



Triangle Chapter News

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Congrats to our New Judges!



Mr. Dan Morton and Mr. Grady Connor finished their judges class on Friday and judged the HPOF vehicles on Saturday.

- The April Triangle Chapter meeting is planned for Thursday evening, **April 17** at the Golden Corral in Raleigh.
- See President Denny Oestreich's message, page 2.
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- A Special Tribute to **Barry Gendler** is on page 4.
- Wish the Mustang a Happy Birthday on page 5.
- Charlotte Auto Fair Recap on page 7.
- Pretty ponies are on the back cover.

Welcome TESLA!



Coming to Dinner on Thursday. Be there or be square (only gas fueled).

Welcome New Baby!



Look what came home with Pat and Marci Allen from Charlotte! A 1966 Plymouth Convertible. Looking for names: Charlotte, Patsy, Ruby, ideas?

Program

TESLA is coming to our club meeting Thursday, April 17th to share their adventure with us. Come learn about the inception of this company, its contributions to technology and the industry and it's vision and plans for the future. TESLA was recently featured on **60 Minutes**. You can check out the article here: <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/tesla-and-spacex-elon-musks-industrial-empire/> Don't miss out on all the fun.

Upcoming Events

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

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



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President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

This week I recalled there are five seasons in North Carolina. We are now in the middle of pollen season. Pollen is everywhere, even under the car cover. It will take some cleaning to get ready for the next car show.

It is with sadness that we remember the passing of our fellow member, **Barry Gendler**. Barry passed away on March 20, 2014 after a long battle with lung cancer. He enjoyed driving and showing his 1954 Oldsmobile and 1984 Corvette. We send our sincere sympathies to Dian and his children and grandchildren. We will miss Barry's enthusiasm.

The Ladies Night program at the March 20, 2014 was excellent. Eight women gave short discussions with PowerPoint slides about three important cars in their lives; the car they first drove, the car they first owned and their wedding car. Their presentations were interesting and humorous with many family recollections and old car challenges. Special thanks goes to Jean Soehlein, Andrea Irby, Merry Oestreich, Sandra Reiner, Jean Fuccella (Dan in drag), Marilee Sanderson, Peggy Barnes and Barbara VanDewoestine for their parts in the program. Their stories were all great and their presentations well spoken. I have posted their slides on our Web Site at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/images/PDF/ladiesnight.pdf>

Several Triangle members participated in the Southeastern National AACA car show at Charlotte on April 5, 2014. Cars were shown by Ron Petty, Joe Parsons, Fred Harley, Henry Burgwyn, Jim Aldrich, and Brian White. This show is one of the first AACA National shows of the year and included some of the best cars I've seen. Many restorations had been worked on over the winter and were brought out for their first judging. There were cars from all over the country including Utah, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maine, Ohio, and many from North Carolina. Several Triangle members judged cars and motorcycles including Jack Agayoff, Riley Reiner, Floyd Barnes, Mike Peterson, and Motor Scooter Specialist, Captain Jim Aldrich. New AACA Judges Dan Morton and Grady Conner completed their judge's certification by judging HPOF vehicles. See the show pictures on the NC Region web site at: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/photo-galleries/379-2013-nc-region-fall-meet-2>

We have less than two weeks before our Car Show on April 26. Marv Gage has planning for our car show well in hand. There will be some last minute car show help activities to be planned at our April 17 meeting. Joe Parsons has sold 18 sponsorships. A photographer has been hired. Please get your car ready for the show. **Remember to invite other car owners to bring their vehicles to our show.** There are four other competing shows on April 26 so we need to concentrate on the inviting AACA

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eligible cars to our show.

The Take-A-Part T was prepared for the first Spring Event at the Antique Power Show in Benson on April 12. Riley did a spring tune-up and did the initial start. Bob Gault, Dan Morton and I loaded it onto Bob's trailer ready for the demonstration.

After driving my red '57 Chevy on short trips for the past three months, I decided this month's project would be to chase down the creaks, rattles, and thumps coming from under the car. After investigation I found the exhaust pipe touching other parts in three places. I think the pipes move after you drive for a while. I have relocated the rear stabilizer bar and the rear brake line. I still need to figure out how to change the exhaust pipe away from the emergency brake cable.

I hope to see you at the April 17 meeting. Joe Parsons has arranged for the local Tesla representative give a presentation about their new electric car.

Editor's Note: by Andrea Irby

Just a brief note to say Happy Birthday to our Mustangs. If you are not hunting Easter Eggs, you may want to take in this weekend's birthday bash in Charlotte. If I don't have your pony pictured, send me a photo and I will get it in the next issue. Also, get your friends to come to our car show **APRIL 26. EACH ONE, BRING ONE.** Have them show a car or just marvel at those on the field. Great times ahead!

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

CALENDAR



April:

April 17. Triangle Chapter Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral, Glenwood. **TESLA** is scheduled to present.

April 16-20 (Easter Weekend) 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Mustang. <http://www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com/charlotte/registration.html> Charlotte, NC

April 26 TRIANGLE CHAPTER SHOW, Historic Oak View Park, Raleigh NC. Take A-Part T demos.

April 27-30 60th Anniversary Tour. Information Flyer: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/nceg60thannourev.pdf>

Registration form: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/60thannregform.pdf>

May:

May 3. NC Region Meet, Beulaville, NC. [Information](#) is on the region website and you can download and send in your [registration](#). Registration Deadline is April 28.

May 2-4 The second Pinehurst Concours D'Elegance, Pinehurst NC. Pinehurstconcours.com There are tickets to the Concours and tickets for the Car Corral. The Car Corral is open to certain makes of cars (listed clubs) for all years and to any antique vehicle 25 years or older. [Get a ticket](#) for you, your car and your sweetie and drive down to see our Triangle Members compete.

May 9 and 10. The Timeless Cruisers will be having their annual Cruise-in on **Friday, May 9, 2014**

5PM – 9PM and their car show on **Saturday, May 10, 2014 9AM – 4PM in Efland, NC.** This is a well-organized and attended show. Please [see http://www.timelesscruisers.com](http://www.timelesscruisers.com) for additional details. Please contact **David Ballard** at **919-732-2158** or **919-732-2259** during regular business hours if you would like to help judge this event.

May 10. Mad Hatters Tea Party. (free entry) Car Display at the Wake Forest Historical Museum. Art and Garden Market, Raffles, Tea and Garden Seminars. Presented by the Wake Forest Garden Club: wfgardenclub.org **919-961-7778**, wfgardenclub@gmail.com

May 15. Chapter Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral 6pm.

May 17. Wheels on Academy, downtown Cary. 9am –2pm. Two Take-A-Part T demonstrations. [Information](#) and [Registration Forms](#) are available.

June:

June 1: San-Lee Chapter Meet, [Classics to Customs](#). Rail Depot, Sanford, NC. **Please call Roger or Paige Lyons** to register your car at **919.776.3134**.

June 12-14. Annual Grand National Show, Lebanon, Tennessee. [An information flyer](#) is available and you can **call 615-444-7315** to get help in registering your car.

June 13-15. The Elegance at Hershey (Concours), [Tickets](#) are available for \$25.00 each and children under 15 are free. See some jaw dropping cars– you can get an idea just from [the web-site](#).

June 14: Wake Forest Car Show. Shops, music, food, and two Take-A-Part T demonstrations. This show benefits several charities, including Hospice of Wake County, Wounded Warrior Project and the Miracle League of the Triangle. <http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-classic-antique-car-show-june-14.aspx>

Meeting Minutes By Dean Tryon

Fred Harley reported that membership is at 87.

- **Dan Morton** circulated pictures he had taken at Amelia Island Car Show. Some of these pictures were in the March newsletter.
- There were 34 people at the Chili Cook-off and 9 pots of chili, plus cornbread and desserts.
- Denny provided a list of Triangle and Take-A-Part T events. Please check the calendar.
- The responses to the e-mail survey was overwhelmingly to continue as we are doing presently.
- **Our Chapter Car show** in April is well underway. Advertising in the N&O will begin in April. The show this year will be expanded to include Customs, Hot Rods and Modifieds in a special interest category. We will also have motorcycles. We are looking for judges. Contact Jack Agayoff **919-846-8570** if you are willing to judge.
- **Riley Reiner** is always looking for people to help with the Take A-Part T. **Call Riley at 919-554-1158.**
- For our March meeting, the women of the club showed pictures and shared stories about their special cars: cars they first learned to drive, cars they first owned and their wedding cars. Eight members participated, some wearing period clothing. One participant, **Dan Fuccella**, substituted for his wife, Jean. He wore her hat and his beard.

NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to pick up the Hospitality Tent, poles, drink coolers, tables, etc. at Jean Soehnlein's house on Friday, April 25. Jean will have ice water and tea for us at the show. Please bring any soft drinks you want and breakfast items. Also looking for someone to provide a cooler for ice and the ice itself. 5 bags needed. Eastern Star will provide lunch concessions at the show. **Contact Jean if you can help: 919-847-4832 or**

Barry Gendler Tribute By Marty Roth (AACA Member and Barry's Cousin)

On March 20, at 10:24am, after a courageous four year battle with lung cancer, AACA Member, **Barry Gendler**, Clayton, NC made his final journey at Hospice of Wake County.

Barry and Dian would frequently share their 1954 Oldsmobile Super 88, and loved touring with AACA, having driven the Sentimental Tours in Greensboro, NC and in Staunton, VA, as well as the Founders Tour in Easley, SC, the 2009 Vintage Tour in Fuquay-Varina, NC, and many local tours.

Barry and Dian also loved VMCCA Touring, having attended the 2005 Western National in Kanab, Utah and the Chrome Glidden Tour along the length of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Barry's daughter Heather describes him as "honest, loving, kind, humble, generous, protective, strong, and completely selfless...", and adds "No more cancer, no more chemo, no more pills, no more pain." ... to which I add AMEN!



Barry and Dian on the Blue Ridge Parkway 2009, photo by Marty Roth.

Smile Mustang— It's Your Birthday!



By Cecil Bozarth

I'll admit it. The first time I saw the Ford Mustang, I stumbled around, drooled on myself, and babbled incoherently. But then again, I was only 18 months old. Yes folks, it's been fifty years since the Mustang first hit the road. For perspective, when the Mustang was introduced in 1964, the start of World War I was fifty years in the rearview mirror. The history of the Ford Mustang is so well-known I won't go into it. Instead, I'll share the story of my 1966 Mustang GT coupe, the first **running** car I ever owned.

My first foray into mechanized transportation

The Mustang was not my first foray into mechanized transportation, however. That would be a motorcycle. For some reason my 51 year-old brain can no longer recall, my 19 year-old brain thought that a two-wheeled vehicle with no protection against the elements or other drivers was the *perfect* solution to my transportation needs. In any case, the year I owned a motorcycle also turned out to be one of the coldest and wettest winters on record. I learned to drink coffee because of my motorcycle – I would buy the cheapo coffee from the vending machines just so I could hold the cup in my hands until they thawed out enough to let me take notes in class.

By early 1982, I was a sophomore at the University of Georgia and I was thinking maybe a motorcycle wasn't the best idea. But how could I get into a car without admitting

defeat and facing the "I told you so" look of my parents? Then the solution hit me – or more precisely, a sorority girl in her father's battleship-sized Chrysler hit me. As I lay in the middle of the intersection of Milledge Avenue and Baxter Street, with the girl's sorority sisters running **past** me to see if **she** was alright (I kid you not), I remember thinking to myself, "I think it's time to get a car." The girl's insurance company ended up "buying" what was left of the motorcycle, and I was on the hunt for four wheels.

Not love at first sight ...

My dad Cecil Jr. had always had an interest in getting some kind of collector car to tinker with, but like so many of his generation, family obligations wouldn't allow any such indulgence. At one time, he had thought about getting a Corvair, but by the time I was looking for a car we had a family friend who played with old Mustangs. And so we were steered in that direction. In retrospect, I could just as easily driven down the "Bowtie" path as the "Blue Oval" one.

I first saw my particular car at a local Mustang show car corral, but I wasn't too impressed at the time. The car had clearly been "rode hard and put up wet" by a long series of inexperienced and inattentive drivers. It wore an amateur paint job in a non-stock red color that showed drips, sags and orange peel, as well as the usual scratches and small dings. The left quarter panel had a damaged area that had started to rust, and the vinyl top was beginning to fray in places.

But the car also had some features which set it apart. It was a true factory GT, which meant it had the four-barrel V8, front disc brakes, fog lights, and trumpet exhausts (or at least the holes where they had been). The car also had factory air conditioning and the deluxe interior, which featured sporting horses galloping across the seatbacks and "wood grain appliqué" on the instrument cluster and glove box (my best friend at the time referred to it as "burled peckerwood"). After shopping around for a few

weeks, my dad and I finally got back in touch with the seller, and agreed on \$1300 for the once-proud pony. The picture at the end the next page shows a skinnier version of me in 1982, proudly displaying the car for one of my friends.

...but in the end, love is blind....

Once the car was actually *mine*, all of its earlier perceived faults fell away and overnight *my* Mustang became the fastest, best-looking, coolest vehicle that had ever existed. Of course there were a few things that weren't perfect and I went about "restoring" the car as best I could on a student budget. Since the interior was black vinyl, I was able to use black electrical tape to make satisfactory repairs to the various tears in the seats. A piece of paneling from the family basement nicely matched the "wood grain appliqué" in the rest of the car, and so made for a dandy replacement package tray. The AC compressor might not have worked, but I could still roll up the windows, turn the fan on in the under dash unit, and at least create the illusion of cool air blowing around the car. The windows rattled, the heater box gave off a coolant smell, and the paint looked like it had been applied with a brush. But hey, she was mine! And she served me well as my primary transportation for three years.

The Mustang – the later years

After college I started working for IBM and bought my first new car (a 1985 Saab 900). While she still owned my heart, the Mustang spent most of her time in the garage. She then shared space in my parent's garage when I was in the PhD program at Chapel Hill from 1988 to 1992. More years passed, and suddenly it was 1996 – I was living in Chapel Hill with my first wife Donna and our one-year-old son, Philip. I knew it was time to start thinking about restoring the Mustang properly.

I won't go through all the details of the restoration. Suffice it to say it was true "ground-up" project with the goal of taking the car back to original while still maintaining

drivability. I took care of the mechanics, while Frank Gibson of **Gibson Autoworks** did the body work and **Auto Interiors and Tops of Raleigh** did, well, the interior and top. By 2001, "Grace" was back on the road, resplendent in her original color of Tahoe Turquoise and dealer accessory wire wheel covers. I showed Grace for a couple years, winning a Gold Award in the Mustang Club of America's Concours Driver class, prior to retiring her from show duty. Now, Grace and I go out regularly together when the weather is good, and we have accumulated more than 40K miles since her restoration. In 2010 Grace and I welcomed a new member into the family, Andrea. Neither seems to be jealous of the other and in fact



they are like sisters.

My son Philip is now grown up, and much to my surprise, took a scholarship to attend my alma mater, the University of Georgia. Philip's car is a

2001 Volvo V40 – more modern, reliable and safer, but alas, nowhere near as cool as the Mustang. So last fall, Andrea and I drove Grace down to Athens and took Philip back to where I had my first picture taken with Grace. Our recreation of the original picture is shown above.. So really, who looks cooler, Philip or his old man?





**Charlotte Auto Fair
By Everyone Who Was There**

Lots of fun was surely had by all at this year's National Spring Meet in Charlotte the first weekend in April. The weather was beautiful and the cars even more so. Here's the news that folks reported.

Bob Safrit sent news of **Fred and Sue Harley**

beaming over their freshly painted and restored 1911 Buick (pictured right) . And no wonder: they brought home a First Junior for the soon to be named fellow as well as the Century Club



Recognition Award. **AACA President, Mickey Bohne**, presented Fred with the award right on the field! On the way home, Cognito (the Editor's mischievous HPOF Chrysler) was with the Harleys in spirit as the tire on the trailer shred. But since Fred is an experienced member of the Take-A-Part T team, he put the spare on and was back on the road in 20 minutes.

Henry and Tracy Burgwyn took their 1957 Chevy and also won their First Junior. They report they felt



very blessed since there were several very nice cars in their class.

**Stiff competition
at Charlotte**

Like **the Allens**, they enjoyed looking around the Car Corral and vendor tables. The Editor is wondering if anyone spotted **Floyd Barnes** being a nomad looking for Nomad parts like last year? Surely he's got to have a whole car by now and we can't wait to see it on the field one day.

And then there was **WHOA "NELLIE"!** Back this year for her Senior and looking pretty as usual. **Ron and Marian Petty** had a great time with their show stopping girl (pictured right).



Mike Petersen was there teaching a CJE class on Chrysler High Performance Engines and judging vehicles on Saturday. **Ken Powell** was also there judging.

Jim and Becky Aldrich were there with their 1926 Model T Truck (formerly owned by **Bob Miller** and pictured left).



As were **Brian and Trish White**, showing their 1923 Stutz Roadster and receiving a Senior.



This year, Jim had a new hat replacing the one that was "mysteriously" shredded last year.

Our fearless leader, **Denny Oestreich** took lots of pictures and put them on the NC Region website and **Jack Agayoff** was running around like his usual maverick self. The gang was all there and everyone had a great time.



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Top left: The Reiner's and Cecil's "Grace" enjoy the shade.



Top Right: PH Craig's new babe.



Bottom left: PH Craig's 1965 classic pony.



Bottom Right: Help, help me Rhonda - celebrate all these birthdays! Ron Sieber's 1965 Fastback.