



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter News Summary

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- Triangle Chapter Meeting is planned on Thursday evening, February 17, 2011 at Golden Corral in Cary.
- Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off March 6. See details Page 2.
- Make plans to attend the NC Region spring events listed on the calendar on Page 3. Resolve to go on at least one tour this year.
- See the notes and actions from the Triangle Chapter January meeting. Page 4.
- The NC Region meeting was held in Burlington on January 14 and 15. Dan Fuccella was awarded the Dave Hinkel award. See Page 4 for details.
- The Triangle Chapter Board of Directors met at Don and Dottie Aikin's home on January 23, 2011. See planned activities for 2011 and notes from the meeting on page 5.
- Remembering Mike Soehnlein who passed away February 1, 2011. Page 7.
- Is your car pictured on this month's back page photos?



Dan Fuccella and his '50 Willys



Mike Soehnlein and his '50 Ford PU

Upcoming Events

- Triangle Chapter Meeting, Golden Corral, February 17.
- Chili Cook-off, Stag Club, March 6
- Triangle Chapter Meeting, Golden Corral, March 17

February 17 Meeting at Cary Golden Corral

The second Triangle Chapter meeting of the year will be held Thursday evening February 17, 2011

Venue: Golden Corral. 5707 Dillard Drive, Cary.

Times: Dinner 6-7 pm, Meeting 7-7:30 pm, Program 7:30.

Program: Barry Tryon will give a pres-

entation with pictures on building his replica Cobra.

Be sure to wear your name badges the night of the meeting. Come early to enjoy dinner and the friendly discussion. We hope to see you there.

President's Message

By Don Aikin

On behalf of our entire chapter, we extend our condolences to Jean Soehnlein on the recent loss of her husband and our friend, Mike. As a longtime member of our chapter, Mike served our group in many different capacities. Whatever the task, Mike always put forth his best efforts and focused on a quality outcome. It's a great example and legacy for the rest of us to strive to maintain. The chapter is making a memorial donation of a brick to the AACA Library denoting Mike's service to both the N.C. Region and Triangle Chapter.

Denny Oestreich's "term" as newsletter editor expires with the May issue. Denny agreed to take on this job with a 2 year commitment, which he has kept. Now it's time for someone else to step forward and take over the newsletter. I'm sure Denny will assist anyone interested in getting started.

As we look forward to upcoming events, the Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Stag Club in Raleigh. Thanks to Bob Safrit for arranging a site for this event. Other details are contained elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

Our February meeting will be Feb. 17th. The program will be presented by Barry Tryon on building his Cobra replica. I'm sure he encountered some challenges different from those some of us have faced in more traditional restorations. (Remember your name badge, as Lynda Miller will again be our "Badge Police" this year.

Don

Meeting Programs Wanted

Cecil Bozarth, Triangle Chapter Vice President, has advertised for Chapter meeting programs for the first six months of 2011.

Rob and Barb VanDewoestine presented pictures from the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club Reunion in January. We all enjoyed the presentation of these very special cars. Imagine drag racing a Duesenberg.

Barry Tryon has agreed give us a presentation of the building of his Cobra kit car project in February.

If you have a presentation on a subject that you think the Triangle Chapter members would enjoy, please contact Cecil Bozarth at 932-3505. Our programs have all been very interesting Powerpoint or video presentations. Please consider sharing your enthusiasm.

2011 Triangle Contacts

Triangle Chapter Officers

PresidentDon Aikin (556-2302)
 Vice PresidentCecil Bozarth (932-3505)
 TreasurerFred Harley (233-4889)
 Ex-Officio Chet Butcher (557-6385)

Board of Directors (Class of 2011)

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

Board of Directors (Class of 2012)

.....Jim Aldrich (676-3131)
 Bob Gault (329-9196)
Les Tryon (562-4660)

2011 Committees

AwardsRiley Reiner (554-1158)
 NewsletterDenny Oestreich (846-8163)
 Region News Correspondent....Riley Reiner (554-1158)
 Youth Coordinator.....Open

Editor's Notes

By Denny Oestreich

The danger of having too many projects is that nothing seems to get done. I have gotten my '57 Chevy out of the paint shop, but I have too many other projects to get on with the assembly.

The new garage in my back yard is not completed. The outside is finished, but it needs electrical service. I made the large special doors myself. I designed and cut the material, then Merry put two coats of paint on doors and I hung them on large hinges. After all that work, the doors have warped and will need to be reworked. My list is getting longer: electrical, insulation, sheetrock, and now doors again. Murphy's Law and too many projects.

This month's Newsletter has many opportunities to plan for your spring and early summer activities with the Triangle Chapter and other AACA events. Be sure to read the meeting minutes for plans.

Riley Reiner reminds us that the Triangle Chapter has agreed to perform two Take-A-Part T demonstrations at the NC Region Spring Meet at Reidsville on April 16. Please make plans to help if you can.



Triangle Calendar

Triangle Chapter 2011 Events

February 17	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
March 17	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
April 21	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
May 7	Triangle Chapter Spring Car show. Oak View Park
May 19	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm
June 16	Dinner Meeting Golden Corral at 6 pm

NC Region Events

Jan 14-15	NC Region Meeting Burlington, NC
March 26	Cape Fear Chapter Car show
April 16	NC Region Spring Meet Reidsville ,Three Rivers Chapter
May 14	First Capital Chapter New Bern
May 21	Morehead Chapter

June 4	Morehead City, NC San-Lee Chapter Sanford, NC
June 18	Coastal Plains Washington, NC
August 6	General Green Greensboro, NC
September 17	Southeastern Mt. Olive
September 24	Sandhills Pinehurst, NC
October 1	New River Jacksonville
October 15	NC Region Fall Meet, Furnitureland, Spencer
AACA National—Nearby events	
April 7-9	SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC
April 16	NC Region Spring Meet Reidsville Three Rivers
<u>Tours</u>	Look for future plans from the Brass Nickel Chapter.
May 1-4	SE Divisional Wilmington, NC

Triangle Chili Cook Off

The Triangle Chapter’s Annual Chili Cook-off will be held at the Stag Club in North Raleigh this year.

What: 21st Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off

Where: Stag Club in North Raleigh
8001 Ray Road

Date: Sunday, March 6, 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

Activities:

- 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.
- A tradition at this event is the painting of memory boxes. The memory boxes are donated to Wake Med.
- As a tech session we will plan trophy building for the Spring Car Show. A prototype has been

planned and drawings are prepared.

Preparations:

Make your favorite chili or cornbread and bring it along. Desserts are also welcome.

Directions:

1. From the Crabtree Valley Mall Area, go North on Creedmoor Rd.
2. At the intersection of Creedmoor and Howard Rd, turn left.
3. Go to the end of Howard Road wher it meets Ray Road.
4. Go North on Ray Road ¾ mile to the Stag Club on the left.
5. The address is 8001 Ray Road.

Weather permitting, drive your antique car.

Many thanks to Bob Safrit for making arrangements at the Stag club. We will have parking, a kitchen for preparation, chairs and tables for eating and activities. The cost to the triangle Chapter will be about the same as the rental cost of the tables and chairs.

Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

1/20/2011

By Dean Tryon

Action Items & Upcoming Events: These items need your response or action if you are interested. More details are in Denny's newsletters.

1. Triangle Chapter Board meeting is Sunday Jan 23. If you have ideas or thoughts, call **Don Aikin** (556-



- 2302).
2. A date for the Chili Cook-off will be established at the Board meeting. The Stag Club is one possibility and is where we've had our Christmas parties in the past. The Hoffman's have also volunteered their house/garage.
 3. May 7 show - We need someone to head up the trophy design and construction project for our May show. Riley has done it for many years but will be traveling this spring so a replacement is needed. If you are interested, talk to Riley (554-1158) and he will certainly help. One trophy idea has been suggested by **Mike Petersen**. Will be discussed at this week's Board meeting. This activity needs to get started now. Ideas invited.
 4. April 30 - Wake Forest Garden Tour is looking for a few cars for display in the Historic part of Wake Forest. Contact Dean or Les Tryon (562-4660) if you are interested.
 5. May 1-4 - AACA Southeastern National Tour in Wilmington, NC. Details are in the Region newsletter. Early requests are over 70 so far so if you are interested, get moving. (The info card in the magazine that we send in says May 3-4 but I believe it is in error.)
 6. Nov 5 - joint cruise in with the NC and the VA Old Dominion Regions at the VIR race track in Danville VA.
- Information only:**
1. We welcomed new members to their first meeting: **Walter and Stephanie Ezzell** who live near Garner. They have several Fords including 1928, 29, and two 39's of various models. **Mike and Ellen Kinsch** from Raleigh has three Model A's in his collection.
 2. The attendance was approximately 45 people at the Cary Golden Corral.
 3. Membership is at 92 families and the treasury is at \$4914 per **Fred Harley**. A detailed report is available if you are interested – contact Fred (233-4889). Key elements include:
 - Income – May show & sponsors \$2500, dues \$900, Take Apart T shows \$450 anonymous donation \$100.
 - Expenses – Newsletter and directory \$1500, AACA museum donation \$500 (for 4 past presidents), Christmas party \$300, Chili Cook-off and memory boxes \$350.
 - We ended the year with \$104 more than we started the year.
 - 3 **Don Aikin** made the following acknowledgements of recent awards made at the Region Meeting this month:
 - a. **Cecil Bozarth** – Fred Ross trophy
 - b. **Fred Harley** – Herb Payne trophy
 - c. **Riley Reiner** – 100% submission of articles for the Region newsletter
 - d. **Triangle Chapter** received a plaque for hosting the 2010 Spring meet.
 - e. **Jean Soehnlein** – National AACA Master Editors award (her 10th)
 - f. **Dan Fuccella** – Dave Hinkle award
 5. Brass Nickel – **Riley Reiner** reported that the new Board will meet next month to plan the year's activities. Triangle members are welcome to attend all tours with them.
 6. The Region calendar is available – if you would like a copy, contact Don Aikin (556-31202)
 7. **John Hartley** reported there is a low mileage 1977 Cadillac Eldorado for sale in Fuquay Varina. John has more details at 567-2900.
 8. **Jim Aldrich** reported on (5) Model A's for sale near Burlington. Jim is at 676-3131 for more info.
 9. **Bill Werner** has a friend cleaning out a garage with (8) 1930's-40's carburetors. Anyone interested? Dean is exploring them with Bill.
 10. **Mike Petersen** is looking for a ride to Philadelphia for

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NC Region Annual Meeting, Burlington, NC January 10-11

Denny Oestreich

The NC Region Meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Burlington, NC on January 14 and 15, 2011. This is an annual event for NC Region members. Over 90 members attended.

The meeting format was changed to a two day event with added activities to increase membership participation. A judging school, Judging seminars and other car topic were added to make an interesting agenda. Burlington was chosen as a central location for the meeting.

I attended on Saturday, driving over with Floyd Barnes early in the morning. We arrived in time to register and meet other Triangle Chapter participants; Jim Aldrich, Brian White, Don Aikin, Mike Peterson, Fred Harley, Mike Peterson and Dan Fuccella.

On Saturday was a Judging school. Eric Marsh presented the seminar which emphasized Judging Etiquette. This session was a reminder of some of the principles of AACA judging. Some things that Eric emphasized were:



1. A principle of showing a vehicle at a VCCA Judge car show is the owner should be respected as the expert in the restoration of their vehicle.
2. The Judging Team Captain is the only person on the team who should talk to the car owner.
3. Judge only what you can see. One knee only judging of the under carriage and suspension.
4. Manufacturer authorized accessories only. The owner must provide factory documentation on questionable accessories.
5. Point deductions are variable. In general, if a component is missing or not authentic it should get zero points. If a part is authentic but suffers from some

rust or is not the best finish assign partial points.

Triangle member Mike Peterson presented a Continuing Judging Education (CJE) seminar explaining the process for registration of Second Generation Collector Vehicles (SGCV). Mike is Chairman of the AACA committee that supports the process for registering these vehicles. Once acknowledged, SGCV vehicles can be exhibited on the field at a judged AACA show. SGCV vehicles are not kit cars, but vehicles with more than 50 vehicles manufactured. Authenticated vehicles include Shay, Excalibur and a second generation Duesenberg. To date, about 25 Vehicles had been registered as SGCV. Once authenticated, SGCV vehicles are awarded a special badge that can be displayed on the vehicle.

Mel Carson of the Charlotte Hornet's Nest Region



discussed the planning and coordination their Region does to hold their Spring and Fall meets at the Lowes Motor Speedway. Mel explained their process of laying out the vendor spaces on "staking day". Hornet's Nest even has full time staff to help plan and run their events. Their planning is a year around activity that requires participation of many members of their Region. The Hornet's Nest Region was interested in ideas about how to improve their events.

At noon, a sandwich lunch with cake and banana pudding for desert was served at the Ramada Inn Restaurant. A repeat visit from Carnut the Magnificent was the entertainment. The good news is Carnut is still divining the "correct" answer to sealed questions. The bad news is the questions have not improved.

After lunch Jim Ford, who is a crash investigator, led a discussion about the new NC traffic laws. He has



Take-A-Part T Events

- 1. Modcai City Park April TBD
- 2. NC Region Meet April
- 3. Triangle Show May 7th
- 4. Tom Fitzgerald's September 10
- 5. Heritage Days October TBD

Trophies

After a discussion of using a wooden plaque based trophy similar to the ones used at the NC Region Spring Meet in 2009 vs. making trophies from scratch utilizing **Mike Peterson's** concept, the board finally arrived at a simplified version of Mike's idea, which we believe will eliminate some of the more serious fabrication challenges. **Bob Gault** volunteered to build a prototype and **Don Aikin** will create a CAD model from which we can have part drawings to make the trophies. All agreed that making the trophies for our meets is an important contribution to the fiscal soundness of our chapter.

Committees

Spring Meet: We have some unusual circumstances for our meet this year in that a number of key personnel who have handled specific duties in years past will be either traveling, have health issues, etc. The board agreed that I should work with **Marv Gage** to be sure we have "back ups" in place to carry out the various tasks required to have a successful show.

Meeting Locations: The board authorized me to appoint a committee to study alternate locations for the chapter's monthly dinner meetings. I will appoint this committee in the near future with the assignment to study multiple locations, consider rotating locations and alternate meeting nights. I expect to have this issue resolved before we re-start dinner meetings in September.

Donations:

The board agreed that we not make a contribution to the NC Region or National AACA Scholarship funds at this point. Should one or both of these groups make a request, the board will discuss the issue at that time.

Don informed the board that the Golden Corral where we currently meet in Cary has an annual fund raiser for the Children's Miracle Network and asks their regular group meeting customers to participate. Most likely, this would involve a display at the Golden Corral sometime in March. I will check with National on insurance issues, since this is an event for a specific charity, which may run afoul of National By-Laws.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Aikin, President

Remembering Mike Soehnlein

Here is a reprint of Mike Soehnlein's obituary with some added information .



Capt. Mike Soehnlein, 65, died on February 1, 2011 after a lengthy battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at Cremation Society of the Carolinas, 2205 E. Millbrook Road, on Saturday, February 5 at 2:00 PM. A reception followed.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jean, "daughters" Sadie & Christina Hardin of Raleigh and his mother, Ramona of Greensboro.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael G. Soehnlein. He has many cousins living in Wisconsin who are very dear to him. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Bill Compton and his wife, Barbara of Spencer.

Mike is a 1967 graduate of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and after retirement from sailing for Lykes SS Lines. Mike received two master degrees from Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mike and Jean shared a love for antique cars, camping in their VW, and just enjoying life together. He was a member of Hiram 40 Masonic Lodge.

Mike was an active member of the AACA Triangle Chapter where he served as Legislative Liaison working with the City of Raleigh and the State of NC addressing antique auto taxes, parking, licenses and titles. Mike provided the organization and storage of the Chapter's car show supplies and the Take-A-Part T. In the NC Region, Mike served as a member of the Board and was a Past President. We will certainly miss him.

In lieu of flowers/plants, the family has requested donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Puzzle and Quiz

In what year was the 15 millionth car built by:

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| Ford | Cadillac |
| Chevrolet | Jeep |
| Pontiac | Buick |
| Dodge | Volkswagon |
| Mercedes | Plymouth |

I do not have the answer so, please let me know if you know even one of the answers.

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'35 Chevrolet - Joe Ledford



'63 Ford - Jim Schreiber



'39 Plymouth - Leo Calvin



'66 Dodge - John Hartley