

# Triangle Chapter News



October-November 2015

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## 1. Triangle Events Calendar

- October 15 - Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Raleigh Golden Corral**
- October 17 - NC Region Fall Meet, Spencer**
- November 8 - Triangle Fall Tour**
- November 15 - Chick-Fil-A Car Display, 4621 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh at Capital Crossing Shopping Center**
- November 20 - Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Raleigh Golden Corral**
- December 6 - Holiday Party at Stag Club**

## 2. Triangle Newsletter Online

The October/November newsletter has been sent out as an Email. This is a Word Document format and you can easily print it, if you wish a hard copy. All new and past newsletters are available on the Triangle Chapter Website at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>.

## 3. President's Random Thoughts By Riley Reiner

As I sit here writing my comments, I am like a little boy on Christmas Eve waiting for Santa. Sandra and I leave tomorrow morning for Hershey. We will be traveling with Dean and Les to meet our other members in Montville, PA just outside Lancaster. Weather looks good through Thursday and we will play the rest as it comes.

Dan Morton took the Take Apart T to his business to do several upgrades which were needed. Additional new parts will be added on a work day this fall. I am sorry we had to cancel Historic Oak View last Saturday. The Park Service pulled the plug before we had to tell them that we were not coming. I appreciate all the members who signed up to help or bring a car.

Rob VanDewoestine donated a set of four jack stands for the Take Apart T. We tried a set at Wake Forest in June and the results were so much better than the wooden blocks. Thanks, Rob.

Our next dinner meeting will be the Thursday after Hershey or as you non-Hershey members say, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Dan will have another interesting program for us. If you missed the September program, you missed one of the best. Dan did an exceptional job on the program. I think the October program will feature the Glidden Tour. While most people have never been on a Glidden Tour, it is a very important part of automobile history and continues to this day.

We have two activities to look forward to in early November. Chad and Debbie Goldman have a tour planned for the first Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Our annual display at Chick-fil-A on Capital Blvd. is scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. I have not heard from Jack on a confirmation or if he and Beth have returned from Canada. Jack is an avid fisherman and tries to stay as long as he can.

Colin and I have spent the last week trying to take the engine out of a junk 1929 Model A pickup chassis. On Friday afternoon, my seven-year old helper, lifted the engine out without help from me using the engine crane. The smile on his face told me we may have another dedicated member sooner than later.

I hope we have a good response for our October meeting. If you have any program ideas, please contact Dan or me. Everyone who went to Hershey this year should attend so we can have a report of your activities, purchases or good times. See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Riley

## **4. Triangle Chapter October Meeting By Dan Morton**

The Triangle Chapter October meeting will be held at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue on Thursday evening October 15, 2015. Dinner starts at 6 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

I have planned an after dinner program which will highlight one of three foundations of the Antique Automobile Club of America - Touring. Most folks have heard of and/or participated in the five biggies; Reliability, Divisional, Sentimental, Vintage and Founders Tours. No one in our Chapter seems to have ever participated in the AAA Glidden Tour even though it is listed as the largest and most traditional of all AACA tours. The 70th Revival Glidden Tour took place Aug. 30 - Sept. 4 in Oklahoma City with N C Region's Herb Oakes attending as Chairman of the Liaison Committee and Tour Director. I have a short Power Point presentation prepared by the AACA Okie Region that I copied from them in February at the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Our after-dinner speaker for the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting has been booked through the NC Humanities Council. This Council is one of 56 non-profit entries that carry out the work for the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent federal agency since 1965. Our speaker will be paid for out of the Road Scholar Program (no relation to our Cecil) and ironically will speak about roads. There are eight pages of forms and requirements that accompany this grant and one of them is the presentation must be open to the public. I called and the fire code maximum for our room at Golden Corral is 60 people. Please contact me (Dan Morton 919 876-3291) to reserve your seat. There will be another general announcement about this prior to the meeting. Guest Clue: Three time winner of the National Edward R. Murrow Award.

## **5. Charlotte Auto Fair in the Rain By Denny Oestreich**

Did you go to the Charlotte Auto Fair this fall or were you among the many who chose to stay home and dry? Attendance was very low due to the rain. Thursday and Friday, September 24-25, were good for some vendors at the Auto Fair. The drive to and from the Auto Fair was challenging in the rain. It drizzled on Friday, but sales were brisk. Most buyers were in a hurry to buy and leave before the heavier rains on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. About half the spaces in the Lowes Motor Speedway infield were either empty (no shows) or their products were covered up to protect from rain. Walking around in the drizzling rain under an umbrella, pulling my shopping cart was not that much fun, but I did find a couple of small things, (two locks and a couple small tools. I sent several items to Charlotte for sale and sold a number of things. In balance I actually made money at Charlotte this year. Here are some pictures from Charlotte: Something old, Intake and heads from a flat head Ford \$30; Something new, six Ferraris \$240,000 each; and Bill Wiseman ready to sell at rainy day prices.



My weekend plan was to attend the Autofair on Friday and go to the Sandhills Chapter show in Southern Pines on Saturday. It was still raining on Saturday morning, so I made a decision to not go. Last time I went to this show I had to call Floyd Barnes to rescue me when the transmission went out on my truck. I did not tempt fate. I called the Sandhills Chapter organizers to find out if they had canceled. The went ahead with their show and had 26 local entrants in the rain. It is difficult to cancel after all the plans are made.

## 6. Classics at the Biltmore By Fred Harley

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Inaugural “Classics at the Biltmore” was held at the Vanderbilt Estate in Asheville, NC. My recently restored 1911 Buick Model 33 was one of 50 cars invited to be shown. Jim Aldrich and Brian White were also invited to show cars in the Brass Class. Saturday morning, we were parking our cars on the front lawn of the estate when to my surprise a 1915 Buick C25 parked beside my car. I immediately recognized the Buick as a car I restored about ten years ago and sold to make garage space for my new project – the 1911 Buick. I was delighted that the 1911 Buick won Best in Class and the 1915 Buick won second in Class. What a great honor and memory I'll never forget.

*Editors note: Congratulations, Fred!!*

## 7. My 1963 Studebaker Avanti has gone Hollywood! By Joe Parsons

My 1963 Studebaker Avanti (known at Robin) is going to Hollywood!! Well, not exactly for being in a movie, but to be with its new owner in Santa Monica, California.

After owning this Avanti for 40 years, I have decided to take on another Studebaker project. My father, who owned a Studebaker dealership in East Liverpool, Ohio started selling Studebakers in 1955. As a teenager, I always admired not only the Golden Hawks but the 1955 Studebaker Speedster. My father sold several of the Speedsters and I always loved the factory tri-colors of top (Shasta white), the mid body (Pimlico Grey) and the bottom under the stainless molding running full length of the car (Coraltone, a pinkish color). This tri-color combination was very popular in sales (used in the factory marketing photos) as was the most popular lemon yellow with green two tone.

In 1955, Studebaker only manufactured 2,215 Speedsters before going to a new design 1956 Golden Hawks based on the hardtop platform. The Speedster was promoted as “true sports

car style and performance” with a family car comfort for five passengers.



I just returned from buying the Speedster on September 26<sup>th</sup> from a fellow Studebaker friend who owns nine Studebakers he has restored. He has restored several to Best of Show awards at Studebaker national meets. The car was in the Pittsburgh, PA area. The car even has my father’s dealership advertising sticker on its trunk!

The timing for the Avanti sale and Speedster purchase is third week of October. The Avanti will be transported via enclosed trailer to sunny California. This will be an emotional sale and seeing the Avanti loaded on a trailer and never to be seen again.

I am excited about the new Studebaker and will now, as Andrea always says – What is its name?

I have already purchased from Ebay the original factory owner’s manual, accessory book and a large spiral bound salesman fact manual in anticipation of owning this Speedster.

*Good Luck, Joe. I expect there are several members, myself included, who have had to say good bye to cars that are special to them. You have our condolences. Best wishes on your new adventure. Jean*

## 8. The Franklin Trek By Samantha Russell

*Editor’s Note: Ann & Dan Russell will be moving to ??? in ?? Ann sent me this wonderful article written by their daughter, Samantha.*

I am always so excited every summer to go to the Franklin Trek. My favorite thing is the banquet because you get to wear cute dresses and eat as much food as you want. Another favorite is the Fashion Show because you get a closer look at how fashion changed over the decades. The trips we take in the Franklins are always fun because you think people are staring at you but there are actually looking at the car in amazement. I also like to participate in the Franklin Olympics because I like to compete with other Franklins. I also love seeing Chittenango waterfall each year and hiking the paths around it. But overall, I love see friends that I haven’t talked to in a while.

As much as I love the Franklin Trek, there are always a few things I would change. Like I said before. I love going on trips. but sometimes we have to leave really early and I would like it if

we could leave later because I love to sleep in. Another thing I would change would be instead of sitting around and being bored (which I find myself doing a lot of) I think several of us could go to the mall for an afternoon. Once we had an outdoor "drive in" silent movie on evening. I would really like to do that again because it was a lot of fun to sit in the cars and share the experience with everyone. I have only done the Scavenger Hunt one time and thought it was a lot of fun. Other than that, the Franklin Trek is a very enjoyable trip.



## 9. Lesson Learned By Jim Gill

"We have seen it before, and we will see it again. Although it is unethical, it is legally correct." That was the answer I received when contacting the Raleigh Auction when I inquired about purchasing a vehicle.

Let's go back to the last week in June when I finally found a vehicle after a 16-month search. I contacted the dealer on Monday, traded emails through the week, and spoke again on Friday morning about purchasing. A contract was sent to me for signature and returned along with a bank transfer. Our Friday conversation included discussions on the final purchase on Tuesday the following week as I needed to transfer funds. Perfectly acceptable per the Dealer. I completed the paperwork for funds and insurance on Saturday.

Late Monday morning, I received a phone call from the dealer saying they no longer had the title nor the car as it was sold at an auction on Saturday. I was in shock, reminding him that we had signed contracts. He stated the car is gone for good and I will bank transfer your money. No other offer.

After my blood pressure settled down, I decided to check to see what course of action I could take by contacting the Raleigh Auction. I explained to them the situation and their response was as stated above. They indicated that if I took the dealer to court, I would lose because the courts have repeatedly sided with the dealer. As long as I did not place 51% down on the

vehicle, the courts have ruled that the dealer still owns the vehicle and can do whatever they want. They went on to say that all I did was set the reserve price for the dealer at the auction. They again stated that it was very unethical but all legal.

Lesson learned, place minimum of 51% down or in my next case pay 100% down on the next car which I did two months later.

## 10. For Sale

**Auto Cover** -- New, still in box and plastic cover. Purchased some time ago at a car show. Box is print marked CA3PDF, Lock Guard, 50107, LOGO and hand marked "Large Sedan to 221, Driver's seat \$169.95". Printed material says intended for dirt, dust cover, not waterproof, breathable fabric, etc. Price: \$40.00 Contact Bernie Bogdon at 919 850-0739.

## 11. Who Do You Contact at the Triangle Chapter?

If you have comments questions, or ideas about Triangle Chapter activities can always contact one of the people below.

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