



Triangle Chapter News

Triangle Chapter News Summary

Welcome to our Newest Members.

Mark and Alicia Lew
Apex, NC.
They own a 1930 Dodge Brothers DC8 and a 1964 VW Beetle.

Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting.**
April 16, Thursday-
Golden Corral,
6129 Glenwood Ave.
Raleigh, NC
Times: Dinner 6pm.
Meeting: 7:00 pm.
Program 7:30pm.
- **Triangle Car Show.**
April 18, Oak View Park
4028 Carya Dr.
Raleigh, NC
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 pm

Web-sites:

Triangle: <http://www.nregionaac.com/triangle/>

Region: <http://www.nregionaaca.org/>



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Triangle Chapter Show

Once a year we have an opportunity for all the Triangle Chapter members to bring their Antique cars out to our annual Car Show. This year the event is scheduled for April 18, 2015 at Oak View. The purpose of the event is to enjoy the gathering of our antique vehicles and show your support for the Triangle Chapter.



April Meeting Program

Film maker and 16mm film collector Skip Elsheimer will show a selected 30 minute full color film production by General Motors about automotive design. Professor Elsheimer was recently instrumental in having a 12 minute documentary added to the National Film Library. Interest-

Help Still 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 but raise your hand to help us communicate to our members. Contact Riley, Denny or Andrea.

President's Random Thoughts

By Riley Reiner

April, 2015

I thought life was complicated enough until our old computer was about to collapse. We left the Windows world for Apple and the learning curve is very steep.

Denny has come to the club's rescue again with the April issue. In future months the club will try for a four issue printed and mailed schedule with email connection on the two intervening months. For those that do not use computers or are without a computer, a printed copy of the emails will be mailed to you. This is only a one-year experiment and I want to hear your comments. Jean Soehnlein has volunteered to edit the August and November printed copies. We are still looking for a single editor to switch to a bi-monthly format or stick with a quarterly printed newsletter.

As our meet approaches, I hope you will do all you can to bring a car regardless of your thoughts about its condition. Everyone will receive a nice award board for entering with your picture on the plaque. Our registration numbers have been decreasing over the past five years. Let's turn this trend around this year. With a slight modification to the original quote by JFK: "Ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club."

Please respond to Dean's email on committee assignments and registration.

I have had three inquiries from club members who are interested in planning a tour this year. The door is still open for additional tour ideas. I will work with anyone interested in planning a tour for the first time.

Take care and I'll see you at our next dinner meeting.

2015 Triangle Contacts

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- President Riley Reiner (919-554-1158)
- Vice President Dan Morton (919-876-3291)
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- Ex-Officio Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)

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- Jack Agayoff (919-846-8570)
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tentative plans to implement on-line publications in June, July and August. Please let Riley know if you can help with the on-line solution.

Thank you to Floyd Barnes, George Ashley, and Jack Johnson for sharing their first car stories and pictures. As young boys they all seemed to have unlucky stories about the loss or damage to their first cars. It appears their luck has been saved in all cases by marrying well. Thanks also to Dan Morton for organizing and showing the presentation.

Jean Soehnlein has prepared and distributed the 2015 Member's Guide (The Red Book) at the last meeting. Jean, we owe you a debt of gratitude for helping us keep in contact with each other.

Summer car show season is here. Some upcoming events to remember are:

- **April 18—Triangle Chapter Car show. Be sure to bring your car and support your club.**
- NC Region Chapter events schedule
 - May 2—Coastal Plains show—Washington, NC
 - May 9 - First Capital Meet—New Bern
 - May 16—Morehead City Chapter Meet
 - (May 16 - Cary Car show—Take A Part T event.
 - May 30 - NC Region Spring Meet Wilmington
 - June 6 - San-Lee Chapter Show in Sanford
 - June—13 NC Region Cruise in—Kinston

See details at : <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

Editor's Notes - Denny Oestreich

Easter greetings from our house. I have volunteered to edit and publish the April and June 2015 newsletters. Many thanks to Riley Reinter, Jean Soehnlein, and Rob VanDewoestine for contributing articles to this edition. I plan to include a story and pictures from our April Car show and the Charlotte Autofair activities in our May issue. If you have pictures or stories from these events or have been to other recent events, especially any AACA events, please share your stories and pictures with us.

We have not identified a newsletter editor yet, so we are running on volunteer efforts. There are



Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar and Events

2015 CALENDAR



- Apr 16** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.
- Apr 18** **Triangle Chapter Car Show** Oak View Members: 7:30 am to 4 pm
- May 16** **Cary Car Show! "Wheels on Academy"**
A Take Apart T event.
- May 21** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.
- Jun 20** **Wake Forest Charity Car Show-**
A 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
A Take Apart T event (Tentative)
- Sep 17** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.
- Oct 3** Oak View Heritage Day. 9am
A Take Apart T event.
- Oct 15** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.
- Nov 19** Chapter Dinner and Meeting, 6pm.
- Dec 6** *Chapter Holiday Party (Tentative)*

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>

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

Meeting Minutes By Marv Gage February 19, 2015

Riley opened the meeting by introducing John Girkin. John has a 1966 Mustang Convertible and is interested in joining our Club.

Riley recognized Brian and Trish White and Joe Parsons as winners at the Amelia Island Concourse.

Riley spent the entire meeting discussing the need for a newsletter editor(s). Some of the options the Club is looking at are as follows:

1. Find a new Editor who does all tasks and delivers the Newsletter electronically or in print to the members.
2. Editorial Committee: Divides the Editors job into several functions. Editor in Chief, Copy Editor, Photo Editor, Calendar Correspondent and Mailer Delivery Person. Each of these Editors would bring together the material they are responsible for and the Editor in Chief would be responsible for the assembly and production of the Newsletter.
3. Have 3 people serve as Editors and rotate the responsibility each month.
4. Save on printing and mailing costs by sending the Newsletter electronically and use the funds saved to pay a club member to produce the monthly Newsletter.

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2015 Chili Cookoff and Workday
March 8, 2015
 by Jean Soehnlein

The **Annual Triangle Chapter Chili Cook-off** was held Sunday, March 8th at the Stag Club. This annual event

has been happening since 1991 when Mike & I decided to host it in his shop. Back then it required club members to come out and help Mike get his "stuff" out of the shop to make room for tables and chairs the day before the event. They even swept the floor and got the cobwebs out! Now we have the luxury of sitting back and relaxing at the Stag Club thanks to Bob Safrit. We had quite a turn out on Sunday with 44 attending and 13 pots of chili to sample and



Fred Harley Sampling Chili

judge. The **Best Chili** went to Dick Plisch (friend of Jim & Andrea Gill) who was visiting from Wisconsin.

Chad Goldman was a close second. They were tied until I received a last minute vote for Dick. **Hottest Chili** went to Andrea Irby by a

landslide!! **Best Cornbread** went again to Peggy Barnes. No one has been able to top her cornbread recipe. We had some really great desserts too!! Thanks to everyone for bringing such great pots of chili. One of the photos is of Fred Harley looking perplexed as to which one to sample or the look may be "which one was it that I liked?".



Andrea Irby with New Wheels

The ladies had a great time painting memory boxes under the guidance of Les Tryon. I'm not sure how many years Les has been teaching us, obtaining the boxes to paint, and coming up with a design. She has put a lot of effort each year into it.



The Guys doing Trophy Work

Thank you, Les. Photo is of Ann Russell and her daughter,



The Ladies Painting Memory Boxes

ter, Samantha.

The guys worked steadily on the trophies for the car show in April. Sixty trophies out of 100 were completed. They are similar to last year's trophies except the plaque is ebony colored with brass plaque and photo frame. Look great!!

Thanks again to Bob Safrit, without whom we would not be able to hold events at



Ann, Samantha and Linda Painting



Art Deco Down Under

Pictures by Joe and Sybol Daniel

Joe and Sybol Daniel are on an extended vacation in Australia and New Zealand. They left Auckland Feb 18 to start a tour of New Zealand. They flew on to Adelaide on the 6th of March to see their daughter and son-in-law. Like all good Triangle Chapter members they managed to find a car



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show. Here are three pictures from Art-Deco weekend in Napier, New Zealand. The city was heavily damaged by an earthquake in 1931 and many of the



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destroyed buildings were replaced with art deco style. So there is a large number of Art Deco buildings; more so than many other cities. They sent some pictures back. No hot rods here!



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Amelia Island Concours

Pictures by Dan Morton

After a lot of preparation and some stressful travel three Triangle members participated in the March 2015 Amelia Island Concours. There are many stories yet to be told and perhaps we will hear them in the weeks to come. What we



know so far is that they prepared for everything and still there were surprises. On the trip down Bob Gault was towing a brand new trailer with Joe Parsons '58 Studebaker inside when a trailer tire blew out. Then Joe says it rained on the car tour and required a complete detailing do over.



The group was rewarded with recognition for their efforts. Joe Parsons took first place in the American Production class. Joe says; "A dream come true is win-

ning the Best in Class at Amelia Island Concours."

Brian and Tish White and Jim and Becky Aldrich participated in the Stutz gathering activities at the show. Brian

received an Amelia Award. Additionally, Dan Morton and Grady Connor enjoyed the event as photographer and spectator.



In the picture on the right Joe Parsons is enjoying his award with his new friend Mike Joy.

St. Michaels Concours

By
Rob VanDewoestine

One of the main reasons to attend Concours events is to see vehicles that are unique. The St. Michaels Concours, actually held in Cambridge, MD, has as its main sponsor Jaguar of Annapolis. Thus



it is not surprising that the event would attract a unique pre-war Jaguar. Held on the 18th fairway at the golf course at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay resort, the show field is very attractive and conveniently located next to the hotel and trailer parking. Now in its 9th year, St. Michaels is a relatively small event (70 cars) but attracts world class vehicles. The picture below shows the layout of the show field. There is a group of new Jaguars in the lower right of the field with the classic Jags just above them .

Jaguar Motors was started as the Swallow Sidecar Company in 1922 and made motorcycle sidecars. There was a transition to automobiles in the early 1930's and the company name was changed to SS Cars, Ltd. The Jaguar name first appeared on sports model cars, the Jaguar SS90 and Jaguar SS100 in the mid-1930's. Because of its unfortunate connotations of SS, the company name was changed from SS Cars to Jaguar Motors after World War II.

A 1936 Jaguar SS100 shown at St. Michaels in 2013 was a particularly outstanding example of pre-war styling. Owned by Judge John C. North of St. Michaels, the early history of the car is not known, but it was apparently customized after the stunning one-off Saoutchik SS100 was built in 1938.



The North's SS100 is a very unusual Aubergine color and has alligator upholstery, matching lug-



gage and a rosewood dash.

Members of the Triangle Chapter should consider filing an application to take a car to the St. Michaels Concours for late September 2015. The eastern shore of Maryland is fairly easy to access from North Carolina, the accommodations and location are those of a world class resort and the organizers of the event treat the participants exceptionally well. See their web page at: (<http://www.smcde.org/>).

Miscellaneous Facts: 1. Henry Ford set a speed record in 1904 by driving a Ford 999 91.37 mph over frozen lake St. Clair, a Michigan Lake.
2. The practice of updating models annually was introduced by Chevrolet..

AACA 2015 Annual Business Meeting
Philadelphia, PA. What is it all about?

By Riley Reiner

On February 12, Dan Morton and I drove up to Philadelphia to attend the annual meeting. Sandra and I have been to the event several times over the years. The hotels have changed, the program topics change but the celebration of antique cars is always the focal point. Why Philadelphia in February? Since the club was founded in Philadelphia in 1935, the constitution states that an annual business for the entire membership will be held in the Philadelphia area each February. The timing usually involves cold, snow, wind or a combination of all three. This year fit the combination of all three. We have attended before with cool, clear weather. This year, I stayed with my sister and her family in Wilmington, Delaware. I drove up each day on I-95. It was not the nightmare I had expected but it beats the traffic problems on I-40 into Wake County or RTP. The trip took 25 minutes and I was there for the Continental breakfast before the first workshop began. Dan stayed at the host hotel. This year, as the new Triangle President, I was given a ticket to the President's dinner on Friday night. While the dinner and banquet were excellent; the people you meet from around the country makes it very interesting. I left the meeting on Saturday night with a good feeling about the hobby and the people involved with this great hobby.

The workshops held all day Friday and half day on Saturday was well organized and presented. I attended workshops on estate handling of antique cars, organizing a restoration project, interior stain removal and connecting with the next generation of collectors using electronic media. There was another workshop on solving problems with mechanical or electrical components, a National Judging School and planning tours. I attended as many workshops as time would permit. This list of opportunities was only a sample of topics available. Dan found a list of topics on the National Website and had it with him before the meeting. I picked up my copy at the registration desk on Thursday. In all sessions, the presenters were very knowledgeable and encouraged participation. I arrived at home with renewed spirit, renewed old acquaintances from my 55 years in the hobby and new friends.

Before returning to the hotel to pick up Dan, I stopped to visit with my friends of 55 years just over the Pennsylvania border with Delaware. Yes, Delaware is south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Reece Thomas gave our Take Apart T a handbrake lever to

body much easier. It needs restoration but the price was right. I also had a chance to see his younger brother and sister. It was Reece's father and mother who encouraged me in my first years driving our 1930 coupe and always had a spare part or two to give or sell to me on a high school teen's budget. Remember gas had already got to 35 cents a gallon and I earned 80 cents an hour twisting soft pretzels for street cart vendors and schools in the Wilmington area. My income moved to 90 cents when I was promoted to baker. So much for ancient history but the only other time to visit is at Hershey. One last stop before heading up I-95 was back in Delaware to my old favorite sub shop-Pickles and Chips three blocks from my old high school. I order one, foot long, special Italian sub wrapped to go for lunch at the Maryland House with Dan. We left Philadelphia at 12:15 and arrived home at 8:00 Sunday night. Next year consider attending the annual meeting. I give it, two thumbs up!

Attendance Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- Great hotel accommodations in the heart of the city with so much history
- Outstanding workshops and Trade Show
- Excellent food
- Meeting National leaders one on one
- Receiving encouragement from others in attendance and networking

Cons:

- Philadelphia in February is always a roll of the dice
- Travel time by car, plane or Amtrak (I have used rail service and I would do it again)
- Parking at \$17 per day if staying at the hotel in covered underground garage
- Number One Con: I-95 north or south at any time between 5:00 AM and midnight or an unplanned tour of downtown DC if you make a mistake!

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5. Only produce a Newsletter every two or three months with e-mail updates on events during the off months. This still requires an Editor.

6. Continue monthly Newsletters, but discontinue during the summer months.

Riley would like the Club members thoughts and comments and would also like to have anyone interested in becoming involved with the Newsletter to contact him. The Club would provide the required software and the past Editors are willing to assist in training a new Editor.

The evening program had Dan Morton, George Ashley and Jack Johnson discussed their "First" cars.

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Scenes from the 2014 Triangle Chapter Car Show

