



# Triangle Chapter News

Welcome to our Newest Members.

Alissa & William Popovic of Willow Springs, NC. They own an original 1973 Plymouth Duster.

William & Sharon Johnson Of Knightdale, NC They own a 1956 Pontiac Star Chief.

## Upcoming Events

- Triangle Chapter **Chili Cookoff March 8.** Stag Club, 8001 Ray Road, Raleigh
- Times:** 1:30 pm. Social Hour  
2:00 Chili Tasting (Lunch)  
3:00 Memory Box Painting and Trophy work.
- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. March 19, Golden Corral, 6129 Glenwood Ave. RALEIGH.**
- Times:** Dinner 6pm.  
Meeting: 7:00 pm.  
Program 7:30pm.

## Web-sites:

Triangle: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>  
Region: <http://www.ncregionaaca.org/>



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## Triangle Chapter News Summary

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### Coming April Stories

Don't miss the April newsletter. Riley Reiner will provide a story about the AACA National Meeting. We will also have stories about our Chili Cookoff, Amelia Island, and our Car Show plans.

### March Program

Four members of the Triangle Chapter will share some stories of their first cars. Last year several of the ladies of our group shared information about their first cars. It turned out so well that we will duplicate the formula with the club gentlemen.

### Good Luck at Amelia Island

Joe Parsons, Jim and Becky Aldrich, and Brian and Tish White will be showing their cars at the Amelia Island Concours March 12-15. Good luck to you all.



### Ready for Our Car Show?

The Triangle Chapter Car show is earlier this year. You need to start now to get your vehicles ready for the show. Our event is scheduled for May 18, 2014 at Oak View. Please invite your friends to our show. There are competing Car shows on the same and closer dates. However we will provide the best venue, activities, and cost for spectators and participants on that day. Our Car show flyer is at: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>

### Help Wanted Ad

The Triangle Chapter needs an editor for our newsletter. You can contribute to the Triangle Chapter by coordinating our newsletter. Free training and high levels of praise can be yours if you raise your hand to help us communicate to our members. Contact Riley, Denny or Andrea.

## President's Random Thoughts

### By Riley Reiner

March, 2015

February was rough but spring is just around the corner. Denny is doing the chapter a big favor by putting this newsletter together but we need a more long term solution. Who will step forward and contribute to the important task of getting information out to the club? The Board of Directors is open to negotiations on frequency, size, printed or email. There are firms that do emails for organizations for a price. I would rather have someone in-house that has an interest in our hobby. We need to get moving because April will be here before we know it. The club can purchase software if needed.

Dan Morton and I attended the Annual AACA Meeting in Philadelphia on Valentine's Weekend. I had been there several times before but this was Dan's first time. I hope he will share his thoughts on the meeting. I feel somewhat responsible for the cold, nasty weather. We had temperatures of 6 and 8 degrees, gusting winds to 45mph. and blowing snow on Saturday. It followed us home! Judy Edwards won Master Editor Awards for two newsletters, "On the Road Again" (Brass /Nickel Touring Region) and Buzzard's Breath Touring Region Newsletter. Congratulations to Judy. Judy has had a number of health issues since December and we wish her well.

Our first spring activity will have passed by the time you read this but the Chili Cook Off marks the start of another year. I am asking for a couple of members to plan short, Sunday afternoon tours in different areas of the county and beyond. We may need to go to Wake's neighboring counties to escape the traffic. A point of destination and a route is the start. Contact me if you have an idea and we can work together on some driving activities. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. Show plans will be discussed and volunteers will be needed for set-up, traffic direction, judging, Take Apart T shows, final trophy assembly and clean-up.

Take Care and I'll see you down the road. Riley



**Have you forgotten where the Pink Elephant is?**

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### Editor's Notes - Denny Oestreich

At any given meeting Merry or I will volunteer for something. At the January Board Meeting I volunteered to be "Editor of the Month" for March 2015. So, here is the newsletter. Thanks to everyone who helped by submitting articles or information for this edition.

Special Thanks to Andrea Irby for being our editor for the past two years and providing the format and pictures. Don't forget to wish Andrea (a.k.a. Dances with Horses) a speedy recovery. Her horse stepped on her foot and she is healing broken bones with a boot, bandages and a kneeling cart. We wish her well.

2015 is passing quickly. Just think the first three months are almost passed. Before you can pay your taxes on April 15, you will need to be getting your car ready for our car show on April 18.

Do you have plans for car shows this year? Be sure to check the calendar in this issue. You may need some help getting your car ready and shined up for the shows, so pull in all favors and help.

I have had one small "once a month" car project of getting the Generator Tag engraved. But next month, I plan to be very busy.

Enjoy this issue and help us by submitting something for next month.

# Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar and Events

## CALENDAR



**Mar 12-14. Amelia Island Concours.** Amelia Island, Fl. . [Schedule of Events](#) (jam packed)!

**Mar 14.** AACA Chesapeake Region's **42nd Annual Antique Auto Parts Flea Market & Car Corral.** West Friendship, MD - Contact: Tom Young 443-744-6338: [birdtoms60@verizon.net](mailto:birdtoms60@verizon.net); or see [www.chesapeakeaaca.org](http://www.chesapeakeaaca.org)

**Mar 19.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Apr 16.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Apr 18** **Triangle Chapter Car Show**  
Oak View 7:30 am to 4 pm

**May 16.** Cary Car Show! "Wheels on Academy"  
-Take Apart T event. (Tentative)

**May 21.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Jun 20.** Wake Forest Charity Car Show-  
Take A part T event.

**Jul TBD.** Ice Cream Social and tour at  
Reiners.

**Aug TBD.** Picnic and Watermelon Cut party  
Location TBD.

**Aug 22-23** Classics at the Capital  
Take Apart T event (Tentative)

**Sep 17.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Oct 3.** Oak View Heritage Day. 9am  
Take Apart T event.

**Oct 15.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Nov 19.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.

**Dec 6.** Chapter Holiday Party (Tentative)

## Meeting Minutes By Dean Tryon February 19, 2015

The February 19 Triangle Chapter meeting was canceled due to inclement weather (Cold, ice and snow).

## Wake Forest Garden Club Car Show By Dean Tryon Saturday May 9, 2015

The 3rd annual Garden Club car show will be held on Sat May 9 this year. It is basically the same as the first 2 years - no cost, no judging, just a fun time to show your car and talk to folks. The Garden Club will be having an art show on the WF Birthplace Museum grounds again with 25-30 or more local artist vendors The Tea will be held from 11-2 in the museum (cost TBD). If you are interested in displaying your vehicle let me (Dean Tryon) know. The show runs (officially) 10-4 but it is not a requirement that you be there all day. I will be there to watch your car if you need to leave during the day. More details later. Thanks for considering it. Contact Dean Tryon 919-562-4660

## AACA and NC Region Activities

Don't forget to mark the AACA and NC Region events on your calendar. Here are some:

4/11 - AACA SE Divisional Spring Meet – Charlotte, NC

4/18—Triangle Chapter Car Show, Raleigh, NC.

4/30-5/2 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet - Virginia Beach, VA

5/16 - Region Meet - Alamance Region

5/30 - NC Region Spring Meet – Wilmington, NC

6/6 - San-Lee Chapter Meet - Sanford, NC

10/17 - NC Region Fall Meet - Spencer, NC

A detailed list of all AACA and NC Region events can be found on the NC Region Website at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/2012-02-13-00-21-14>

## 2015 International Car Show by Denny Oestreich

Three members of the Triangle Chapter participated in the 2015 International Car show at the NC State Fairgrounds February 12-15. The show is sponsored by the New Car Dealers Association and provides new cars on exhibit for the public to compare. You can sit in the newest Lexus or climb up into the cab of a super truck. There was even an opportunity to line up for a test drive in a 6.2 liter fluorescent green Dodge Challenger. The window stickers indicated most vehicles were highly optioned with prices at just under \$50,000. The lowest price window sticker I saw was a Kia at \$14,470. The highest was a very nice four seat Ferrari at slightly over \$343,000. In between at \$65,000 and \$80,000 were the SUVs which cost more than our first house.

There were only a couple of concept cars on display and a few special interest vehicles. I was impressed with Dale Earnhardt Junior's show car. The gas lines, to and from the gas tank, were 3/4 in pipes. No wonder they need to stop for fuel so often. I also

climbed up into the seats of several new trucks to see which fit me. You certainly have a good view from up there. Many people were thumping the new Ford



Truck. I was looking for a new truck, but did not find a vehicle in my price range.

More fun were the 75 classic cars in the Dorton Arena that were also part of the show. After you looked at the new cars your ticket got you entrance to Dorton Arena to see the classic cars. Triangle members who displayed cars were: Floyd Barnes, Denny Oestreich, and Dan Stamm. We talked to many of the spectators who don't generally attend classic car shows. Some interesting questions were asked. Dan Stamm had lots of people admiring his Corvair. Several young boys were searching for the Corvair engine. Floyd's unrestored 57 Chevrolet was a good benchmark for the new cars.

I had questions from two teenage girls about the purpose of wing windows and ash trays. It was difficult

for them to imagine someone smoking in a car and needing to draw out the smoke and throw butts out



the wing window. Do you remember anyone doing that? Do you remember when wing windows disappeared?

During the show I took the opportunity to pass out flyers for our car show and recruit new members. The car parked next to me



was a 1973 Plymouth Duster. It was a very well kept survivor belonging to Alissa and William Popovic who are now members of the Triangle Chapter. We look forward to them participating at AACA and Triangle events. Check out their car. A good U-Tube of this event is at:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hidR3FIXlgo&feature=youtu.be>



**Members Shorts and Briefs**

**Triangle Chapter Trophy Display**  
*Picture by Dean Tryon*

It's amazing what you can do when you get "around to-it". Dean Tryon sent this photo of his winter project. Dean says, "This photo of my basement wall is a display of the Triangle Car Show Trophies for only one reason - to showcase what our chapter has done over the years (at least since I joined in 1998) for very unique trophies. The only trophy not there is 2014, which I have on the wall in my office next to a second 2006 trophy. These two have photos of my 1929 Buick - in 2006 as a running chassis and the completed car in 2014."



Denny would add that the display over the Buick hood is truly unique. My own trophies are still displayed on shelves around the house and in boxes put away. The hand crafted trophies, many by Leo Calvin and others done as projects by the members of the Triangle Chapter are widely admired.

**The New Baby**  
**(Denny's latest Adventure)**

I knew I couldn't get a new old car to restore as long as I have all these other cars in (and around) the garages. I knew because my wife told me, and

told me again. What to do? An idea popped into my head: I'll trade in two regular cars and get one, and then I can get another oldie. Great idea, huh?

After much shopping and dealing, plus some whining and gnashing of teeth, I purchased the new baby, a very simple Chevy pickup truck. I got the truck home, and took Merry out for a drive in it. She drove it home from our ride and declared it very good. After that, we couldn't find the keys. Brand new truck, no key. We looked and looked; checked every pocket Merry had, every usual key dumping place, inside the chairs, on the bathroom counters, bedside tables, everywhere. The keys were gone.

Merry went off to a meeting feeling very guilty and responsible for this crisis. She even came home early from the event and rushed into the house to ask, "Did you find the keys yet?" The answer from me was a very humble, "Yes, they were on my desk, right where I had put them." Will she ever forgive me? Will I get a new old car to work on? Stay tuned...

I would ask? Do things get lost around your house? A new rule, everything new must have its own place.

**Where Were You in 62?**  
*By Phil Gervertz*

Not many cars still have vintage stickers or awards on them, but I found one that did. I found the this sticker on a 1952 Studebaker.



## NC Region Meeting Report

*By Denny Oestreich*

The 2015 NC Region Annual Meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Burlington on January 16-17, 2015. There was a good turnout of Region members including many Triangle members. On Friday afternoon a Judging Team Captain Team School was led by Randy Stone and Eric Marsh.

On Saturday, January 17, 2015 the NC Region Board met in the morning. The business of the NC Region was conducted. Plans for the Region activities were reviewed. The NC Region Spring Meet will be hosted by the Cape Fear Chapter in Wilmington on May 30, 2015 at the North Carolina Battleship Park in Wilmington. The fall meet will be hosted by the Furnitureland Chapter at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer. Twelve of the 14 Region Chapters will host car shows in 2015. Watch the Region Newsletter and NC Region Website for registration forms.

At 9 AM a seminar on Auto detailing was presented by Wake Technical Community College Coordinator Mike Langer and Aubrey Fleming, an Automotive Detailing course graduate and detailer. Wake Tech was the 2014 NC Region School Scholarship winner sponsored by the NC Region. Mike and Aubrey outlined the Wake Tech Detailing Course and how the graduates are using their training. Some graduates have gotten jobs with auto dealers and others have started their own detailing businesses. Aubrey described the techniques and products he uses in his detailing business.



**Aubrey Fleming and Grady Conner discuss Detailing Techniques**

After lunch, the meeting rooms were combined and an informal review of the history of the NC Region was presented. NC Region Memorabilia and old Newsletters are provided to help recall some NC Region History. Many more stories were exchanged and enjoyed.

At 2 PM the Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by Outgoing President Randy Stone. NC Region's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities were reviewed and it was agreed they were successful. Newsletter awards were presented. New officers elected for 2015. Jack Harris will be 2015 President and Bill Cox was elected Vice President. Special awards were presented including the new Circle of Honor Awards to key members from each Chapter as the initial starting inductees.



**Congratulations to Riley Reiner who received an NC Region Circle of Honor award**



**Congratulations to Jean Soehnlein who received a Master Editor award from AACA and an Editor Emeritus recognition from the NC Region.**



**The NC Region Dave Hinkle Award was presented to Ruth Ann Ronchetti.**

## Amelia Island Preparations

By Joe Parsons

Today is March 5, 2015, with only a week to go before leaving for Amelia Island I find myself stressed out!

I decided to repaint the entire engine with heat resistant paint, I used a spray can to fill two paper cups and while brushing the paint I noticed the bottom had melted and the silver paint was running down the inner fender apron. OK.... I got the paint off and everything is fine again and after painting the engine all day with various brushes it looks great.

Now it's time to install my new reworked quartz clock only to find that it worked for a moment only to stop. I called the clock man in California and went over his suggestions. Finally, we tried it off the battery and it worked perfectly, so next step is to find a 1 amp fuse. I found a fuse at a parts store and now need to crawl under the dash to get to the fuse block.

The front windshield needed to be removed again to replace a damaged piece of stainless steel. The Ultimate Glass man came out and in 18 minutes removed the windshield, installed the stainless trim, and reinstalled the windshield. ....Perfect!

A Concours judge recommended I remove the Pinehurst Iron Mike Rally decal on the windshield. He said having a Pinehurst Concours decal at Amelia would be like attending a Pepsi event wearing Coke attire. It's now removed.

My gas tank was near empty so I decided to take my three two gallon cans to the non-ethanol station off Airport Dr. and start putting non-ethanol gas in tank.

The entire front is now complete, even the chassis. I still have lots to do and only 6 days to complete everything. I will be in my garage the entire weekend. In this crazy weather most people have cabin fever ....but I have garage stress.



## Quick Thinking

By Mike Peterson

*This is a story from a collection of hobby stories. With a bit of luck this situation became a funny story and not a tragic event. Please be careful when preparing to go to a meet.*

I had prepared my car for a car show near my home and was relaxing when the telephone rang. A friend of mine who had traveled to the car show was stranded in the city and needed a coil for his '55 Dodge. It was 10:30 PM. "No problem. I will get a spare and be there in 2 hours."

It was raining and my car was ready for the show. I backed the car out of the garage just enough so I could lower the attic stairs in the garage ceiling and retrieve the coil. Within minutes I had the coil in my hand, the stairway put back, and I was ready to pull my '55 Dodge back in the garage. Only a small part of the trunk lid and rear got wet from the rain.

I got into the '55 Dodge and turned the key. Nothing happened, the car was dead. I figured it must be the solenoid. This was no big deal because the solenoid is mounted on the inner fender and can be easily bypassed to start the car.

As I got out my jumper cable I mused to myself as to the coincidence that my friend's coil and my solenoid would fail within hours of each other.

I turned on the ignition in the '55 Dodge, put a fender cover on the fender, and bypassed the solenoid with the jumper cable. As the car started to crank and I worked the accelerator linkage I figured I would be on the road in just a few minutes to rescue my friend.

What happened next was in slow motion just like the movies. The engine fired up and the '55 Dodge started to burn rubber. I had mistakenly left the car in reverse and it was the neutral safety switch doing its job that prevented the car from starting. As with any fool proof system one must never underestimate the ingenuity of a fool.

As the '55 Dodge rocketed out of the garage I threw the jumper cable down and grabbed onto the front bumper as it passed by. The car pulled me outside and halfway down the driveway. At that point the car engine died. This driveway was steeply sloped and I found myself hanging onto the front bumper of my car in the rain at 11:30PM. No one was in my house and no one would hear me call for help.

I collected my wits, worked my way around to the driver's side of the bumper, let go, and ran like hell to jump in the car and put on the brake as it rolled down the driveway.

Epilogue - I delivered the coil and we worked on my friend's car in the rain until about 2:30 AM. It was not the coil. The distributor drive gear on the camshaft had broken. As I lay on the front fender working on the car I put a lot of my weight on my ribs right on the edge of the fender and a couple of those broke. I did not say anything about that to my friend until months later as he already felt bad enough having to be towed over 100 miles back home later that day. I went home, got some sleep, woke up to a sunny day and went to the car show.

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**Crazy About a Mercury! Cruise it up and down the Road!**



Bob and Bonda Fuhrman's Mercury



Jack Agayoff's Mercury