



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter News Summary

Welcome New Members

**Bob and Bonda
Fuhrman of Wake
Forest, NC.**
Owners of a 1963 Mercury
Monterey S-55



Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. September 18, Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Ave. RALEIGH.**

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

Updated Website Addresses.

Regional:
www.ncregionaaca.org

Our local chapter:
<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>



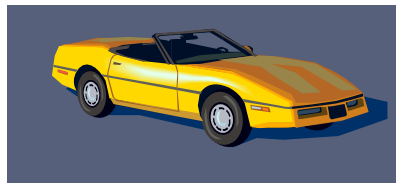
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Lots of car adventures have filled our summer. Take a look through the following pages to see what you might have missed.

- See President Denny Oestreich's message, page 2.
- Check out the Calendar on page 3.
- Be classy with Classics at the Capital on page 4.
- Picnic with friends and cars on page 5.
- Roll along with Mike Petersen on page 6.
- Travel with the Fuccellas on page 7.
- More pictures from the Watermelon Social are 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.



On the Road Again!



The Jeep Willys is taking Dan and Jean Fuccella through the Adirondacks on their way to the Sentimental Tour.



A Stewball successor? A friend of the editor is getting her bug ready to roll. Membership forms will be sent.)

President's Message

By Denny Oestreich

It's September already. Only 100 days until Christmas and I haven't gotten my favorite car parts catalogs with the parts I need underlined and the page ears turned over. It's going to become busy.

I attended the USO Car show in Cary on September 13, 2014. Mother nature and her rain dampened attendance at the show. I arrived at 10:45 and due to the threat of rain they gave out trophies at 12:30. I did not win a trophy, but I did enjoy the drive to and from the show. I came very close to needing windshield wipers. Do your wipers work?

The fall car show season is upon us. There are several events you should be planning to attend. The first event is our first regular fall meetings on Thursday night September 18, 2014; Dinner at 6 PM; Meeting at 7 PM and Program at 7:30. The program will be a presentation about the Corvettes lost and recovered from the sink hole at the Corvette museum in Kentucky earlier this year.

There are some other events that should be on your calendar. Be sure to stock up on parts for winter by attending the Charlotte Auto fair, September 18-21 or Hershey, October 8-11. I will try to sell some parts at Charlotte, so stop by to see me. Additionally, you could attend the Sandhills car show on September 27, 2014. The NC Region Meet at Spencer on October 14, 2014 is a good show to earn your Red Bird.

We have three Triangle fall events planned and we welcome your participation. We will discuss these events at our September 18 meeting. The first event will be a car display on Heritage Day at Oak View Park on October 4, 2014. The second is the Take-A-Part T demonstration at Tommy Fitzgerald's event on October 18, 2014. We will need T-Team Members and someone to coordinate the Take-A-Part transportation for this event. The last event is our Chick-Fil-A car display on November 15. Mark your calendars.

There have a request to help the Wakefield High School Choral group organize a car show on October 10. They mostly need judges and cars. I will provide

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- PresidentDenny Oestreich (919-846-8143)
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a flyer and we can discuss their request and if we can support them at the meeting.

I hope to see you at the September 18 meeting.

Regards,

Denny

Editor's message: There is lots going on in this issue. The Fuccella's are off on another adventure (p. 7) and we've been up to adventures of our own. Many had a great time at Classics at the Capital, where we saw our friend and former member Bob Monkovich and his 1963 Chrysler Imperial. Cecil and I had a blast hosting the Watermelon Social (p.5) where neighbors took an interest in our activities and club. Another tale of automobile antics can be found on page 6, as Mike Petersen tells us about "Things that Go Bump in the Night". And while not Halloween related, it is equally terrifying.

I look forward to seeing what you have been up to lately. Send me your submissions for the October issue by October 5. I am extending the usual 1st of the month deadline to allow for a story from Historic Oak View, but the sooner, the better. Finally, let me know if you are going to Hershey (*might be easier to ask who isn't!*) Cheers! **Andrea**

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER:

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 18-21 Charlotte Auto Fair. Car Display and Flea Market. Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord NC.

September 20. Yates Mill Pond Fall Harvest Celebration. Raleigh NC 10am-3pm. Display your antique car. No judging, just fun.

September 27. Sandhills Car Show. Pinehurst NC. Held at the Arboretum,. Contact John Deuster, 910-673-1944. Email: 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. 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.

October 18. Regional Fall Meet, NC Transportation Museum, Spencer NC. This is a great time to compete for your Red Bird award.

The Registration Flyer can be found here: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/14fallmeet.pdf>



October 18. 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.

October 25. SAVE THE DATE. The Russells are having a **BABY NAMING PARTY** for their new four wheeled baby. I have seen a picture and SHE's gorgeous. As Ann and Dan send me details, I will pass them on.

November:

November 15. Chick-fil –A car display. North Raleigh. More details to come.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Do you like the water? What about Golf? What if you could live within two miles of a great car event?

680 Lake Forest Drive SE in Pinehurst is for sale. The house belongs to Alice Irby, mother of the editor. For those of you who have been to the house, you know it can be a fun place to hang out. The garage is limited to two cars, but the house is close to golf courses where great events, including the Pinehurst Concours D'Elegance, take place.



Pinehurst Club membership transfers with the sale of the house. If you click on the picture, you can see the full listing from Realtor.com. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Andrea: 919-815-1355 or andrea_irby@earthlink.net. Retire, relax and enjoy the peaceful views.

Classics at the Capital



Once again, "Ugly Betty", our beloved Take-A-Part T, wowed the crowds over three shows: two on Saturday and one on Sunday. The team really stepped up to the plate, bringing in our best time ever at **5 minutes and 30 seconds**. Many members and friends brought cars, including



A thoughtful and complicated woman: it takes the entire T team to figure out what is bothering "Ugly Betty".

Bob Gault, Joe Parsons, Jack Johnson, and Robert Monkovich.

Ugly Betty was glad that "Ugly Fred" did not return this year. He really isn't her type. She prefers that cute little antique fire engine from Pinehurst.



Bob Gault and Joe Parsons brought home Sweet 16 awards. Bob, for his **1961 Ford F150 Truck** (which has been picking up ribbons all over the place this summer), and Joe Parsons for

Bob Gault's Truck above and Joe Parsons Goldenhawk on the right.



his 1963 Avanti ("Robin"). **Joe** also took home the **Best of Show Stock** award for "**Barney**", his **1958 Studebaker Goldenhawk**.



Geico helped sponsor the show and the Geico Gecko took his own picture with the T. (left)

Riley Reiner (right) tells a young admirer about the T.



Jack Johnson's Ford glistens under the bright lights.

Everyone had a great time and our club helped make this show a success. Proceeds from the show benefit the Foundation of Hope for Research and Treatment of Mental Illness. A great show for a great cause.

Top photo: Dan Morton; all others: Jean Soehnlein



Watermelon and Cars By Andrea Irby

Photos by Jean Soehnlein, John Griggs and
Andrea Irby

A not too hot summer's day brought members and their cars to "The Pond House" for a picnic lunch and watermelon. Almost 50 people dined on chicken, barbecue, slaw, salads and more.

The cars lined up in front of the house and there were so many Model T's that we thought we should make it a show and give them their own class

New members **Bob and Bonda Fuhrman** brought their HPOF **Mercury Monterey** while other members brought cars I had never seen. **Dean and Les Tryon** brought their **1959 Buick** (pictured below)



Three of four model Ts displayed on the driveway.....ready for judging? Photo by Jean.



and **Peggy Floyd** brought her **Thunderbird**.

Joel Hoffmann saluted us with his **military jeep** and **Jean Soehnlein**

delighted us with "Moose" her **1989 Mercedes** along with others.

Peggy Floyd's Thunderbird.
Photo by Andrea



Joel Hoffmann shows his Military Jeep to a neighbor.
Photo by Andrea

Neighbors also joined in to marvel at the cars. John, our neighbor across the street, used to watch his father restore cars. He took over 80 pictures of our event. Audrey, a high school senior who loves cars and has a Mustang she plans to take care of until it is of AACA age, came to view the cars with her dad. Even "Raleigh" the neighbor's Labrador Retriever (pictured right with **Dean Tryon and Fred Harley**) hung out in the back yard and listened to the car talk.



Lunch is Served
by John Griggs.

Everyone enjoyed the cars so much that it was hard to get folks to come in for food. At least we have our priorities straight!

We had a great time and were glad to break in our new home with so many friends and their "four wheelers". Cecil and I already looking forward to hosting a future event. Cecil hopes it is a new garage planning party.



Things that Go Bump in the Night

By Mike Petersen

I was preparing to go to a meet and was behind schedule. It was late at night and I had parked my '55 Dodge in my driveway and was changing the oil in my wife's car since we were taking both vehicles to the meet. As I worked on the oil change I heard horrific "CRASH, BANG, CRUNCH, SMASH" sounds emanating from my neighbor's driveway across the street. I thought to myself "Gee, that sounds like someone's car getting smashed up" and continued with the oil change. A few minutes later my wife came into the garage and asked "Mike, where is the '55 Dodge?". I looked out into my driveway and the '55 Dodge was no where to be seen.

I had neglected to set the parking brake on my '55 Dodge. My driveway slopes very gradually to the street. Across the street the neighbor's lot slopes steeply downward - so steeply that the neighbor's driveway that curves from the street into the side of their house required a 4 foot retaining wall. The lot continued to drop away from the driveway with another retaining wall on the other side.

Examination of the tracks in the neighbor's lawn told the tale. My '55 Dodge rolled backwards, albeit at a snail's pace, out of my driveway, across the street, between two parked cars, and then on down the neighbor's front yard. At this point the car picked up considerable speed.

It just so happened that the wheels were turned slightly to the left because my driveway, like the neighbor's, comes out of the side of my house and curves to meet the street. My car went down the lawn backwards in an arc and headed back up to the street. It almost made it back up to the street. Now the car is facing forwards and once again rolls down the lawn, picking up speed, and heading for the 4 foot drop at the retaining wall.

The retaining wall was made out of railroad ties and someone had the foresight to install a stairway constructed of railway ties that led down to the driveway. My car elected to take the stairs (and in so doing take out the stairs) on its journey down to the driveway.

It was such a tight squeeze that the retaining wall scraped the left and right sides of the car as it passed.

The '55 Dodge ploughed into the driveway where it lost enough kinetic energy so that rather than launch itself off the retaining wall on the other side of the driveway, it hung up on the frame with the front wheels dangling over the embankment.

I called a tow truck and had the '55 Dodge pulled back onto terra firma. As I paid the tow truck driver I remarked "I was really lucky the car did not continue on over the edge. Do you see these things turn out like this very often?" The tow truck driver said "Yep, all of the time."

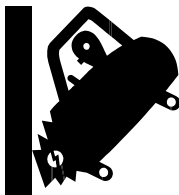
By now it is midnight and I am still hopeful of making the meet. The front sway bar brackets were bent where they hit the driveway and the fuel tank had sustained a dent. All sorts of dirt, extraneous nuts, bolts, and other crud collected over the years had been shaken loose and lay on the floor of the car. I took the car out for a drive and gradually got it up to 80 mph under the theory that if anything mechanical was wrong I would surely hear and/or feel it. The car performed flawlessly.



Back in my garage I compounded out the sides of the car and waxed it. I went to bed around 3 AM, got up a few hours later, worked a full day, and then drove 550 miles to the meet. A magazine photographer at the meet took pictures of my car and they were published in a magazine.



Mike's L'il Darlin' looking pretty



On the Road Again

By Dan and Jean Fuccella

Hard to believe, but it is 9-3-14 and here we are in Bar Harbor, Maine adjacent to Acadia National Park. We arrived mid afternoon after spending last evening in the town of Bethel in western Maine. The prior day, 9-2-14, we traveled from Ticonderoga, NY, through Vermont and New Hampshire to Bethel. That leg was generally uneventful with a good serving of two-lane country driving. It did get a little exciting when our backcountry route took us up and over 3,600 ft. Stark Mountain in the Green Mountains in western Vermont. You would think that after navigating 11,000 ft. Wolf Creek Pass on western trek, a mere 3,600 ft. hill would not represent a challenge. Two factors are more important than the gross elevation when determining the severity of a hill traverse; the starting elevation and the rate of change of elevation. Several of the western passes start out at several thousand feet above sea level and owing to the immensity of the mountain ranges, the approaches to the summits are long, but reasonably gradual.

Route 17 up Stark Mountain, on the other hand, starts out at near sea level and mounts the summit in a very short distance. So, it went something like this; start out in overdrive in 3rd gear at 55mph, then as the grade steepened, straight 3rd gear down to 35mph, then second gear down to 15mph, and yup down to 5mph in first gear for the last ¼ mile. A bit tense since 1st gear is as low as we have and any hiccup in the engine would probably stop forward progress altogether. Oh, and I didn't mention that the Jeep's breaks are woefully inadequate when traveling backwards. Anyway, we have been in that situation several times in the past and so far so good.

I am attaching some photos from our trip through Vermont and New Hampshire, and our initial peek into Acadia National Park.



From what we have seen so far; with its combination of rocky seascapes, primitive forests and rugged hills – Acadia promises to be a memorable experience.



For Sale/For Free



1953 Packard Patrician. All original vehicle that can be driven anywhere. Price \$17,500. For any further information

or more pictures contact **Dudley Morrison 919 - 637-2690** or dmorrison10@nc.rr.com. The car is in Raleigh.

Joel Hoffman has a 5/8 scale replica of a 1901 Oldsmobile for sale. It runs and is drivable. It was manufactured in 1959 as a "Rollsmobile", and the slogan on the name badge says "The Backward Look". The car has a North Carolina title, and was driven to North Carolina State University by a professor that owned it. Joel can be reached at **919 303-5635** or joelhoffman11@gmail.com. He is asking \$2000.

Rob VanDewoestine has 4 wheel covers for a 1962 Ford Galaxy that he is willing to give to someone who has a use for them. They are in fair shape but the medallions in the middle look pretty good. Anyone interested can email Rob at rvandewoestine@nc.rr.com.



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Photos: Top Left: Bob and Bonda Furhman's Mercury Monterey.



Top Right: 2 year old neighbor, Eli, parks his ride among the new classics (next to Jean Soehnlein's 1989 Mercedes)



Bottom Left: Jim and Andi Gill's Model T serves as an antique baby changing station.



Bottom Right: Pat and Marci Allen's "Sweet Charlotte" (the engine is even sweeter).
Photo by John Griggs.