



# Triangle Chapter News

## Triangle Chapter News Summary

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**Bob Gault '61 Ford P/U**



**Cecil & Andrea Bozarth '37 Lincoln**

### Upcoming Events

- Triangle Chapter Meeting, Golden Corral, March 17.
- Triangle Chapter Meeting, Golden Corral, April 21
- Cape Fear Car Show April 6.
- NC Region car Show April 16.

## March 17 Meeting at Cary Golden Corral

The third Triangle Chapter meeting of the year will be held Thursday evening March 17, 2011

**Venue:** Golden Corral. 5707 Dillard Drive, Cary.

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

**Program:** Dean Tryon will provide a program about the GM Futurliner restoration. Dean has been involved in the Futurliner project for several years. See the story on page 2.

## President's Message

### By Don Aikin

Last Sunday's Chili Cook-Off was great. We had good attendance, good food and good fellowship. Thanks to Bob Safrit for all of his hard work in making this year's event a success.

After lunch on Sunday, the men worked on this year's show trophies while Les Tryon led the ladies in the painting of memory boxes. The trophies are looking good with only a few more assembly steps needed for completion prior to our show.

The warmer weather over the last few weeks reminds me that Spring is on the way, and with it, "antique car season". Check your calendars for the many events scheduled for this year (including our own chapter show on May 7<sup>th</sup>) and plan to participate in as many as possible. And don't forget those pre-season safety and maintenance checks that are so important.

My own plans this year include getting back to work on completing the "re-restoration" of my '34 Ford roadster. My goal is to have it ready sometime in early 2012. We'll see.

The program for our April meeting will be given by Dean Tryon on the GM Futurliner restoration project. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lastly, don't forget our "subscriptions" to the chapter newsletter will expire with the May issue unless someone steps up to take over as editor from Denny..

## March Meeting Program

### By Dean Tryon

In 1940, GM built 12 very unique vehicles called "Futurliners" to take demonstrations of new technology around the country. In 1956 these shows were discontinued and the vehicles dispersed to wherever. One of these was donated to a museum in Indiana and was sitting out back rusting away. A retired GM employee, Don Mayton, found it, had it moved to Michigan, and organized a group of volunteers to restore it. The vehicle is now totally restored to original features and is being shown around the country each summer.

A 30 min DVD of the project will be shown at the March 17 meeting which includes a few minutes of news footage from the 50's and the restoration of the project thru about 2007. The DVD is titled "Miracle at Beavertdam" with Beavertdam referring to the small Michigan community where the project was done and "miracle" describes all of the interesting twists and turns during the project. The story is interesting not only for the history, the size of the vehicle and the new technologies shown but for the "people" story – how a group of over 30 volunteers with a variety of skills worked together on a common goal.

## 2011 Triangle Contacts

### Triangle Chapter Officers

President .....Don Aikin (556-2302)  
 Vice President .....Cecil Bozarth (932-3505)  
 Treasurer .....Fred Harley (233-4889)  
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### 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

Awards .....Riley Reiner (554-1158)  
 Newsletter .....Denny Oestreich (846-8163)  
 Region News Correspondent....Riley Reiner (554-1158)  
 Youth Coordinator.....Open

## Editor's "Short" Notes

### By Denny Oestreich

Here is my list of one liner notes.

1. My new garage progress is good with both framing and electrical inspections passed. On to insulation and wallboard. When is this going to be done?
3. The Triangle Chapter Car show trophy construction looks good. Thanks to much effort and material by Bob Gault and the help of other committee members. Good progress at the Chili Cook-off work day.
4. I enjoyed the Chili at the Cook-off. Due to the rain the oldest car at the event was Jean's Mercedes.
5. Did you go to the new car show at the fairgrounds? The new Ferrari sticker price of \$314,000 is much more than my whole collection and garage is worth.
6. Only two Saturdays before the Cape Fear Chapter car show an one month until the NC Region spring show.
7. Don and Karen Winstead's 442 won Best GM, non Chevy at the Carolina Collector show, March 12.
8. Hardly have time for April 15 taxes. Don't forget.
9. Some of your contributions will be in the next edition.
10. If spring is here, can pollen be far behind?

## Triangle Calendar

### Triangle Chapter 2011 Events

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

### NC Region Events

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 Morehead City, NC
June 4	San-Lee Chapter

June 18	Sanford, NC 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

### Tours

May 1-4	<b>Look for future plans from the Brass Nickel Chapter.</b> SE Divisional Wilmington, NC
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## Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

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. March 6 - Chili Cook-off at the Stag Club, 8001 Ray Rd. Details are in the Feb newsletter. The ladies will be painting memory boxes so even if you "cannot paint", Les Tryon will walk you thru it. This is not only a community service project but a fun afternoon. A tech session is being developed and might be related to our trophy construction project.
2. April 16 – Region Spring meet in Reidsville, NC at Chinqua Penn. We've offered to do 2 shows of the Take Apart T but need volunteers. Call Riley (554-1158) if you plan to attend.
3. April 30 - Wake Forest Garden Tour is looking for a few cars for display in Historic Wake Forest. Contact Dean or Les Tryon (562-4660) if you are interested.
4. May 1-4 - AACA Southeastern National Tour in Wilmington, NC.
5. May 7 show – Trophies are being developed by Riley and Bob Gault and a committee of several mem-

bers. A mockup has been built and being finalized. All Committees have chairpersons in place. However, they all need helpers so each member should see where they might help. *A few of the "TBD's" are still open if you can help.*

Overall Chair	Marv Gage
Registration	Dean Tryon
Trophies	Riley Reiner and Bob Gault
Hospitality Tent	Jean Soehnlein
Food (Eastern Star)	Jean Soehnlein has arranged
Judging	Floyd Barnes
Show Field Layout	Tony Hantjis (Friday)
Photos	Bob Monkovich
Sponsors	Joe Parsons
PR posters	Joe Parsons
Parking	TBD (Day of show)
N&O contact	TBD (April)
Trophy assembly	TBD (Day of show)
"T" transportation to show	TBD (from Riley's to park)
Equipment transportation	TBD (From Jean Soehnlein's on Friday.

6. May 13-14 – The Timeless Cruizers club invites AACA members to help judge their 11<sup>th</sup> annual

show in Efland, NC (exit 160 on I-85). Mike Petersen has participated and encouraged members to attend. More info at [www.timelesscruizers.com](http://www.timelesscruizers.com) or contact Mike Drowns, 919-732-9981 or [jjaslm@mindspring.com](mailto:jjaslm@mindspring.com). The profits go to college scholarships.

7. **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 Rick and Barbara Gossin to their first meeting Rick drove his 40 Buick.
2. Guests included Barry Tryon, Mike Drowns and Dodd and Sheri Matthews, owner of CCC (Clayton Collision Center) who painted the Cobra (subject of the meeting presentation).
3. The attendance was approximately 65 people at the Cary Golden Corral. This is one of the largest turn outs we have had in recent memory. Thanks.
4. Membership is at 93 families and the treasury is at \$4600 per **Fred Harley**.
5. Judy Edwards reported on the AACA 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Philadelphia. Jean Soehnlein received her 10<sup>th</sup> Master Editor award, Judy Edwards received awards for editor of the Brass Nickel Region newsletter, the Buzzard's Breath Region newsletter and a special "Spark Plug" award for the Brass Nickel web site. Cecil Bozarth received the Ford award for 1932-1945 cars for his 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr coupe.
6. **Jean Soehnlein** gave a very moving thank you to all of our club members who helped her during Mike's illness. Jean also expressed how important the car club members are in her life for all kinds of support.
7. **1957 Chev for sale** – Ron Sieber has a friend selling a 1957 Chev Bel Air, 2 dr sedan with a 1967 engine. The car is in the middle of a restoration but all the parts are available. The contact is Shane Baldwin, [pbs3@aol.com](mailto:pbs3@aol.com), 919-309-0708.

**Barry Tryon** made an interesting presentation on his recent project of building a 1966 Cobra replica from Factory Five Racing Inc. in Mass.. He covered background on the car, NC definitions of how these "specialty built" vehicles (street rods, modifieds and replica) differ from our traditional antique cars, the kit build process and challenges and issues getting it licensed in NC. More info on the legislative issues are on the web site - [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com)

## **Cecil Bozarth Wins Ford Award**

### **By: Denny Oestreich**

Cecil Bozarth was awarded a 2010 AACA National award at the 2011 Annual Board Meeting in Philadelphia in February. Cecil was awarded the Ford Award for Pre-War Ford Cars (1932-1945). AACA had a number of special awards based on all vehicles judged in 2010. The Ford Awards given at the AACA Annual Meeting to Fords of the four eras of model years:

- Brass Model era & Model "T" era cars (1903-1927);
- Model "A" cars (1928-1931);
- Pre-War Ford cars (1932-1945);
- Post-War Ford cars (1946 to current allowable year).

One winner is selected annually from the nominees from all National Meets. Junior and Senior cars are eligible. Competition and commercial vehicles are excluded. All driven and non-driven cars are eligible. With consideration given to driven cars. The award is made on the basis of authenticity, appearance and reliability. The award established in 1976 by the Southeastern Region of AACA.



Cecil and Andrea were present at the meeting to accept the award. Congratulations, Cecil.





# Annual Chili Cook-off

By: Denny Oestreich

On March 6, 2011 the Triangle Chapter held the annual Chili Cook-off. The event was held at the Stag Club in North Raleigh. Many thanks to Bob Safrit for arranging for us to use the Stag Club for this event.

There were 39 members attending this year's event. Members brought 12 chilis, 6 cornbreads, and several deserts to choose from. We



sampled the different Chilies and voted. The best cornbread and was made by **Peggy Barnes**. The hot-test Chili

was prepare by **Becky Aldrich**. The Best Chili was brought by **Frank Held**. Congratulations to the winners.



After Lunch the tables were cleared and the two planned activities were started. The men proceeded to do final assembly on the car show trophies. This year's car show trophies will be a Drive-In Movie theme with the entrant's car picture displayed on the screen. The vignette will include a projection



building, a "Drive-In" sign, and a screen. Bob Gault and several other members helping him had prepared the maple trophy bases, the signs, and the projection booth. The activity of the day was to apply the decals prepared by Bob Monkovich for the entrance sign and the refreshment area.

A production line was formed to apply all the decals and glue the signs on the bases. Good progress was made on the trophies.

The ladies moved their memory box painting activity to the tables in another room. After a few directions were provided by Les Tryon the paining started in earnest. Seventeen ladies participated. There were patterns to be followed, and plenty of help when needed.

These memory boxes will be donated to tow local hospi-

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tals who give them out to families who have lost a child. Here are some pictures of the artists.



## Rutlin Garage Stories

By Denny Oestreich

Most stories about how car enthusiasts got started in the hobby begin with: 'When I was a boy an important person in my life who appreciated cars shared their interest with me'. Perhaps your father or bother let you assist while they worked on their projects. Someone showed you their interests in cars while you developed you own unique interest. My story is similar.

I was raised in a small railroad village in West Central Wisconsin where cars meant one of three different interests: keeping the family car running, running a junkyard; or working on a stock car for the weekend races. None of these interests had much to do with restoring or preserving antique cars, but it sure could teach you the basics about working on cars.

The person who most influenced me was Herman Rutlin, who was the Wyeville village mechanic. His garage was across the alley behind our house. He had a lot of interesting old cars stored from people could not pay or cost too much to fix. Not exactly a junk yard, but not my mother favorite view either.

Herman started repairing Model Ts and Model As in his parents small two car garage in the 1930s. He married his wife, Minnie, a local school teacher, and moved into a nearby home. There was a three car garage across the street from the home, where he opened and ran a service garage, called the Rutlin Garage for four decades.

Herman made general repairs to all makes and models of older cars, trucks, tractors, mowers, and stationary engines. Business was good and he usually had cars booked ahead by two to four weeks. He specialized in one day piston ring and valve work.

To save time, Herman replaced the piston rings with the engine block still in the car. His one day routine for a six cylinder was to start at 7 am by removing the valve cover and cylinder head, then putting the car on jack stands made from Model A axle housings. He then remove the pan from under the car. Next he removed the piston one at time and inspected the crank shaft. He then checked the wrist pins and cleaned the pistons by removing the old rings, scraping the carbon off the top of the piston and scraping the ring groves to remove any carbon and check for any broken ring groves.

Herman did a quick inspection of piston skirt by visual inspection and then clicked each side of the piston skirt against the connecting rod to ensure it was not cracked. Herman could tell by sound if there was a crack piston; both side should sound the same. Then he put the new rings back on the piston, generously oiled the rings



and put on the ring compressor. One particular hammer handle was used to drive the pistons back into the block.

When all the pistons were back in the block, Herman would start work on the cylinder head and valves. After manually cleaning the sludge off the head, he removed the valves one at a time and checked the valves and the valve seats. Any burned valves were replaced with new valves. If a valve was not sealing correctly, Herman, would get out his seat grinding tool. The valve seats were fitted to the valves with a manual valve grinding tool. Then one at a time, he replaced the oils seals, checked the valve springs and put the head back together.

He then cleaned the oil pan and valve cover and put the engine back together. He adjusted the valves, set the timing, and started the car. He did a final adjustment of the valves to make the valve train quiet.

Most days after school, starting in 8th grade, I would go over to the garage to watch help and learn. My adopted job was to clean the oil pan and valve covers. I also checked for metal pieces in the pan. This was a dirty job that involved the removing the sludge with a putty knife, scraper, and fuel oil. Most engines were filled with sludge in the oil pan, around the valve springs and in the valley of V-8 engines. The cleaning of the oil pan and valve covers usually took about an hour. The most difficult areas to clean were the pan gaskets and valve covers gaskets. Sometimes these gaskets required heavy scrapping.

With one car a day, even on Saturdays, I got to see a lot of different problems during the ring and valve jobs. Most problems were caused by a lack of maintenance and oil changes. By the time a smoking engine was brought in to fix rings and valves it usually meant that a problem has been around for a long time. The oil rings were very worn and often broken. If the rings had been broken long enough, the wear and movement of the piston ring would eventually damage a ring groove. This meant replacing pistons.

An odd problem, that came up occasionally, was an extra ring in a set from the supplier. When Herman finished the last piston and found an extra ring he would wonder if he missed one. Sometimes you could find the piston with a missing ring using a compression test, but usually he sent the car out to run. After 500 miles the missing ring began foul a plug and it was easier to find.

Occasionally we would see a clean engine that did not need cleaning in pan and valve covers. I learned from Herman that by using high detergent oil (such as Kendall) and changing every 2000 miles you can keep your engine clean inside. I tried the oil changes on my own car, a 1958 Impala, and it worked. I changed oil every 2000 miles for one year. When we did a ring and valve job on my engine, with 100,000 miles, it was extremely clean.

## Puzzle and Quiz

**February Questions:** In what year was the 15 millionth car built by:

Ford – 1927	Cadillac
Chevrolet – 1939	Buick
Plymouth– 1966	Jeep
Dodge– 1968	Mercedes
Pontiac–1971	Volkswagon

I have found some answers. Can you find more?

**March Question:** Can you identify the make and year of this fine truck? Picture by Dean Tryon.



**Match the Advertising line:**

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| 1. Live the Dream                      | A. Mustang    |
| 2. Smart to be seen in, smarter to buy | B. Packard    |
| 3. The Rocket action car               | C. Studebaker |
| 4. We build excitement                 | D. Oldsmobile |
| 5. Ask the man who owns one            | E. Pontiac    |
| 6. America favorite fun car            | F. Delorean   |

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**'31 Model A Ford—Leo Galvin**



**'37 Lincoln - Cecil Bozarth**



**'61 Thunderbird - John Columbo**



**'50 Ford P/U - Mike Soehnlein**