



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter News Summary

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- The **February** Triangle Chapter meeting is planned for Thursday evening, **February 20**, at the **Golden Corral** in Raleigh.
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- Red heart stopping heart throbs on the back cover.

From SnowMageddon.....



An unfortunate 1938 Ford gets left outside And no this is not Steve Cook's car (or so he says).

Upcoming Events

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

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

CHILI COOK OFF

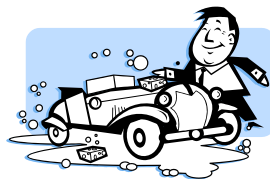
Sunday, March 9th
Stag Club at 8801
Ray Road,
Raleigh
Beginning
at 1:30pm



Program

Majestic Solutions of Raleigh.

They have a great line of specialty car appearance products that most area dealerships use. They are also a two year sponsor of our Spring show. If you want your car to look great for our spring show, come see what Majestic has to offer and start getting ready!



Steve's car in better weather going to the driver's briefing before the Iron Mike Run at the Pinehurst Concours last May.

President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

I'm sure each of you was impacted somehow by the recent winter storms. I hope that everyone is warm and well. Our lights were only off for about 10 seconds. I did suffer from a case of cabin fever and had to make a trip to Walmart on Thursday evening.

The Triangle Chapter board met on January 9, 2014 and addressed a long agenda. Some notable mentions from the meeting were:

- The Triangle Chapter is starting 2014 with 85 paid members, the same as last year.
- Our survey indicated a preference to continue to hold the meetings at Raleigh Golden Corral by a preference vote of 20 votes for Raleigh and 14 for Cary.
- Riley Reiner recommended we use purchased wood plaques instead of trophies for our show.
- Tours - Members are encouraged to participate in the NC Region 60th Anniversary Tour and Riley will plan a short tour around Wake Forest in July along with the Ice Cream Social.
- We will have a Chili Cook Off – on March 9 at the Raleigh Stag Club. Get your best Chili Recipe out.
- The board has planned seven events in 2014. Be sure to mark your calendar.
- There are seven Take-A-Part T demos in 2014. Please sign up and participate.
- The board voted to make a matching donation of \$500 to the NC Region Scholarship Fund. (Read the January/February NC Region newsletter to see if someone you know can qualify.)

On February 13-16 the International Auto Show was held at the NC State Fairgrounds. Joe Parsons and I participated by putting our cars into the Dorton Arena Classic Car display. We put the cars in on Tuesday. Because of the weather the Arena did not open until Saturday. There were good crowds on Saturday. Many people needed the classic cars to get over the sticker shock of the new cars.

I will be organizing a Take-A-Part T team going to the Benson Power (Tractor Club) Show on April 12, 2014 in Benson, NC. If you are able to come please sign up at the meeting or call me.

My car project this month is to gather all the parts needed to configure a Trico windshield washer with correct jar and hoses. The most difficult part to find is the push button to start the spray and wipers.

I hope to see you at our meeting February 20, 2014.

- Denny

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Editor's Notes - Andrea Irby

This issue is crammed with information. I had to use a smaller font to fit it all in! Of special note, we have two guest articles on members of our club. The first, is an article on Joe Parsons and his Avanti by Dave Droschak of Droschak Communications. Droschak Communications is the publication company for the Pinehurst Concours. Joe took his Studebaker Golden Hawk to inaugural Pinehurst Concours last year and has been invited back this year with his recently restored Avanti (named Robin). It's great to see three of Joe's loves all in one article: Betsy (1st of course), golf, and classic cars.

Another article is from Don Mayton, a member of the West Michigan club. He details the escapades of Dean as he creatively tries to rebuild carburetors. The ingenuity he describes is amazing.

Here at the Pond House, life is good. Rita and Grace are settling in. InCognito is demanding a release from his Durham storage prison and we have neighbors who name their cars. What more could one ask for?

There are some things I could not fit in this newsletter because of space. I will send in a separate email and repeat in the March issue. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our chapter meeting. As always, send me anything of interest for our newsletter.

- Andrea

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

Meeting Minutes 1/16/14 by Marv Gage

Introduction and welcome of new members and guests:

Tom Bordon is a new member. He has a 1958 Chevy. **Bob Lovelace** was introduced as a guest and potential new member. Bob has a Pontiac GTO. **John Labar** was also a guest. John is the AACA Continuing Judges Education Committee Chairman and will be taking part in the Region Meeting on Jan 18-19.

Remembrance Acknowledgement:

Bernie Bogdon's daughter, Carrie, passed away after a long illness. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Hospital.

Membership Report:

We currently have 82 renewals. Of the 20 members that did not renew, 9 have advised they will not renew and the other 11 have not responded to Fred's e-mails.

Fred reported on the results of the post card survey of where the Club wanted to meet. 51 post cards were returned, 41 members indicated they planned on regularly attending the meetings. Of those 41, 12 indicated they would like to see the meeting rotated semi annually or annually between Cary and Raleigh, but they would attend at either location. 18 members voted for the Raleigh location and 11 for the Cary location. There were several comments regarding the vote. One member said he would attend regularly if the meeting were in Cary since he has difficulty in getting to Raleigh after work. Another member indicated she had voted for the rotating meeting location because she thought it was a fairer approach, but would have liked the opportunity to vote for a single location if the rotating location was not accepted. As to the programs, most responders wanted to keep the programs as they were. One suggestion was to have one program each year on safety and another suggestion was one program each year for or by the women. Several commented that the after meeting program should be limited to 20 to 30 minutes. The Board will review the results of the vote at the February Board meeting and make a decision about the meeting location.

Holiday Party:

Because of the low attendance at the Holiday Party, Denny is considering another questionnaire to see what club members prefer.

New Business

The Chili Cook-off will be hosted by Jean Soehnlein at the

Stag Club on March 9. The women will paint memory boxes and the men will either work on trophies or have a tech session.

Mike Petersen is looking for assistance for the Car Show that Wake Tech will be holding on May 10. If you can help, contact Mike.

The National Model A Club is planning a 4 day meeting and tours in Cary on 9/21-24. More information on the event will be available in the future.

Program

Bob VanDewoestine made a presentation on the 2013 St. Michael's Concours in Maryland.

CALENDAR

Local:

February 20, Chapter Meeting, Golden Coral, Raleigh NC 6pm Dinner, 7pm meeting and program.

March 9. Chili Cook-off. Stag Club Raleigh, NC

April 26, Triangle Chapter Spring Show, Historic Oak View, Raleigh, NC. GET READY!

Regional:

April 27-29. 60th Anniversary Tour, AACA. Wilmington, NC

National:

April 3-5 Southeastern Regional Meet. Hornet's Nest Region, Charlotte NC 704-841-1396.

Concours:

Amelia Island. March 6-9. Event Schedule is listed here: <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/event-schedule.aspx>

Pinehurst. May 2-4. Get your tickets now. Several members are entered. Go see: <http://pinehurstconcours.com>

**A Participant's Perspective:
The Pinehurst Concours D'Elegance
By David Droschak**

The Pinehurst Concours captured the attention and interest of antique auto hobbyists with some innovative twists to its inaugural event, including a digital scoring system for judges and Pinehurst caddies decked out in white bibs leading "The Best" to their trophy presentations.

For Joe Parsons of Raleigh, N.C., the May 2013 auto showcase was an opportunity to compete in a stunning, award-winning golf resort location close to home. And winning the Donald Ross Award for second place in the Production Postwar Class was certainly cool. But it was the hour drive he took with his 1958 Studebaker Golden Hawk with fellow entrants to Fort Bragg for a day of rubbing shoulders with some of the nation's soldiers that hit home

Joe and a US Soldier head out on the Iron Mike Run with the Golden Hawk.

Photo by Andrea Irby



Parsons, 73, who served two years in the Army in the mid 1960s, didn't know what to expect when he signed up for the Iron Mike Rally, which was staged on the Friday before the Pinehurst Concours, with participants receiving an additional point in the official Sunday judging.

The caravan of approximately 50 vintage show cars lined up on Carolina Vista Drive with historic Pinehurst

Resort as the crisp morning backdrop.



The Iron Mike Line up.

Photo by Andrea Irby

The trip to Fort Bragg began with a jaunt through the quaint Village of Pinehurst with waving fans lining the streets, through Southern Pines and then weaving into the North Carolina countryside before arriving at the expansive base, home of the prestigious 82nd Airborne Division.

The cars slowly circled past Iron Mike, a 15-foot statue dedicated to the airborne trooper who is always "watching, waiting and alert," and the post's most prominent symbol since 1961, and then one-by-one filed onto the grass field. Nine Wounded Warriors rode along with entrants from Pinehurst to the base, and there was even a Soldier's Choice Award presented Sunday to the most popular car as voted on by the soldiers.

After a ceremony and lunch with military officials, Parsons and car owners spent the day with soldiers and their families, who were free to roam unencumbered from classic auto to classic auto for a "sneak peak" of some of the Pinehurst Concours cars.

Don Winstead talks to Wounded Warriors on Carolina Vista drive.

Photo by Andrea Irby



Parsons was so moved by his Fort Bragg experience that upon returning to Raleigh he signed up as a volunteer for the USO, working at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, which is just five minutes from his home.

"As a result of the Iron Mike Rally last year I really felt the need to do something for the servicemen," Parsons said. "I feel it is rewarding, especially after the Wounded Warrior experience. Being involved in the relationship with Fort Bragg is just a distinct honor. All of the Concours have charities but I don't see anything that can come close to what the Pinehurst Concours does for the military."

"It's not necessarily all about the cars, it's about the people," added Brian Barr, director of competition for the Pinehurst Concours. "That was my thought when Joe told me how the Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance moved him to give back to the military community. Joe, and others like him, are the custodians of fabulous cars and enjoy sharing their passion and stories. Cars are the "vehicle" in which we connect to people. Far more than transportation, the automobile is an integral part of people's lives and memories. You often hear stories on the Concours field about how a particular car captured a moment in a person's life. It empowers people and gives you freedom. It is great that Joe took his passion

to the next level and was inspired to work for the USO.”

Parsons is set to return to the Pinehurst Concours on May 4, 2014, this time showing off his recently restored 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-2 Supercharged.

Parsons spent countless hours over the years restoring the Avanti with 99 percent original stock, a car he purchased after seeing an ad for its sale in a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper in 1975. It's a car Parsons' father, who owned a dealership before suffering a fatal heart attack in 1963, had vowed to own one day. So, Parsons' affection for the Avanti has a touching story to go along with its sleek beauty – the Pinehurst Concours being only the car's second showing following the Hilton Head Concours last year.



Joe Parson's 1963 R-2 4 Speed Avanti. Looking perfect.
Photo by David Droschak

“The other fun part besides the judging is the public; when the public comes by the cars and you are standing there because I love to talk about the car,” Parsons said. “I usually go back hoarse at the end of the day. The questions they ask are great. And a lot of people don't know that much about an Avanti, the fact that it is fiberglass, and that beautifully sculptured body is the result of 129 fiberglass components riveted and glued together to make that body. Most people will ask if it's a foreign car, and then they ask ‘Who is Studebaker?’ The gray-haired and bald guys know what I'm talking about. For the young generation it's a learning experience for them.”

Parsons has transported the Hawk more than 5,000 miles to various Concours over the years, and he recently hopped into the Avanti with wife Betsy for the 120-mile round trip to Pinehurst Resort to be included in a promotional photo shoot for the upcoming May event. Parsons enjoyed driving the Avanti across the grass fairways of Pinehurst, and around the practice green while golfers were putting and chipping next to the iconic statue of the Putter Boy.

“That's the first time she sat in that car since 1975 and she said, ‘This is fun,’” Parsons said of his wife. “That's the longest it has ever been driven. It was fun.”

The fast and unique Avanti, with its numerous speed records in hand, and its metallic turquoise color, is expected to be one of the favorites at Pinehurst. It's also a show stopper driving down the road.

“If I pull in a gas station with all the cell phones out there now it is pictures, pictures, pictures,” Parsons said. “Driving down the road you can always tell when somebody comes up and instead of passing you they sort of ride next to you and I will look over and somebody is taking pictures. When I took it to Pinehurst I stopped at a gas station and an older gentleman came out and said, ‘What is it? He asked me all about it. He asked, ‘Can I take a picture of it? I said, ‘You sure can, you want to sit in it?’ I have a Lexus but nobody asks me if they can take a picture of my Lexus. They could care less. But driving an Avanti or a Studebaker Hawk, yeah, it's a lot of fun. I get a lot of self satisfaction having restored the car ... and to talk to people about the car and its history is very fulfilling.”

Parsons assembled the transmission, brakes, gas tank, chrome, trim and the interior, along with painting and detailing the engine compartment in the Avanti, getting his hands dirty as his dream car came to life. Once completed, he asked a Concours judge for some help improving its show status.

“He said, ‘Well, take the car and out it in your driveway and open the hood, the doors and the trunk, and do that at 9 o'clock in the morning; and you walk around with a tablet and look for things and write it down,’” Parsons said. “I'm thinking this is silly. He then told me to go back around 1 o'clock and walk around again, and then at 4 o'clock the same thing. The first time I did that I must have had 18 items that I had overlooked because of the way the sun hits things, etc. It was a good tip. I have done that over and over again, so I think I've got every little item down.”



Judging the Hawk at the 2013 Pinehurst Concours.
Photo: Andrea Irby

That doesn't mean Parsons won't have butterflies on May 4 as the judges walk around the fairways of Pinehurst Resort, looking for a winner in each of the 11 classes.

"Everybody has a beautiful car. You absolutely size everybody up. You walk down through there and you look at this guy and you say, 'Oh no, this guy's car really looks good,'" Parsons said. "That comes with the territory. You have to remember that it is judgmental. You hope there is something about your car that the judges really like.

"All the Concours are pretty much similar when you are waiting to see who the winner is, the judges come around and put a ribbon on the car," Parsons added. "But at Pinehurst the interesting thing is the caddies are dressed up and come around in their white bibs in a golf cart, so you are not looking for a ribbon. When they stop in front of your car your heart is beating. With the Hawk they came over and said 'Parsons, you are on the tee, follow me.' That was a great feeling. Then I got to follow the golf cart up through the golf course to the award stand. Now that's a great moment in an iconic setting that I'll never forget."



"Mr. Parsons, (here's hoping) "You're on the Tee" again May 2014. Photo by John Gessner.

To learn more about the Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance log on to www.pinehurstconcours.com.

Buick 56X Carburetor Restoration by Don Mayton

While the volunteers in cold Michigan are working on the Buick 56X restoration, down in balmy North Carolina, Dean Tryon is restoring four YH Carter side draft carburetors. He has put together a process for doing this which he has passed the first of four carburetors through.

- 1) Inspect to determine what needs to be done.
- 2) Thoroughly clean the carburetor.
- 3) Disassemble and inspect components.

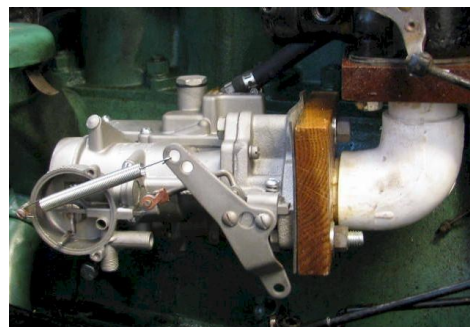
- 4) Replace parts if necessary.
- 5) Assemble.
- 6) Paint.
- 7) Test by running on an engine.

When Dean rebuilt the carburetor for the Futurliner he went through this same process. When it came to the last step he checked his 1959 Buick and discovered that the bolt hole location of the Futurliner's carburetor was identical to a 1959 Buick carb's location. He mounted the Futurliner carburetor on his '59 Buick and that is how he did the test operation.

One thing Dean discovered during the inspection process was that I had sent him two YH Carter's with automatic chokes and two carburetors with manual chokes. After talking to another club member, we made an exchange and sent Dean two more YH Carters with the automatic choke operation which the 1954 Wildcat engine used.

To test each of the four choke springs and to make sure they operated at the same temperature, Dean took the springs to Les' kitchen, put them in the oven, and they all operated at about 250 F.

The next step was to install each carburetor on a vehicle to see if one of the rebuilds actually worked.



The only car that Dean had that might work was his 1929 Buick with an up draft Marvel carburetor. There was no way they would bolt on so Dean decided to build a very inexpensive intake manifold out of wood and a PVC plumbing elbow. He told me about his idea and the only thing I could think of was Dean as a crazy scientist.



A few days before Christmas, Dean called. I could hear a lot of noise over the phone and finally figured it was an engine running. I could tell it was not a V-8 and

asked what was running and Dean said he was testing the first carburetor on his 1929 Buick!

Yes, the mad scientist was at work!! Dean sent the photos you see in this article along with the following comment.



"Here are 2 photos of the installation today. I got it to fire up and run briefly but I needed Les' to crank it while I worked the choke and throttle manually. I had it running twice."

But it proves Dean's idea for testing MIGHT not be hair-brained after all. We'll see. The situation is that we do not know whether these carbs worked in 1956 on this engine without recalibration.

While carburetor adaptors (usually sold in kit form) are not unusual, Dean's approach certainly was. Adaptors range from \$20 to over \$250 but these are meant to be permanent. Dean only needed to "try it" to see if it would meter fuel or not. Making the adaptor kit from wood and plastic materials one would find in the wood shop and plumbing box was, without a doubt, quite novel. One can only help but wonder if this is typical of the way engineer's think or this is old school thinking?

Sunday, March 9

THE CHILI COOK-OFF !!

Stag Club 8801 Ray Road,
Raleigh, NC
1:30-4:30pm



It's that time of year again!

Get out the crock pots and family recipes for Chili and cook up a batch for our annual Chili Cook-off. Also, bring something made from cornmeal, such as; cornbread. Prizes will be awarded for the Hottest Chili, Best Chili, and Best Cornbread. Drinks will be provided. We will eat first around 2:00 PM then award prizes.

Following lunch, we will have a work activity: the men will put together the award plaques for our car show and the

women will paint Memory Boxes. The boxes will be presented to WakeMed mothers who lose their baby at birth or shortly thereafter.

The Stag Club is located at 8801 Ray Road, Raleigh. From Crabtree Valley Mall, take NC-50 north (Creedmoor Road) two miles and turn left onto Lynn Road. Go approximately a half mile and turn right onto Ray Road. The entrance to the Stag Club is 2.3 miles north on the left. There will be an AACA sign at the entrance.

This is a fun event that I am happy to host again. Mike & I hosted this event since I can't remember when – more than 20 years ago and I plan to continue. So dig out those old recipes or come up with a new one and bring the crock pot to the Stag Club on Sunday, March 9th!

- **Jean Soehnlein**

The Take-A-Part T Tour -2014 By Riley Reiner

The Take-A-Part T is quite the crowd pleaser. At this writing, the Chapter has 7 shows planned. We need volunteers to join in the fun. The schedule is as follows:

April 12 Benson Antique Classic Power (Antique Farm Equipment) needs a tow vehicle, eight "line" workers and a "shop boss"

April 26 Raleigh chapter show at Oak View

May 17 Cary Wheels on Academy needs a tow vehicle, eight "line workers" and a "shop boss"

June 14 Wake Forest Charity Car Show

August 16 and 17 Classics at the Capital Air Conditioned in August, it couldn't get much better. We would like to do two shows on Saturday and one on Sunday.

October 4 Heritage Days at Oak View

October TBD Percy Flowers Display needs tow vehicle, "eight line" workers and a "shop boss"

I appreciate all those members who continue to support our demonstrations for the enjoyment of the children and the general public. If you have never participated, we will supply training and a free hat. You must have a chapter shirt or purchase one from Fred Harley. Please contact Denny or me with possible dates you can help. As with previous years, we are not offering a signing bonus; however, you do get to be the center of attention for six, seven or eight minutes at each show.

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**Red Heart
Throbs.**

Top Left:
“Ronda”,
Ron Sieber’s
1965
Fastback
Mustang



Top Right:
Pat
Gaglione’s
Buick Reatta.



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Rick
Gossin’s
1938 Chevy



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Craig’s 1965
Mustang.