



Triangle Chapter News

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Chapter Meeting:
Thursday, Sept. 19th,
Golden Corral,
Glenwood Ave. Raleigh.

Dinner 6pm

Meeting/Program 7pm

Triangle Web Site

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



The end of summer brings stories of great adventures, shows and summer socials. See what went on in this issue.

- Read President Denny Oestreich's message on page 2.
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- Revisit the summer socials on page 4.
- See what happened on the way from the wedding on page 5.
- Go back in time on page 6.
- Travel with Jim and Becky on page 7.
- Enjoy cars from the Ice Cream Social on the back cover.



Start them off right! This 9 month old could not wait to drive the T and smile for the camera.

The Adventure of a Lifetime!

They're Off! Dan and Jean Fuccella are recreating the original 1920 Park to Park highway tour to promote 12 National Parks in the western US. They started out from Raleigh on August 15 and are sharing their adventure on a blog: <http://www.ati-engineers.com/willys-trek-2013/> Look them up on-line to see where they are and how things are going. Taking on a 10,000 mile journey in a 1950 Jeep Willys with 72 hp is both an adventure and inspirational!



The T team does it again at Classics at the Capital. They were so popular, there was even a request for a third show!

President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

Ok, so I complained about the rain last month, but it did not change anything. Now the climate has changed and I had a cool vacation. It has been an interesting summer.

The Triangle Chapter had two activities in August: the Ice Cream Social at the Reiner Garage Biltmore and the Classics at the Capital event. I was not able to attend the Ice Cream Social, but Riley tells me 54 people from the Triangle Chapter and Brass Nickel Tour Region attended. The new garage was officially opened and I understand it was declared "adequate". See Riley's article and pictures for details.

At Classics at the Capital at the Raleigh Convention center **Cecil Bozarth, Joe Parsons, Jack Johnson, Tom Roos, Robert Monkovich and Jim Aldrich** entered vehicles and most received awards. Congratulations to all, especially to Jim who received the top "Sir Walter" award. Ten Triangle members performed two well attended Take-A-Part T demonstrations on Saturday. About 400 people watched each demonstration. Thanks to **Andrea Irby, Becky Aldrich, Jim Gill, Dan Morten, Fred Harley, Joe Parsons**, Bob Gault and other members for staying around the table to answer questions and recruit new members. We spoke to several people who are great prospects and will follow up with them. There were many pictures of kids and adults taken in the Take-a-Part T. The T even provided great publicity in the newspaper. Thanks to everyone who helped at the Convention Center.

My once-a-month car project to install a new interior had a slight slowdown. I had to fix transmission problems and take a vacation. After many adjustments and redesigning the shift and throttle valve linkage, I now have a better running car. The interior has been ordered and I am waiting for delivery. I plan to install the headliner and interior seat myself. This will involve a lot of on-the-job training.

I hope to see you at upcoming Triangle Chapter activities. Our first fall meeting is scheduled on **September 19**. We are recruiting members to go to the Sandhills Chapter Show in Pinehurst to do a Take-Apart-T demonstration on **September 28**. Then on **October 5** we will be displaying vehicles and providing a Take-A-Part T demonstration at Oak View Park. Please keep these dates on your calendar and watch for updates.

Best Regards, Denny

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Editor's Notes - by Andrea Irby

All the stories of adventures and parties have given me some wild dreams this past month. In one instance, I was driving through Utah in my Chrysler LeBaron convertible soaking up sun and sand. In another, I was dashing through the woods in vintage clothing (long dress and hooded cape) to a spacious white place that had pastries to share. I may not have gone anywhere in reality, but our club activities have provided me with plenty of adventure, both real and imaged.

One activity remains that haunts me: the naming of **Joe Parson's** Avanti. Never have I been stuck on naming a car. Denny and I even named the Take-A-Part T at the Classics at the Capital Event. Therefore, I am enlisting your help. Any and all suggestions are welcomed. His car is a boy; a very handsome one indeed. See what you can dream up!



Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

Local Events:

September 19, 6:00pm. First meeting of the year for **Triangle AACA Chapter**. Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh.



Ron and Marian Petty's "Nellie", a 1931 Model A - five window deluxe coupe

September 21, 11am-3pm. Car display at 8th Annual Fall Harvest Celebration at Historic Yates Mill County Park.

October 5, Heritage Days at Historic Oakview Park. Car Display and Take-A-Part T demonstration. Contact **Marv Gage: mkgage@aol.com** or **919-846-4708**. **Volunteers needed for Take-A-Part T demonstrations**

October 5, Snore and Roar Car Show, Durham. Location: Parking Lots between Roxboro Rd & Duke St before North Duke Mall, Across from NC ENT on Roxboro Rd . 4101 North Roxboro St and 3404 North Duke St, Durham. Local crafts and vendors. Food drive (please bring a non-perishable item) to benefit local food shelters. Sponsored by the Feeling Great Sleep center to help raise awareness regarding sleep disorders. Contact: **Taylor Revelle: 919-477-1588**.

October 19, Percy Flowers Old Store Gathering. 4879-A Highway 42 East, Clayton, NC 27527 10am-5pm. Display your car. 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.

Regional Events:

September 28, Sandhills Chapter Show at the Arboretum, Rassic Wicker Park, Pinehurst, NC.

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charliebronk@embarqmail.com. Volunteers needed for Take-A-Part T demonstration. Contact Riley Reiner.

National Events:

September 20 - Charlotte, N.C. Hornets Nest Region. Charlotte AutoFair; 704-841-1990; www.charlotte-autofair.com

September 21 - Manassas, VA - 38th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet. Manassas Museum - car show, flea market, car coral - contact: Bill Sessler (703) 368-2367 [Click here for brochure](#).

October 9-12. AACA Eastern National Fall Meet: Hershey, PA. (AKA: *"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.

October 12-14. Myerstown, Pa. Snappers Gas & Brass Region. **2nd Hershey Hangover tour.** Bob Ladd 717-273-7090; jboobladd@ptd.net

Concours:

October 4-6. Louisville Concours d'Elegance. <http://www.louisvilleconcours.com/>

October 25-November 3 Hilton Head Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance Multiple Events over the week. <http://www.hhiconcours.com/events/concours-delegance.html>

Mystery Picture:

Can you guess who this is and where the picture was found?



Watermelon and Ice Cream and Cars, oh my!

By Andrea Irby and Riley Reiner

What a wonderful summer we have had! The unusually pleasant weather has allowed our classic four wheeled friends to get out and about and for all to have lots of fun. **In July**, Cecil and Andrea hosted the watermelon social and in August, Riley and Sandra Reiner opened the "Garage Biltmore" and hosted the annual Ice Cream Social.



In Chapel Hill, everyone enjoyed the watermelon, great conversation and a vintage clothing exchange. Les Tryon brought over Julia Ledford's vintage items and Andrea contributed some as well.

Hats, shoes, and more found new homes.

Beautiful cars graced the front lawn. Everyone enjoyed measuring the VanDewoestines' 1960 Plymouth Fury and Cecil's 1937 Lincoln Zephyr to see how long they were. It turns out the Fury is 19 feet long and the Lincoln only 16 1/2. No wonder Rita can fit easily into a garage. Everyone was relieved that we did not have a seed spitting contest after all. It turns out the best watermelons were seedless ones from Trader Joes. Maybe we can try



PH Craig and his 1966 Mustang joined other ponies on the lawn.

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again next year!

On August 11, Riley and Sandra Reiner hosted the Ice Cream Social in their newly built garage. There were 56 guests including members of Brass-Nickel Touring Region. There was an ample supply of ice cream and snacks to make everyone happy. Riley (*pictured right*) spent most of the afternoon answering questions about the garage and why certain things were done the way they were. Many folks were surprised at the new building code regulations now in force in Wake County.



The end result was a garage far more elaborate than Riley set out to build due to codes. The project was a year in the planning and construction.



The Reiners

put some final touches on Saturday night and turned off the lights at 11:30 PM. Posters, signs and art will be installed over the next several months as Riley must find

frames for some and dig through the attic to find other "treasures".

Sandra was asked by several of the women if Riley was really going to put cars on the beautiful floor. The answer is a resounding, yes, beginning on August 22. The floor must cure for 14 days before putting rubber tires on the epoxy.

Ta Da! The Garage Biltmore makes its debut for cars and for ice cream!



The sign on Riley's current garage says it all.

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Several individuals suggested holding our dinner meeting on the second floor with Sandra catering. Sandra did not find the humor in the catering idea.



Other folks wanted to know why Riley didn't install a lift and an elevator to the second floor. Since he had to work with the Bank of Sandra to complete the building, he decided not to push his luck.

Members of Triangle AACA and Brass Nickel enjoy ice cream in the new garage/party hall. Seriously, it is too pretty to be a garage.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the ice cream social a success for almost the 30th time.

Even our socials are classics!

**A Nissan Moment
By Dean Tryon**

We were using our '29 Buick to take a bride and groom from their wedding at our church in Wake Forest to their reception in Raleigh, NC. All was going well except it was getting dark at 7:30 on Saturday night.



Dean Tryon's 1929 Buick

About half way to the reception, the groom asked me a question about his Nissan and a sound it was making. A few seconds later, the handle fell off the windshield crank above the steering wheel onto the floor. And a few seconds after that, the car died and slowly came to a stop. I was baffled – the gages all

indicated normal and there were no unusual noises. My first thought was that the throttle rod was disconnected. Still, when I pressed on the pedal, I could hear the air inlet noise change so it was obviously OK. It felt like we were out of fuel but the fuel pressure gage was fine. I turned the electric pump on just in case – no change. We finally coasted to a stop and the groom was ready to jump out and give a push but we were safely off the main road by then.



A pretty windshield crank handle creates some mischief.

So what does the mention of "Nissan" in the back seat, the "crank handle" falling off and the car stopping all have in common?

Before I got out to open the hood, I tried to restart it just for the heck of it. I instinctively turned on the ignition switch. BINGO! I had not turned off the ignition switch.

A true "light bulb" moment. The car started right up and ran fine the rest of the trip. Apparently the falling crank handle *just happened* to fall on the ignition lever and turned off the ignition.



Who would have figured! It was even more amazing that I came to that conclusion quickly (by chance though) without getting my hands dirty.

So, the mention of a Nissan in a Buick apparently was not the root cause of the car stopping – but it could have been!

Things to See Along the Road - By Mike Petersen

In the days before interstate highways there were many road side attractions. One could visit small museums, caves, reptile farms, and zoos. Some of these still exist at interstate exits but many have disappeared as the tourist traffic turned away from the two lane roads and onto the limited access interstates. I was fortunate to have traveled during the fifties and sixties and had the opportunity to see many of those roadside attractions.

Often the staff at the attraction would affix a “day glow” orange or green bumper sticker advertising the attraction on your front bumper while you were visiting the attraction. As you drove along the highway your front bumper was an attraction advertisement for the oncoming traffic. If you were lucky and observant you may have seen a small sign in the attraction parking lot that said “Lower sun visors if you do not want a bumper sticker”. My parents did not mind and the sticker usually came off easily with water. It was hard to resist not stopping after seeing many of these bumper stickers on cars coming towards you in the other lane.



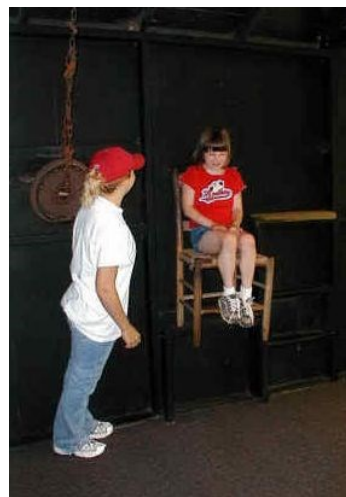
**Stickers from
another
national
treasure.**

The “Wonder Spot” in the Wisconsin Dells was one of several “gravity anomaly” attractions throughout the United States that was pure theatre. These were sometimes called “Mystery Spots” and other similar names. The drill was about the same in each one. There was a story about gravity anomalies, an ancient alien space craft landing site, igneous rock formations, magnetic flux, or some other such tale to explain why the laws of gravity did not apply at that spot. The “Wonder Spot” attraction had a building with crooked hallways, walls and floors at various angles, and a few exhibits outside along a trail.

I visited the “Wonder Spot” in 1957. We bought our tickets and assembled in a group that was taken along a trail and through the house by a tour guide who provided additional details about the gravity

anomalies. Many of the things we saw were optical illusions such as walls built so that a short person at one end looked taller than a tall person at the other end. I recall the guide placing a softball on a window sill that was slanted downhill. The ball rolled uphill. Outside was a similar exhibit on a larger scale with objects that rolled uphill. There were carpenter levels available and several of the men in our group checked out some of the exhibits, discussed the situation, and shook their heads.

The one exhibit I vividly remember was a room with a chair rail. The guide said that sometimes one



runs out of floor space and needs additional places for people to sit. He picked up what seemed to be an ordinary wooden straight back chair and put the back two legs on the chair rail. The front two legs were “out in space”. The guide then picked me up and sat me in the chair. To me the chair felt completely stable as if all four legs were on the

floor. The guide then picked me up off of the chair and put the chair back on the floor. This was great theatre with a touch of a magic trick since I was plucked out of the group and was not a confederate. The one thing that struck me at the time was that the entire illusion was performed quickly. I was only sitting on the chair for perhaps 5 or 6 seconds but it was long enough for me to determine it was completely stable. As with the other exhibits we could examine the chair, chair rail, and the wall after the illusion. I have no idea how this was done.

The picture is of the same illusion from the “Wonder Spot”. The “Wonder Spot” operated from 1952 – 2006. As many as 50,000 people visited the site annually during the 1990’s. Sophisticated theme parks and water parks led to the demise of the attraction. The chair and a can used for pouring water were donated to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

If I ever come across one of these attractions I will stop and see it for old times’ sake.

Words to Live By.....

Whether you think you can
 or
 whether you think you can't,
 —you're right.

- Henry Ford

Summer Travels

Jim and Becky Aldrich ditched their 1931 Chrysler for a Penske Van for a summer trip that included stops in



Ellis Kansas to see the birthplace of W.P. Chrysler and to Abilene to visit Eisenhower's Library and to take in the annual county fair.

Jim and Becky next to the WP Chrysler boyhood home.



One of their earlier stops included Independence, Missouri to visit the "give-em Hell" Harry Truman's library/museum. Jim shares that when Truman left office in 1953, he had no pension and started driving his own

cars. Below is a photo of Truman's new 1957 Dodge in front of the library during construction.

Harry didn't have secret service body guard protection until years later when Kennedy was Assassinated. Harry always bought Chrysler products.



No wonder he was such a great president!

Odd Finds On EBay

Phil Gevertz suggested we have a section on odd finds on EBay. Below, right, is a mirror he found earlier this summer for his 1956 Mark II— in the original box.



Steve Cook found this Winter Radiator Cover (pictured below) after a VERY COLD MAY weekend in Pinehurst.



Wonder if he will need it this winter? Since summer has been so cool, I bet his '38 Coupe will be needing this soon!

What interesting finds have you discovered lately?

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Pretty 50s mystery car "Victoria".



Colin Wimmer and one of his "rides".



Ron Petty's Pony — a T-5



Mo' muscle. Larry Wright's 1970 Cutlass