



# Triangle Chapter News

## Triangle Chapter News Summary

### Summer Vacations



**Les and Dean Tryon saw rockets while The Russell family took their cars to the Franklin meet in Rome, NY. What did you do?**



**Updated Website Addresses.**

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**Our local chapter:**

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

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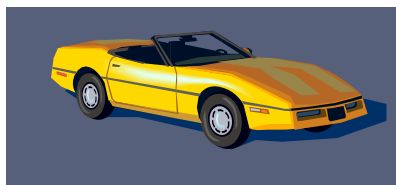
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Lots of car adventures have filled our summer. Take a look through the following pages to see what you might have missed.

- See President Denny Oestreich’s message, page 2.
- Check out the Calendar on page 3.
- Lick up some Ice Cream on page 4.
- Ride with Jim and Becky Aldrich on the Dodge Brother’s Tour on page 5.
- Go to the St. Johns Concours on page 6.
- See pictures from the Wake Forest Show on the back cover.

### September Program

**David Wulff** of the Triangle Corvette Club will share slides and video of the sink hole disaster at the Corvette Museum that sucked up over a million dollars worth of cars. See how they were rescued one by one.



### “The Countess” of Franklin



**No longer just a pretty picture, Anne and Dan’s Franklin is restored and on the move.**



**A Royal Time: Take-A-Part T team sets a new record for assembly at Classics at the Capital.**

# President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

Is your garage air conditioned? If I keep the doors closed this summer, my garage stays fairly cool until about noon and then it rains. This summer, I kept busy working on my car. My goal was to finish and drive my Red 57 Chevy to the Ice Cream Social. We made it! We drove about 50 miles in total that day and no parts fell off. I made a list of small annoyances that I added the "To be Fixed" list. I have been calling the Chevy "The Red Car" but I am thinking of naming it "Never Done.". Is that name already taken? *(The Editor believes not)*



This summer has also been filled with local car shows. Pictures are posted on our Triangle Chapter web site. I need to take more pictures of Triangle members rather than cars, or better yet, pictures of members *with* their cars. If you have pictures from any recent car shows, send them to me and I will post them here: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>.

Several Triangle members attended the San-Lee Chapter Car show in downtown Sanford on June 7, 2014. Triangle participants included Floyd Barnes, Dan Fuccella, Fred Harley, Henry Burgwyn, Marv Gage, and Denny Oestreich. The show had about 65 entries. We all had a chance to catch up with other NC Region members and explore the antique stores in downtown Sanford. Although it was a hot day, there were shady spots with a little breeze to keep the participants cool. It was hottest during the awards presentation, but everyone waited patiently and we all went home with a trophy.

Many Triangle members supported the Wake Forest show on June 14 with their cars and the Take-A-Part T. The show had 234 entries parked in downtown Wake Forest. The success of their show is a tribute to the volunteers (80) who recruited entrants and the downtown Wake Forest venue which offers great shopping and several restaurants. The Triangle Chapter performed two Take-A-Part T demonstrations which were well received. It is always amazing to see the Take-A-Part T start and drive away at each presentation. The Triangle Chapter was well represented with eight cars. Members attending were: Jack Johnson, Bob Gault, George Ashley, Pat Allen, Henry Burgwyn, Jim Gill, Jack Johnson, Jim

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Schreiber, Karen Winstead, and Denny Oestreich. There were very few awards given out. Congratulations to **Bob Gault**, who won **Best Truck**, and **Henry Burgwyn** who won the big prize, **Best of Show**.

Thanks to **Sandra and Riley Reiner** for hosting the Ice Cream Social on July 13. It was very hot, but Riley had turned on the air conditioning in Garage Biltmore and the temperature was perfect. The offering of ice cream, drinks and other desserts was great. Dan Morton provided waffle cones for the ice cream. Everyone had a second helping. There was a lot of discussion about summer activities and travel. We got to meet our newest Triangle members **Bob and Bonda Fuhrman** from Wake Forest. They own a 1963 Mercury Monterey S-55 which they drove to the event. Afterwards, Riley led the antique and modern cars on a tour of Wake Forest to see many of the fantastic restored homes. Riley drove a Model T. Attention was drawn to the tour cars by the siren on Jim and Becky Aldrich's 1920 Dodge Brothers Sheriff's car.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting in September (September 18th) at 6pm at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave.

**-Denny**

# Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

## CALENDAR



### SEPTEMBER:

#### **September 13. Veterans Tribute Car Show**

Campbell University, RTP location: 808 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC Early registration fee: \$20.00. Registration day of show is \$25.00 and begins at 8:30am. Judging begins at 11 am and awards are 1pm. For more information and registration visit: <http://www.uso-nc.org> (RDU Events page for details)

**September 13. Southeastern Chapter Meet**, Mt. Olive, NC. [Flyer/Registration](#), and [Map](#)..

**September 14. Croasdaile Retirement Home Car Display/Fun Show.** Hillandale Rd, Durham.1-3:30pm. Cars arrive at 12:30pm Judging begins at 1pm, Parade at 2:30pm;awards immediately following. For the fun and benefit of the residents. Contact Pat Gaglione at 919-280-8350 or [gaglione@nc.rr.com](mailto:gaglione@nc.rr.com)

**September 18. Triangle AACA dinner and club meeting.** Joe Parsons already has exciting program lined up. Dinner 6pm. Meeting 7pm. Program is at 7:30pm.

**September 20. Edgar Memorial Car Meet.** Car Show, flea market and 11 classes with trophies. Contact Bill Sessler, 703-268-2367.

**September 27. Sandhills Car Show.** Pinehurst NC. Held at the Arboretum,. Contact John Deuster, 910-673-1944. Email: [jdeuster@nc.rr.com](mailto:jdeuster@nc.rr.com)

### OCTOBER:

**October 4. Heritage Days** at Historic Oak View Park. Classic Car Display.

**October 8-11. National Fall Meet in Hershey, PA** (aka The High Holy Days of Hershey).

**October 11. Cruise to the Coast Show**, North Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Dan Cicoria at [dmcrlc40@aol.com](mailto:dmcrlc40@aol.com). Make sure to put "Cruise to the Coast" in the subject line of your email. Or call Dan at 843-390-1491.

**October 12-13. Hershey Hangover III** for Brass Vehicles. [More Information](#).

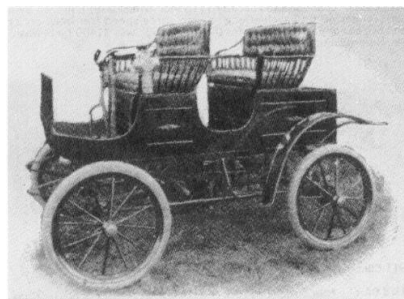
**October 16. Triangle Club Dinner Meeting** at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm and Program at 7:30.

## Special Request

**Dean Lehrke** is an automotive historian who is researching cars built in Kansas. He is trying to locate the 1903 Cloughley Steam Automobile once owned by deceased Triangle-AACA member, Dr. Fritz Thurstone, (professor at Duke University) This car was exhibited at an AACA event in the early 1980's by his son, Eric. Fritz died in 2005 and Thurstone family members cannot remember when or to whom they sold the car.

If anyone has information on his old steamer, Dean would like would to make contact with them. If the present owner wishes to remain anonymous, he will gladly respect that wish. He is interested in photos and mechanical information about the car. Dean can be reached as follows:

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## Ice Cream Social and Wake Forest Tour

### By Riley Reiner

Sunday, July 13 marked our 31<sup>st</sup> annual ice cream social. A total of 54 members, grandchildren or children made the event a resounding success. It was great to have the children present to enjoy the ice cream. Anne and Dan Russell brought their Andrew and Samantha and Marilee Sanderson had her daughter, son-in-law and twin grandchildren Allie and Zack. Sandra and I had our daughter, son-in-law with grandchildren Colin and Carys. All the kids plus a few adults enjoyed their ice cream in freshly made waffle cones courtesy of Dan Morton. We had our newest members, Robert and Bonda Fuhrman from Wake Forest. They drove their 1963 Mercury



**New members Bob and Bonda Fuhrman**

Monterey convertible which is HPOF and in mint condition. We hope to see them as regulars at chapter functions. Ample ice cream, baked goods, toppings and watermelon rounded the menu for a great gathering.

Barker and Judy Edwards who are co-members of Triangle and Brass/Nickel Region, as well as Anthony Bright and Larry Wright from Sanford joined the festivities.

The weather was reasonable and not too hot for July. Garage Biltmore was air conditioned but next year the AC will be started at least two days before the social. The only “concern” was voiced by three chapter ladies when they discovered that there

were no mirrors in the restrooms. The “concern” was noted and will be corrected before next year.

Jim and Becky Aldrich made a grand appearance with a police siren blowing as they entered the driveway with their newly restored 1920 Dodge touring car which was originally purchased by the Detroit Police Department. Jim was very pleased to demonstrate the siren during our 45 minute tour of Wake Forest following the ice cream and



**Jim and Becky Aldrich's 1920 Dodge cop car**

visiting. We had seven antiques and a couple of modern cars take the tour. Sandra and I along with Colin, Carys and Lynda Miller led the tour with the 1925 Model T Fordor which was restored by Bob Miller. The car ran without a flaw. The tour was completed without Jim being stopped by Wake Forest's finest for impersonating an officer. We had a number of smiles and waves as we passed through the downtown and historic areas of Wake Forest.

On the way home some of the tour participants departed for their homes. Floyd and Peggy Barnes were following Jim and Becky and forgot to make the turn to return to our house to get Lynda. About fifteen minutes after we made it home, Floyd and Peggy arrived for Lynda. I think it was a very successful ice cream social. There were ample amounts of ice cream and baked goods left so I must assume everyone ate their fill.



Marilee Sanderson and Merry Oestreich pose with "Red Chevy" at it's debut ride at the Ice Cream Social.

The Summer Time Adventures of Jim and Becky By Jim Aldrich

Becky and I took off this summer in our 1920 Dodge (pictured below) and participated in the week long Dodge Brothers Tour in June. The car is a former Detroit police car and a true barn find. I have had the car in storage for eight years. Brian White and Fred Harley helped us get it running.



The tour was based near Detroit, Michigan. It honored the lives and work of John and Horace Dodge, brothers who helped shape the Detroit auto industry in the early 1900s. 2014 is the centennial anniversary of the first Dodge rolling off the assembly line.

We visited the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI and the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills. There were 300 people and more than 100 cars on the tour! Busses took us to the Gilmore, but all other stops were by antique vehicle.



The tour culminated with a car show and dinner at Meadow Brook Hall, the Dodge family home. Meadow Brook Hall is site of the former



Concours D'Elegance that is now known as the Concours of America at St. Johns. Meadow Brook



Hall is a beautiful estate (pictured left and below) with 39 different chimneys. Most importantly, it is home to a new, permanent Dodge museum.



Afterwards, we spent a week at our Michigan farm where Becky helped me paint the kitchen for my birthday. It was a grand adventure all around.

## 2014 Concours of America at St. Johns

**By Rob and Barbara VanDewoestine**

This event is the successor to the Meadowbrook Concours and is held at the St. Johns Inn and Golf Resort in Plymouth, Michigan. There are not many conference centers and golf courses that come complete with a chapel and bell tower built in Italian Renaissance style, but this reflects the fact that the original purpose of the facility was for the education of Catholic priests.



The hotel is on the left with the chapel and bell tower on the right. There are several religiously themed contemplation gardens on the grounds.

This year's Concours included 280 cars displayed on four fairways of the 27-hole golf course. One of the features of this event were cars that came from the period when Virgil Exner ran the design studio at Chrysler in the 1950's and 60's.

Exner's automobile design career began under Harley Earl at GM in the late 1930's where he did design work on Pontiacs. He moved to Lowey and Associates to do work for Studebaker but then left to work directly for Studebaker with responsibility for their post-war cars. Exner finally moved to Chrysler's Advanced Design Group in 1949. The "fins" that GM put on the rear fenders of the 1948 Cadillac's caught Exner's eye and they began to be incorporated into Chrysler's Forward Look in 1955. Chrysler's "Suddenly its 1960" campaign in 1957 brought fins into full flower along with lowering the lines of the new vehicles. Exner believed that the fins (Chrysler called them stabilizers) improved the aerodynamics of the vehicles and had some wind tunnel testing to back up that view. Certainly a fin would add a little down force and move the center of drag toward the rear of a vehicle.

The red 1961 Plymouth in the group (pictured below, left of our car) was completely original except for the convertible top. It is hard to believe that a car regularly driven in all weather in Ohio could look this good. The car was brought by a woman who is the daughter of the original owner.



Virgil Exner, Jr, who was an automotive designer in his own right, led a discussion on Saturday that included panelists that were either current or former designers for Ford, GM and Chrysler. Exner was then also one of the judges for the show on Sunday.

There were two classes with Exner cars. One had 15 cars from 1955-1961 with all marques produced by Chrysler. The cars were arranged in a circle around a tree facing outward on one of the golf course fairways. Ropes were set up around each group of cars that prevented spectators from doing much more than looking at the front. We had run into this format at one other event and do not care for it. It certainly means a lot less risk for the cars, but restricts owner interactions with attendees and does not allow a good view of car interiors.

**Barb on wet car cover duty.**



Organizers had allowed placement of the cars on the show field Saturday afternoon to avoid congestion Sunday morning. Of course that then leads to dealing with wet car covers so it is always good to have someone on the team who can do that.



Judging was surprisingly informal with no looking in the trunk or even under the hood. There were no requests to start engines and check that all the functions on the car were in order. On the other hand, fraternization with the judges (in this case Virgil Exner, Jr.) seemed to be encouraged.

Even though the judges did not look under hoods there were some magnificently finished engine compartments. Below is one on a **1957 Chrysler 300C** that had been brought from Connecticut.



**Barbara with Virgil Exner at the St. Johns Concours**



There was a second Virgil Exner class that had 6 **Chrysler Imperials from 1957-60.**



The logistics of the event were well done with trailer parking at a school less than 2 miles from the show field. Sponsors put on a breakfast, lunch and supper for event participants. The weather was a bit threatening for Sunday but a heavy rain held off until most of us were under cover. Barbara and I had our Plymouth in the trailer with at least ten seconds to spare.

Two of the featured vehicles were the Chrysler show cars. The first was the two



passenger **1960 Plymouth XNR** (pictured above) that had once been owned by the Shaw of Iran. It was built on a modified Valiant chassis with a high performance version of the Chrysler slant-6 engine putting out 250 HP and was reportedly capable of a 150 MPH top speed. The body is steel and was fabricated by Ghia in Italy. Everything but the headlights was asymmetric.



The second show vehicle was the **1956 Chrysler Diablo.**

Its body was also fabricated by Ghia but on a Chrysler 300 chassis of 129 inch wheel base. It started life as the "Dart" but a couple of revisions turned it into the Diablo. It is an operational vehicle with a 392 cubic inch V-8 turning out 375 HP. Wind tunnel tests showed an amazingly low coefficient of drag of 0.17. Power went to the rear wheels through a Torque-Flite 3 speed transmission with push button controls.

Cecil Bozarth and Andrea Irby were supposed to join us as cheerleaders but they took a trip overseas. I hate to tell them, but they truly missed out!

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**Photos: Top Left:** T Team at Wake Forest driving after assembly.



**Top Right:** Henry Burgwyn and his Best of Show 1957 Chevy.

*Both photos courtesy of The Wake Forest Weekly.*



**Bottom Left:** Bob Gault wins Best Truck.



**Bottom Right:** Jack Johnson and his MMMMM on display at the Wake Forest Show.

*Both photos courtesy of Denny Oestreich.*