010. Make your plans to attend. Bring a friend or potential member. The program will include a presentation about the AACA Vintage Tour in October.
- The Chili Cook-off is scheduled on February 28 at Soehnlein's. Be sure to sign up. Bring your car. Page 4.
- See Triangle Chapter President Chet Butcher's title story on Page 2.
- Check the 2010 Chapter, Region and National events calendar. Page 3.
- NC Region Annual meeting update. See Page 5.
- Bozarth-Irby hitching completed. See Page 8.
- See the Spot-Light article on members on Jim and Becky Aldrich Page
- See an update on the City of Raleigh's parking regulations on Page 11.
- This month's engine quiz on calculating displacement from bore and stroke.
- Is your car pictured on this month's back page photos?
- NEWS FLASH. The Take-A-Part T is running again. Story next month.



Events Calendar

- **Monthly meeting February 18**
- **Chili Cook-off February 28**
- **NC Region Meet hosted by Triangle Region May 8.**
- **More Calendar on Page 3.**

February Activities—Triangle Chapter

Triangle Chapter Dinner Meeting

February 18, 2010

At Golden Corral

6129 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Presentation at 7:30 pm

This will be the second Triangle dinner meeting of the year. Update of Board meeting decisions on 2010 events. Program: Riley and Sandra Reiner will relate their experiences with the Vintage tour last October.

Annual Chili Cook-off at Mike and Jean Soehnlein's Home

February 28, 2010, Sunday

Mike and Jean Soehnlein's

10056 Eagle Rock Dr, Raleigh, NC

1:00 pm - Arrive.

1:15 - 2:30 pm Chili, cornbread ,salad

3-4 pm Memory box painting and trophy planning .

See Page 4 for details and directions.

President's Message

By Chet Butcher, President Triangle Chapter

My question to you fellow car collectors is: How many more laws do we need concerning verification of antique vehicles? As I write this article it has been over thirty days since I first contacted NC DMV to come out and inspect a 63 T-bird that I picked up at the Raleigh Classic Car Auction. Because the vehicle had an out-of-state title and is over 35 years old, it falls under S820, the new legislation passed last year. I've called several times and left messages and even got a call February 3 that an inspector was coming out to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). He never showed up.

The inspector's question when he called was if I knew where the VIN was located on the vehicle. I advised him the public number was on a plate attached to the driver's side door, but I didn't have the book that shows where else the body or frame may be stamped with numbers. I do know that vehicles of that era had paper built sheets glued to some of the inner panels or top side of the gas tank. Since 1954, the American automobile manufacturers have used V.I.N. that describes the vehicle for purposes of identification. There are books available as well as web sites that tell you how to decipher the code.

Certificates of titles have been required in most states since the late sixties. Since the computer age, all this information is tracked by the states as well as the Federal Government. The point is that if you have a stolen vehicle, it will show up with a simple inquiry. I see no reason that the State of North Carolina should assume that a vehicle is not what the title represents it is, unless there is probable cause on the state's part to believe otherwise. This new law was poorly thought out before being enacted. Many of these so called verification inspections could be eliminated by simply having DMV provide a form to applicants of new titles to have the VIN verified. This verification could be done at any state inspection station.

Just because there was a corrupt politician in DMV shouldn't mean that everyone that collects old cars should be penalized. That's my opinion, what's yours?

How the Triangle Works 2010 Board Meeting

The Triangle Chapter Board of Directors meeting was held at Chet Butcher's home in Fuquay Varina

Officers

President Chet Butcher (557-6385)
 Vice President Cecil Bozarth (932-3505)
 Treasurer Fred Harley (233-4889)
 Ex-Officio Dan Fuccella (349-5911)

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Joe Daniel (365-7123)
 Dave Deyton (552-4543)
 Marilee Sanderson (467-9999)

Board of Directors (Class of 2011)

Ted Brooks (851-0418)
 Jack Johnson (876-4129)
 Bob Monkovich (662-0911)

2009 Committees

Awards Riley Reiner (554-1158)
 Newsletter Denny Oestreich (846-8163)

Region News

Correspondent..... Riley Reiner (554-1158)
 Youth Coordinator Open

WEB Links

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

on February 6, 2010. There will be a complete summary of the meeting in our next issue. Here are few sneak previews of the Board's decisions

1. The Triangle Chapter has started 2010 with a membership of 85 paid member families.
2. A decision was made to recognize recent Past Presidents with a recognition brick at the AACA Library.
3. Bob Monkovich will lead an activity to inventory all Triangle Chapter assets.
4. The schedule of 16 events was approved. See the calendar.
5. We would like have a tour in 2010, but first we will need a tour leader. Looking for a planner.
6. The Board agreed to purchase hats for the Take-A-Part T team to identify them as auto workers.
7. Chet will also investigate a venue and expertise for technical presentations.

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Calendar of Triangle Events

Triangle Chapter 2010 Events

Jan 21	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
Feb 18	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
Feb 28	Chili Cook-off Soehnlein Home
Mar 18	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
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
Jun	<u>No</u> Dinner Meeting
July	<u>No</u> Dinner Meeting
July TBA	Ice Cream Social
Aug	<u>No</u> Dinner Meeting
July TBA	Watermelon Feast
Sept 16	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
Oct 2	Oak View Park Heri- tage Days Car Display Take-A-Part T Demo
Oct 21	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
Nov TBA	Chick-Fil-A Car Dis- play. Take-A-Part T Demo
Nov 18	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
Dec TBA	Holiday Party

NC Region Events

Jan 15-16	NC Region Board Meeting and Judging School and other events.
May 8,	NC Region Spring Meet at Oak View Park. Hosted by the Triangle Chapter
Oct TBA	NC Region Fall Meet.

Tours

TBA

Other NC Region Chapter Events

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

AACA National Events

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

Other

Apr 8-11	South Eastern Meet Lowe's Motor Sp'd- way Charlotte, NC Hornet's Nest Region
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2010 Events on the Calendar.

The Triangle Chapter has a busy calendar planned for 2010. There are two events coming up in February. The monthly meeting on will be held on February 18. At this meeting we will discuss Triangle 2010 activities and have an update on planning for the Region Meet which we sponsor on May 8. Riley Reiner and Jean Soehnlein will combine their experience and pictures for a presentation about the AACA Heritage Tour in October.

The second event is the Chili Cook-off at Soehnlein's on February 28, 2010. Be sure to read the information about this event on Page 4.

Editor's Notes and comments

By Denny Oestreich

Thanks to Triangle members we have a big newsletter this month. It is great content for a month without a car show. Dean Tryon provided an update on our January meeting. Be sure to check out your actions. See the request to provide comments on Holiday party ideas. See the wedding story and pictures of Andrea and Cecil Bozarth. Mike Soehnlein has been watching the City of Raleigh's attempts to legislate against parking on private property. Sue Harley provided a great Spotlight article on Jim and Becky Aldrich. See the pictures.

There are several other features in this issue you can consider. Check out your decision on receiving the newsletter. Find your secret Chili recipe and go buy the special chilies. Select your auto related celebrations and practice multiplying and adding compound fractions. Dean Tryon has suggested a Tech Discussion. This is a start.

The Triangle Chapter has received an anonymous gift of \$100 towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Take-Apart-T. Many thanks to our thoughtful benefactor. Your contribution will be well used.

Newsletters on the Web

By Denny Oestreich

It is now possible to get your newsletter only on the Web. Receiving your newsletter on the Web and printing it your self allows you to get a color copy. So if you prefer to receive your newsletter only on the web just send me an Email to tell me you prefer to print your copy from our Website. Email me at OestreichD@AOL.com. You can also reply to my next Email telling me to stop mailing it to you.

I will still mail the newsletter to everyone unless you tell me you do not want the copy by mail.

The advantage of the printed copy by mail is that your spouse may get to read it. So, if you print your own copy, remember to share it with your spouse.

Each newsletter costs a little over a dollar a copy including printing, mailing labels and postage. With 12 issues a year the newsletter is a real bargain. We make up the deficit with the Take-A-Part T and car show entry fees.

Be sure to Check out our Web site this month. I have added pictures of the NC Region event, especially the construction of the metal working bench that was demonstrated by Stan Drucker.

Annual Chili Cook-off

The Annual Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off will be held at Mike and Jean Soehnlein's again this year.

What: 20th Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off

Where: Soehnlein's home in North Raleigh
11005 Eaglerock Drive

Raleigh, NC, 27613 (North Raleigh)

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010

Times: Arrival: 1 pm.

- Chili Lunch: 1:15 to 2:30

- Memory Box Painting 2:30 to 3:45 pm

- Car show trophy planning. 2:30 to 3:45 pm

You could be the proud winner of this year's Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off. Bring a crock-pot of your secret recipe chili or cornbread for everyone to try. You may be voted winner of one of the prizes for Best Chili, Hottest Chili, or Best Corn Bread. The voting is done by everyone at the event.

A tradition at this event is the painting of memory boxes. The memory boxes are donated to WakeMed where they are given to families who have lost a child at birth. Les Tryon will teach you how to paint floral designs on the boxes. This is a great community project.

As a tech session we will plan trophy building for the Region Spring meet. We built trophies as a team last year and it worked out well. A prototype has been planned and drawings prepared.

Preparations:

1. Let us know how many are coming so we can reserve a seat for you. Call or Email.
 - Tel 847-4832 or
 - Email captmike67@bellsouth.net
2. Volunteers need to clean Mike's Garage on Saturday February 27. 10 am; 2 hours.
3. Make your favorite chili or cornbread and bring it along. Desserts are also welcome.

Directions:

1. Take Creedmoor Road north from Crabtree Mall 7 miles to Norwood Road. Note Traffic light, Hess Gas Station and CVS at corner..
2. Turn left on to Norwood Road and go 1 mile.
3. Go .2 mi. Turn right onto Farmwood Drive.
4. Take first left onto Eaglerock.
5. Go to the Cul-de-sac.
6. Take the road on the right to the top of the hill.
7. Follow the directions for parking.

Weather permitting drive your antique car and park in reserved parking for antiques (vehicles, that is).

Triangle Meeting Notes - Jan 21

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 event requests in May that we have agreed to. If you can participate in any of them, please let Chet or Riley know.
 - 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 VP (Cecil Bozarth) requests ideas for chapter meeting topics. If you need help getting it into PowerPoint, contact Cecil (932-3505).
3. Riley requests ideas for our May 8 show trophies. He also needs an assistant to help him get them built this year. Ideas will be reviewed at the Jan 31 Board meeting so get your thoughts to Riley quickly please.
4. Chili-Cook-off – the Soehnlein's will again be hosting the annual event and the gals would like to paint memory boxes again as a community support project. Les has ordered materials. The date is tentatively Feb 28 – to be confirmed at the 1/31 Board meeting.

Information only:

1. New members Frank Held and Steve Fitzpatrick were introduced. Frank has a new '31 Model A roadster and Tom has Mustang performance cars. We also welcomed back Tom Pruitt whom we have not seen at a meeting in some time.
2. Membership is 88 families and the treasury is at \$4810 per Fred Harley. The Christmas party used \$207 from the treasury as is typical each year.
3. If anyone needs a new nametag – contact Fred (233-4889). He'll be making new ones for new members and would like to consolidate orders to save money.
4. We thank Denny Oestreich for getting the newsletter on-line and in color. If you want to delete the mailed black and white copy, contact Denny (846-8163).
5. Jack Agayoff reported on the Region meeting in January. Mike Soehnlein received the Dave Hinkle award for service to the region. A scholarship program is being developed.
6. Our May 8 show planning is underway at Oak View Historic County Park. Marv Gage is heading

up the show. Oak View has a new policy that food vendors must be non-profit organizations. The Chapter voted to use the Eastern Star again for lunch if they are willing. All cars must be pre-registered and the cost will be \$20.

7. The Take-Apart T has new parts machined and new parts purchased at Hershey. It's being assembled and hopefully will be ready for a busy summer. If you would like to help, contact Fred (233-4889) or Mike (847-4832).
8. A group of past presidents of the Chapter have put together a draft document to help all officers with key events and dates. It will be reviewed relative to the bylaws and suggestions developed. Marv Gage, Dan Fuccella and Dean Tryon are working on it.
9. The Christmas party committee (Jean Fuccella, Sue Harley and Les Tryon) have written up a list of suggestions to consider for next years party. It will be printed in the newsletter for all members to offer comments.
10. Joe Parsons did an interesting presentation of vehicles at two recent cars shows – Hershey and a Concours d'Elegance in Allentown PA.

Tech Discussions

Dean Tryon suggested a good idea; we will try an exchange of technical information about products and tools. We propose you submit your experience or question by Email or letter and we will publish the information exchange. Send us your ideas.

Topic 1: Tire Balancing Fluids. Dean Tryon

Has anyone has used the stuff you put in tires that automatically balances them? They are used in many applications but not sure if this stuff is used on old cars that do not drive particularly fast. There is a web site for "innovative balancing" that claims it is good for antique tires. Call Dean at: Tel. 919-562-4660 http://www.deltatiresealant.com/tire_balancers.php

Topic 2: Chrome Cleaner: Denny Oestreich.

I use Turtle Wax Chrome Polish for small chrome pieces such as radio bezels. It works well. Does anyone know of anything that works better? 919-846-8163

Topic 3: Biodegradable Rust Remover - Riley Reiner. Riley has used a product called Rustbeeter. Made of sugar beet extract. Riley soaked a Model T transmission in the recipe and it came out like new. The Product is Rustbeeter. Tel. 919-544-1158

To continue a topic call the person listed.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY By Jean Fucella, Les Tryon, Sue Harley

Editor's Note: Jean Fucella, Les Tryon and Sue Harley planned a terrific holiday party for the Triangle Chapter. The party took a lot of work and organizing. Thank you very much ladies They have written the following letter to Triangle Chapter President Chet Butcher asking for some early directions and help for next year's party. Chet asked that we print the letter and ask all Triangle Chapter members to comment, provide their suggestions and ideas. Also after you have read the letter please consider how you could volunteer. Send you recommendations and ideas to President Chet Butcher.

As Jean, Les and Sue have planned the Triangle Christmas Party for past 4 years or so, we have some questions about the party that we think the board and/or chapter should discuss regarding future parties. We also feel that it would be prudent to ask if others would like to either assist with the party or assume responsibility for it. Since it's a challenge to organize the dinner at the last minute, direction from the board is needed.

WHERE? – Do you want to check out other places, centrally located, where we could hold the party?
WHO will do this? A decision to change to another venue will have to be decided no later than the April chapter meeting, if you wish to hold the party in December (particularly if you wish to hold it on a weekend).

WHEN? – Do you still want to have the party on a weeknight in December? (Weekends get extremely busy in December.) If the party is held on a weeknight, then we suggest trying to end the organized activity by 9:30 for those with a long drive home and/or those who will go to work the next morning. See below.

(Current time frame: 6 – 6:30, social time; 6:30 – 7:45 dinner and getting organized for the game; 7:45 on, playing trivia. Despite Judy's every effort, it is still close to 10:00 when we finish.)

GIFTS – Do you wish to continue the gift exchange or should we collect toys (or something else) to donate to a local charity? Is it time to discuss doing something different as a chapter? We could still do the trivia game.

If we continue doing the gift exchange, should we cut down on the time it takes by suggesting that each **COUPLE** bring just **ONE GIFT**? That will not only cut down on the time needed for that part of the eve-

ning, it will also allow more time for socializing.

GAME/ENTERTAINMENT – If we do not do the trivia game, is there something else we could do? Would you prefer to have entertainment?

COST – Should the chapter underwrite some of the cost of the party? It already pays for some of the snacks and for the tip to the servers.

FAVORS – Do you wish to continue having individual table favors? If so, then those responsible for them should know that as soon as possible so they can be watching for good ideas and can purchase the necessary supplies when they are at a good price and when they are available. In the past, we have had just a poinsettia as a centerpiece and these were given away at the end of the evening. We could do something like that again.

OVERSIGHT – We suggest that someone on the board be given the responsibility for oversight of the party. This person would be responsible for ensuring that:

- There is a committee in place to organize the party (should be done ASAP.)
- To inform the committee as to what exactly its responsibilities are
- To serve as the contact between the board and the committee.

Drivers in the US

Insurance companies divide us into groups of drivers by age. Which group are you in?

Licensed Drivers in the US

Age	Drivers	Percent
Under 16	24,930	0.0%
17-19	9,333,086	4.7
20-24	16,899,142	8.5
25-29	17,381,258	8.7
30-34	18,683,884	9.4
35-39	19,428,324	9.8
40-44	21,330,116	10.7
45-49	20,748,962	10.4
50-54	18,442,901	9.3
55-59	15,778,744	7.9
60-64	11,886,278	6.0
65-69	9,009,724	4.5
70-74	7,355,451	3.7
75-79	6,063,225	3.0
80-84	4,079,068	2.1
85 and over	2,468,749	1.2
Total	198,888,912	100

NC Region Annual Meeting By Denny Oestreich

The NC Region Annual meeting was held at the Burlington, NC Ramada Inn on January 14-15. This two day event serves to involve many Region members from across the state. This two day Region event, which includes a judging school and several seminars, is unique within AACA. All region members are invited. Nine Triangle Chapter members enjoyed this event including Jack Agayoff, Riley Reiner, Dan Fucella, Mike and Jean Soehnlein, Jim Aldridge, and Chet Butcher. Floyd Barnes and Denny Oestreich also attended on Saturday.



The activities began on Friday with an AACA judging school presented by Randy Stone and Eric Marsh, a presentation on the AACA Apprentice Program by Randy Stone and Herb Oakes and finally on Friday afternoon the group did a some practice judging other members cars. On Friday evening a dinner



was attended by 50 members.

There were many events starting on Saturday morning with the NC Region Board meeting. I attended a presentation by Jeff Locke on American Classic Cars. As part of the presentation the group went outdoors in the cold to view Randy Stone's 1934 Packard. This is a an excellent example of a judged classic car.

At 10:00 am I attended a presentation by Bruce Willis on Pedal cars. Pedal Cars have become very popular in recent years and have even been featured in



the latest AACA Magazine. Bruce has collected and sold over 300 pedal cars and pedal tractors. He is a recognized expert on pedal cars in Southeastern US. Bruce had a slide presentation which he used to educate us about the various manufacturers, models, and values of pedal cars. Bruce brought two excellent examples of Pedal cars to show. See the picture.

For the next seminar I chose to attend the presentation by Stan Drucker from the Blue Ridge Community College, who demonstrated an ingenious work



bench for fabricating sheet metal body parts. Stan is an instructor in the automotive program at the Alamance Community college. The work bench he invented was made from a large oxyacetylene bottle to which he had added legs and many accessories to bend, break and shape sheet metal. He recommended making the work bench tool from cast off steel from a salvage yard. Several of us were quite impressed with his tools, and many pictures were taken.

Lunch was served at the Ramada dining room.



During lunch the great “all knowing all seeing” Carnak divined the answer to several mysterious questions. The entertainment was enjoyed by all in attendance, although there was at least one call for an increase in the entertainment budget next year.

In the afternoon the entire group enjoyed a participatory discussion about accident investigation and driver habits led by Officer Poer. Officer Poer was invited to present last year and never got through his first slide with all the questions and discussion. He was invited back this year with much the same result. The questions lead to lively discussions about high rates of crash deaths among youthful drivers, the poor quality of driver training provided by schools and drivers who are talking on cell phones. In one of the discussions Officer Poer related his experiences with trailer towing accident investigations. He indicated many are caused by poor trailer maintenance.

There were two other seminars for members to attend. The first was “Judging Etiquette” presented by Eric Marsh and Herb Oakes, the second was “Trailer Purchase—Dos and Don’ts” presented by Mike Soehnlein.

At 2 pm the NC Region Annual meeting was called to order by President Mary Mashburn. There

were several announcements of plans and awards. It was announced that Mike Soehnlein was the winner of the 2009 Dave Hinkle award.



Jean Soehnlein, NC Region Newsletter Editor, presented awards to the Region reporters and contributors. The NC Region is considering how to administrate the scholarship fund.

The Past President announced the slate of candidates for office in 2010. There were no nominations from the floor. The new NC Region officers for 2010 were elected by acclamation. . Randy Stone will be the new President, Jeff Oakes Vice President, Bill Cox Secretary, and Fran Oakes will be Treasurer.

The two new board members elected were Mike Soehnlein and John Procia. Detailed minutes will be published in a future edition of the NC Region News-



letter.

I enjoyed this event and I recommend you attend next year. Maybe you can call me and ride over.

Bozarth-Irby Wedding Wedding goes off with one hitch (and that's good).

By Cecil Bozarth

Editor's note: Triangle Members Cecil Bozarth and Andrea Irby were married on January 23, 2010 at Pinehurst. They used their newly restored '37 Lincoln-Zephyr as their wedding "get away car". Cecil sent pictures (none of him-hmm) and a great story. (Cecil is the new Vice President of the Triangle Chapter.)

"On January 23rd, Andrea Irby and I tied the knot at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, NC. Because the weather forecasts were encouraging, we decided to use

though I did lock up the brakes once when someone failed to yield to me in the Pittsboro 15-501 round-about. At least I know the cable brakes work fine.



"our" 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr, dubbed "Rita", as the get-away car. To get the car down from Chapel Hill, I had to drive the car some 70 miles on a route that took me down 15-501 through Pittsboro and on to Sanford,



where I picked up Hwy 1 for the remainder of the trip.

With the two-speed rear axle engaged, I was able to cruise comfortably at around 60 mph on the open highway. The car didn't give me a lick of trouble, al-

My future mother-in-law had made reservations for us at The Carolina, an historic hotel in the center of Pinehurst. I was worried about how to handle the valet parking, but when the attendants saw me pull in, they just let me park near the entrance of the hotel. Of course, the car attracted a lot of attention there, but it looked at home and I knew the attendants would watch out for Rita.

The weather on Saturday was sunny and in the high 50s – more than anyone could reasonably expect from a January wedding. As noted in the title, the wedding went off with a

hitch (Andrea and me!).

Looking at the pictures later, I realized how perfect an old three-window coupes is for a wedding. Chances are, someone getting married in such a car back in the 1930s would soon be saying farewell to their sporty coupe and trading it in for a more practical sedan. Andrea and I, however, will be driving Rita for a long time."



Committee Approves Parking Ban By Mike Soehnlein

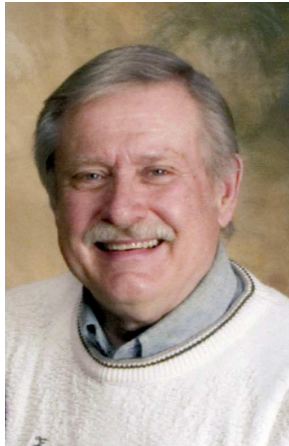
The Raleigh Planning Committee staff has approved and sent to the Council, a highly restrictive parking law controlling homeowners citywide from parking vehicles in front of their homes. There were a few minor concessions discussed in Committee, but they did make it to the agenda copy, thus may be ignored.

As submitted, the law will permit parking only in a single, 12' wide driveway with two additional parking areas limited to 330 sq. ft. or 40% of the front yard, whichever is *smaller*.

Additionally, the parking areas **must** be hard-paved or surfaced in 4" of crush & run. If crush & run, it must be bordered to define the area and prevent gravel migration. If the parking area is angled at more than a 45° from the drive, there must also be a 36" berm or evergreen vegetation (hedge) to prevent headlights from being seen by the neighbor. [What happened to fences or pulling the blinds?] If the vehicles can be viewed from the street on these off-drive spaces, there must also be an additional "no see" barrier. Assuming 20' length, a reasonable estimate of cost will be upwards from \$1,000.

All single family & duplex dwellings must be brought into compliance by December 1, 2010. There will be a \$72 fee for inspection and fines are expected to be \$100/day. Cost of compliance by a contractor can easily exceed \$2,000 per space or much more if topography is unfavorable. Materials alone for an already level and prepared crush & run space can be \$500. There is no 'grandfather' clause.

This bill has been pushed primarily by Councilman Thomas Crowder at the bequest of a small, old neighborhood in the University District that chose to have no covenants or neighborhood association. Residents now complain of the "ugliness" of neighbors that have more than two cars, or any cars parked off pavement. This is a direct attack on NCSU staff, graduate students and low-level employees, with one proponent openly advocating, "Getting



the students out." The only legitimate support outside appearance issues was by Wastewater Management over erosion run-off from some yards. I strongly advocated that existing NC Administrative Code Title 15 Article 4 would eliminate the run-off if enforced and that be expanded, if necessary, to accomplish the same goals by the city. As such, an environmental solution would have full ACA support and would address *all* runoff from *all* causes. As it stands, this act will have no jurisdiction over erosion from any other cause. Runoff from the sides and backs of property could then be eliminated, not just from under cars parked *in front*. In reality, the quantity of runoff will increase due to the impermeability of the paved or "crush & run" surfaces adding to our already overburdened storm drains and creeks. Once paved, no yard can be restored without massive re-landscaping, prohibitively expensive to this class of homes.

This law will have a disproportional effect on the poor, minorities and elderly. The poor and minorities are the most likely to have multiple cars as they require more than one in the household to work. Many of these families are trying to eke out a living in these terrible economic times, often with driving elders, teenagers or students at home. Families with high school or college kids will be penalized for attempting to improve their quality of life through education.

There is no enforcement plan (or budget) except as a neighbor against neighbor complaint. The city will become, in effect, the hired gun for neighborhood squabbles and discrimination. A recent analysis of another town's enforcement of an appearance bill found a complaint costs the taxpayers \$116 *per hour* administrative costs, not counting police and legal expenses. The costs of compliance, which can easily exceed \$5,000 with surfacing, barriers & inspection fees, may cause people to lose their homes or have to move. If a rental property, rents will surely increase. A capital improvement of \$5,000 with a modest 6% construction loan (6-8% typical for rental capital improvements) will require rents be raised \$150/month for three-year breakeven.

Consider some of the other unintended consequences. A 330 sq.ft. pad is roughly 66 sq.ft. *smaller* than a 2-car garage. Yet a company pick-up or van, typically parked outside, will run 19' x 7', or 133 sq. ft. On a 20' pad, that would leave only 30" for ingress/egress, to open doors or load/unload. That is assumes each vehicle is parked exactly on their respective edge and owners track through the yard to

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get to the offside of their cars. Imagine the additional burdens of the handicapped, wheelchair or walker users and parents with baby seats & strollers.

One of the stated goals of the proponents was to “make them park in the streets”. In the already narrow streets of an older sub-division, a parked car on each side makes many streets effectively one-way. Owners of cul-de-sac homes already have virtually no curb space. With street parking forced to capacity, besides the problem of blocked driveway, entering from behind a large SUV or van will create accidents. I asked the Committee “Is a fatal accident for the sake of appearance personally acceptable to you as an unintended consequence?” No one on the Committee voiced that risk unacceptable.

This bill will go to the City Council December 8th. If passed, the citizens of Raleigh are in for a rude awakening. This is a heavy-handed, one-size-fits-all, sledgehammer solution to be imposed on an entire city to satisfy a very restricted, small neighborhood problem that can be addressed in far more effective and equitable ways. Private property owners will lose rights innate to their original deeds, zoning and covenants, to satisfy a few residents in a neighborhood that is already living on borrowed time. Zoning overlay can limit this to the few affected neighborhoods.

As this city and particularly NC State University grow, poor value of land use will call for adjacent, inefficient neighborhoods move towards higher-density occupancy – dorms, condominiums, apartments & University expansion. None of the residents that testified before the previous committees were NCSU students, professors and employees. They want to impose their will and appearance code on an entire city of very different groups of people, with different needs, unnecessary and unwanted by most. Exclusionary zoning by economic class is not compatible with the city’s stated goal of development upward, not outward. This same type of resident buys a house at the end of the runway and then complains about the planes. When high-density use is approved, they will be 1st in line to cash in on the high profits.

It has been disappointing that no AACA Raleigh resident has stepped forward to assist at these hearings. I have been the primary opponent for seven years and, to be blunt, am outnumbered at every hearing. The last hearing invited only advocates to speak and gave them unlimited time, even when they wandered far from relevant facts and offered only unqualified opinions. Demanding to testify, I was quickly

shut off by acting Chair Stephen Smith, citing lack of time. The bill was finally sent forward, not on its merits, but because they were tired of it. I would hope, as this bill enters its final stages before the full Council, Raleigh members will step forward. It is your property and your rights being trampled on.

2/9/10 Update: *TC-07-09 was approved by the full Planning Committee and will now go to the City Council. There it may or may not get another hearing, so it is imperative you contact your City Council rep to voice your displeasure. Some minor amendments made the final copy, such as a small increase in square footage allowed, but nothing substantial. County residents within Raleigh's zoning extra-jurisdiction will also have to comply. Fines will now be \$250 initial and \$500 per day for non-compliance.*

Auto Related Celebrations

Here are some auto related anniversaries and historical events to toast.

- January 26 Lincoln Motor Car Company founded 1920.
- January 27 55 MPH Speed limit signed into law by Richard Nixon, 1974. (Drivers born in 1974 are 36. They may not remember the 55 MPH limit).
- January 29 Karl Benz patents 1st auto with a gasoline engine. 1886.
- February 5 Leaded “Ethyl” gasoline first marketed. 1923.
- February 11 Ford announces V-8 engine 1932.
- February 18 Studebaker’s 100th birthday celebration in 1952. 158 Today.
- February 21 NASCAR 1st Race, Daytona 1948.
- March 4 AAA formed in 1902
- March 12 First collision between two cars with air bags 1990.
- March 13 Honda Motors founded 1948.
- March 17 Porsche introduced in 1949.
- April 1 April Fools day. A big day.
 - AMC introduces the Gremlin 1970.
 - Plymouth Barracuda introduced 1964.
 - Amphicar debuts. 1961
 - Last Corvaire built. 1969

SPOTLIGHT ON JIM ALDRICH, and BECKY TOO

By Sue Harley

Jim's interest in automobiles dates back practically to day 1 of his life: his father worked for Buick in Flint, Michigan. The family – Jim and his parents – lived in the outskirts of Flint in the town of Corunna.



There they had a small farm on which they raised chickens. Jim's dad would often sell fresh eggs and chickens to the men at the Buick plant. While no longer a chicken farm, it's still in the family.



Jim owns the farm and rents the land to a local farmer for raising crops.

Jim grew up in Corunna, and completed his schooling

there. It was such a small town that there were just 35 seniors in his graduating class. Shop classes were among his favorite subjects in high school – wood shop, metal shop: Jim professes that he was the teacher's pet. He also did well in math, having been encouraged by his father to study hard so that he could go to GMI (the General Motors Institute, now called Kettering University).



There was not much free time for Jim. He worked at a gas station during high school, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. on school nights, and on Saturdays he washed cars at

the station. It was a great education in automobiles.

Although Jim's father worked for Buick, he was partial to Fords. Consequently, the very first car that Jim bought was a 1937 Ford, which he purchased

from a local farmer in 1950 for \$25. Jim's next car was a 1940 Ford, followed by a '47 Ford. He then began building hot rods – first from a 1932 Ford pick-up and then a 1951 Ford. Jim worked on the restoration all of his cars, rebuilding transmissions, clutches, etc. Engineering was a perfect fit for his interests and skills.

Jim indeed went to GMI in 1955, on an apprentice program with Chevrolet. He admits that he did not know either Dean Tryon or Les during his GMI years, but he dated some of the Hurley Hospital nurses and maintains that they were a wild bunch. Les was surely the exception. Jim further claims that he did not see his first television program until he was 13 or 14, and that



his family had an outhouse until he was in high school. (Polygraph test results are not back yet.)

After receiving his degree from GMI, Jim worked for Chevrolet for about 11 years as a toolmaker, design engineer and processing engineer (engine design), and later in manufacturing applications. During this time, Jim was married briefly. He has 3 children – 2 sons and a daughter – all living in Michigan and all working for the automotive industry.

He left Chevrolet in 1967 and was hired by Kenna Metal, for which he worked the remainder of his career. Jim's expertise was marketing, field applications and trouble-shooting, which took him all over Michigan. From Michigan he was sent to Seattle, Washington, and then on to Denver, where he met Becky.

Jim and Becky were married in 1972, and according to Jim, "from then on it got exciting." The two of them moved to Birmingham, Alabama for a brief stint, and then on to Indianapolis, Indiana. Although they were not there long, Jim found Indianapolis to be an interesting and exciting place with its car, tractor and aircraft businesses as well as car racing.

In 1974 Jim and Becky were transferred to Japan,

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where they lived in Tokyo for 5 years. Jim sold Kenna



Metal products to Japanese automakers, and both he and Becky enjoyed their time there. Then it was off to Singapore for 6 ½ years. This was Jim’s favorite place as far as creature comforts go: understanding the language (English) was particularly helpful. From Singapore they

returned to Japan for an additional 4 years, before being sent to South Korea, where they were for the 1988 Summer Olympics. Jim was the Managing Director of the Southeast Asia Region at this time and did a great deal of traveling. Becky often went along.

It was not until 1995 that Jim and Becky returned to live in the States. Jim was assigned to the North American Marketing Office in Raleigh. However, when Kenna Metal decided to move that office to Pennsylvania, Jim took a buy-out. He and Becky liked Raleigh and didn’t want to leave, perhaps because their house has a 5-car garage. And yes, all the spaces are filled.

During the 23 years that Jim and Becky had lived overseas, they hadn’t owned a car. Meanwhile, Jim’s taste in antique automobiles had changed from hotrods to vintage cars, and in 1997 he “went berserk,” joining 5 car clubs. The first car that he showed at a Triangle Chapter event was a 1936 Cadillac. Although the car didn’t take any prizes, Jim still has it, along with a 1920s Dodge (it’s in pieces). His next purchase was a 1938 Cadillac, which he showed for a while before selling it at the Hilton Head Island Concours automo-



bile auction. Jim then immediately purchased the 1931 Chrysler Imperial with body by LeBaron, which has won many awards.

Last April, the Chrysler received its AACA Senior award at the Charlotte meet. The following day it was part of the Chrysler display on the motor speedway track, where it received an award for Best Chrysler, the People’s Choice award, and the Golden Steering Wheel award for Best in Show. Two months



later the Chrysler was shown at the Classic Car Club Gilmore Gathering, outside of Kalamazoo. There it took Best of Class, People’s Choice, and the People’s Choice award of Haggerty Insurance Company’s kids’ judging competition. There is yet another award that Jim hopes to acquire, and the car is currently being re-painted in preparation for the Grand National show in New Bern this May.

Asked if he has a favorite car manufacturer, Jim responded that he does not - he just likes the old cars. His next purchase? His dream is to own either a 1934 Packard or a 1932 Duesenberg. He’ll decide which one to buy when he wins the lottery.

Although Jim is retired, he is not idle. He works part-time at a collision repair and car restoration shop in Benson, which is where the ’31 Chrysler is being painted. Jim and his two sons have a joint venture in Michigan restoring muscle cars. The barn on the old family farm is their workshop. Jim tries to get back to Michigan every other month to see his family, which now includes 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, and to take care of business. As a sidelight, Jim does special design work for an Indiana company that makes trailers. Riley Reiner and Rob VanDewoestine are two of his satisfied customers.

Jim enjoys being an active member of the Triangle chapter. He loves working on cars, displaying them and touring in them. The chapter’s Thursday

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dinner and excellent programs are greatly appreciated by both Jim and Becky.

BECKY'S VERSION

Becky Baker was a single girl, working in Denver and living in an apartment complex. One day, in the laundry room of the complex, a young man came in with his laundry and introduced himself as Jim Aldrich. He announced that today was his birthday and he was having a party: the young lady was invited. Intrigued by such an unusual pick-up line, Becky went to Jim's apartment that evening and it indeed was filled with people celebrating his birthday.



They began dating, but Jim got transferred to Alabama – a good distance from Denver. In fact, it was so costly to fly back to Denver on weekends that Jim decided it would be cheaper to get married. He proposed.

Becky accepted. They were married on a Saturday

and moved to Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday. Like Jim, Becky was an only child, and her parents, Dee and Bob, were not very happy that she would be so far away. (Most of us know Becky's delightful mother, Dee, who has attended many of our AACA functions.)

Becky had grown up in Denver and had never been away from home. Moving to Alabama was like moving to a foreign country, as far as she was concerned. But she and Jim weren't there very long before they were sent to Indianapolis. There Becky worked for L' Eggs, driving a truck and delivering shipments of pantyhose, attired in the company uniform -- hot-pants and boots. Becky loved her job: her schedule was her own and she was doing well. She was in line to become a district manager, until Jim phoned one day and said, "Quit your job, we're moving to Japan."

The move to Japan was a major adjustment for Becky. They had been told that they only needed to take their clothes because the Japanese apartments

were "furnished." They arrived to discover that, among other things, there were no beds and no sheets in the apartment. Furthermore, Jim left on business the day after their arrival. Becky bravely faced the language barrier and went shopping for furnishings. Not realizing that stores would deliver items, she would take the train into town, make a purchase, take the item back to the apartment, and then go back into town on the train for the next purchase. She and Jim were the only Americans with Kenna Metal in Asia at the time, which made for an even greater challenge.

Working overseas was difficult, due to visa re-



strictions. But in Japan Becky was allowed to substitute teach in the preschool and Kindergarten classes of an elementary school. Students from all over the world attended the school, which made it interesting and exciting. It also was a plus that Becky could walk to the school from their home. Driving in Japan was "an experience" – people drove on the other side of the road and there was a lot of traffic. She ventured out on the roads more during their second stay in Japan.

Jim traveled a lot, and as Becky needed to keep busy, she took advantage of many opportunities in the countries they lived in. In Japan she studied Ikebana and earned a teaching certificate in Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging). She also took classes in oil painting and dollmaking. Through the church they belonged to, she helped write a booklet entitled TOKYO TIPS, printed on an old-fashioned mimeograph machine and geared to foreigners. The booklet is still being published, though not on a mimeo.

In Singapore, Becky was a member of the Friends of the Museum. Each member would study a subject and then give a talk on it. Becky became interested in,

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and very knowledgeable about, blue and white porcelain and Asian antiques. She collected porcelain “pillows,” and has over 100 of them. One, in the shape of a dog, is about 1000 years old. The “Friends” were permitted to travel as a group to other countries and to visit places that regular tourists could not. It was a fantastic opportunity.

Her experiences in South Korea were unique. There she was a buyer of antiques and would travel to countries such as Japan and Thailand, purchase items, and bring them back to Korea to be sold at a show. She also did free-lance photography for a Korean magazine: she took pictures of the inside of foreigner’s homes (often those of her friends) so that the



Koreans could see how people of other cultures decorated their homes.

When asked what she missed most about their years spent overseas, she promptly replied “the maid and the cook.” She readily

admits that cooking is not her forte.

When she and Jim moved to Raleigh, she immediately joined the Newcomers Club to meet people and make friends. Within just a couple of years, she and others started ALTA -- the Assistance League Triangle Area. Becky served as its president for 2 years and has held nearly every office in the organization. She is currently the assistant manager of the thrift shop, Antiques to Zippers, off Old Wake Forest Road. You may recall seeing Becky on TV last fall, promoting the hundreds of back-to-school outfits that ALTA provided for low-income students.

When not busy with ALTA, Becky plays Canasta just for fun. She too enjoys the Triangle chapter activities, particularly touring in the old cars. For



Becky, the Vintage Tour was wonderful. The touring was great fun, as was meeting and talking with

people from all over. She hopes that she and Jim can do more touring, but that won’t happen in a freshly painted Chrysler Imperial. It must be time for another “new” car!

Engine Displacement Quiz

In grade school you learned to multiply compound fractions. Your teacher told you, you would have to use it some day. Today is that day.

Calculate the displacement of these cars.

Displacement cubic inches =

Area of Bore x Stroke x Cylinders

{Hint = Area of Bore = $\pi \times r^2$ ($\pi = 22/7$)}

Example Chev 6 Displacement =

$$\frac{22}{7} \times \left[3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \right] \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 6$$

$$= 3.143 \times \left[1.75 \times 1.75 \right] \times 3.75 \times 6$$

$$= 216.57$$

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Bore</u>	<u>Stoke</u>	<u>Cyl</u>	<u>Disp</u>
Chev 6 1946-52	3 1/2	3 3/4	6	216
Chev V8 1955-56	3 3/4	3	?	?
Chrysler V8 1955 V8	3.13/16	3 5/8	8	?
Lincoln 1940 V12	2 15/16	3 3/4	12	?
T-Bird 1956 V8	3 8/10	3 22/5	8	?
Model T	3 3/4	4	?	?
Model A Ford	3 7/8	4 1/4	4	?
63 Thunderbird	4.05	3.78	8	?

Assignment:

1. Complete the remaining displacement calculations.
2. You may use your handheld calculator.
3. Be prepared to show your work.
4. Extra credit, convert all displacements to liters.

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