



# Triangle Chapter News

## Triangle Chapter September News Summary

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## Triangle Chapter Meeting - September 16

**Notice: Dinner Meeting at the Cary Golden Corral**

The first fall Triangle Chapter meeting will be held Thursday, September 16.  
 Venue: Golden Corral, 5707 Dillard Drive Cary, NC  
 Times: Dinner 6-7 pm, Meeting 7-7:30 pm, Program 7:30.  
 Program: Marv Gage will do a presentation on the Gilmore and the Franklin museums. Don't miss it.

## Oak View Historic Park October 2, 2010

The event includes a display of historic crafts, foods, and entertainment. There is also a quilt display and auction. The Triangle Chapter will provide an antique car display this year. Please think about whether you can display your car at this activity. There is no competition, just a display and talk to the public. Also there will be a Take-A Part T demonstration. Please contact Riley Reiner at 919-554-1158 if you can display or participate in the Take-A Part T.

**Triangle Chapter Events Calendar**

- **First Triangle Fall Meeting , September 16.**
- **Heritage Days at Oak View Historic Park October 2.**



## President's Message By Chet Butcher, President Triangle Chapter

Where does the time go? It seems like I just finished writing one of these messages the other day.

We closed up the cottage on September 7<sup>th</sup> and headed for home. I decided to take a different route this time and look at some new scenery . We had never been across the Chesapeake Bay bridge tunnel system, so we picked up route 13 in Wilmington, Delaware and stayed on it all the way into North Carolina. That bridge and tunnel system is an engineering marvel.

Well, our first meeting of the season is this Thursday night and then the N.C. Region fall meet is on Saturday , September 18<sup>th</sup>. There are area cruise-ins and even a national Model 'A' day on this day. I just can't keep up with all that is happening in the world of old cars. Let's get the polish rags out and dust off the old cars and take'em on a tour, or to a show or just for a cruise. See you at the meeting.

Regards,  
Chet

## How Triangle Chapter Works

Fall is a busy season for the triangle chapter . There are many events on the schedule as you can see from the schedule of events on Page 3 and the articles in this edition. One of our favorite activities is the Take-A-Part T. The Take-A-Part T demonstrations are part of many of our events. There are two Take-A-Part



**T e n e v e n t s** planned this fall. They will be at the Oak View Park Heritage Days on October 2 and the Chick-Fil-A Display on November 13. If you have not participated before

and would like to be part of the team for one of these events, please sign up at the next meeting or call Riley Reiner 919-554-1158.

You can also help the Triangle Chapter by serving on the Board of Directors in 2012. Triangle will be selecting a slate of three candidates for the Board of

## Triangle Chapter Officers

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

## Board of Directors (Class of 2010)

- 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)

## 2010 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](http://www.aaca.org)
- NC Region News online:  
[www.ncregionaaca.com](http://www.ncregionaaca.com)
- Triangle Chapter News online:  
[www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle](http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle)

Directors Class of 2012. If you are interested in learning how the Chapter works and in serving on the board please tell one of our officers or board members.

## Update on Mike Soehnlein

Mike Soehnlein is making a strong recovery from his battle with Lymphoma. He has recently completed his third round of full strength chemotherapy. After just two days of recovery he is once again able get out to his garage to work on car projects and preparing for hunting season. He reports that his tests are showing reductions in the size of the tumors. He indicates he and Jean appreciate the support that they have gotten through these last few months. When Mike got home from his recent hospital stay there were over 100 cards and notes waiting.



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# Calendar of Triangle Events

<b>Triangle Chapter 2010 Events</b>		Nov 18	Dinner Meeting
Sept 16	Dinner Meeting		Golden Corral at 6 pm
	Cary Golden Corral at 6 pm.	Dec 2	Holiday Party
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Oak View Park Heritage Days Car Display</b>		St Michaels Church , Cary
	<b>Take-A-Part T Demo</b>	<b>2011 Events</b>	
Oct 6-9	Hershey	Jan 21	Dinner Meeting
			Golden Corral at 6 pm
Oct 21	Dinner Meeting	<b>NC Region Events</b>	
	Golden Corral at 6 pm	<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>NC Region Fall Meet at Mount Olive</b>
Oct 23	WWII Reunion	<b>Tours</b>	<b>Tours with the Brass Nickel Region</b>
	Group Car Display at the Russell's	Sep 25	Coats—Shadow Hawk
Nov 13	Chick-Fil-A Car Display. Rain date Nov 20.	Nov 6	Town Tour
	<b>Take-A-Part T Demo</b>		Carthage Tour

## Piney Grove Church Display Sept 11, 2010

Piney Grove Baptist Church car display is Saturday Sept. 11, 2010. Triangle member Dave Deyton has invited the Triangle Chapter members to come to the show to display their classic cars, hot rods and muscle cars. The show will be from 5 pm to 8 pm. This will be a 50s Diner Drive-in event with food service. Please bring non perishable food items for donation to the local food pantry. Display your red, white and blue as this event will remember 9/11. The show will be at Piney Grove Baptist Church, at 3217 Piney Grove-Wilburn Road in Fuquay-Varina.

## NC Region Car Show Sept 18, 2010

Hurry! The NC Region Fall Meet will be held in Mount Olive on Saturday September 18., 2010. It will be hosted by the Southeastern Chapter. Vehicles will be judged to National Standards. Open to AACA members only. The show will be held at 100 Center St. in downtown Mount, Olive, NC. To enter you must pre-register. Registration forms are available in the July and August NC Region Newsletter, Page 28.

## Yates Mill Car Display Sept 18, 2010

Triangle member Gary Hunter has asked for a few cars for a fall celebration at Yates Mill County Park. Yates Mills event is a new event. Cars will be displayed on the asphalt parking lot. Lunch will be provided for the driver. The display will be 11 am to 3 pm. This is an opportunity to visit the Mill and see the Mill tour. Call Gary Hunter if you are interested: 919-387-7202.



## Editor's Notes and Comments

### By Denny Oestreich

Summer's almost over and fall is coming on. Are you ready for the fall antique car season? Triangle and the AACA offer many things to do this fall, starting with some leisurely car displays and going up to the big car show at Hershey. Choose your activities and make plans to enjoy your antique car or truck with some cooler fall weather.

Thanks to several members for contributing interesting articles to this month's newsletter. Sue Harley has written another in her series of Spotlight articles about Triangle Chapter members. Check out Sue's story about Don and Dottie Aikin. Dean Tryon and the Harley's had an interesting time at The Southeastern National Meet at Blacksburg, Va. Be sure to read the adventures of Dean and Stu for a reminder to check your trailer for safety. Thanks to Joe Parsons for the great story about recruiting a future member.

I attended several car shows in August and early September. I had a good time at all of them, but it was still hot. I included a story about my trip to Charlotte. After four hours my shopping cart was filled and I only bought two radios. One radio was \$2; a parts radio; and the other was \$5, a complete radio that played after replacement of the vibrator and two capacitors.

I hope to see you at the next meeting. Remember to take a few pictures and send me an Email story for the next newsletter.

## Brass Nickel Tour Plan Changes

### By Denny Oestreich

Tour date is September 26, 2010. The Brass Nickel Appomattox Tour has been postponed due to a problem with the Host Hotel availability. A substitute Coats and Shadow Hawk Town Tour has been planned by Judy and Barker Edwards instead. The tour plan is:

1. Meet in Clayton. (TBA, probably McDonalds at 9am)
2. 1st stop – Coats museum, bell tower and house. This museum collection includes items of local interest, textiles, books, farm implements, and artifacts depicting rural living, and the Coats' homestead. Of particular interest is the bell tower created by the late Mr. Coats from his collection of over sixty bells of various sizes, which include

a train bell, fire bells, and church bells. The largest bell in the collection is 44 inches in diameter and weighs 1/2 ton.

3. Lunch. Stephenson's Bar-B-Cue
4. Shadow Hawk Town. This is old Western town of about 12 buildings built in the back yard of Bill Drake. Bill is a retired Hollywood cowboy actor who made appearances in shows like North & South, Gunsmoke and Bonanza. He has built Shadow Hawk in his backyard, and the town includes a general store, jail, saloon, Wells Fargo bank, and chapel. Some of the buildings are crudely built, but it a fun place to go for an afternoon.

We figure the tour mileage to be about 70 miles total. Neither place is large, but put together should make for an interesting day.

To register or for further questions contact Riley Reiner at: 919-554-1158.

## Southern Classic Car Cruise-in

### By Denny Oestreich

Charlie Kaleel invited car enthusiasts to a Cruise-in at his Classic Car consignment sales store in downtown Wake Forest on September 8, 2010. There were a few Triangle Chapter members who participated. Floyd and Peggy Barnes drove their '57 Thunderbird from Fuquay Varina. Jack and Alice Johnson drove their '65 Mustang convertible. Dean Tryon drove his '29 Buick and his son, Barry brought his '65 Cobra replica car to the event. Denny Oestreich drove his '62 Chevy. There were over 100 vehicles driven to the



'65 Cobra Replica—Dean and Barry Tryon

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## Spotlight on Don Aikin

By Sue Harley

Not many people can say they grew up in a town named for their family, but Don Aikin can. Don and his older brother grew up in Aikin, Maryland, a small town across the river from Havre de Grace. The town was named for their grandfather – not because he was a dignitary, but because he was its oldest citizen.

Don's interest in antique automobiles goes back as far as he can remember, and all because of his neighbor, Arnold Sumpter. Arnold loved to restore antique cars, especially Model Ts. As a member of the local AACA chapter, Arnold would host a huge gathering on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Members would drive over in their old cars and park them at Arnold's. Don would rush down to check out the cars: for him it was truly Christmas in July.

When Don was a senior in high school, he wanted buy an antique automobile, using his own hard-earned money. Arnold suggested that Don look for a 1934 Ford Roadster, which Arnold felt was going to be the hot new car to collect. Don dutifully subscribed to *Hemmings*, looking for a '34 Roadster, and found one – right outside of Hershey, Pennsylvania. The man selling it had found, shortly after purchasing the car, that it was more of a project than he could handle. This was before antique auto parts were as readily available as they are now, so he put the car up for sale



Don Aikin 1957

so someone else could do the restoration.

Don and his father (who was a building contractor and who had little interest in antique cars) drove over to see the car. His dad thought it was a hopeless case – all he could see was a rusty old car – but he gamely suggested having Arnold look at the car when he came to Hershey for the Regional meet. Much to his surprise, Arnold gave the car a thumbs-up, and Don quickly bought it. He also acquired a Cabriolet (front half and chassis) plus the rear body and doors from another Cabriolet along with a spare frame – all for the princely sum of \$1000 (remember, this was 1968).

Don had no clue about bodywork or welding, but his dad was very supportive and helpful. He not only added a wing onto the family garage so Don would have space to work in, but as Don had no money left after buying the car, his dad bought welding equipment, grinders, and other tools for him. During all of this, Don went off to college; consequently, the restoration took 7 years to complete. Finally, in 1973 the Roadster was shown at Hershey, where it received a Third Junior.

Meanwhile, Don graduated from NC State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and went to work for an engineering firm in Baltimore. He spent three



A Real Hot Rod

years with them prior to being hired by W.R. Grace. Just several years out of college, Don went to the

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wedding of a friend from State – Billy Gardner – and there he met Billy's sister Dottie Gardner. Dottie was working in Richmond at the time, and it wasn't long before Don was commuting back and forth to Richmond to see her. Having had enough of the commute, Don and Dottie were married just a year later, in 1978.

The Aikins settled in Roanoke Rapids, where Don

worked for Airmold/W.R. Grace for eighteen years. During this time, Sam and Dorothy were born. Eventually W.R. Grace sold the Roanoke Rapids facility: Don's next job took the family to State College, Pennsylvania. The family loved State College, but for Don it was not a particularly good career move and he jumped at the opportunity to work for Delta Consolidated. In

less than a year, the Aikin family was back in North Carolina, this time in Raleigh.

Delta, a division of Danaher Corporation, made molded plastics – in particular, plastic cases for hand-tools and power tools. When the manufacturing of tools moved to China, it was no longer cost effective to make the packaging in the States, which devastated the industry. When Delta closed in 2007, Don began his own consulting and design firm from their house. Needing to build additional skills, Don took courses in CAD and finds that it is a lot of fun. His talents were put to good use in designing the Triangle trophy for the NC Regional Show last May.

Surprisingly, the car that Don shows is not his 1934 Roadster: it is a '36 Ford Phaeton that his father restored and that Don inherited in 1999. His dad had had so much fun helping Don with the '34 Roadster

that he bought himself a 1936 Ford 4-door convertible sedan. He spent three years working on the car, with help from Don on vacations and weekends. In 1980 the car won its First Junior in Winston Salem. His parents enjoyed the car for the next 10 years, taking it to shows as well as driving it. It currently has close to 20 preservation awards.

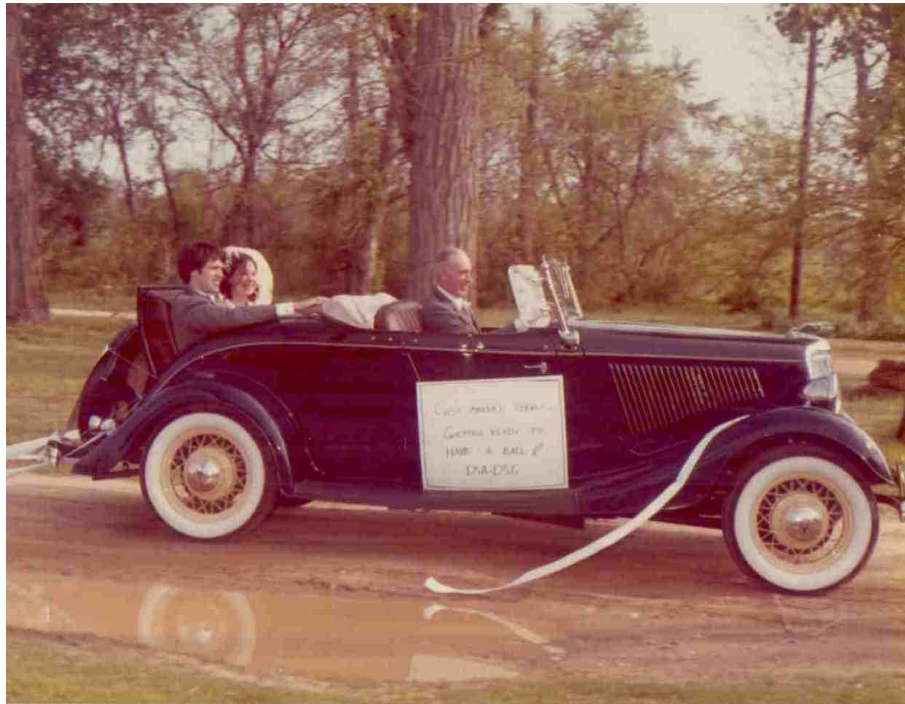
What happened to the '34 Roadster? It needed

repainting, so Don took it apart years ago. Unfortunately, he hasn't gotten much further than the disassembly. He has all of the parts for the Roadster, plus a sufficient number of spare parts to build an entire 1934 Cabriolet. While he may have the parts, however, he lacks the time to work on the cars. Sound familiar?

Don has been a member of the AACA since approximately

1974 and has been a part of Triangle chapter since 1996 (more or less), after meeting Riley Reiner at a chapter car show at Meredith College. Both Don and Dottie have been active members of Triangle Chapter. Don has served on the board and is a member of the Take A-Par-T team. He and Dottie are currently organizing a Brass Nickel/Triangle tour to the Lynchburg area of Virginia the weekend of September 24/25. The group will visit the Appomattox Courthouse as well as Red Hill, the former home of Patrick Henry.

When not tinkering with cars or computers, the Aikins delight in having their daughter Dorothy nearby. Dorothy, who is single, lives in Morrisville and works for GSK. She majored in Chemistry and Bio-chemistry at NC State, and her father proudly points out that she graduated with a 4.0 average. Sam, who just turned 28, works for Wachovia in Philadel-



**Don and Dottie's Wedding car**

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phia, Pennsylvania. He had moved to Philadelphia for post-graduation courses at U Penn to prepare for medical school, but found himself in banking instead.

Don needs to get back to work on that '34 Roadster so that he can give Dorothy her promised ride in the rumble seat. She, however, shows little interest in driving the old cars, most likely because she can only drive cars with an automatic shift. Sam, though, learned to drive a manual transmission on the '34 and always takes the '36 out for drive when he's home.

According to Don, neither Sam nor Dorothy has a great interest in old cars and it's unlikely they'll be fighting over who gets them. Rather, they'll be busy fighting over who cleans out the attic because that is where Don has stored all of their old toys, and Don wants no part of that conflict!

Don and Dottie enjoy touring in the '36: they have taken the car on several Brass Nickel tours, and also drove it on the Sentimental Tour in Alamance. Theirs was the only one of five cars belonging to Triangle members that didn't break down during the tour. Ironically, just a few months later, on the way home from the Triangle show at Oakview, the condenser gave out just a few miles from the house. Don thanks his lucky stars that it didn't break during the Sentimental Tour. Don and Dottie look forward to more tours in the '36, and who knows, maybe someday the '34 will be up-and-running once again.

## Thank You Note

By Bob & Sharyl Monkovich

I want to thank three wonderful folks who helped Sharyl and I on the August 21 Brass Nickel tour near Sanford. Shar and I drove our '63 Imperial to the tour meeting place in Sanford and then around the various sights. Judy Edwards did it again with marvelous planning, cupcakes and freebies when we stopped at the "Camelback" Bridge. See what you all missed!

When Shar and I were cruising back to Garner after the tour, our engine became overheated from a pinhole leak in the radiator that was spraying all over the engine. It was not fixable enough to continue the rest of the way home. We had to stop on the shoulder of Route 1 North just outside of Sanford.

Riley Riner stopped on his way home with his truck and trailer and connected us with a wrecker ser-

vice for a flatbed truck to take us and the car home. We are truly thankful for Riley's help. We insisted that Riley leave for his family obligations and not wait for the wrecker since the flatbed service truck was called in and scheduled to meet us.

Right after Riley left, Judy and Barker Edwards stopped by on their way home. Even after a long day cruising around, they stayed with us for an hour in the heat

until the towing service showed up.

After this experience, Shar and I just wanted to share this story with recent new members of how this club treats people even for littler things like this that life throws at us! This experience is "all part of the show" folks -with older automobiles. This was a 47 year old radiator that was never rebuilt. You can almost expect it so plan your trips where you won't be rushed for the day. It makes life easier and takes an enormous amount of pressure off your shoulders.

Shar and I also wish to say that this still did not spoil our day as the tour was one of the best we were on due to the many interesting folks who showed up and the authentic places we visited

We used to get upset at little things like this and maybe a huge towing bill to boot; but you know, with what was planned, and the kindness of good people like Riley, Barker and Judy, it wasn't so bad!

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event with 41 cars and automobile memorabilia on display inside the store. There are several original Classic cars inside the store including '51 Imperial with a Senior AACA award.



**Dean Tryon, Alice Johnson and Jack Johnson at Southern Classic Car Cruise-in**

## AACA National Southeastern Fall Meet - August 12-14, 2010

By Sue and Fred Harley

Nestled in the rolling hills of Roanoke Valley is the town of Blacksburg, Virginia, site of the Southeastern Regional Fall Meet. Blacksburg is a community of 40,000+ of which about 60% are students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, better known as Virginia Tech.

The meet was headquartered in the Inn at Virginia Tech, which is a spacious facility adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus. When Fred and I arrived to check in, however, we soon realized that “walking distance” from the trailer parking area to the Inn did not mean **comfortable** walking distance – particularly if hauling suitcases, cooler, bags, etc. We opted to check in prior to parking the trailer. Unfortunately many others had the same thought and it would be

a while before anyone’s room was ready. However, the Inn had many comfortable, attractive seating areas and the Roanoke Valley Region, sponsors of the meet, hosted a large hospitality room replete with coffee, tea, cold drinks and delicious homemade goodies. Of course, there were the ubiquitous T-shirts and other items for sale.

It was pleasant to sit in the lobby and watch people coming and going. We saw many national officers and board members – including North Carolina’s own Randy Stone, Herb Oakes, Sherm Carey, Eric March. – as well as Triangle Chapter members who had come to judge: Bob Safrit, Tony Hanjris, and Mike Peterson. Fred also judged.

The morning of the show was an ominous one: very low, dark clouds surrounded the valley. But off we went to the football stadium parking lot in the 1911 Buick for its first national show. Once on the show field we noted quite a few empty spots and suspect that heavy weather throughout the region kept quite a few cars away.

Several Triangle Chapter/Brass Nickel members

also brought cars to the show. Brian White brought his dad’s green 1914 Model T Touring car (First Junior). I believe that Brian said this was the last car that his father had restored, so it was a very special show for Brian and Trish. Fred showed the 1911 Buick (First Junior), Cecil Bozarth and his son brought the 1937 Lincoln Zephyr (Senior), and Brass Nickel members Bill and Libby Adams along with their son Clark showed their 1926 Pontiac (Senior). Dean Tryon was also at the meet: he and his friend Stu Allen had brought Stu’s 1957 Buick Roadmaster (Preservation). They had trailered the car down from Stu’s home in Staunton, Virginia and had a rather exciting trip. (*Read about Dean and Stu’s No-So-Excellent Adventure in this issue of the newsletter.*)



Mother Nature favored us with cool but ominous weather until the moment of judging. Judging began promptly at 11:00 a.m. and so did the raindrops. The rain did not last long – just long enough to spot the brass on the old cars. AACA President Terry Bond referred to the shower as our complimentary car wash.

The day passed quickly: the meet was very well-organized and most enjoyable. Probably the highlight of the weekend, however, was Saturday night’s entertainment – a first for us. We were all invited to meet in the banquet room at 6:00 for a performance by Steve Brogan. Steve is a ventriloquist who brought a few of his friends with him in a suitcase. To the delight of the audience, Steve poked good fun at Chief Judge Hulon McCraw, National Director and Chief Judge of the meet. But he saved his funniest lines for AACA National Executive Director Steve Moskowitz and his wife Rachael. It was tremendously entertaining and Steve M was an extremely good sport.

The awards ceremony moved along quite rapidly. All of the Triangle members received the award that

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they hoped for, except for Fred. The Buick received a



Second Junior, which was neither a surprise nor a disappointment.

Fred and I were particularly interested in seeing the Virginia Tech campus because our son-in-law is a VPI graduate. The campus is very attractive, but what stands out is that the buildings are very similar in appearance: they look to be composed of the same type of limestone. We later learned that the limestone is called HOKIE STONE. Hokie Stone is a dolomite limestone unique to southeastern Virginia. It is the primary finishing material on campus buildings, per a requirement by the University's Board of Visitors. Eighty percent of the stone is quarried just a few miles from campus in a university-owned quarry.

### A Look at Virginia Tech Traditions

Here is the answer to that oft-posed question, "What's a Hokie?" and an explanation of other Tech traditions.

The origin of the word "Hokie" has nothing to do with a turkey. It was coined by O. M. Stull (class of 1896), who used it in a spirit yell he wrote for a competition.

Here's how that competition came to be held. Virginia Tech was founded in 1872 as a land-grant institution and was named Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1896, the Virginia General Assembly officially changed the college's name to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, a name so long that citizens shortened it in popular usage to VPI. The original college cheer, which made reference to the original name of the institution, was no longer suitable. Thus, a contest was held to select a new spirit yell, and Stull won the \$5 top

prize for his cheer, now known as "Old Hokie":

**Hoki, Hoki, Hoki, Hy.  
Techs, Techs, V.P.I.  
Sola-Rex, Sola-Rah.  
Polytechs - Vir-gin-ia.  
Rae, Ri, V.P.I.**

Later, the phrase "Team! Team! Team!" was added at the end, and an "e" was added to "Hoki." Stull later said that he made up the word as an attention-grabber.

## Adventures of Dean and Stu

### By Dean Tryon

On a Saturday in August, I rode with my friend Stu from Staunton, Virginia to Blacksburg for a big car show. He had his '57 Buick in the trailer for the 2-hour drive since the tires (on the Buick) were old and questionable. About half way down I-81, a car passed us and blew the horn. As we looked over, a trailer tire and wheel were rolling down the median next to us. We pulled over, retrieved the wheel, drove slowly to an exit (the trailer has a double axle) and found a closed gas station where we could park.

We unloaded the car and drove it on back roads the rest of the way. Turns out Stu had installed new trailer tires last fall and had driven it to Texas and Kentucky without incident.

As we left the show field mid-afternoon, the Buick quit running just 15 miles down the road. To make a long story short, Stu had a spare fuel pump, which we installed (in an hour) and continued on our way back to the trailer without a problem. From there, we installed the spare tire with new wheel nuts, we had to buy of course. We put the car back in the trailer and got home OK, just a few hours later than planned.

Lessons learned:

- 1) – check trailer tire bolts frequently (I did when I got home for sure),
- 2) Carry a spare fuel pump and tools or install an electric pump back up (I had just done this on all my old cars recently),
- 3) Carry a few extra wheel nuts (we had to go to 2 stores to find the 6 we needed).

Oh well – it's all part of the old car experiences. Nothing ventured (or broken), nothing gained (or learned).

## A Future AACA Member

By: Joe Parsons

The attached photo is my 9 year old grandson My grandson is Ryan Bradley, who lives in Cary, attended the "Classics at the Capital" car show with me on Sunday August 22 and stayed for the awards. My grandson had the thrill of going to the stage and accepting the trophy for Best of Show for Stock. I was very surprised at winning this award.



The show awarded the Top 50 awards, then the Sweet Sixteen awards for the top 16 cars of the 50 and finally announced the Best of Show for Modified and Best of Show for Stock. They awarded a Sir Walter award for judges Choice and a Peoples Choice awards.



my Hawk history. He wasn't sure he wanted to stay Sunday from 10:00 am, until 3:00 pm in the afternoon for the end of the show. He finally decided he would stay and he loved the experience. He really enjoyed

I am now sharing my car hobby with Ryan and he is really into the hobby. He dusted my Hawk every 20 minutes and enjoyed listening to me talking to the public and sharing

dusting the car chrome and wheel covers as well as top of fenders and fins. I noticed he particularly did it when there were people around the car. At the awards presentation, without a pause, he walked up to the stage and accepted the Best of Show Stock award and held it for life.

I laughed while driving the car back home when he asked me when he could go to the next car show. Now he is asking me "when is next car show"? He has heard me talking about the big Hershey car show in the fall and wants to go there with me. I really think he is hooked on car shows and I expect someday he will be the another AACA member. It was a great moment and a wonderful memory for both of us.

## Charlotte Motor Speedway

By: Denny Oestreich

I attended the fall Charlotte show on Saturday August 26, 2010. The show was much smaller this year than any previous years because the date was moved up a week earlier than previous years. The vendors I spoke to all indicated lower sales due to the economy. Saturday was a hot day but still a good time for buying parts.

Floyd Barnes called me on Friday night and told me about a couple of interesting spaces where he, Dave Deyton and Riley Reiner had seen parts on Friday. With Floyd's advice and a list of parts I needed for my '57 Chevy project, I had a plan for a fast visit to selected vendor spaces. The Green field had only about 100 total vendors. I only found a few small parts there. There was an unrecognizable '57 Chevy



station wagon "all original".

The infield spaces were mostly occupied with vendors who were anxious to sell and leave. I found a couple of very good spaces to buy many parts I needed. The prices were good.

I stopped to visit Joe Ledford at his space. I used my network of car friends and vendors to find where to go next. Using leads and some blind luck I filled my cart by 2:30 pm.

The car show did not have many entrants. For older cars there were only two Model As and Jeff Oaks '34 Packard. There were a lot of Corvettes on display at this year's show. There were many spaces on the show field. The most cars on the show field were the '60s and '70s.

There were a normal number of cars for sale around the track. I did not see many older cars for sale. There were many corvettes for sale. It was amazing to see the C5 Corvettes among the used cars, but they are 13 to 14 years old already. The prices on most cars were lower than I had seen before. There was a very nice '58 Corvette listed at \$39,400. I did not see too many cars being sold.

I took a picture of a 54 Imperial Hemi for sale, one of 1250 built. It had only 59K miles.



## Puzzle and Quiz

### August Answers—6th grade Quiz

Did you finish your homework? The grade curve is:

None Wrong = A+

1 Wrong = A

2 Wrong = B

3 to 10 Wrong = C

11 wrong = F

No work = INC (Incomplete)

What was your Grade?

No calculators allowed. Show your work. Calculate to

2 places after the decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1. \quad 68 \\ +29 \\ \hline 97 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 2. \quad 599 \\ +122 \\ \hline 721 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 3. \quad 5280 \\ - 657 \\ \hline 4,623 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4. \quad 3566 \\ -1677 \\ \hline 1,889 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 5. \quad 59 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline 236 \\ 413 \\ \hline 4,366 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 6. \quad 6733 \\ \times 973 \\ \hline 20199 \\ 47131 \\ 60597 \\ \hline 6,551,209 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7. \quad 74/23 \\ \underline{3.22} \\ 23 \overline{)74.00} \\ \underline{69} \phantom{00} \\ 50 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{46} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{23} \phantom{0} \\ 17 \phantom{0} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 8. \quad 1939/27 \\ \underline{71.81} \\ 27 \overline{)1939.00} \\ \underline{189} \phantom{00} \\ 49 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{27} \phantom{0} \\ 220 \\ \underline{216} \\ 40 \\ \underline{27} \\ 13 \end{array}$$

9.  $2/3 + 3/8$   
 $16/24 + 9/24 = 1 \ 1/24$

10.  $1 \ 1/4 - 5/16 =$   
 $20/16 - 5/16 = 15/16$

11. John drove 347.3 miles since his last fill up. He had to put in 14.7 gallons to fill up his car again. What is his mileage?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{23.49 \text{ MPG}} \\ 147 \overline{)3473.0} \\ \underline{294} \phantom{00} \\ 513 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{441} \phantom{0} \\ 720 \\ \underline{588} \\ 1320 \\ \underline{1176} \\ 144 \end{array}$$

### September Puzzle

How many car makes and models with heavenly names do you know? Name both model and manufacturer.

Hint some first letters are listed below

<u>Model</u>	<u>Brand</u>
Apollo	Buick
A	Dodge
C	Mercury
C	Packard
E	Eclipse
M	Mercury
M	FoMoCo
N	Nova
S	Saturn
S	Plymouth
S	Durant
T	Ford
V	Chevrolet



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