



Triangle Chapter News

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New Members

New Year, New Members!

Reminder that **Anthony and Barbara Ariano** have joined Triangle AACA (1936 Hudson; 1986 Corvette); as have **Steve and Teresa Cook** (1938 Ford Deluxe Coupe). Steve's good friend, **Marshall Spader** has also joined. Make sure you get to meet them at our next meeting.

This makes our chapter 99 families strong! **WHO will bring in #100?** The editor will buy dinner at a future meeting for the person/couple who does.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Program

Denny Oestreich will present a program on Antique Car Radios, "Turn your Radio On". His discussion will include a short history of car radios, basic workings of the radio, common problems with radios, easy adjustments and more.



Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. January 19, Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Ave. RALEIGH.**

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

Triangle Web Site

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

President's Message

By Don Aikin

Happy New Year! New Year's Day was very "non-winter" like day in terms of temperature, but it looks like the temperatures later this week will be very "January".

I hope each of you had a great Christmas holiday. Dottie and I were blessed to have our daughter home for Christmas. Our son spent the holiday with his girlfriend at her parents' home in Oklahoma.

The **NC Region annual meeting** will be held in Burlington on January 20 & 21st. For those who haven't attended these meetings in the past, I urge you to consider attending this year. The cost is only \$10 (which includes lunch) and there is a very reasonable hotel rate at the Ramada for those wanting to stay over Friday night. The judging schools, even for those not wishing to become judges, are very informative.

We will schedule our chapter BOD meeting shortly after the region annual meeting. The board will be planning our 2012 event schedule, including our Spring meet in May. If there are events you want included on the chapter 2012 calendar, please email me at daikinassoc@nc.rr.com.

Your chapter BOD and the Region BOD approved the bylaw changes recommended by a committee chaired by Chet Butcher. Thanks to Chet and his committee members Riley Reiner and Marv Gage for their work on this project.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 1st monthly meeting of 2011 on Jan. 19th at the **Golden Corral** on **GLENWOOD AVENUE** in Raleigh. During the business part of our meeting, there will be a vote on whether to hold our future monthly dinner meetings at the Golden Corral on Glenwood or the one on Dillard Drive in Cary. I urge everyone to attend the January meeting so that the vote will reflect the will of a majority of those who regularly attend our monthly dinner meetings.

Get your cars out for a tour in 2012!

Don

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Editor's Notes - by Andrea Irby

Hope everyone is off to a great start in the New Year. A number of you enjoyed the car display at Grill 57 in Garner on January 1. Be sure to check out the [RTP Car and Bike Events website](#) (link on page 7).

The New Year also brings new cars and new members. In addition to those on the back cover, the **Aldrichs** have a new Stutz and the **Allens** have a new 1946 Plymouth 2-door special deluxe coupe. Can't wait to see pictures of them in future issues. **Marshall Spader** also has a car of some sort, not sure what it is, but with an email address of "goin_cruisin" it's bound to be good!

As for next month, **I need articles, pictures, anything of interest for the February issue.** Deadline is February 5th. My phone is 815-1355 and my email is andrea_irby@earthlink.net Also, if there are things you would like to see in the newsletter (ie. Spotlight on members, particular vehicles, etc...) that I am not currently doing, please let me know. This is **YOUR** newsletter and I want to make sure it meets your needs and peaks your interests each time you read it.



Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

Triangle Chapter 2012 Events

January 19 Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral **6129 GLENWOOD AVE.** Raleigh at 6 pm

NC Region Events

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

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

March 15-17 Melbourne, FL - AACA Winter Meet. Hosted by Cape Canaveral Region

March 23 - 24 Frederick MD - AACA Sugarloaf Mountains Region's 42nd Annual Indoor/Outdoor Antique Auto Parts Meet. Frederick Fairgrounds. For information contact: Robert Clubb 301-831-0300. email: smraaca@aol.com.

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.

March 15-17 Melbourne, FL - AACA Winter Meet. Hosted by Cape Canaveral Region.

Concours d'Elegance

February 24-26 Boca Raton. Information: <http://www.bocaratonconcours.com/bocaratonconcours/>

March 9-11 Amelia Island. Information: <http://www.ameliaconcours.org/>



Congratulations to those receiving awards at the February AACA Annual Meeting and Awards program. This is a wonderful conference where car lovers take over an entire hotel in Philadelphia. The awards are a surprise so we won't know what they won until they come home and tell us. Those nominated:

Jim & Becky Aldrich (1931 Chrysler LeBaron)



Jack Agayoff for his 1956 T-Bird



and Mike Petersen. We are not sure what award Mike is getting, but given his history and contributions to AACA, we are sure it is going to be something grand.

Congratulations to all of our Triangle Stars!

“Winky” the Wonder Car By Andrea Irby

Sometimes you experience a miracle. Sometimes you're sent an angel. On November 5th at the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance, an angel came in the form of a 1938 Ford Coupe and her owner, Steve Cook.

We first met Steve the day before on the driving tour of the Hilton Head Concours weekend. We had been curious to see what was under the car cover at the hotel, given the outline of a back window that appeared similar to our 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr. Steve and his friend, Marshall Spader, had worked hard the week before to get the car road-ready in time for the event.

We had a great time getting to know Steve and Marshall across all the tour stops and learned that Steve works with one of Cecil's MBA students at General Electric in Raleigh.



Judges, Steve Cook and Marshall Spader (left) at Hilton Head

It came up in conversation that our Zephyr (“Rita”) had a problem discovered only in the early dawn unloading of the car: a non-working right headlight. Hilton Head is not your average concours. Your car not only has to look good and to have accurate restoration, it also has to work. Cars must start, lights must work, horns must sound and so forth. Unfortunately, while Cecil had a box full of spare parts, he did not have an extra headlight bulb. We knew we were in trouble, but hoped we could find a fix before the Sunday show. Upon learning of our plight, Steve offered to give us one of his headlight bulbs from his own car. My mouth dropped in awe.

We knew what this would mean. Steve and Marshall would lose points on their car and be at a significant disadvantage on show day. We tried everything first- even a trip to NAPA just for the heck of it to see if they had a 6 volt bulb- but no luck.

Learning of our plight, Steve and Marshall carefully performed an organ transplant and removed one of “Winky’s” (the name they gave his coupe as a result) headlight bulbs and transported it carefully wrapped in three baby diapers to our location several miles away. It worked!

On show day, both cars took to the field amongst stiff competition from a 1920 Mercer Series 5 Sporting (previous Pebble Beach winner), a 1934 Ford Cabriolet, a 1928 Chrysler and others. Rita’s headlights, clock, and horn worked fine. The judges were impressed. During Winky’s judging, the story of the headlight swap came out. The judges were not only impressed with Steve’s car, but also his generosity. In the end, Rita won Best in Class, something she could not have done without Steve, Marshall and Winky. This victory belongs to them as much as it does to us.



Steve and Cecil winking while Rita just looks on.

The 1956 Packard Patrician (aka The Restoration Blues) By Dudley Morrison

As always, there was a good reason I needed another Packard. Living in Raleigh, NC necessitated long drives to attend local and national meets. While the 1953 Patrician had done a good job, it did not have power steering or air-conditioning.

So while browsing Collector Car Trader on-line, there it was – a 1956 Packard Patrician in Adriatic Blue with light blue mattlesse and dark blue broadcloth interior and factory air! All the features I wanted, including the color combination!

The owner was in Nashville, TN. I should have wondered why he acquired the Packard in March of 2006 and titled it in May of 2006 only to sell it in June of 2006. I found out the reason when the Packard arrived in Raleigh – it needed everything from engine and transmission rebuilds to air-conditioning and electrical sorting. The worst problem proved to be finding a windshield. The one in the car was two inches short in height! The Packard was “picture perfect”, but that was all.

Originally this Packard was sold to Arnold P Mulkey, MD in Millen, GA, being purchased from Broyer Motor Sales in Savannah, GA. The Packard then went to Winston-Salem and then to Nashville, best as I can determine.

After having the engine rebuilt, the Packard went to Ross Miller for an extensive sorting out including a rebuild of the Twin Ultramatic transmission. There was at least an inch or more of Georgia clay underneath the car which Ross removed. Apparently it had acted as a great undercoating as Ross said that my Packard had less rust than many restored Packards he has seen!

Next came the rebuild of the oil pump to stop the valve train noise. That, and an extra quart of oil over what was indicated as full, did the job. Whenever the single valve lifter begins to tick, I know it needs another quart of oil!

Finally, time came to work on the air-conditioning. With an extensive search, the part necessary to seal the compressor was found. I do have cool air, just not the cool of modern systems. However, the fan has to be fixed so that the cool air is produced in sufficient volume.

Right now the Packard is having the driver's window repaired so it will not stick when raised. And, some other small items are being fixed.

Among the brilliant features for the 1956 was that when the key was turned off, the car would automatically go into Park on the Electronic Pushbutton transmission control. This makes moving the car with a dead battery impossible! Years ago a friend sent his through a car wash and the Packard leapt through the wash while my friend had a near meltdown! The Electronic Pushbutton transmission control has one disastrous feature: if you do not fully set the hand brake when parking on an incline (before turning off the key or pressing the Park button), when you return, you cannot move the Packard. The electric motor that selects the gears is not strong enough to pull out the parking pawl when the full weight of the car is on the pawl. Needless to say, this feature is disabled on my car.

Richard Langworth assigned “aggravation factors” to various Packard models, with one being the least aggravating and ten being the most aggravating. All of the straight eights I have owned (several) get a three. You can guess where the 1956 falls — a nine!

This truly was the last Packard and it will be my last. Once all is set to right, in the end I will have a fine, comfortable, and elegant Packard. As the saying should go in this instance – Half the fun was **not** getting here!



1930s Model A as Daily Driver

Summary of New York Times articles by Mary Chapman.

Can you imagine your classic car as your daily driver? Not that you would want to put that many miles on your car or subject your baby to the Triangle's crazy drivers, but still, imagine what if?

Jonathan Klinger wanted to find out. Working as a public relations manager for Hagerty Insurance, he was familiar with how our classic cars are often treated: beauties in shows, museums, parades or on an occasional tour, but never driven as a daily driver. Jonathan wanted to show that classic cars really can be driven.

He drove the car through all sorts of weather and found that it tracked well even in the snow of Traverse City, Michigan, his home town. Jonathan never cheated and only drove a modern car on the occasional business trip. On one trip, he rented a 4-cylinder Chevy Malibu and found that what would have been an otherwise mundane ride felt more like Formula 1 racing.



Photo courtesy of Hagerty Insurance

Jonathan drove the car 16,000 miles and also took some long trips, including driving it to the Detroit Auto Show and 800 miles to the Hershey, PA show in October (did any of you see him there?). At Hershey he completed his journey and was honored and applauded for his creativity and perseverance.

Just like with newer models, old cars need care. Jonathan changed the oil every 1000 miles, greased everything, and performed necessary

checks of critical systems. On one repair, he repaired a vacuum leak with a whittled down piece of cork. His goal was never to miss work or be late because of it.

The articles, and Jonathan's blog, tell of the great adventures (misadventures?) that he and "Sophie" had over their year together. You can read more about them in the links at the bottom of this page. There is even a You Tube Video!

Jonathan does not regret anything. He says he would do it all over again. The only thing he might change is next time he might get a four door. That would be nice. That way, he could give us all rides!



Photo: Sean Simmers, The Patriot News

Articles: **A Year in the Slow Lane in a '30 Ford**, February 11, 2011; New York Times. http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/13/automobiles/collectibles/13MODEL.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all

1930 Model A Wraps Up a Year on the Road, October 10, 2011; New York Times. <http://wheels.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/10/10/1930-model-a-ford-wraps-a-year-on-the-road/>

Jonathan's Blog, including recent entries: 365DaysofA.com

You Tube Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eHKcQw0bO0>



As Seen On-Line.....

New Year's Day Car Display Grill 57—Garner NC

Several members and many area car buffs attended the New Year's day car display at Grill 57 in Garner. To get an idea of all the festivities, check out the **RTP Car and Bike Events web-page:**
<http://www.meetup.com/RTP-Car-and-Bike-Events/photos/5183512/>

And if you're still in the mood for music and fun from the '50s and '60s, enjoy this little video:
<http://cruzintheavenue.com/CarsWeDrove.htm>

Make sure you turn up your speakers! Thanks to Jim and Becky Aldrich and Richard Vickers for sending us these fun links!

Fashion Forward



For those of you in search of the perfect outfit, I thought I would share several sources that I have recently found to be very good.

Locally: Adore Design Resale. 4226 Northwest Cary Parkway, Cary, NC. (919) 481-3400.
<http://adoreboutiques.com>

High quality designer fashions and gowns. I purchased a long evening gown there for the AACA Annual Meeting last year and found the selection and quality to be extremely good. Prices are very reasonable (my gown was \$75.00) . There is also a Raleigh location: 8111 Creedmoor Rd. Suite #125; Raleigh, NC (919) 896-6739. I have not been to the Raleigh store, but can vouch for the Cary location. Good for all periods of dress except the early teens and twenties.

On-Line: <http://style.ly> Dresses and accessories from all eras. Wide price range from inexpensive to pricey (for original pieces from the era). Have purchased several items and had very good experiences. You earn "style points" with every purchase

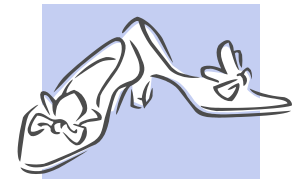
and receive a coupon occasionally to be used towards your next purchase. Great place to **sell** or **buy** items for your vintage look.

MADHOUSE VINTAGE.

For those of you focusing on the 50-70s era, this is an amazing shop in **Bluffton, SC.** **Caroline Noble** is the owner and does to clothes what we do to cars: *restores them*. Everything is authentic and in amazing condition. Prices are reasonable. Madhouse was sparked by Caroline's involvement with costume design for the musical Grease and by the recent interest in the TV series Mad Men. Madhouse uses Facebook for their on-line web-site:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madhouse-Vintage/336411507134>

Caroline is a joy to work with and at the Hilton Head Concours she put on one of the most amazing fashion shows I have seen. She knows how to dress each woman according to hair, skin coloring, era and personal style.

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Bluffton, SC.29910
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For Sale/Wanted

CARS:1948 Desoto 4 Dr. with '55 Chevy PP and Power glide running gear. Asking \$1000

1965 Plymouth Fury 2Dr. HT, console w/Tac. 383 4 BC and 4 speed transmission. Asking \$2500

Contact Mark Blackman, (919) 632-7994 and leave a message.

Program ideas: Submit your ideas for programs for our meetings to **Denny Oestreich**. Programs can be about a tour, car show, or a project you are doing. PowerPoint help is available. Please contact Denny with your ideas and interests! **(919) 846-8163 and OestreichD@aol.com**

Ride for Rita: Looking for transportation for our 1937 Zephyr to Boca Raton Concours in February. Cecil Bozarth & Andrea Irby. 215-8438 (cecil) or 815-1355 (andrea). Email: Bozarth@ncsu.edu

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Karen Winstead's 1959 Wood Rose Cadillac—UNRESTORED! 33,000 miles



Steve Cook's 1938 Ford Coupe