



# Triangle Chapter News

## Triangle Chapter News Summary

### Coming Up Soon! Apex Founders Day

Bring your car and celebrate "the Peak:" of good living. **February 28th**, from 9am to 5pm. NO entry fee, vintage cars will be parked in the lot across from the Apex Police Station. Groups are invited to sell items to offset their expenses and/or support their organization.

Participants should contact **Mack Thorpe** so he can get a reserve a spot for your car. Contact info: [therustybuck-et@mindspring.com](mailto:therustybuck-et@mindspring.com)  
**919-630-5600 (c)**  
**919-290-2575 (store)**

#### Upcoming Events

- **Triangle Chapter Meeting. February 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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Don't get left out in the cold. Read about what's going on in the classic car world and around the Triangle.

- See President **Riley Reiner's** message, page 2.
- Check out the meeting minutes and calendar on page 3.
- Read about a Man with No Car and The Full Monte on page 4.
- Party On! Chili Cook-off info is on page 5.
- Notes from the Board Meeting are on page 6.
- Joe Parsons shares a vendor experience on page 7.
- Look who is turning 50!...On the back cover.

### Welcome New Classic!



**Phil Gevertz's 1990 Cadillac Seville STS joins the club! Phil shares his story :**

"The first time I saw one in pearl white (a 1989 model), I knew I had to have one. In late 1992, I bought a 1990 Cadillac Coupe De Ville from a dealer in Dallas, TX. Two months later, the STS came in exactly what I wanted. Fortunately, the dealer took the coupe in on trade and on November 22, 1992, I had a 2 year old STS with 54,000 miles on it.

Today, the car has 287,000 on the same engine and transmission. Lots of typical repairs over the years on this daily driver. The unique thing about this car (never tried before or since) is the interior is 95% covered in leather, even the door panels! There is an extensive amount of burl wood on the doors, dash, gear shift and rear console. Not just small pieces but full panels. Everyone marvels at the inside when they see it." **Hopefully, we will see it at our Spring show!**

### February Program



Men of the club will share stories and pictures about their first

cars. The women did a similar program last year and it was interesting to learn what four-wheeled ghosts were lurking in the closets of our members. Some are still in the garage! Come see what makes us love old cars.

# President's Message

By Riley Reiner

Our new year is in full swing and I hope you've made a resolution for 2015 to be super involved in your car club! Dan has planned an interesting program for **our next meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will be having some of the men show slides of their first cars and share stories much like the women did last year.

Jean has reserved The Stag Club on Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>** for **our annual chili cook-off**, trophy assembly, and memory box painting. Jim will have parts for trophy assembly and Les will have the materials for painting. Our show will be here before we know it and I would like to see greater participation from our membership. Like last year, each class will have a best in class with all others receiving an acorn award. Please review the notes from the Board of Directors' meeting in January on page 6 for more information.

The Take Apart T will need some TLC before our show. An exact date has not been set but we will put out a call for help in a blast email. In another area of communications, Andrea has an announcement in this issue.

We are looking for three or more members to volunteer to plan short, one afternoon tours in and about the area where they live. Due to some congested areas, the tours may venture into adjoining counties. No experience is needed and I will be glad to give you some pointers. The main thing to consider would be an afternoon tour starting between 1:30 and 2:00, with a destination about halfway through the tour. The destination could be a country store, ice cream shop, museum, special display or something of your choosing. While gasoline prices are at record lows, let's hit the back roads of NC and enjoy our cars!

I am heading to Philadelphia next week to represent our chapter at the National AACA conference. Dan Morton will also be riding up with me and staying at the host hotel. I will be staying with my sister and her family in Wilmington, Delaware and driving up each day. It has been a long time since I have been in the morning commute into Philly. I remember it being like

# 2015 Triangle Contacts

## Triangle Chapter Officers

- President ..... Riley Reiner (919-554-1158)
- Vice President ..... Dan Morton (919-876-3291)
- Treasurer ..... Fred Harley (919-233-4889)
- Ex-Officio ..... Denny Oestreich (919-846-8143)

## Board of Directors (Class of 2015)

- ..... Jack Agayoff (919-846-8570)
- ..... Pat Allen (919-556-3652)
- ..... Jean Soehlein (919-847-4832)

## Board of Directors (Class of 2016)

- ..... George Ashley (919-846-8570)
- ..... Grady Conner (919-696-4736)
- ..... Marv Gage (919-846-4708)

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- Awards ..... Riley Reiner (919-554-1158)
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- Region News ..... Jean Soehlein (919-847-4832)
- Youth Coordinator ..... Dan Fuccella

the I-40 west at the Clayton by-pass but that was in 1965. Wish me luck!

## Transitions - Andrea Irby

This issue is all about transitions. To begin with, we start the new year with a new president and new board members. The board minutes on page 6 give you an idea of some of the things they are working on. On page 4, we learn how a member transitioned from regular driver to antique car owner and how a new member's car transitioned from family driver to well preserved classic. And finally, I am moving on from being your newsletter editor to competing in the riding ring again. At a classic age myself, I am trying to restore my abilities to achieve a younger person's dream.

I will be sending out an email detailing options we discussed at the board meeting for continuing the newsletter. Briefly, there could be a new editor, a group dividing up the tasks and working together, an outside group producing it for us and perhaps more. Keep an eye out for the email and consider what you would like to see and if you want to get involved. It's lots of fun. I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve and work with all of you. It's been a blast. And now it's time to ride on.....

# Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

## CALENDAR



## Meeting Minutes By Dean Tryon January 15, 2015

### February:

**February 19.** Chapter Dinner and Meeting. 6pm

**February 20-22.** Boca Raton Concours, Boca Raton, FL. [Schedule of Events.](#)

**February 28.** Apex Founders Day. 9am-5pm. No entry fee. Lots of food, cars and fun. Contact Mack Thorpe to reserve a spot. 919-630-5600 (c)

### March:

**March 7.** Cape Fear Chapter Meet. Wilmington NC. 3740 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, NC. [Registration Form is here.](#)

**March 8.** Chili Cook-Off. 1:30-4:30pm. Details, page 5.

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

**March 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)

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

### April:

Lots going on BUT ONLY ONE THING MATTERS:

#### April 18. OUR SHOW!

Historic Oak view Park, Raleigh, NC. Get your car ready, tell your friends and neighbors, share with other car clubs and get involved. Contact **Marv Gage, show chair.** 919-846-4708 or [mkgage@aol.com](mailto:mkgage@aol.com).

Registration form: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/15triangle5.pdf>

Riley Reiner opened the meeting as our new president and thanked **Denny Oestreich** for the great work has done these last two years as president.

1. **Andrea Irby** will be giving up the newsletter responsibility so we are looking for a volunteer or a new way to handle this important task of our club.
2. With **Jean Soehnlein** taking over the Region News correspondent job, Marilee Sanderson will replace Jean on the Board for one year.
3. **Fred Harley** reported that membership was at 85 families. The treasury is in good shape with major sources of income being our spring show and our Take Apart T showings. Major expenses include the newsletter, the Christmas party and scholarships. We will be encouraging more members to read the electronic versions to reduce mailings.
4. The Board meeting is set for Sunday 1/18 to set objectives and to plan this year's activities.
5. **William Johnson** was introduced as a new member and **Andrew Simpson** as a guest of Dan Fuccella. Grady Conner also brought his wife **Nancy** as a first time attendee..

6. A discussion on non-ethanol fuel started by Jim Gill revealed many places around the area. If you know of a source, send the info to Dean ([DGTryon2516@gmail.com](mailto:DGTryon2516@gmail.com)) and we will publish it for all the members. Include the address, fuel grade and price if you know it recently.

7. The meeting was a slide presentation by **Grady Conner** and **Dan Morton** about the upcoming Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Several of our members attend frequently and Grady shared with us all the activities that go along with the multi-day event..

## **A Man with No Car** **By Les Tryon**

In 1982 there lived a man with no antique car of his own. He was visiting friends one long holiday weekend and was told there was a nice old car for sale. He was finally persuaded to go look at it and he agreed as it might be something someone at work might like. It was a nice car, purchased by a wealthy family to take the trash to the dump so as not to spoil the Cadillac. The owner wanted to sell as she was getting up in years. It was to have been left to her son who had died of a brain tumor at age 27 and at that time the car had been put away, only to be pulled out for repainting in 1976. The owner's only possible purchaser was someone who wanted to street-rod the car and she could not stand that thought. The man with no antique car of his own did look at the car reluctantly, started it reluctantly, and then drove it reluctantly. He returned home after the weekend. In the middle of the night the wife of the man found that the man with no antique car of his own was not in bed but standing at the window at 3 am. "Thinking about the car" was his reply.

And so it went: the next night, at 3 am, the man was standing at the window..... "thinking about the car". The next day, the man called his wife from work (he never did that) and said "I've got to have that car". The wife replied "I know you do". Enlisting the help of friends, he was able to bring the car to it's new home. But before that, the owner threw a BIG party complete with champagne and all the trimmings to celebrate the new ownership. What a send off for the car!

Meanwhile another man wanted to purchase some land from the same person but she had always refused, but now relented and sold the land. This land was immediately planted into vineyards and the first year on the market, the wine won New York State awards and has continued to win awards. The car meanwhile has resided very happily with it's new family, and has won its share of awards including Peoples Choice and continues to bring pleasure to all who view it. The original owner has since passed on but the car is assured by the man that it will forever remain as it is and will be well cared for.

The totally 1947 Pontiac original, unrestored wood body car has raised seating for eight, a Bermuda bell, straight eight engine, an interior roof that reminds one of a boat and a classic black color make it a special car indeed. The man had promised the original owner that he would maintain the car as it was and he has kept that promise. The man has since purchased four other antique cars but it is safe to say that this one is very special.



We no longer call him "the man who has no antique car of his own", we call him Dean Tryon.

## **The Full "Monte"** **By John and Mary Gilliam**

The year was 1983 and we were living in my hometown, Burlington NC. I had bought my 1972 Monte Carlo in Melbourne, Florida and had moved back to North Carolina in 1975 where I was driving a service van for Johnson Controls. My wife Mary was also working and we were busy raising a family and enjoying suburbia USA. Like you, probably, back in those days many times we didn't even lock our house.

One evening I came home from work and was asked by the wife, where is the Monte? I replied in the garage, hope. It was gone and so was an extra set of keys I kept in our bedroom. I called the Sheriff and reported the car stolen and started calling around the neighborhood to see if anyone had seen the car. A Flame Orange car is hard to miss!



One of the stay-at-home Moms told us she had seen it driven out of the development the last TWO days and assumed it was one of us. Later, it came out that a teenager in the area had "borrowed" the car the day before and had put it back in the garage before we came home. He liked it so much, the second day he and two other kids took it for a long ride.

One of the kids wasn't in on the theft and had been told they were just going to the beach overnight. When the driver dumped my car in the woods and threw the keys away this young kid called his dad to come get him. He showed his dad where my car was and the Kerr Beach police picked it up.



**The Gilliam's family raisin' beach trippin' 1972 Monte Carlo. In a word: Powerful.**

Needless to say, I had wondered if I'd ever see it again and was relieved that the only damage was a blown front tire, exhaust damage and transmission linkage torn up by stumps they had driven across trying to hide the car. The body and interior were still in great shape. Of course I had to have it brought back to Burlington on a rollback. As it turned out, the State prosecuted the boy and his parents had to pay restitution to repair the car.

Since then I have rebuilt the engine and transmission and I have had the car painted. We still love to drive it and remember all the good times of raising a family in it. Mary and I have just recently joined AACA and look forward to meeting more members.

Thanks for this great forum where we can relive these stories. Here's hoping that all your car experiences end as happily as ours.

## **Chili Cook-Off and Work Party** **By Jean Soehnlein**

Once again, it is time for our annual Chili Cook-off. Dig out all those great chili and cornbread recipes and bring to the Stag Club on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:30 PM. We will eat lunch at 2:00 PM and afterward hand out prizes. The prizes are for Best Chili, Hottest Chili and Best Cornbread. Desserts and salads are always welcomed too. Traditionally, the Chili Cook-off has been the first event of the New Year for Triangle Chapter. We always have a good time sampling all the various Chili recipes.

At 3:00 pm, we will have an activity: the men will work on making trophies for our Triangle Chapter Car show in April and the women will decorate Memory Boxes. For our new members, the Memory Boxes are given to mothers who lose their baby at birth. It provides them with a nice box to take home items they are given by Wake Med. Les Tryon will instruct us with an easy design that anyone can do. This is a fun project that we have enjoyed doing for many years at the Chili Cook-off.

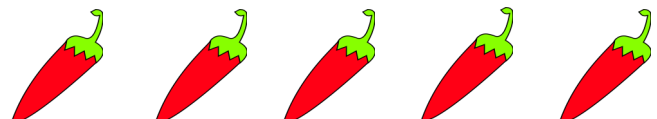
Date: **Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
Time: Social time: 1:30 PM  
Chili sampling (lunch): 2:00 PM  
Work activity: 3:00 PM

Location: **The Stag Club, 8001 Ray Road, Raleigh**

Heading north on Creedmoor Road from Glenwood; turn left on to Lynn Road; turn right on Ray Road; go one mile, Stag Club on left. There will be a *small* sign saying AACA. You will mainly see mailbox, driveway.

If you take I540 to Creedmoor Road, turn left on to Creedmoor Road; turn right on to Strickland Road (1<sup>st</sup> light); turn left onto Ray Road (traffic light/ Food Lion); go one mile, Stag Club on right.

Please RSVP and let Jean know what you are bringing. **Jean Soehnlein, 919 847-4832**  
or [moosemail@bellsouth.net](mailto:moosemail@bellsouth.net)



**Board Of Directors Meeting  
By Riley Reiner  
1-18-2015**

**In attendance:** Jim Gill, Dan Fuccella, Dan Morton, Marv Gage, Andrea Irby, Jean Soehnlein, Pat Allen, Fred Harley, George Ashley, Grady Conner, Denny Oestreich, Marilee Sanderson and Riley Reiner.  
**Absent:** Jack Agayoff

**Spring Meet Plans:**

**Marv Gage** has agreed to be our meet coordinator and park contact. Marv will be checking with the park to determine what types of advertising they can give us. Since our numbers have been declining during recent years, the board is looking for new ideas to get the message out. A suggestion was made to contact the Tar Heel Traveler – Scott Mason for a possible spot on his program. Several years ago, the chapter sent thank you cards out to all non-club members to thank them for coming. We have the registration lists for the last several years and could build a mailing list. Denny agreed to create a new show flyer for the Region News and possible posters for distribution. Anyone with additional suggestions for publicizing our event can share their ideas with Marv. **Phone: 919-846-4708 Email: [mkgage@aol.com](mailto:mkgage@aol.com).**

**Jeff Hopp** has agreed to take pictures of the cars at our show again this year. Everyone seemed pleased with his work last year. Jim Gill will be heading up trophy making this year. He is looking for trophy ideas that contain a picture of the car, but are less complicated to make than some of our past trophies. His target date to have pieces to assemble is the Chili Cook-off in March. The Board voted to spend up to \$400 for materials to set up the field. Tony Hantjis had been borrowing the materials from the Sandhills chapter, but leadership has changed and we need our own set. The Eastern Star group will handle the food concession.

**Newsletter Editor:**

**Andrea Irby** is stepping down from the editor position after the February issue. Andrea has done an outstanding job the last four years while having difficult health issues. The chapter needs the newsletter to continue for sharing information even if we use blast emails to remind people of events. Several ideas were mentioned to change the format to make it simpler.

Denny made a motion that the club purchase any set-up material or software to get the new editor started. The motion was seconded by Jean. The motion passed. Denny has agreed to continue our chapter website and Andrea will maintain our Facebook presence. Denny has also agreed to handle the March issue with hopes that we will have a new editor or newsletter solution by April. Several suggestions were made and will be presented to the membership for consideration. Along other communication lines, Jean has agreed to do the club directory again this year

**NC Region Scholarship Fund:**

Fred gave a year-end financial report that showed our very solvent treasury. During the first year of granting scholarships, Wake Tech was granted money to support an auto detailing program. The Region is continuing to grant awards to an individual as well as an institution this year. A motion was made by Denny and seconded by Jim to send a check to the Region for \$500. The motion passed. The Region will match the scholarship donation up to \$550.

**Take Apart Model T Shows:**

After reviewing the number of requests for shows the club received in 2014, the Directors thought we should limit the shows to five with three being for compensation. In the future, new shows being performed for the first time will require payment the day of the show. The club has purchased repair parts to upgrade the T. A workday will be needed before our April 18<sup>th</sup> show.

**Chili Cook-off:**

Jean Soehnlein has agreed to host the activity at the Stag Club as we have done the last couple of years. She will check with Bob Safrit on available dates in March. After the meeting, Jean confirmed the date to be March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**One day Tours:**

The chapter has not had any tours for several years except for the short tour following the ice cream social in Wake Forest. The chapter is looking for volunteers to put together an afternoon tour (Sunday) suggested that features a different area inside or outside Wake County. The tour should have some type of destination such as a museum, county store, ice cream shop etc. The Directors thought that a spring, summer and fall tour would

be interesting.

**Meeting topics:**

Dan Morton is on the hunt for monthly programs with at least one program for the women that has some car theme. He is open for suggestions. Please send your ideas to him at:

**Future Board Meetings:**

Future board meeting will cover summer activities, Christmas Dinner, and new activities. Some suggestions were a car fun day, a garage tour and a swap meet. We will be stressing membership participation during the coming year to attract and retain current as well as new members.

**Ultimate Glass Works  
By Joe Parsons**

I had some damaged stainless steel trim on my Golden Hawk windshield and in order to install replacement trim, it was necessary to remove the windshield. NOT AN EASY TASK!

Denny Oestreich gave me the name of Ultimate Glass Works to contact. I also read a referral from a man who had his Corvette glass repaired and it was very positive. So I called Ultimate and made an appointment for them to come to my house ... correct he came to my house!

Billy arrives and looks at my Hawk windshield and I showed him the two pieces of stainless trim that I needed to replace. Billy said there could be a chance of the glass breaking but the rubber was good and flexible and not glued into the frame. He said he thought he could remove the glass in the existing rubber. I said ok, let's do it.

He covered the seat and removed the wiper arms. I had already removed the garish moldings inside. With a unique tool he proceeded to remove the entire glass with the rubber from inside the car. He made it look so easy. I had replacement rubber repo but he was able to save the existing rubber.

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**A Different Kind of '57 Chevy**

Allen Moody finds a 1957 Chevy truck in Pinehurst and brings it home with his wife Anne. He has added an original overdrive transmission for some extra boost on the freeways. Will look nice on our show field in April!



*But I forgot to ask... What's his name?*



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## **Ron Sieber's 1965 Mustang K-Code**



*Help, help me "Ronda" to have a car like you.....*

