



Triangle Chapter News

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Milestone Birthdays!



**Steve Cook's
1938 Ford Coupe turns 75!**



**Marshall Spader's
1963
Ford Thunderbird
turns 50!**



Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. January 17 Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Ave. RALEIGH.**

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

**UPDATED. Check it out:
Our Club Web Site.**

Visit: [http://
www.ncregionaaca.com/
triangle/](http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/)

Program

Mike and Valerie Miles of AutoArts Inc. will speak to us about automotive restoration, painting and interior work. They have been a sponsor of our car show for several years. They recently moved their business to a new larger facility in Raleigh and will tell us about the services they offer including paint, finish, restorations, repairs, detailing and customization. A number of Triangle Chapter Members have used their services and speak highly of the quality of their work.

President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

New Year's greetings to you in 2013. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and are ready for the 2013 Triangle Chapter activities. I have spent the past week getting organized to be President of the Triangle Chapter. I look forward to working with all of you.

Our first 2013 Triangle Chapter meeting is planned on January 17 at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. The program will be presented by Mike and Valerie Miles from AutoArt, Inc. They are one of our car show sponsors and specialize in restorations and finishes.

The NC Region two day event is scheduled for January 18 and 19th in Burlington. You will not be turned away if you are not preregistered. The activities planned are judges training, several presentations on auto related topics and the annual NC Region business meeting.

I have planned the Triangle Chapter Board planning meeting at our house on January 27. If you have ideas or want to volunteer for Triangle Chapter activities please call or email me.

I thought that when I retired in 2012 I would have more time for my hobbies, but I have learned the time is easily filled. My plan for 2013 is to get 12 medium sized car activities completed, one per month. My strategy is to plan during the first week of every month. During the second week I will find or order parts, in the third week I will do the project and on the fourth week I will celebrate and relax. In December I practiced the process by upgrading the transmission in my 2nd 57 Chevy and in January I have gotten the windshield and rear glass installed. What's your plan?

- Denny

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Happy New Year all! This has been a fun issue to produce. Reliving the Holiday party brings back holiday spirit and celebrating the BIG birthdays of several of our four wheeled friends is great. **Bob Monkovich** and **Mike Petersen** both remind us of earlier times with articles on cars and experiences from the 1960s. Mike was inspired by my pictures on presidential cars from the November issue (*the Kennedy Lincoln Continental 100X and the Franklin Roosevelt Sunshine Special*) and gave us an article on the Eisenhower Cosmopolitan. This car served as the vehicle for Kennedy's inauguration but was later replaced by the 100X . On the page 7, we fast forward to today and youth and a new way to take senior photos for the high school yearbook. Beauty meets beauty in **Dean Tryon's** article highlighting the photography business of **Katelyn McKay**. As for me, I am trying to reclaim my youth, no matter how much my body fights me. I'm going out to play with my new buddy, Parker. He has REAL horsepower!



Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

Local Events:

January 17. Chapter Meeting, 6pm. Golden Corral, Raleigh, NC.

Regional Events:

January 18-19, 2013 NC Annual Regional Business Meeting. Burlington, NC. [See the Schedule of Events](#). Questions, ask Jack Agayoff: 919-846-8570 or gijack01@gmail.com.

March 9, 2013. Cape Fear Chapter Meet, Wilmington, NC.

National Events:

February 7-9, 2013. National Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony. Lots of fun. Philadelphia, PA. 717-534-1910. [See the Registration, schedule and hotel information](#). Hotel reservations must be received by **January 21, 2013**.

February 20-23. Winter meet, Lakeland, FL. 863-646-8013.

April 4-7, 2013. Southeastern Regional Meet, Hornet's nest region. Charlotte, NC. 704-841-1396.

Concours:

Boca Raton, February 22-24, 2013. **Entry Deadline** is **January 15, 2013**.

Amelia Island, March 8-10, 2013.

Pinehurst, May 2-5, 2013. The **Entrant** link is at the top middle of the page.

Celebration of Automobiles, Indianapolis, May 11, 2013. The **Entrant** Link is at the top of the page.

Sponsor Feature



FinishMaster Inc., an Indiana based corporation, is the leading national independent distributor of automotive paints, coatings and related accessories to the \$2.5 billion U.S. automotive paint refinishing market.

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Founded with a single outlet in 1968, FinishMaster has grown to 160+ sales outlets and three major distribution centers in 30 states. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, FinishMaster employs more than 1,400 associates throughout its national

network of sales outlets and distribution centers.

FinishMaster Automotive & Industrial Paint is a great source for all your antique restoration paint needs. They were an AACA Oakview Car Show sponsor for 2012 and we expect them to continue to support our car club. They are located at **6216B Westgate Road**, just off the Glenwood Ave exit by Angus Barn. Look for the side street **Running Oak** as their store faces this street. (but the street address is 6216B Westgate Road).

The store manager is **Wanda Wilson** and she and her staff will take care of your restoration needs. Their telephone number is **919-787-9923** and their email is: 155raleigh@finishmaster.com. The website is www.finishmaster.com.

For paint matching they are just excellent ...I highly recommend them for all your paint needs.

- Joe Parsons

Triangle AACA Holiday Party by Andrea Irby

The Triangle AACA holiday party was held on Thursday, December 6 at St. Michael's Church in Cary. About fifty families were in attendance and the food was scrumptious. Everyone was in a festive mood and many folks were dressed in red. (They must have been getting ready early for this past weekend's NC State victory over Duke!)



After the social hour, we enjoyed a great meal and delicious hot fudge sundaes. So many of us enjoyed them that they almost ran out!

Each place setting was adorned with a lovely copper metal reindeer created and painted by **Les Tryon and Beth Agayoff**. I have discovered the reindeer are useful all year long: their prongs can be used to poke husbands when you want them to do something. Brilliant thinking ladies!



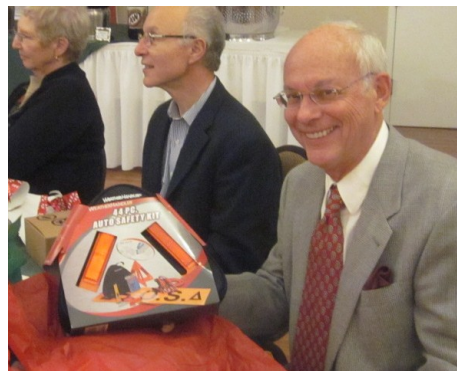
After dinner, **Judy Edwards** once again played Rudolph and led us in our "Yankee Swap" gift exchange. Answering a trivia question allowed us to take a gift from the table or steal from someone else. This year, we could pick our questions at the beginning of the social hour.

Gwen and Robert Adams. Smiling. For now....



Many of the easy ones went early and those stuck with the hard ones were seen cheating by using their fancy phones to look up the answers. (Wonder if they got coal in their stockings on Christmas?) This year's questions focused largely on GM models. That gave **Riley** a chance to breathe in terms of helping everyone with answers, but **Dean Tryon** had to step in a couple of times to save the day.

This year in addition to tools, there was lots of yummy cookies and candies. The **PINK ELEPHANT** made an early debut along with a stuffed hedgehog to lead the way.



Dan Morton enjoying (briefly) his safety kit.
Jean and Dan Fuccella are in the background.

Many thought the elephant might not make it this year, having spent the last year with Dan Fuccella who works as an engineer and with plastics. Some of us thought the Pink Elephant might have been re-shaped into something else, but alas, he is alive and well and now living in Apex with new members **Robert and Gwen Adams**. What a way to be initiated into the club!

Here's hoping we can all keep smiling and keep the holiday spirit in our hearts all year long. See you next year!

Be good— says the Pink Elephant.



1963 Chrysler Imperial Crown Series TY-1 - by Bob Monkovich

In 1963, total Imperial production figures were 14,121 units. This included Customs, Crowns, and LeBarons in a combo of convertibles, 2 door hardtops, and 4 door hardtops. This also included 12 Ghia built 6,000 pound limousines which cost a staggering \$18,000 grand at the time.

Since this is now 2013, we must mention that the term "hardtop" pertains to non-convertibles, or hard-tops without the 'B' pillar. Hard-roofed autos with the 'B' pillar are referred to as 2 and 4 door sedans or wagons. All 1963's were hardtops except for the limousine.

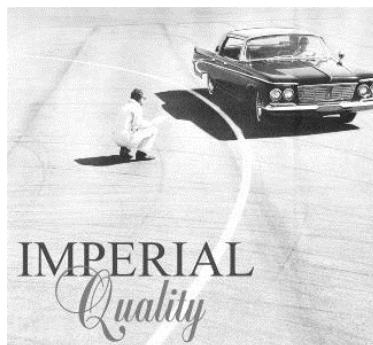
The total 1963 Imperial Production numbers were enough to place it in 2nd place among luxury makes of that year meaning it bumped Cadillac into 3rd position while the 1963 Continental took 1st.



I believe this happened as a result of 3 things:

1. The Imperial's commitment to quality by stating it as *"America's Most Carefully built Car"*
2. The introduction of the first 5yr/50,000 mile warranty to back that claim.
3. Emphasizing that every Imperial was road-tested before delivery.

Every 1963 Imperial was road tested.



According to C. E. Briggs, General Manager of the Chrysler-Plymouth Division at the time, "We are continuing to make Imperial the most carefully built car in the industry. To that end we are giving it exclusive manufacturing attention. It has its own special shop for special coach work, and other facilities set aside for the sole purpose of making it the best car possible.

Our 1963 is unit no. 5,119 of 6,690 crown 4 door hardtops produced.



Our 4 door hardtop is in its first repaint of original "Navy Blue Metallic" and has every option available except power vent windows, dual ac, and rear defogger. With this particular unit, that places it above the base price of \$5,656 and a weight of over 4,800 lbs. Our 413 CI Hemi-Block V8 now produces 350 BHP as a result of going from single to dual exhaust to help dissipate engine heat in the summer months and giving it a slight boost of approximately 10 horsepower. We also love the car especially with the \$55.00 optioned "Flight Sweep Deck" trunk lid wheel embossment.

1963 Imperials attract curiosity when out in public because they are "different" in styling from any other make on the road. With the last year of this series showing external 'pod' mounted headlamps in a steel front end 'clam shell' enclave, push button drive, flight sweep deck lid, deep-dish wheel covers, and an instrument panel /steering wheel that would make 'Buck Rogers' weep, this car says it all for us. Also, this car was displayed in the North Carolina transportation Museum in Spencer at the time of our purchase and we are the third owners. It was purchased new in Salisbury, NC in 1963.

Mini restorations on this car have been done as an 'as-needed' basis with original specs save for two items, and are too numerous at this time to mention.

Our car is kept in a temperature-controlled environment and continuously covered to keep paint, original plastics, rubber, and hides from fading/cracking/expanding. The car is now reaching it's 50th birthday!

It seems Imperials come in and out of production about every 10 years or so with a "series" of almost identical units being produced for 3-4 years at a time. The last series of these unique vehicles were

built from 1990 to 1993. We just acquired a one-owner 1990 and we are overdue for a comeback!

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The "Eisenhower" Presidential Limousine By Mike Petersen

The 1950 Lincoln Cosmopolitan presidential limousine designed by Raymond Dietrich and built by the Lincoln-Mercury Division is most often associated with Eisenhower. Eisenhower had a bubble top installed so he could be seen by the people. (The bubble top can be seen behind and to the left of Eisenhower in the photograph.) There is a "grab bar" and a removable roof section behind the front seat that permits the president to stand and wave to the crowd. The limousine was built in 1950 and used by Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson. It became a spare limousine after the new Lincoln Continental was introduced in the early 1960s and retired in 1967.



The photograph was taken by my father on June 5, 1960 as Eisenhower was leaving the University of Notre Dame following his 20 minute commencement address. Eisenhower was on his way to the South Bend, Indiana airport in order to return to the 45th reunion of his class at West Point. I was standing next to my father (a WWII European Theatre combat veteran) and well remember the day. It was a thrill to see the president and one of the most famous military leaders in recorded history.

In the photograph, Eisenhower is standing in the limousine and waving to the crowd. One can see the Secret Service men standing on the running boards of the car behind the limousine. The Secret Service men are all wearing sunglasses, suits, and hats like the "Blues Brothers". My uncle told me that the fellow riding "shotgun" in the front passenger seat of the limousine was armed with a machine gun. I do not know if that was true.

It is interesting to note the "heaviest" person in the photo (the woman in the white dress, middle of the picture) would not be considered excessively overweight by today's standards. Everyone else appears to be lean and in good physical shape. All of the men, except one, are wearing slacks and sport or dress shirts. At least the man in shorts has color coordinated socks and shirt. All of the women, and some of the girls, are wearing dresses. After all, we were there to see the president.

Access to the president was different in those days. On that day, people were able to get within several feet of the limousine.



This scene was very similar to the situation in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas three years later. In this picture the motorcade had made a left turn from Angela Blvd. on to Michigan Street (the St. Joseph High School building in the background is on the corner). There is a grassy knoll with trees and bushes to the motorcade's right. Just



ahead the motorcade passed under a railroad bridge over Michigan Street.

I stood on the same spot in 1964 to watch presidential candidate Barry Goldwater drive by. Goldwater was sitting in the middle of the back seat of an enclosed car with a man sitting on each side. Our society and way of life had dramatically changed.

**An Interesting Old Car Experience
By Dean Tryon**

I have mentioned a couple of times about meeting a 14 year old young woman, **Katelyn McKay**, at our Heritage Days Car Show in October. She came up to us to see if she could take some photos of the cars. In talking to her at length, we learned she has had her own photography business now for two years and uses outside venues, including old cars, as her "backdrops". That led to us inviting her to Wake Forest to use our cars if she was interested



Katelyn's subject and the 1929 Buick

Apparently students are not required to use school endorsed studios anymore. They are free to use whatever they like for scenes. It was a beautiful fall day so we took three of the cars out on the driveway and she did various shots in and around the old cars.



Left: a shot from inside a 1916 Buick. Below: Fall colors and a 1929 Buick.

A few weeks later she came up with her mother (since she cannot drive yet) and a high school senior. The senior had contracted with Katelyn to do her senior photos.



A new angle on the 1947 Pontiac. All smiles.



At 14 years old, Katelyn did an impressive job directing the high school senior (2-3 years older) into various interesting poses.

Here are few of the more interesting photos with innovative uses of the old cars. Her web site is www.katelynmckayphotography.com if you are interested in more of her work.

Just one more interesting aspect of the old car hobby!

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**Left: Cheryl
and Ted
Brooks.**

**Right: Jim
Gill gets a
tool set
while Andi
looks on.**



**Steve and
Teresa
Cook
enjoying
the party.**

**Riley
Reiner
digging in.
What will
he find?**

