



Triangle Chapter News

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Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. September 20, Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Ave. RALEIGH.**

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

UPDATED. Check it out: Our Club Web Site. Denny has worked hard. Take a look.

Visit: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>



- The **September** Triangle Chapter meeting is planned for Thursday evening, **September 20**, at the **Golden Corral** in **RALEIGH**. **Cecil** will be there, will you?
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From the Classics at the Capital Show.....



Where's the peddle? Can I make this thing go? I saw the big guys do it....

Program

Charles Powell, President of the **Corbitt Preservation Association**, will discuss the history of the Corbitt company. Charles Corbitt, a buggy manufacturer in Henderson, NC, built his first "horseless buggy" in 1907. In 1913, Corbitt built his first truck and continued to successfully build trucks and busses until 1954. Corbitt association members own several vintage Corbitt Trucks and have recently prepared a book about Corbitts, "Star of the South". Come hear the full story Thursday.



Uh oh, I've been discovered. Wonder if I can make it outta here fast. This T may be old, but it suits me just fine.

President's Message

By Don Aikin

With the passage of Labor Day, I guess it's officially Fall. Time to put away the straw boaters and white shoes and get out the fedoras and oxfords.

Over the "summer break", a committee consisting of Marv Gage, Chet Butcher, Riley Reiner and Denny Oestreich put together our chapter's first Policy and Procedures manual. The result of their work has been approved by a majority of the BOD and will be posted on our chapter website. My thanks to all involved for bringing this to fruition.

We have several events coming up for those wanting to participate in (hopefully) cooler weather. The first is September 15th at Yates Mill Park. Contact Rebecca Cope if you plan to attend. Her work cell phone number is (919) 291-2518.

Crossroads Ford in Cary is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day on September 22nd. Contact Bob Gault for details.

The NC Region is conducting a region tour hosted by the Old Salem Chapter, "Ghosts and Legends", from Oct. 24th through Oct. 27th. The link to the tour is: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/newsletter/images/forms/2012/2012ncrfalltour.pdf>

Even though Dottie and I won't be able to attend, I encourage chapter members to participate in this tour.

Our annual display at Oakview Heritage Days will be in October, though I don't have a date at this point. This event will also involve our Take-A-Part T demos.

Tommy Fitzgerald has once again invited us to participate in his annual event at the Percy Flowers Museum, also with Take-A-Part T participation, if we can form a team. This is the same Saturday as the Region Fall Meet in Spencer.

Jack Agayoff is working on our annual Chik-Fil-A display on either November 10th or November 17th (rain date).

We resume our monthly dinner meetings on Thursday, September 20 at the Golden Corral on Glenwood. At this point I haven't talked with Denny about the program, but I'm sure it will be a good one. Hope to see you there.

Don

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Welcome to Fall and a busy calendar for our cars. This issue should be called the **Get Up and Go** issue. There are soooo many things to do. Something is going on EVERY weekend from now until the end of October (and then there is Hilton Head in early November). Make sure you check the calendar. There are many opportunities to have fun with your car. Some are shows, some are displays and others are tours. If you sit on your duff, you only have yourself to blame (well, unless you have dropped a transmission or had an engine fire). Make sure you keep your eye on emails from Dean or myself. If there are any updates to the calendar before mid October, we will send them out to you.

As for Spring, get ready to **Get Up and Go to Pinehurst** for their inaugural Concours. We have the talent in our club and it will be wonderful to have such a special event so close to our chapter base. My mother lives there, so we will be sure to have an AACA party at the house, complete with swimming and fishing for kids and anyone else who wants to join in. More details at the meeting and in future newsletters. Now **GET UP AND GO! VROOM...**

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

Local Area Events:

September 22: Antique Car Show, Woodland Terrace Assisted Living facility. No trophies, no worries, just fun, friendship, and a chance to let the residents reminisce about earlier automobile experiences. Lunch is provided. 9am-3pm. 300 Kildaire Woods Drive, Cary (just off Kildaire Farm Rd). Cars 1960 and older are preferred. Entrants are invited to give a ride to residents around the property. Sponsored by the Cary Central Rotary Club. **Contact: Don Cooper, 919-630-4151.**

September 22: Crossroads Ford Car Display and Customer Appreciation Day. 11am-3pm. Giveaways, games and rides for the kids. Lunch is provided. All makes and models (even Chevy's) are welcome. **Contact: Bob Gault, 919-329-9196.**

September 29: Sandhills Chapter AACA Fall Car Show. Rassie Wicker Park (new location). 9am-3pm. Cars should arrive 9am-12pm. Judging 12pm. Awards 3pm. 1st and 2nd place awards. 1987 and older cars only. Modifieds welcome (they have their own class). Door prize drawings from 12-3pm. Entry fee: \$15 by Sept. 20; \$20 day of show. **Contact: Larry Harter, (910) 295-3529.**

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 and much more! **Contact: Frank Craig, 919-604-2292,** email: historicspeedwaygroup@yahoo.com or visit: www.historicspeedwaygroup.org.

October 6. Historic Oakview Car Display. Contact **Marv Gage: mkgage@aol.com or 919-846-4708.** Volunteers needed for Take-A-Part T demonstrations.

October 20. Percy Flowers Old Store Gathering. 4879-A Highway 42 East, Clayton, NC 27527 10am-5pm. Display your car-no judging, just great with old cars, tractors, live music, food. Fun for the whole family! **Contact: Tommy Fitzgerald, 919-291-4437,** email: decordf@aol.com. Demonstrations of the Take-A-Part T. **Riley still needs helpers.**

Contact him at rreiner@earthlink.net, 919-554-1158 or 919-816-6903 (cell).

Regional Events:

October 20. The **North Carolina Region Fall** meet will be held at the Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. For more information see: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/newsletter/images/forms/2012/ncregionfallmeet2012.pdf>. Registration is due by **October 13**

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., Kernersville, NC 27284

National Events:

October 9-13. AACA Eastern National Fall Meet: Hershey, PA. (or, as Riley calls it: the High Holy Days of Hershey) Copy of the brochure can be found here: http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/Hershey_Broch.pdf Chairman, Don Straw.

Concours:

October 5-7. Louisville Concours d'Elegance. Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky. For information, see: <http://www.sportscardigest.com/louisville-concours-delegance-2012-information/>. Applications still accepted at: <http://www.kosairchildrens.com/classes-and-entries>

October 26-November 4. Hilton Head Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance Multiple Events over the week. The concours is November 2-4. <http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html>. This year, the marquee vehicle is the **Ford Model T**. It is worth going even if you don't take a car. Registration Info: <http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/registration.html>

Two Brothers and Their Avantis By Joe Parsons

Our father was the Studebaker dealer in East Liverpool, Ohio from 1955 to 1962. My brother and I always wanted to own an Avanti. The only Avanti at our dealership was a 1963 turquoise R-2, 4-speed (like the one I own). It was on loan for a week as it was in route to Pittsburgh, PA to another dealer. My brother, Mark, owns a 1975 Steel City Gray Avanti II.

I bought my 1963 R-2, 4-speed Turquoise Avanti (pictured right) from a church benefit sale in the fall of 1975. Yes, the seller was a single man living with his mother.



I had great plans for its total restoration, although it was in very good driving condition. In early 1976, I was transferred to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Avanti was put in storage for six years. Fast forward to the late 1980s--- I now lived in Beaver, PA and had the Avanti stripped down to gel coat. It was professionally painted by Chuck Baranowski in Pittsburgh, PA. The paint job was just awesome! After this, the car sat some more.

My brother, Mark, is very proud and particular about his Steel City Gray 1975 Avanti II. He kept it in mint condition from the beginning. In 1978, he entered his car in an Avanti II class for judging at the South Bend International Meet. *I remember well when a brand new Avanti II left the Avanti plant and drove only a few miles to the show field for judging ...Mark took a second place to the brand new Avanti II. FAIR???*



With the history of our Avantis, **the Sweet Sixteen Contract** was created in 1996.

Mark's daughter, Alison, turned 16 years old in November of that year. I asked Mark if she would be allowed to drive his prized Avanti II. "NO Way" he said! In fact, I think I only got to drive it once myself. I was determined to see Alison drive her Dad's Avanti, so I started working on mine. That's how the Sweet Sixteen Contract was

written. Allison would get to drive her Dad's Avanti when I finished the restoration on mine. All participants were excited about the contract in hopes that Alison would soon drive the Avanti. My brother signed the contract since he had no fear that I would ever finish my car during 1996...I guess he was right!

Fast forward to 2012... sixteen years later:

I finished my restoration during the summer of 2012. Why did it take me 16 years to complete it? I can't really come up with a good answer *but my*

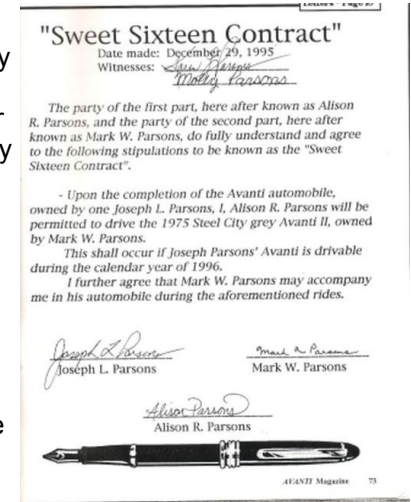
wife could probably give you several reasons. Even my Studebaker car buddies were always on me to finish the car. One big reason was due to restoring, enjoying and showing my 1952 Land Cruiser, Studebaker (since sold). When my Golden Hawk was restored, I enjoyed trailering it over 5,000 miles to various car and Concours d'Elegance shows. To be honest, I even lost my interest in the Avanti. It still needed so much assembling so I just kept putting it off.



But now, alas, the Sweet Sixteen Contract will be honored! Alison lives in Raleigh, NC and is pregnant with her first baby. She just had to have photos taken for her dad to show him that her Uncle Joe finally finished his Avanti and she is going to drive it - if she can figure out how to install a baby seat and learn how to drive a 4-speed!

My brother, who has retired to Florida, has not driven his car for years. I just know that when his daughter goes for a visit with her new baby (a boy), brother Mark must install a baby seat and let her drive his Avanti. Knowing Mark, I'm sure his grandson will turn 16 years old before anyone drives his Avanti.

Funny how some 16 years later after the Sweet Sixteen Contract, I finally completed my Avanti. I now have six grandchildren. They already talk about driving both my Hawk and Avanti. *Time will tell....but no more contracts for me!*



Big-3 Bucket List Goal Achieved! By Ron Sieber

2012 was my year to visit the “Big Three” in concours events: Amelia Island in Florida, The Concours of America in Michigan (formerly Meadowbrook), and Pebble Beach in California. There are a host of others that may be just as good, but not as well-known yet, so I settled on my A-list and made my plans.

Amelia comes at a great time of year, before Florida gets too hot to stand around in the sun all day and look at cars. It is on relatively flat terrain and can be traversed in an afternoon; of the three concours, Amelia is the smallest.

Bill Warner is an expert at arranging themed stagings to supplement the traditional competitive classes for classic cars. This year celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Shelby Cobra; the Ferrari 250 GTO was showcased; a group of hotrods flanked a bank near the display of early Mercedes Gullwings.

What stood out for me at Amelia? A replica of the Cyclops, designed by Road & Track artist Stan Mott in 1957. Commented on and cartooned about from 1957 until today, the Cyclops, created by the mythical automotive genius Piero Martini for Italian carmaker Cyclops Automobili SPa, featured a number of groundbreaking concepts, all of which were totally fictitious. Yet, it kept magazine s flying off the rack for years as rabid fans sought out the latest on their beloved Cyclops. This was a fiction worth every bit of real.



Many fans of the now-defunct Meadowbrook silently mourn its demise, yet the substitute venue at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth, Michigan, is every bit as nice, if not a bit more user-friendly. This year, the organizers of **The Concours of America** had worked out the parking and shuttle issues of 2011. The entrance to the event remains a bit confusing, but ticket-handling was quick. Of the three concours, this

one is the most economical at \$25; Amelia was \$60 (plus \$10 parking), Pebble was \$200 (\$250 at the gate – yikes!).

The Concours of America was well spread-out and there was ample room for folks to roam and view the many classes of cars with little or no obstruction. July in Michigan is a wonderful time, and the venue was as inviting as the climate. There were several themes of staged displays aside from competitive classes: sports cars of the fifties and sixties; SCCA club racing veterans; Michigan dragsters; sixties-era muscle cars.

The most unique vehicle for me at this concours was the 1968 Tupolev “007” airboat. This aluminum airboat sported a rear-mounted, twin-propeller engine and gullwing doors. This amphibious craft was designed to travel over various Russian terrains at speeds up to 100 mph and be used for cosmonaut recovery. How many were made? *State Secret.*



Pebble Beach is an iconic place, a holdover from the famous Pebble Beach sports car races of the 1950s. Everyone wants to show their car at Pebble. Everyone wants to visit Pebble. Everyone was at Pebble.

This was the biggest problem at Pebble: there were so many crowds at Pebble that you literally could not see the cars until you were right up on one of them. And to take a photo: You had to pose your shot, stand politely in place until the crowd momentarily dissipated around your grouping, and then you snapped your picture as the crowd coalesced once again.

In addition to the competitive classes, there were ample themed displays on hand: a Shelby Cobra group; an AC sports car group complementing the Cobras; the Cars of the Maharajahs; creations by Saoutchik; a cluster of Mercer Raceabouts. And many more, befitting the most famous concours in



Big Three (continued)

the US, but worth the \$200? Hmm...

My favorite at Pebble was a Saoutchik-bodied 1948 Cadillac Series 62 convertible, an AACA award-winner in purple and plum, a car that channeled my Inner Elvis.

Was it the chrome, or the basket-weave side panels? I don't know – but it was all good. And, would I do this magical trip all over again? You betcha!



I'm looking forward to my son's graduation in the not too distant future a) so the (out of state-ouch) tuition bills will cease, and b) so I can attend this show!

The **Take-A-Part** drew big crowds and lots of fans, especially from the under 21 crowd. The Take-A-Part made such an impression, that it is front and center on the "Thank You"



webpage for the Show. See the link below to get a view: <http://www.classicsatthecapital.com/index.htm>.

(Our) Classics at the Capital By Andrea Irby

The Carolina Classics at the Capital took place August 17-19th at the downtown Raleigh Convention Center. It was a great event for our club. Some cars were displayed inside, others outside. The show included restored vehicles, modifieds, hot rods, and more. Over 40,000 people visited the event over the three days.

The Take--A-Part Team was in rare form, posting great times, with the best being 6 minutes and 27 seconds. Is that a record?!

Members in attendance were Jack Johnson, Riley Reiner, Don Aiken, Fred Harley, Joe Parsons, Bernie Bogdon, Bob Gault, Dan Fuccella, Paul Teets, Dean Tryon and more. I could not be there as I was taking

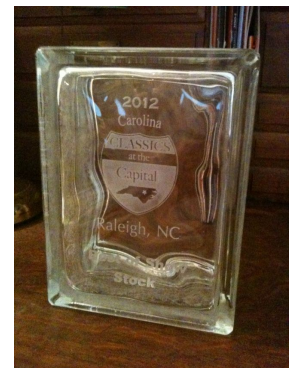
my son back to college, so I truly missed out.



Jack Johnson's 1951 Ford

Bob Gault won the **Sweet Sixteen** Award for his 1961 Ford Truck. (see back cover)

Best of Show, Stock Award (pictured right) went to **Dan Fuccella** for his 1950 Jeep Willys. That's some trophy!



For a full listing of awards, see: <http://www.classicsatthecapital.com/2012.htm#>

For an incredible slide show of the cars there, visit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/38575849@N02/sets/72157631238918168/show/>



Joe Parson's newly restored 1963 R-2 4 Speed Avanti. Looking perfect.

Cars for Sale



For sale: a beautiful example of a nickel-era 1915 Buick C-25 Touring Sedan. The history of this car is known from the time it left the dealership in Indiana through each of its five subsequent owners. It is a previous winner of an AACA Grand National and 'Best in Class' at the Hilton Head Con-

cours, and was invited to participate in the inaugural 'Celebration of Automobiles' juried show at the Brickyard in 2011. It recently had transmission work completed and a full leather cone clutch relining performed. It's only needs are new tires, the adjusting of a minor grease leak at the right rear axle, and spot-painting of one cosmetic blemish the size of a quarter on the rear body panel (the deep blue paint is otherwise gorgeous). There are a few parts that accompany the car along with its original license plate, but its real treasure trove includes 1. a photo of the car with the original owner shortly after purchase in 1915, 2. period sales literature and manual, and 3. an album of the entire restoration process. It is now priced to sell as-is at \$20,800 o.b.o., way below the appraised value in October 2010. Contact John Carbone at vadocdoc@aol.com

Looking For....

Joe and Julia Ledford are helping a friend look for a car to purchase. Their friend is an older gentleman who is looking for a **1938-1941 Coupe**. He would like a nice car as he does not plan to work on it much. He once owned a 1937 Nash. Make is not important as long as it is not a foreign car. If you have any ideas, please **contact Joe** at **919-271-1197** or **Julia** at jlaverne@bellsouth.net.



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**Only great cars get to park
on the carpet....Joe
Parson's Studebaker
Golden Hawk and Bob
Gault's 1961 Ford Truck
Inside the Convention
Center**



Floyd Barnes' 57 Chevy. Dag, she's pretty!



**Paul Teet's Packard keeps the crowds entertained
outside the convention center.**