



# Triangle Chapter News

## Triangle Chapter News Summary

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### Upcoming Events

- Triangle Chapter Dinner Meeting, November 17, Golden Corral, 5707 Dillard Dr., Cary.

Times: Dinner 6pm.  
Meeting: 7:00 pm.  
Program 7:30pm.

### Triangle Web Site

See the Triangle Web Site at : <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>

- The November Triangle Chapter meeting is planned for Thursday evening, November 17 at the Golden Corral in Cary.
- Read President Don Aikin's message and the Editor's notes on page 2.
- Read Dean's minutes from the October Chapter Meeting. Pg 3.
- Read about the spectacular day at the Percy Flowers Plantation on page 4.
- Read about the Brass Nickel Tour and the Elder's collection on page 5.
- Enjoy the fins and more from the cruise at VIR on page 6.
- Scan the short stories on page 7.
- Is your car pictured on this month's BACK page photos?



For those that missed Percy Flowers – an amusing hood ornament.



The Take-A-Part T or The Editor's 2001 Volvo?

## Triangle November Meeting

### Program: The Road Ahead

Mike Peterson will share plans for a trip that he, Dan Fuccella and their wives will take that retraces the route of the Park to Park tour done by a few adventurous folks in 1920. The trip was originally done to promote the National Park system and covers approximately 7,200 miles and visits 12 of the western National Parks. Dan's 1950 Jeep station wagon is being prepped for the journey. Come see what they are planning and maybe you too will want to join in on the adventure!

## Election of 2012 Officers

The following members have been nominated to serve as officers for 2012. The election will be held at our November meeting.

**President:** Don Aiken;  
**Vice President:** Denny Oestreich;  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Fred Harley;  
**Board of Directors (class of 2013)** Dan Morton, David Norris, and Joe Parson.

# President's Message

By Don Aikin

Now that we're back on standard time, and move into late Fall, our old car season is winding down.

There were lots of activities scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, from the VIR Cruise-in with the Old Dominion Region, the N.C. History Museum display and the BNTR tour to Carthage. I hope everyone got to attend one of these events.

Our "season finale" will be our annual display at the Chick-Fil-A on Capital Blvd. on November 12. Dot-tie and I will be at the beach, so I won't be able to attend this year. I hope the weather is as nice as usual (the rain date is November 19<sup>th</sup>).

Our last event of the year will be our annual Christmas party, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's in Cary. I haven't been in touch with Judy, but am assuming at this point that the gift exchange/quiz will be the same as last year. Cost will be \$22 per person (not \$20 as I mistakenly said at our last meeting). Fred caught my oversight in that last year's rate was \$22 and we wanted to hold the rate the same. Target gift price is \$10 to \$15 as in the past.

Don't forget, Andrea can always use articles for the newsletter.

I hope to see you at our next dinner meeting at the Golden Corral on Dillard Drive in Cary on November 17. Mike Petersen will be sharing his plans for a grand drive through the National Park System. There is plenty of time to get ready if you and your vehicle wan to join in!

Don

## Editor's Notes—by Andrea Irby

This has been a hectic but fun newsletter to edit this month! With many events taking place on November 5, it meant quick reporting for contributors and fast editing for me.

# 2011 Triangle Contacts

### Triangle Chapter Officers

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

Awards .....Riley Reiner (554-1158)  
 Newsletter .....Andrea Irby (815-1355)  
 Region News Correspondent... Riley Reiner (554-1158)  
 Youth Coordinator.....Open

I am so grateful to everyone who gave me articles, notes and pictures to share. I even have several articles left over for next month! By all means, though, please continue to send me anything you think is interesting. The more, the merrier, and we are soon heading into a very merry month.

One particular request I would like to make is for your recommendations on various businesses and services that could benefit others in the club. If you have had a good experience with particular body shops, mechanics, trailer services, garage and storage facilities, vintage clothing sources and more, I would love to know about it so that it could be shared with others.

Finally, check your head and tail lights. There seemed to be a virus of non-working ones at the Hilton Head. Too bad auto parts shops don't carry those good ole' six volt bulbs. They could have made a bundle last weekend. Hope yours are in good shape!

## Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

### Triangle Chapter 2011 – 2012 Events

November 17 Dinner Meeting  
Cary Golden Corral at 6 pm

December 8 Holiday Party, St. Michael's  
Church, Cary. Time TBD

### NC Region Events

January 20-21 Annual Business Meeting  
Ramada Inn, Burlington NC  
For full agenda and info see:

### AACA National Events

January 28, Cambridge, MD. Bay  
Country Winter parts meet.  
7am-1pm. Contact Ed  
Nabb at: 410-228-0758;  
hhnabb@bcctv.net

February 9-11 Annual Meeting and Awards  
Presentations, Philadelphia ,  
Pennsylvania.

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/88-news-general/202-2012-annual-business-meeting>

## Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

By Dean Tryon

1. One visitor was introduced by **Joe Parsons** – Marc Noel.
2. The attendance was approximately 46 people at the Cary Golden Corral.
3. Membership is at 94 families and the treasury is at \$6,383 per **Fred Harley**.
4. The program for the meeting was a presentation by **Janet and Ed Howle** who did the NY to Paris race this year. It was a very interesting 4 month trip driving from NYC to San Francisco, the cars were then shipped to Beijing China and from there they drove to Paris. They used a 1967 VW for the trip and were accompanied by a multi-fuel Corvette, a '28 Model A with a special body, a '32 Ford V8 and a van for a chase car. Customs issues were the major problem but the VW had just one mechanical problem (broken headlight). The whole 14,000 mi trip was done without any tire problems! Thanks Ed and Janet.

### Action Items & Upcoming Events:

1. Great news – **Andrea Irby** (aka Mrs. Cecil Bozarth) has agreed to become our **Newsletter Editor**. Denny Oestreich worked with her on the Oct issue. Thanks Andrea. Reminder though - We are all responsible for getting info, photos, etc. to Andrea for future newsletters.
2. A new show for us will be [was" by the time you read this] 10/22 at the **Percy Flowers Store** in Garner.

(It was a great day, lots of cars and activities – see page X for all the details)

4. Nov 5 - joint cruise with the **NC and the VA Old Dominion Regions** at the VIR race track in Danville VA. Details are in the Region newsletter.

5. Nov 5 – the **NC Museum of History** is looking for a max of 5 cars for display. Don has 2 so far, call Don if interested (556-2302).

6. Nov 5 – **Benefit Car & Truck** show to help Paxton Seneri, a 3 yr. old with cancer. Stony Hill Baptist Church, 7521 Stony Hill Rd in Wake Forest, 10 AM to 2 PM, contact is cindylouhoo2@mindspring.com , 761-9855.

7. **Brass Nickel** has an event on 11/5 – Carthage tour to Elder's steam tractor farm. If you have not been there, it is an amazing place.

8. Nov 12 - Our annual show at **Chick-Fil-A** on Capital in Raleigh from 9-3. Rain date is 11/19. Organized by Jack Agayoff. No charge and no reservation needed.

9. Nov 17 – **Elections** of new officers at our regular meeting. Chet Butcher has nearly completed the slate but if you are interested, call him (557-6385)

10. Dec 8 — (Thurs night) – Our annual **Christmas Party** at St. Michael's Church in Cary. Save the date.

## Percy Flowers Plantation

### By Jack Agayoff

Twelve members of Triangle Chapter toured to Clayton for an event held at the Percy Flowers Plantation. Some of us caravanned from a North Raleigh site, some from a Cary site, with others going it alone. It was a beautiful cool fall day without a cloud in the sky. Tommy Fitzgerald put on a great event. Two other car clubs had members there, held on a nice grassy area in front of a pond. Tommy gave rides all day in his 1906 Reo (below) to the enjoyment of lots of kids and adults. He also had on display his 1930 LaSalle, 1923 Ford T Speedster, and a 1967 Corvette.



Additional displays included farm tractors from a local club, a WWII jeep and other WWII memorabilia. A blue grass band provided music the entire day which provided a wonderful background for all the activities. Those young fellows were pretty good! On top of this Tommy provided us with his "almost famous 'red hot dogs' " and drinks. He was very pleased with the turn out and would like to make this an annual event.



Finally, this would not be complete without mentioning the Take-Apart-T. We did 2 shows, the first of which was forgettable (time of 10 minutes, 10 secs.) but the second was much better as we came in just slightly over 8 minutes. Thanks to Tommy, as well as all who brought their cars and those who participated with the Take-Apart-T. Ford



Participants Included: Joe Daniel - '31 Olds (pictured above). Chet Butcher - 1950 Ford, Barry Gendler - 1954 Olds (top, below), Ted Brooks - 1957 Chevy (bottom, below), Don Morton - 1964 Ford Pickup, Gary Hunter - Model A, Dave Norris - Model A, Dean Tryon - 1959 Buick, Bob Gault - 1961 Ford Pickup, Fred Harley - 1911 Buick, Joe Ledford - 1951 Chevy, Jack Agayoff - 1959 Ford.



## 100 Years of Progress

### By Denny Oestreich

I attended Ken and Patti Elder's 110+ Years of Progress event showcasing their large collection of tractors, trucks, stationary engines, models, dolls and other historic displays. The tours were held on November 4-6, 2011. The cool sunny weather on Saturday was better for the sixth year of this growing event than last year. There was something for everyone to enjoy.



Several Triangle Chapter members attended the event by meeting up with the Brass Nickel touring region group in Sanford for a back roads tour to Carthage. Triangle members on this tour were Riley and Sandra Reiner and Jean Soehnlein who toured in the 1915 Model T, Floyd Barnes drove his 1957 Chevrolet, and Barry and Diane Gendler were touring in their 1954 Oldsmobile. They joined 9 other Brass Nickel members for the tour. At the Elder farm the group met up with Barker and Judy



Edwards who were volunteers at the Pokey Smokey train station for a short Chapter meeting.

The Elder's collections are housed in 15 buildings, which contain over 300 tractors and many other displays. Again this year I walked through the buildings in awe of the collections, spending more time in areas of special interest. I watched the sawmill operation for 30 minutes while they cut several logs into lumber and then changed steam tractors. The gentleman I was standing next to was watching because the second steam tracker was one he previously used for a sawmill operation in Indiana. The sawmill operation with its spinning blade and moving belts reminded me that this was a dangerous operation.



The collection of stationary engines includes more than 300 examples of farm, construction and prairie tractors. In the hit and miss demonstration area the stationary engines were in operation, crushing rocks, pumping water, splitting wood, and laundering money (that what it said on the sign). New this year was a parts display of over 100 collected but un-restored stationary engines.

In the activity area near the parking lot were many displays including, the small sized steam train with engineer Baker Edwards giving rides, an antiques auction, plowing demonstrations, tractor jousting, earth grading demonstrations, and a Caterpillar tractor demonstrations. The most highly attended activity was the tractor pull. The participants completed in various classes based on tractor size and weight. The object of the competition was to pull the weight sled down the course without stalling the tractor or exceeding the 3.5 mph speed limit. In the special classes there were modified tractors and even a pickup truck pull. The classes do not have speed limits. The pickup truck pull was most entertaining to see with the four wheel picks strained to the maximum.

**This is an annual event that you really need to see to believe it.**

## VA AACA Represents at VIR

By: Ronald Sieber

Over 150 participants from AACA chapters, mostly in Virginia, converged on the Virginia International Raceway for the Heacock Classic Vintage Races on November 5. There were several examples of makes from all eras of classics, with a distinct accent on tailfins, as seen in the photos.



The 1942 Crosley (below) was a complete restoration and fine example of an American car from the bantam era. Ironically, no micro-cars were present to join it on the track for a lap of the three-mile course. When all of the 100+ cars were lined up, they formed an almost complete belt of cars around the track!



Two other cars of note: a 1911 Breese-Paris speedster (top, right), one of three remaining, prototypes, did a charity lap.

As told by the current owner, who owns two examples, a shipment of 62 cars was on its way to New York when lost at sea. So too went the fortunes of Mr. Breese's company, but he kept the car shown in the photo until 1954.



The 1930s Indy-style Ford belongs to Heacock Insurance, which had it on display in the paddock.



A beautiful day and fun time was enjoyed by all at VIR!



## Over the Top - and Down into the Hollow By Mike Petersen

After 35 years in the hobby I sometimes get a bit complacent and think I have seen everything twice.

I was the team captain of a judging team at a recent AACA national meet. The owner of a vehicle is encouraged to discuss any unusual options and features on their car. This day was no exception.

One of the cars we were judging was a beautiful black 1960 Ford. It had a stunning black and white interior. The white upholstery had an interesting black pattern in it.

I introduced myself to the owner and he said, "I bet you haven't seen anything like this before."

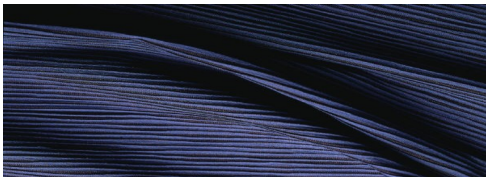
I looked around and asked him what he meant. The owner said, "Look! I am dressed like my car!"

I looked and, sure enough, saw that he was wearing black pants and a black and white shirt. I told him that he looked good but I have seen many people in the hobby who dress in the colors of their car.

The owner then said, "Look at my shirt! It is custom made from 1960 Ford upholstery material!"

Well, here was a new one. I have never seen (or noticed) anything like this before. He had gone over the top and down into the hollow.

Now I need to try and find some blue 1955 Dodge upholstery.



## A tip from Jack Johnson .....

Hemmings magazine recently had an article on fuel and mentioned a website where one can go to find where **ethanol-free gas** is sold. The web-site is: <http://pure-gas.org>. There are a few stations around our area, including Apex, Cary, Raleigh, Wendell, and Zebulon that sell this type of fuel. So for all of you who want only the good stuff for your four wheeled

jewels, take note! (Or, you could move to Alaska where all stations are ethanol-free:))

## A Brief Recount of the Hilton Head Concours D'Elegance

A great time was had by all at the Hilton Head Concours D' Elegance on November 4-6 in South Carolina. The Triangle Chapter was well represented and cleaned up in multiple awards categories. Brian and Trish White took their 1911 Cadillac, Rob and Barb VanDewoestine took their 1936 Cord, and Cecil and I took "Rita", his 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr. Jim and Becky Aldrich provided great media coverage and made us all look good with their amazing outfits. **EVERYONE** came home with a ribbon! What a way to represent Triangle AACA!



Brian and Trish took first place in their class: Brass Pre-1916, 3 cylinders or more, 30HP and above. Cecil and I won our class: Production 1916-1948 and Barb and Rob took home the Palmetto Award for their 1936 cord in the Classics class. Everyone was dressed in vintage clothing and looked great.

Trish and Becky looked especially grand in their early 1900s outfits and the fashion police seemed to agree. Both Becky and Trish brought home ribbons for their outfits. I just want to know if that bird is still in Becky's hat!

There will be more on Hilton Head next month with details of other winners, the tour, and a very special person and his car who we have recruited to join Triangle AACA. Stay tuned .....



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**Fred Harley's 1911 Buick and Gary Hunter's 1930 Model A—having a conversation at Percy Flowers**



**Above: Brian and Trish White's 1911 Cadillac. Was clocked doing 40 mph at Hilton Head!**



**Left: Jim and Becky Aldrich's 1931 Chrysler Lebaron. What a fancy golf cart! Can I have one too?!**