



Triangle Chapter News

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Welcome New Members!

Glenn and Kris Abbey

Tom and Sarah Frances Borden

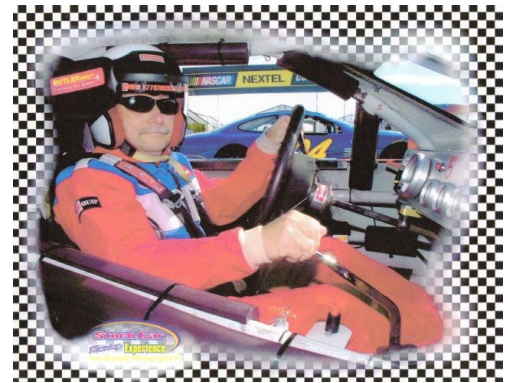
Roland and Valerie Dimuro

Roland & Claire Kelloch,

John & Betty Graham.

- The March Triangle Chapter meeting is planned for Thursday evening, **March 20**, at the **Golden Corral** in Raleigh.
- See President Denny Oestreich's message, **page 2**.
- Check out the Calendar on **page 3**.
- Read the Meeting Minutes and special requests on page 4.
- Eat your way through the Chili Cook Off on **page 5**.
- Experience the St. Michael's Concours if you missed the earlier presentation on **page 6**.
- Outrageous hood ornaments at Amelia Island are on the back cover.

Some members lead double lives...



Mike Petersen trades his judge's jacket for race car driving.

Photo: Joe Parsons

Upcoming Events

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

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

Program

Oh Yes! It's Ladies Night.

Women of the club will share stories about their early cars. Find out about the first cars they drove, the first cars they owned, and those with special memories. Guys, you will see why you are not the only ones who love antique automobiles.

Editor's challenge: wear something from the era of one of your cars.



Mike working quietly incognito at the Chili Cook off assembling trophies. But thanks to Joe the secret is out!



President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

Greetings all!

I am adjusting to our new spring weather which is freezing one day and shirt sleeves the next. I hope your spring has sprung and you have completed at least one car project.

I have completed the first round of changes to the NC Region web-site. There are many Region activities that look interesting for our Chapter members. Have a look when you get a chance: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>. I have also updated our web-site. Don't forget to check it out also: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>. If you have pictures or information to contribute to the web site please let me know.

The Chili Cook-off was a great event this year. We had a turnout of 32 members for the chili lunch, memory box painting, and trophy work. Thanks to everyone who brought chili, cornbread, or desserts. The samples I had were terrific. There were even five antique cars to see. The chili contest was strong this year with Peggy Barnes winning best cornbread, Andrea Irby winning hottest chili, and my recipe was voted best chili. My special chili con-carne came through again. I saw several members enjoying great desserts. Special thanks to **Jean Soehnlein** for organizing the event and **Bob Safrit** for arranging the use of the Stag Club. One good thing for me was the red 57 Chevy drove over and back with no incidents.

Planning for our car show is coming along well. Joe has started advertising the show and selling sponsorships. If you know of a sponsor or can be one yourself, contact Joe. Remember to invite other car owners to bring their vehicles to our show. Riley has the car show plaques well in hand. 80 plaques were assembled at the chili cook-off.

My car project this month is working on the red'57 interior. I had no interior to show at the chili cook-off. However, the plan is to finish it in 30 days with some professional help.

I hope to see you at our next meeting where the women will discuss their early experiences with learning to drive cars, wedding cars and first cars owned.

- Denny

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Editor's Notes - Andrea Irby

Where the spring weather went that Denny was talking about, I don't know. It seems winter is never going to be over! Maybe that just gives us more time to work on our "inside" projects. Whatever you are working on, make sure you are getting those cars ready. Once the weather gets better, there is something gong on every weekend. My project is getting the convertible out, running and moved to a new storage unit.

There are lots of special notices in this issue. Please make sure to head **Marci Allen's call for platelet donations** for the American Red Cross and **Glenn Abbey's request for cover**.

As for me, I am looking forward to **LADIES' NIGHT**. I plan to wear my Christmas present from New Orleans. It matches one of the cars I will be showing. I encourage everyone to wear something relative to your car whether you are presenting or not. Be there or BE SQUARE- how's that for retro slang?!

-Andrea

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

CALENDAR



April:

April 3-6. AACA National Spring Meet, Charlotte NC. [An Information Brochure is available.](#)
[Registration information is also available.](#)

April 12, Take A-Part T demonstrations at **Classic Power Group Show, Benson.** (Show is based around Antique Farm Machinery).

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/nceg60thanntourev.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](#) 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 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 “Mad Hatter Garden Party”. Car display and two Take-A-Part T demonstrations. See enclosed flyer.

Meeting Minutes By Dean Tryon

Information only:

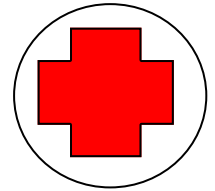
1. Fred Harley reported that membership is at 87, typical for this time of year.
2. New members recently include: **Roland & Claire Kelloch, John & Betty Graham.**
3. There are 7 Take-A-Part T shows planned this year. The demos are getting very popular.
4. Trophies this year will be wood plaques with photos. There is too little time to make ones as we have in previous years.
5. **Dean** raised the question about how many e-mail the members desire. A separate note will be sent and an additional group can be established for less info if members desire.
6. The vote on where to meet was 20 to 14 in favor of the Glenwood site from the questionnaire sent to all members. So for the rest of 2014, we will stay here and revisit it later. Hopefully a good central location will emerge.
7. **Dan and Jean Fuccella** made a presentation at the AACA Annual meeting in Philadelphia recently on their western trip in their **1950 Willys Jeepster.**
8. Next month's program (3/20) will have a discussion by several of the women in the club about their first car and memories. Joe Parsons is making the PowerPoint slides,
9. The discussion was done by **Majestic Solutions**, one of our regular show sponsors. Ray Evans Store Mgr. discussed their wide range of cleaning, polishing, detailing products all made here in NC. They have stores in Raleigh (101 Corporate Dr) and Charlotte and [a webpage](#) where you can send a detailed question. Or just call them at **919-212-1150**. They are very helpful and want to make sure you get the right product to meet your needs.

URGENT Need for Platelets. Can you Help? By Marci Allen

The **Triangle American Red Cross** is looking for new platelet donors. Platelets are used for leukemia patients, transplants, and chemotherapy patients. Many of you know people who need or who have needed platelets. The shelf life for platelets is only 5 days. The donation center is located at the fixed site American Red Cross, Durham, at 4737 University Drive. We are open the following days and times:

Center Hours

Mon.	11:30-5:00
Tues.	8-1:30
Wed.	7:30-1:00
Thurs .	closed
Fri.	7:30-1:00
Sat.	7:00-1:00
Sun.	7:00-1:00



The process takes 2-2.5 hours and donors can pick out a movie to watch while donating. If you would like more information or wish to make an appointment for donating, please **contact Marci Allen**, platelet recruiter at or **919- 452-2043 (cell)** or **919-493-3551 ext.409.** or email me:

Marci.Allen@redcross.org

Feel check out the flyer attached to this email for more details. Thank you for considering this life saving donation!

Still in Need of Cover

Glenn Abbey is still looking for garage space for his car—a 1961 Sabra pick up truck. . Seeking garage space to rent, preferably in an area where it would be safe to go out for a spin every now & then. Vehicle exterior dimensions: 13' 4" long, 5' 7" wide, 5' 1" high. Call Glenn if you have any suggestions: **919-790-9302**



Chili Cook Off By Andrea Irby



Denny has already shared some of the detail of the Chili Cook off in his President's Column so I will take this opportunity to elaborate and share some pictures.

We had a great turn out and even better, we had great fun. Unlike everyone else, I made my chili just ahead of the party, not the day before. I am surprised I won Best Spicy Chili (really stiff competition, I was the only one in the category) but at least I didn't win "Least Cooked". Must have been good enough. My step son consumed two bowls at home while we were at the event.

Everyone had a great time eating and talking. Other awards went to **Denny Oestreich**, our fearless leader, for a second year in a row for Best Chili and to **Peggy Barnes** for Best Cornbread. The competition is closing in on Peggy, however, after years of landslides. This year, she only won by one point. Still yummy all the way around. Finally, there was a call to add a dessert category with a resounding unofficial vote that **Marci Allen's** trifle would have taken the cake...well, sort of cake.



After lunch and awards, we got to work. **Les Tryon** gave us a painting lesson and we painted memory boxes to be given to mom's who lose their babies at birth or shortly thereafter. It means a great deal to them to be able to take home keepsakes and remembrances of their child in a pretty box.

The men worked hard on making plaques for our trophy. The streamlined effort is both cost and time effective and should be a nice change for recipients of the awards.



Making a mess and having a great time assembling the plaques.

But the best part was seeing the cars. Among them, **Rick Gossin** brought his new **1970 Skylark** (YES!!- Editor bias) **GS 455**. "The Beast" is pictured below.



It has a rare three speed manual transmission and the interior is truly pristine.

Denny brought his **1957 Red Chevy**, which is looking mighty snappy. I had never seen it out on the road before. What a nice surprise.



Many thanks to all who came. (Dan Morton was excused this year but only because he went to Amelia Island and sent back pictures)

St. Michaels Concours

Photos and Story By Rob VanDewoestine

The town of St. Michaels is on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay in an area that has long been a center of the oyster and fishing industries. It is now more a center for tourism and has an excellent Maritime Museum (<http://www.cbmm.org/>) that was the site of the Concours last year.

The Concours at St. Michaels is in its seventh year. To improve logistics, the event was moved 20 miles south to the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD. Like other events of this nature, it is a fundraiser for the Mid-Shore Community Foundation.

There was a sponsored welcome reception Friday evening and then a tour into the attractions in St. Michaels on Saturday. About half the cars in the show participated in the tour and it was an excellent opportunity to see some classic vehicles in motion. Most of the participants were from Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey, but a unique Allard J2X was entered from Chicago. The Allards were British sports cars that were fitted with American V-8 engines. Fewer than 100 of this model were made and this 1950 model (*pictured right*) is the only one with full front fenders. It has a Cadillac 331 cubic inch engine as in many of the originals. When new it was used as an automotive technology test bed by The Battelle Institute but then left to rust until saved last year.



There was a fundraising dinner and auction Saturday evening. The auction was a lot of the usual types of things with one exception. There were 4 VIP tickets to the Tonight Show and then a tour of Jay Leno's garage. Jay does not conduct the tour himself but is usually around to greet the people who have bought the tickets.

The Concours was held on a beautiful Sunday morning on the 18th fairway of the golf course right next to the hotel. Trailer parking was about a half mile away. The number of cars was rather small, being limited to 48 vehicles. The organizers kept the field small for the first

event in the new venue to make sure that the logistics did not become a problem.



The cars (*pictured above*) were arranged facing each other in an arc on the airway. There was enough sun to make the cool breeze coming off the Bay welcome in the afternoon.

Just as accessories can make the woman, they can also add a great deal to a classic car. Pictured right is a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL with fitted luggage. Using every cubic inch of trunk space made this Mercedes actually practical for touring.



A large group of "woodies" was assembled for the show. This 1948 Chrysler Town and Country (*pictured below*) is an example of the quality of



the original construction and a very good restoration complete with a "Highlander" interior.

There was a good representation of European cars with several Jaguars, Mercedes and Rolls-Royces. The Rolls-Royce foundation had brought an unrestored chassis so that the complicated running gear could be seen easily.

A restored example (*pictured below*) of a Rolls was a 1936 Phantom III Drophead Coupe. It has a 7.3 liter 12-cylinder engine producing a very conservative 160 horsepower. It was brought to



the US in 1956 and given a preservation restoration in 2010. It was bodied by Freestone & Webb in 1936 and has the spare tire mounted on the trunk rather than the more conventional side mount.

The cars were on the show field by 9:00 Sunday morning and the judging started promptly at 9:30. There were 7 teams of 2 judges so that judging was finished by 10:30 and entrants could relax and look at other cars. The logistics of this event were conducted very well and right on schedule. The sponsors provided two breakfasts and then lunch and a supper on Sunday.

The awards ceremony started promptly at 3:00 with the first and second place cars in each class driving up the fairway to receive their awards. The two winners in our class were a Cord 1930 L-29 convertible and a 1931 Franklin 151 convertible. Barbara and I were sitting in our car enjoying the day, watching the winners drive by and getting ready to drive back to our trailer when one of the officials came up and asked me to start the engine. When I asked why, he was a little vague. We found out about a minute later that our Cord was announced as the winner of the **Best of Show** award! We had our pictures taken with the Bay in the background and received a very classy cast aluminum trophy fabricated by one of the show's organizers.



Above, Barb, Rob and "Amelia" a 1936 Cord Phaeton win Best of Show at St. Michaels!
Photo courtesy of KCV Automotive Photography and Collage Services

Below: The pretty trophy.



Email Survey Results **By Dean Tryon**

My concern that the information we are sending out to all members might be excessive. My concern proved to be unfounded it turns out. We do limit it before you see it to try to assure it is important to you and to the Chapter. My distribution list has 85 member families (only 3 members do not have e-mail) and a total of 98 including spouses. Of the 33 replies, 31 were in favor of exactly what we do currently. One member requested more info on wedding cars and nearby shows and one member preferred less information. So we'll continue what we are doing. You can always hit "delete" if you do not need it. Thanks for your replies.

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**Outrageous Hood
Ornaments from
Amelia Island.**

*Photos courtesy of Dan
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