



Triangle Chapter News

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SUMMER TIME! No chapter meetings until September so that you can get out and **SHOW** and **DRIVE!**

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Trish White in period dress showing us how to do this right!

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

And what a Program it was!

Vintage clothing

Trish White and **Becky Aldrich** gave us a great program on vintage fashion at our last meeting of the spring. Their presentation focused on dress matching our vehicles up through the 1940s. Enjoy all the pictures here and on the back cover.



Dodge and Ford getting along at the May meeting. Fashion works wonders:)

President's Message

By Don Aikin

Greetings from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia!

The Aikins, Tryons, Fuccellas and Gendlers are representing the Triangle Chapter on the 2012 AACA Sentimental Tour.

As of today (Thursday, June 7), we have completed approximately 500 miles touring Virginia's Shenandoah Valley starting and ending each day in Staunton, Virginia.

Monticello, VMI (including the George Marshall Museum) and Natural Bridge are among the few great venues we've visited.

These attractions, combined with some really scenic drives and pretty good weather (mild temperatures and only a little rain), made for a truly terrific tour. Speaking of rain, after driving home late Tuesday during a fairly heavy rain and getting our feet soaking wet, I investigated only to find that the drain hose from the cowl vent area on the '36 had become disconnected. No wonder our feet got wet!



Dottie, Les, Jean and Dian will be putting together a program on our tour for one of our Fall dinner meetings.

We plan to return on Saturday with a total round trip of about 900 miles.

I've sent Andrea a few pictures for the newsletter so you can get a sneak peak at our adventure.

We will be getting out information on our ice cream and watermelon socials later this summer as soon as they are finalized.

Don

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Editor's Notes - by Andrea Irby

Summer time and the living is easy! And hot! Many good stories in this issue. Everyone seems to be having a good time, be it on a car tour, seeing car museums or running around the track at Indianapolis. I am sure there is even more going on that I don't know about (send me all your stories and pictures!)

I seem to have missed a great May meeting. Everyone looked great. I am sure Golden Corral never thought of itself as having a cat walk. As for me, I tried to be with you in spirit, walking all over Italy to find the perfect pair of shoes (stylish and totally impractical for work). See what you think (pictured below).

In July, I will take the month off and work on something else for us (our Facebook page). Keep sending me all your news. I will need it for future issues.



Stay on the road and out of trouble!

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

August 5h. Chesapeake AACA Car and Truck show. West Friendship, MD. Contact Bruce (410) 840-8226. www.chesapeakeaaca.org

August 13-17 Founders Tour (1932 and later) Altoona, PA. If interested, email the National Office for registration at: lgawel@aaca.org.

August 27-20 Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier) Richmond, VA. Contact: Morris Cameron, 804-370-7523.

September 29 - 6th Annual Historic Speedway Group. "Celebration of the Automobile Racers Reunion and Car Show". 7am-4pm. Parade laps around the Old Dirt Track in Hillsborough, NC. Contact: Frank Craig at 919-604-2292, email: historicspeedwaygroup@yahoo.com or visit www.historicspeedwaygroup.org.

October 10-13 Eastern Fall Meet. Hershey PA.

October 24-27. Ghost and Legends Tour. Hosted by the Old Salem Chapter. Registration opens August 1-September 5th. To request a registration packet, please send a \$5 Tour Registration fee (make check payable to AACA Old Salem Chapter) to Ruth Ann Ronchetti, Registration Chairman, 1025 Pine Knolls Rd., Kenersville, NC 27284

Triangle Chapter 5/17/2012 Meeting Notes by Les & Dean Tryon

Action Items & Upcoming Events:

These items need your response or action if you are interested.

1. Brass Nickel reports that they ds had a tour on 5/12 to Salisbury and Mooresville. Another tour in June is being planned for Benson and Dunn. Oct 24-27 – NC Region Tour "Ghosts & Legends" hosted by the Old Salem Chapter.

Information only:

1. Membership is at 95 families per **Fred Harley** and the treasury is at \$7,800. The latest new members are Bob & Bonny Field (new) and Dan Stamm (returning member). We might have 2 new members from the car show.
2. Our 5/5 car show results:
 - ◆ 63 cars registered with 58 on the field.



◆ **Fred Harley** received a belated Co-**Peoples Choice Award** since there was a tie at the show

- ◆ \$2,925 received from sponsors + \$193 from the raffle + \$1,020 registrations
- ◆ Total income was \$4,138 less expenses of \$1,996 = \$2,141 profit.

Don thanked the key committee chairs: (all had many others helping also)

Marv Gage – Coordination with Oak View and Field layout

Riley Reiner – Trophies and "T"

Dean Tryon – Registration

Joe Parsons – sponsors plus promotion at earlier car shows. Joe drove 300 miles getting to all the sponsors.

Dan Fuccella – Youth Judging

Everyone - that helped move items to & from Jean Soehnlein's house Friday and Saturday

3. **Jack Agayoff** suggested we do a special tour next year for the NC Regions 50th anniversary.

4. The May 17 meeting was an interesting discussion and modeling of period clothing for the cars we drive led by **Trish White** and **Becky Aldrich**.

Many members dressed the part also and many photos were taken that night. We're sure Andrea will get them in the next newsletter.

One correction from the April meeting minutes:

Robert Monkovich read the poem, *One Horse Shay*, by Oliver Wendell Holmes. Though the one horse carriage pre-dates automobiles, there are many parallels to the life and fate of our more modern transports. Look it up on the web and enjoy the read. Many thanks Bob!



Sentimental Tour

By the sentimental women of Virginia

Great tours are great fun and take lots of planning. Planning for this year's Sentimental tour began in 2008. The Sentimental tour takes place only every other year and this year turned out to be most special.

The base location was Staunton, Virginia, along Highway 181 in the Shenandoah Valley. Four couples from the Triangle AACA drove together on a Saturday where they met 140 other cars and approximately 300 people. Those representing our chapter were: **Don and Dottie Aiken** (1936 Ford) , **Les and Dean Tryon** (1949 Woody), **Dan and Jean Fuccella** (1950 Willys Jeep) and



Dian and Barry Gendler (1954 Oldsmobile Super 88) pictured left.

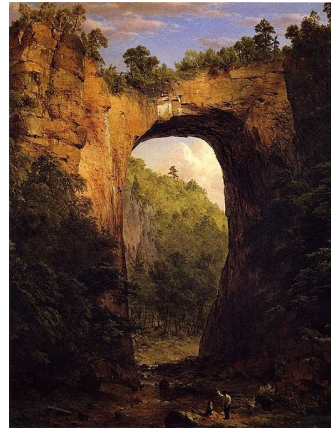
A tour notebook provided instructions and turn by turn directions for our week of fun in the sunand some rain. Sunday afternoon optional tours were followed by a Sunday evening banquet and entertainment. Long- time friends greeted each other and several new friendships were formed as people mingled, kicked tires and told a few "tall tails". At almost any waking hour folks could be seen polishing their cars.

On Monday morning, all of us congregated at the host hotel for breakfast and a driver's meeting. Five full days of touring, coffee breaks, lunch in interesting locations and lots of fascinating tour stops made for a very busy week.



Thomas Jefferson's Home Monticello

Some of the stops included Thomas Jefferson's home Monticello, Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the Natural Bridge .



The Natural Bridge by Frederic Edwin Church, 1852.

The Triangle chapter women who went on the tour will present a program later in the year with photos and

Dan and Jean Fuccella (right) and Don and Dottie Aiken (below) enjoying the George Marshall Museum at VMI.



memories detailing the fun and challenges of the event. Our hope is that you all will consider tours as a good way to drive your beautiful old cars and experience the compan-

ionship of the back roads and people from all across the US. **Les, Dian, Jean, and Dottie.**

In Other News

Oops, he did it again! **Allan Eckhaus** brings home a second trophy in May— **the Peoples' Choice Award** at the Joy Car Show at Croasdaile Retirement Village in Durham held on May 20.



Coker Tire Tour

By: Riley Reiner

Sandra and I have been working with the senior ministry at our church for the past seven years. We plan, organize, drive and conduct tours for our members and guests each month but only have overnight trips once or twice a year. On past overnight trips, Bob and Lynda Miller and Marv and Jeanette Gage have attended. This April, we took a four day trip to Chattanooga. **Jean Soehnlein** made the excursion.

Coker Tire employs a full-time public relations person, who besides handling a full line of activities, conducts FREE one hour guided tours of the collection twice a day at 10:00 am and 2:00pm. **Ms.**

Ramey Brown has a great personality that brings life to the cars and collection. The collection usually consists of eighty or ninety cars at the headquarters. but she admits that every Monday morning she walks the museum to see what has been added or moved over the weekend.

We took the tour and thought it might make a good stop between The Moon Pie General Store and the Southern Belle Riverboat ride with a buffet lunch.

When advertising the trip to our church members, we posted only a picture of the building with all of the other information about the trip. We didn't mention mentioning anything more about the stop until



we pulled the bus up to the front door. We overheard comments about looking at racks of tires, but not being antique car people they really didn't know what to expect. Once inside,

the tour began in the lobby with Ramey providing background information on the company and the historical buildings. Coker Tire has a number of divisions and interests in the collector car field besides tires. They have an old time speed shop, restoration



shop, wheel and rim producing shop, maintenance and service shop for collector cars and a full service shop for modern cars. During the course of walking through the building, we saw several of the service areas. To those on the trip thinking we would see racks and racks of tires, we didn't. As we began to enter the museum area, several rare cars and an antique camper were on display. One special car was an exact replica of the 1911 Marmon Wasp that won the first Indy 500 in 1911. It was used last year in the opening ceremonies for the running of the 100th Indy 500 and was driven by Corky Coker.

**1911
Marmon
Wasp
replica**



Almost on cue, Corky Coker walked in the back door, stopped, looked at his watch and said "I guess I'm a little late." Corky greeted the group, chatted for about five minutes and hoped we enjoyed the tour. He is President and CEO of Coker Tire, owner of The Great Race, collector and benefactor to our hobby in many areas and a businessman dealing in forty-two countries around the world.



**Corky
Coker,
fourth
from the
left, ad-
dressing
the tour
group.**

Corky is very personable and as you can tell by his attire, quite comfortable in his role in the antique and collector car hobby.

If you get a chance to visit the Chattanooga area, consider a stop at Coker Tire in downtown Chattanooga. They are open for tours Monday-Friday. Coming home and listening to the group comments about the trip, we were very surprised to hear multiple comments that Coker Tire was the biggest surprise and most enjoyed stop on the trip.

Indianapolis By Jim Aldrich

In mid May, Becky and I took our new 1920 Stutz to Indianapolis to attend the second annual Celebration of Classics that starts the month of May Indy race festivities. The inaugural event started last year to commemorate the 100 anniversary and running of the Indianapolis 500. The Celebration is judged like a concourse event, with three places in each class and some special awards.

One of the perks of attending the Celebration is that you get to drive your car around the Indy track. We drove the Stutz around the 2 1/2 mile track on Friday and got up to 45 MPH for 2 laps with no trouble along with 100 other classics. We also attended the Stutz club dinner Friday evening. There were four other Stutz's exhibited at the judging show on Saturday.

"Dolly" on the track at Indy. Smooth sailing all the way around.



We were the only Stutz in class #1 Category A, along with four other cars. In my own mind, I had judged our competition and told Becky that we would get second place at best against a Marmon, Minevra and a nice Packard. The judges came around and I got on with them well, a good sign eh! - wrong.



Judges on the field. Jim's Stutz is closest to the camera.

Second and third place awards were presented at the show ground's afternoon event and they went to the other participants in our class. I was disappointed to say the least and of course, I wanted to write a letter of protest.

First place awards are given out at the Saturday night Gala dinner. The head judge came around at 3:30 pm and gave us a note saying we were to get a special award at the dinner. I stewed all afternoon wondering what it could be??. Becky and I attended the Gala wearing the same vintage garb that we did at the show. Lots of people took our photos. They liked our clothing that Becky had put together.



They liked our clothing that Becky had put together.



Becky and Jim at the Gala dinner. Becky is holding their Best of Class award .

At dinner, we received the "best of class award" for our class and it was given to us by Bobby Unser himself! (pictured far right). We were blown



away and came away very happy. The Marmon that I had judged in my mind to win our class won the best of show for a "Car built in Indianapolis".



That's my INDY report. We're off to Shelbyville TENN. for the AACA Grand National June 14th week end with our 31' Chrysler.

Regular Battery Maintenance Can Extend Battery Life by Batteries Plus of Brier Creek Sponsor Feature

If regular battery maintenance isn't part of your car care routine, you may be heading for a stall. Regular inspections and maintenance of your car's battery can help ensure safe and reliable starts, in both hot and cold climates.

Batteries Plus in Brier Creek, Raleigh, NC offers free car battery and electrical system testing in addition to a visual inspection of your car battery to look for common problems such as corrosion, poor connectors and failed hold downs that can affect battery performance.

"Even if you don't have to cope with winter weather where you live," said **Mark Doggett**, owner of Batteries Plus in Brier Creek, "heat and humidity can cause battery problems, too. The bottom line is that it's no fun having to deal with a dead battery, no matter what the weather. That's why we recommend having your car's battery checked every three to six months."

Doggett offers these battery inspection and maintenance tips designed to maximize the life of your battery and improve its performance in any climate. Note: If you attempt battery maintenance yourself, always wear proper eye, hand and body protection to help prevent burns and serious injury from the acid and corrosive chemicals inside the battery.

Tip 1:

Loose battery hold-downs leave the battery subject to vibrations, which can cause the active material to shed from the car battery plate grids, resulting in a shorter battery life. What to do:

- Secure the battery firmly to its mounting bracket.

Tip 2:

Corroded terminals resulting from sulfuric acid overflows from the lead acid cells within the battery, or moisture buildups, can also cause a car battery to fail over time. What to do:

- Check the terminals where the battery cables connect and make sure they are tight and corrosion-free. If you see corrosion, ask a qualified technician to fix the problem.
- Keep terminal clamps clean. If you see an accumulation of a powdery, white substance around

the electrodes, use baking soda and water to clean the clamps.

- Prevent future corrosion by using an anti-corrosion spray on the exposed metal parts of the terminals and cables.

Tip 3:

Visible swelling, cracks or vents in your battery's case are an indication that the battery is failing and should be replaced. What to do:

- Do a visual inspection of your battery regularly. If you see indications of battery failure, have your battery checked by a qualified technician and replace if necessary.
- Keep your battery clean. Even small amounts of dirt deposited on the battery can lead to a power "leak" and cause uncontrolled discharge and power loss.

Excessive heat and cold can both lead to battery failure, adds Doggett. In hot climates, park your car in the shade or a garage to minimize prolonged exposure to heat. In extreme cold weather, which can quickly drain your car battery, keep the battery fully charged, but not over-charged. And, **never** attempt to charge a battery that is colder than 60 degrees Fahrenheit. *Doing so can cause a violent explosion.*

If your car does need a new battery, the experts at **Batteries Plus in Brier Creek** can recommend the right battery for your car, truck, luxury or import automobile and install it on most makes/models. Installations can be done while you wait – usually in 20 minutes or less - without an appointment. The store also offers a full line of automotive accessories like jumper cables, chargers, anti-corrosion rings and spray, hold-downs, cable end replacements, and more to equip customers to handle any battery problems caused by excessive heat or the cold.

For more information about Batteries Plus in Brier Creek and their Free Car/Truck Battery Testing program, please contact **Mark Doggett at 919-560-3200 or Email: mark.doggett@batteriesplus.net**.



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Les Tryon in period costume.



Everyone looking great!



Even the guys strutted their stuff.



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