

Triangle Chapter News



April 2017

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1. Triangle 2017 Events Calendar

Apr 20 Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh

Apr 22 - NC Region Cruise-in to Whirligig Park, Wilson NC
See the Web page:
<http://ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/2012-02-13-00-21-14/88-news-general/486-2017ncregioncruisein>

April 22 - Old Salem Chapter Meet, Kernersville, NC

May 6 - NC Region Spring Meet. Triangle Town Center
Raleigh, NC. Hosted by the Triangle Chapter.
Take A-Part-T Demo.

May 18 Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh

May 13 - First Capital Chapter Meet, New Bern

May 20 - Morehead City Chapter Meet, Morehead City, NC
- Alamance Region Meet, Burlington, NC,

May 26-27 - AACA Spring National Meet, Huntington, WV

Jun 15 Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh
(Note: This is an added meeting.)

Jun 17 Wake Forest Car Show. Take A-Par-T Demo



2. Next Triangle Chapter Events

1. What: Triangle Chapter monthly meeting.

When: Thursday evening, April 20, 2017.

Where: Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue

Times: Dinner starts at 6 pm; Meeting will start at 7:00 pm; Program starts at 7:30 pm.

Reminder: **Bring your NC Region Spring Meet Application form to the meeting.**

Program Topic: We will discuss final plans and assignments for our car show.

2. What: Triangle Hosts the NC Region Spring Meet

When: Saturday May 6, 2017

Where: Triangle Town Center Mall

Times: We start setting up at 7 AM, Registration starts at 8 AM. Take A-Part T 1:45 PM
Trophies at 2:30 PM

Reminder: You must Register your AACA car to be judged. Send your Registration to Dean Tryon
By April 30, 2017

3. President's Corner

By Jim Gill

I must be having fun as another month has passed so quickly. We were again busy getting things organized for Regional Show responsibilities. Plus, we had our first of the year social gathering at Joel Hoffman's house hosting the annual Chili Cook-off. Annie will have details later. After all the votes were tabulated and winners announced, we sat down to fold letters and flyers to be sent to each participant in the last five regional shows. Trophy components have arrived at my front door. By the time you read this we will have assembled 130 custom designed trophies. The sponsor team has had a banner year collecting donations and most of that work is completed including the listing to be placed in the registration envelope. However, registration for the AACA show will require a tsunami in the next two weeks to meet our goal of eighty vehicles. Tonight's program will be chaired by Riley discussing details of our Regional Show.

Many of us attended the big Southeastern/AACA Car Show at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, with a number of cars shown from our chapter. I met Bill Cox, our Regional President, and he indicated his surprise at the number of Triangle Chapter attendees. Denny will have more details and may even announce if we had any winners. A family friend and I walked the entire racetrack looking at vehicles for sale. I did record two phone numbers after looking at the displayed cars; fortunately, I have deep pockets.

Lastly, see you all at the Regional Car Show on May 6th taking place at the Triangle Town Center Mall. Show field is located just west of the Orvis fishing equipment store, a store where I practiced fly fishing a few years ago.

Jim Gill

4. Editors' Notes

Editors: Annie Goldman and Denny Oestreich

Printing help

If you have trouble printing our newsletter from Email, a PDF copy is on our Web page at:

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

Deadlines:

The monthly newsletter is published a week before each meeting. Our meetings are on the 3rd Thursday each

month (We do not meet in July or August, but we still publish). The deadline for article submissions is the 2nd Thursday each month. We need and love your articles. Send them to us.

Stories and Pictures:

The newsletter includes articles on recent events, displays, and car shows our members have attended or for sale vehicles and items. We welcome your articles and pictures in the AACA newsletter. There are calendar updates; please make note. We especially enjoy pictures of your car projects. Please send or give your pictures and articles to Denny (OestreichD@AOL.com) or Annie at: anniesss@gmail.com.

Corrections:

We make corrections to the online newsletter. If you send corrections to Denny, I will make the changes and update the website copy which you download and reprint. If you want to reprint the newsletter the latest PDF version is on our web page at: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>.

5. Triangle Hosts the NC Spring Meet - Signups

North Carolina Region Spring Meet – Saturday May 6th, 2017

Chairpersons and Worker Assignments

Please review the list and Call Riley Reiner to volunteer for the **TBD** spots.

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| 1. NC Region Show | Riley Reiner, Chairman, George Ashley Assistant Chair |
| 2. NC Region Directors Meeting | Riley Reiner |
| a. Table Setups, Mall Room | Riley Reiner |
| b. Director's Breakfast Food | Riley Reiner |
| 3. Hospitality/Welcome Trailer | Jean Soehnlein |
| a. Trailer | Joel Hoffman |
| b. Donuts/Snacks, Drinks | Jean Soehnlein (Need members to bring snacks) |
| 4. Welcome/Trophy Tent Setup | Riley Reiner, Bob Gault, Jim Gill TBD , Need 8 minimum (Friday morning) |
| 5. Trophy Design | Jim Gill |
| a. Purchase Materials | Jim Gill/Warren Daniels - Done |
| b. Trophy Assembly | Annie/Joel G/Marv/Chad/Gary/Fred/Joel H/Denny/Jim - Done |
| c. Dash Plaques | Riley Reiner - Done |
| 6. Show Field Layout | Tony Hantjis/Marv Gage |
| 7. Marketing | Annie Goldman |
| a. AACA/Open Show Flyers | Annie Goldman - Done |
| b. Contact Publicity | Annie Goldman - Done |
| c. Mail Registration Forms | Denny Oestreich, Jim Gill - Done |
| 8. AACA Judging | Chief Judge, Randy Stone |
| a. AACA judges | TBD - Twelve minimum – Sign up on your registration form. |
| 9. Open Show Chief Judge | Bill Werner, Chief Judge |
| a. Open Show Judges | Floyd Barnes, (TBD, Need 10 minimum) |
| 10. Registration | Dean Tryon - Two minimum |
| a. AACA Registration Open | Dean Tryon, Fred Harley, Marilee Sanderson |
| b. Open Show | Joe Daniel, Bill Werner |
| 11. Parking | Henry Burgwyn |
| a. AACA Parking | Chad Goldman, (TBD, Need 3) |
| b. Open Show Parking | Tracey Reardon, Denny Oestreich (TBD, Need 2 minimum) |
| c. Trailer Parking | Gary Hunter/Bob Fuhrman |
| 12. Signage | Annie Goldman |
| a. Interior Mall | Annie Goldman - Done |
| b. Exterior Outer Ring | TBD, need 2) |

13. Sponsor Fund Raising	Joe Parsons
a. Raleigh Area	Joe Parsons
b. Durham Area	Warren Daniels
c. Car Dealers	Annie Goldman
14. Sponsor Banners	Joe Parsons
15. Goodie Bags	Annie Goldman
16. Take-Apart-T	Riley Reiner
a. Move To the Mall	Riley Reiner (To the Mall 7/27)
b. Move Mall to Show field	George Ashley, Don Aikin (TBD, Need 2 more)
c. Demo	Riley Reiner, Jim Gill, Riley Reiner (TBD, Need 5 more)
c. Mall to Storage	Riley Reiner
17. Banner Standards	Bob Gault/Jim Gill
18. Kids Judging	Dan Fuccella

6. Treasurer's Updates

By Marv Gage

New Members

We welcome newest Triangle members in 2017. Be sure to introduce yourselves.

- Carl & Linda Worstell
- Paulette Bullock
- Paul Greene
- Larry & Wendy Jenkins
- Welcome back - Tom and Debbie Pruett

Club Shirts – Last chance before our show.

Marv Gage has a good supply of Club polo shirts with a Triangle Chapter logo, blue and gray. We have men's gray shirts without pockets in a polyester material. These are good since they are cooler. They are \$25 and come in medium, large and X-large sizes. We also have the traditional men's navy blue cotton and polyester blend with pockets in medium, large and X-large for \$20. We also have the same navy blue shirts without pockets in large and X-large for \$20. We have Ladies Navy Blue in Medium and Large for \$20. If you ordered a shirt or would like a shirt please contact Marv Gage at the next dinner meeting or he can be reached at either mkgage@aol.com or [919-846-4708](tel:919-846-4708).

7. Other Car Shows, Events, & Cruise-Ins

By Annie Goldman

Here are some nearby AACA and other car show events we hope you will attend. See the NC Region Web site or your NC Region Newsletter for more details about AACA events: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region> If you know of another show not listed, please email me to add them to the calendar at AnniesSS@gmail.com.

Upcoming AACA Events:

April 6-9 - AACA SE Division Spring Meet, Charlotte Spring Auto Fair

http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/2017_Southeastern_Spring.pdf

May 26-27 - AACA Spring National Meet, Huntington WV

http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/2017_Eastern_Spring_WV.pdf

Other 2017 Chapter Events and Local Shows:

April 15 - Bethesda Car & Bike Show, 1914 S Miami Blvd, Durham, NC 27703

April 22 - NC Region cruise to Whirligig Park, Wilson

For info: http://ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=486&catid=88

April 22 - Old Salem Chapter Meet, Kernersville, <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2017oldsalem.pdf>

April 22 - Get A Load of This Car Show, GALOT Motorsports Park, 4129 NC-242, Dunn, NC 28334

April 22 - Old Salem Chapter Purple Heart Show, Main Street UMC, Main Street, Kernersville

For info: <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/gallery/oldsalemjpg.jpg>

April 23 - Apex Autozone Car Show, Highway 55, Apex

April 26-29 - Good Guys Custom Car Show, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC

April 29 - NC Pickle Fest, Northwest Center Street, NW Center St, Mt Olive, NC 28365

May 6 – NC Region Spring Meet. Triangle Town Center, Raleigh, NC Sponsored by Triangle Chapter

May 13 - First Capital Chapter Meet, New Bern <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2017firstcapital.pdf>

May 18 - Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh

May 20 - Morehead Chapter Meet, Morehead City

<http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2017morehead.pdf>

May 20 - Wheels on Academy, Take-A-Part T Demonstration & Car Show, Academy St, Cary

May 20 - Alamance Region Car Show, 200 South Main St Burlington NC 27215

May 26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Huntington WV

For Info: http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/2017_Eastern_Spring_WV.pdf

May 27 - Piedmont Classic Chevy Club Car Show, Lake Wheeler Park, Raleigh

Monthly Cruise-Ins - some will not run year round:

1st Saturday of the Month	Char-Grille Cruise-in, 4617 Atlantic Ave, Raleigh 4pm
2nd Saturday of the Month	Southland Car Club, Pizza Hut 725 N Brightleaf Blvd, Smithfield 3pm
2nd Saturday of the Month	Old Salem Chapter, Downtown Main St, Kernersville (4-7pm, June-October)
3rd Friday of the Month	Timeless Cruisers, 1318 Mebane Oaks Rd, Mebane
3rd Saturday of the Month	General Greene Chapter Cars n Coffee, UNCG Campus 550 Tate St, Greensboro, NC (behind Weatherspoon Art Museum) (March-November)
3rd Sunday of the Month	Boston Market, 4558-A Capital Blvd, Raleigh (April-October)
4th Saturday of the Month	Cars n Coffee, 950 Gateway Commons, Wake Forest
4th Saturday of the Month	Mopar Motivators, 2108 S Main St, Wake Forest

Want to be included in the Evite sent out for various car shows, etc. and aren't getting it? Send Annie (AnnieSS@gmail.com) an email from the email address you want added with a short note and you'll start receiving the reminders each time they are sent.

8. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes March 16, 2017

By Dean Tryon

Action Items and Upcoming Events: *(details are in the newsletters)*

1. 4/1 – Chili Cook-off will be at Joel Hoffman's house in Cary. Ideas for a program are being developed.
2. 4/9 is a show in Durham at South Point to benefit Habitat. Jim Gill has details.
3. 5/6 – Our annual spring show will be held at the Triangle Town enter on Capital Blvd near I- 540. It will be in the general area of Barnes and Noble book store. We will have two shows in one – a Region show for members and a local show for others.
 - a. Riley Reiner and George Ashley are organizing.
 - b. Marv Gage and Tony Hantjis are doing the show field layout.
 - c. Dean is doing registration,
 - d. Joel Hoffman is contributing his enclosed trailer for our hospitality room.

A sign-up sheet is in the newsletter and was circulated at the meeting.

- o There are jobs for all our members; please sign up where you feel comfortable.
 - o We need several members to help move the "T" into the Triangle Town Center mall on 4/27 where it will be on display for a week. Then we need to move it to the show field on 5/6.
4. 6/8 - North Hills mall is opening a time capsule from 1967 and has requested two to five 1967 cars to be on display for the occasion. Do you have one? The time is 9am to noon. More details are in a

separate e-mail sent today (3/17).

5. 7/16 - Ice cream social at the Reiners.
6. 12/3 - Christmas party at the Stag Club in Raleigh.

General discussion:

1. Jim Gill opened the meeting and introduced new members, Carl and Linda Worstell (from Utah – moved to be near grandchildren). Other new members include Paulette Bullock and Paul and Christy Greene.
2. Marv Gage reported that membership is up to 92 families and the treasury has \$2,573 (after paying show expenses). In addition to the 92 families, we have 3 student members (at \$12/yr for 13-26 yr old) and 1 junior member (\$10 for 12 and younger).
3. Member Guides for 2017 were available at the meeting and will be mailed if you were not there. One update is the e-mail for Floyd and Peggy Barnes is now pandfbarnes1937@gmail.com.
4. The Region newsletter correspondent is now Annie Goldman, taking over from Jean Soehnlein.
5. Jim Gill has a unique trophy design for the May show and has parts mostly completed. Banner stands are being designed for the sponsor's banners that must be freestanding at our new location.
6. The program was an interesting presentation by Joe Parsons on the history of Studebaker and the other car makes that joined and separated from Studebaker over the years. Studebaker goes back to 1852 making carriages. Joe's father had a JEEP dealership in the late 40's and became a Studebaker dealer in 1955-1962 (when he had a fatal heart attack), so Studebaker is in Joe's blood (and now DNA). Studebaker took over Pierce Arrow Motor Co. in 1926 and "nursed it along for 5 years". It was a surprise to many of us that after Studebaker joined with Packard in 1954, they also had business relationships (sales and marketing) with Mercedes Benz, DKW (Auto Union), Porsche, VW and Avanti. Merger discussions were also held with AMC but did not materialize. All failed eventually and they all were closed by 1961. Studebaker eventually folded in 1966.

9. NC Region Spring Whirligig Tour – April 22, 2017

By Denny Oestreich

Join the NC Region Members for the Spring Tour on April 22, 2017. As a member of the Triangle Chapter, you are also a member of the NC Region. This year the NC Region will cruise to Historic Downtown Wilson, NC and visit the new Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park & Museum (VSWP&M in downtown Wilson.). There are currently 18 whirligigs in place with 30 planned for the park. The City of Wilson will welcome us and provide adjacent parking to view the whirligigs. See more about the park <http://www.wilsonwhirligigpark.org/>.

The Triangle Chapter will organize a chapter group tour to Wilson, which is a one hour 50 mile drive from Raleigh. We plan to enjoy the park, visit downtown Wilson, have lunch, and return to the Raleigh area. To see more about the Park and the tour see the NC Region Web site at: <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/>



10. Garage Sale at Jean's!

By Annie Goldman

On Saturday, March 25, Jean opened the garage doors (there were 3 of them) to Chapter Members in hopes of reducing the load she'll take to her new home.

As many of you know, Jean is in the process of downsizing and decreasing the amount of items she wants to bring with her to her next home, so she invited us all over to her place to see if we were interested in bringing some items to our homes. I found a great, brand new Chevy lunch box, a catch pan for my leaky SS, zip ties for our Christmas display, and a tool set for Joel, among other things! I saw many members make a few trips to their cars and trucks and I think Jean's garage has a lot more room in it now.

At our annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, April 1st, she thanked everyone for coming to the Garage Sale and helping out by buying some of Mike's "shop stuff". They made a big dent in it!! There is still some stuff left and you are welcomed to come again by just calling Jean ahead.

11. Triangle Chili Cook-Off – April 1, 2017

By Annie Goldman

Boy, when we decide we're going to host an event, catered to eating, we don't mess around!

On Saturday April 1st - yes, it REALLY did happen on April Fool's Day - members came out in force with some of the best chili ever! We had 13 different kinds and types of this delicious meal. There were also at least 4 different corn breads and 11 desserts, along with chips, dip, drinks and salad. If you weren't full, you weren't eating!

Joel's front yard, driveway and backyard looked like a car show, with classics mixed in with daily drivers. It was quite a collection, to say the least. Members chatted and talked and shared opinions on the chili choices. It really was a hard decision to make as to whose was the best... but the winners are:

Best Chili: Sybol Daniel
Hottest Chili: Andrea Irby
Best Cornbread: Peggy Barnes (again :))
Best Dessert: Mary Butcher

After the votes were tallied, we moved to games. Joel made up a list of Members' Vehicles and you had to match up the nickname of the vehicle to the correct vehicle. Demi Goldman was the winner and matched up all the correct names to the correct vehicles. Then, the "odd tools" were shared by Dean Tryon and Floyd Barnes, while Joel Hoffman shared how he "fixed" a problem, while working on his Jeep.

And we can't forget Jim Gill and his April Fool's Jokes! I'm sad to say that I didn't record his "act", but it had everyone laughing about the phone tapping, mystery blanket and false news!

As an FYI... Jean and Mike started hosting the Chili Cook-Off in their new shop in 1985 and I think Peggy has been winning Best Cornbread, on and off, since then! I think Jean's shop was a good luck charm for Peggy!



Prize bags hand painted by Jean Soehnlein

12. AACA SE Division Spring Meet, Charlotte Auto Fair

By Denny Oestreich

On April 6, 2017, twenty Triangle members attended the AACA SE Division meet hosted by the Hornet's Nest Region at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Among the 278 vehicles, seven Triangle members entered vehicles at the event. Dan Fuccella entered his 1950 Jeep in DPC class, Jim and Becky Aldrich entered their 1923 Marmon in HPOF, Jack Agayoff entered a 1954 Mercury in Class Judging for First Preservation, Rob VanDewoestine entered his 1990 Corvette for a First Junior, Joe Parsons entered his 1955 Studebaker Speedster for First Junior, Glenn Andrews entered his 1938 Chevrolet Pickup for First Junior, and Brian and Trish White entered their 1914 Stutz in class judging for a Senior Award. All Triangle members received the awards they sought. Congratulations. Below are a few pictures.



Trish White Preparing the 1914 Stutz



Rob VanDewoestine 1990 Corvette



Joe Parsons' 1955 Studebaker Speedster 1st Show



Jack Agayoff's 1954 Mercury

Eight Triangle members participated in the show as judges. Becky Aldrich completed judges' training, participated for the first time as a Judge, and is now a Certified AACA Judge. Congratulations, Becky.

Others of us just enjoyed looking at all the vehicles on the show field. We watched the participants ready their vehicles for judging. Joe Parsons made some last minute fixes to his Studebaker which was barely readied for the show. Trish White did last minute polishing of the Stutz. Compared to last year, the show field was much more hospitable this year with temperature well in the 70s, and only the helicopter traffic detracting.

Inside the track the Autofair was also interesting to see, walking miles and even extending to the Green and Red fields. Several of us made successful shopping trips and came away with treasures. I bought some side trim for the '57 Chevy (wrong size and wrong side) and one small radio. What did you buy?

13. Richard Petty Museum

By Denny Oestreich

In 1985 I was traveling through Toronto on company business when a gate agent said "Look behind you, the King is coming through." I turned around to see Richard Petty walking down the concourse toward his plane.

There was no mistaking Richard in his boots, cowboy hat, and sun glasses. He had been in Toronto for an appearance at the Formula One race that weekend. So, last month, when Floyd Barnes called and asked if I wanted to accompany him and other members of the Fuquay Cruisers to the Richard Petty Museum in Randleman, NC, I jumped at the chance. The museum is now located at the Petty Home Place and in the former Petty NASCAR Garages. The event was an open house cruise-in week end. The museum has a very impressive display of artifacts and trophies from Richard Petty's long racing history. The display includes trophies from some of his 200 NASCAR wins. There are also a number of his historic race cars and other memorabilia. Additionally the museum also includes some of Richard's other collections including hundreds of pocket watches, a gun collection and pocket knife collection.



They no longer use the garages for building NASCAR race cars. The shop is now used for an auto restoration business where they restore all types of vehicles (about 20 in progress), a parts warehouse for Richard Petty automotive accessories, a shop for modifying new high performance Mustangs up to 825 HP, and a paint shop with six paint booths. The Petty Garage is located 1:20 minutes, 85 miles from Raleigh, and is open most days. A great place for a 2-3 hour visit. Have a Look at: <http://pettys-garage.com/>

14. Tool Wizard Contest

March. This month's tool challenge, submitted by Bob Gault, was not identified by anyone. Mike Peterson and Ted Brooks took a guess, but no cigar. Bob purchased this special tool to adjust the bands on a 1950 Cadillac automatic transmission. The tool has application for 1954-1955 Oldsmobile and Pontiac Hydra-Matic transmissions. The tool came with instructions that demonstrate how you would insert the tool into the transmission through a hole in the floor and an inspection plate on the transmission. These transmissions had no external adjustment nut for the front band. The transmission band is adjusted with the engine running. The tool was designed to make the adjustment while watching a tachometer. You would make 1/10 turns of the adjustment handle until the Engine Speed stayed at 700 RPM for 30 seconds.



April

This tool is easier. The April tool challenge is a homemade tool I used. It is made from some steel straps and a repurposed metal garden fence stake. The four bolts attach it and the stake gives you leverage. I will be crushed if you do not guess this one, and that's no yoke. What did I use it for? Extra credit given if you can identify the manufactures tool number.

Email your answer to
OesteichD@AOL.com



14. Funeral Procession Protocol

In an Email to fellow members of the Fuquay Cruisers car club. On March 16, 2017 Phil Harker related this story to remind his fellow club members to be especially cautious when participating in a funeral procession in NC. I have edited Phil's letter for brevity and included the letter here to make you aware.

Phil Harker's Email to the Fuquay Cruisers:

"Just want to let you know that Jim and Linda Champion and Linda Stephens (who was riding with them) were involved in an accident in their 55 Chevy today, as they were participating in Walter Hollaman's funeral procession. All three of them are ok and none of them had to go to the hospital. Jim told me that a lady "T-boned" them as they were going through an intersection on the way to the cemetery. Looking at the car with

Jim, it is very obvious that if he had not turned the car to the right to avoid the accident prior to the impact (he saw her coming) that Jim might have been critically injured, if not worse. The deepest impact was directly behind Jim's driver door. The impact was so hard that it spun the car 180 degrees. Apparently, the driver of the car crossed five or six lanes, after going around a car that had stopped for the procession, and hit them in the side. The EMS crew told Jim that, based on their experience, had he been in a newer model car, it would have been much worse. The police said that since there were no police posted at that intersection (although there was one leading the procession), that the driver did not receive a citation! None of them suffered any cuts or bruises; it just scared the crap out of them. “

Note: The NC Drivers Manual Indicates: “Every vehicle in a funeral procession must have its headlights on, and the hazard warning signals must also be on, if so equipped. The operator of the lead vehicle must comply with all traffic-control signals. But when the lead vehicle has crossed the intersection in accordance with the traffic-control sign or signal, or when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer or funeral director, or when being led by a law enforcement vehicle, all vehicles in the funeral procession may proceed through the intersection without stopping, while using extra care towards other vehicles or pedestrians.”

The NC laws about Funeral procession are included in the link below.

http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_20/GS_20-157.1.pdf

In summary, the law indicates that you should not count on other drivers to respect accepted protocol.

15. DC-3 Flight Side Trip

By Mike Petersen

AACA – Palm Springs, CA

When I attend an AACA national meet I try to see some of the local sights. Often my wife Jeri and I will take a vacation as part of the meet. One can see and do many things that you may not otherwise see and do if your travels do not take you to that area.

Consider the opportunities at the past AACA meet venues of Cheyenne, Galveston, and Grand Forks. In Cheyenne, Wyoming one can visit the Cow Girl Museum and see the frontier before it is gone. Galveston, Texas is “off the beaten path” but once there one can spend several days touring the island and visit the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig. It is only 51 miles from Grand Forks, ND to the KVLV-TV mast that is 2,063 feet high – fourth largest structure in the world and the largest radio mast in the world.



For the AACA meet in Palm Springs, CA (March, 2017) I organized a one hour sightseeing flight on a restored DC-3. It was fantastic. We had 10 passengers in my group and had the plane to ourselves. The plane was built in 1943, outfitted as a passenger plane after WWII, one of four used by the Royal Family and Winston Churchill, then on to India, the Pakistan air force, and back to the US where it sat derelict until Flabob Aviation (<http://www.flabobairport.org/flabob-dc-3-experiences/>) restored it as an 18 passenger airliner. The DC-3 was the first all metal airliner and could be configured as a 14 passenger sleeper or up to a 24 passenger airliner. 18,000 were built and about 2,000 remain in service.



Notice the DC-3 Leg Room



DC-3 Cockpit

DC-3 Flights started in 1936. The only DC-3s flying as regular passenger airliners today are with Buffalo Airways in Canada (<http://www.buffaloairways.com/>). You can fly from Yellowknife (Northwest Territory) across the Great Slave Lake to Hay River (Northwest Territory) in a DC-3. Estimates of DC-3s remaining in service range from 1,000 – 2,000 for cargo and charter flights. There is no substitute for a DC-3 – it can land on dirt and grass or on water when fitted with pontoons. A new version was planned but the design abandoned because nothing could do everything the DC-3 can do.

In my opinion it was the safest of all passenger aircraft.

16. Restoration of a '55 Studebaker

By Joe Parsons

Since Oct 2015 my 1955 Studebaker SPEEDSTER has been in the garage with continuing improvements from its previous owner's frame off restoration.

Some of the major improvements (in no particular order) were:
 Painting of the lower body to Coral, a correct tri-color combination.
 Re-chrome of front grille parking lights.
 Re-doing the head liner.
 Re-painting and filling of some small holes from a dealer nameplate in the deck lid.
 Repairing the power steering.
 Replacing the Power-Vac brake unit.
 Replacing all wheel cylinders and master cylinder.
 Detailing of engine compartment.
 Replacing the red carpet with the gray/brown color correct carpet.
 Removing and cleaning the gas tank.
 Installing NOS back-up lights, hood molding and various trim items.
 Repainting the chassis.
 Rewinding the 6 Volt starter with two more fields.
 Installing a NOS dash engine turned panel.
 Repairing the roll-up antenna, clock and radio.
 Painting the wheel rims coral.
 Installing correct period white wall bias tires plus spare.
 Installing a NOS hood insulation pad.
 And the list goes on... and... on...



Joe receiving his 1st Junior Award from AACA President, Tom Cox

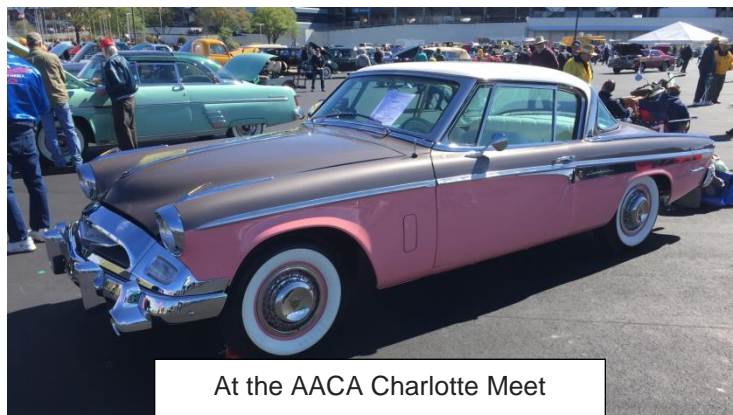
The result after countless hours of work and \$\$\$\$\$, it arrived at its first car show event at the Charlotte, NC Speedway for the a AACA meet on April 8, 2017 where it was awarded a Junior First place award .

My list of improvements to be made goes on, but with more time and a little less \$\$\$\$ the Speedster will reach its final goal of being a fully restored Studebaker worthy of recognition and awards.

I plan on attending local car events, several concours events and continuing the progression of AACA awards. Studebakerly , Joe



Joe's car when he purchased it



At the AACA Charlotte Meet

17. Successful Sale

By Denny Oestreich



Bernie Bogden has successfully marketed and sold his '49 Desoto Woody wagon. Bernie advertised in the Triangle Chapter Newsletter, The Woody Times newsletter, the AACA National Magazine, and the NC Region Newsletter. The new owner contacted Bernie through the ad in the AACA Magazine. Bernie received numerous calls nationally from prospective buyers. The Desoto has been picked up and transported to its new home in Ohio.

The new owner came with his wife from Ohio to view the car and make the deal. He then returned with a trailer and a friend to help tow it home. Those are two important correct steps in acquiring another vehicle. The new owner even reported to Bernie that he

had driven the car at speed on the local roads in Ohio.

Bernie said he felt the good picture in the AACA Magazine ad and having it priced to sell were keys to selling the car. One potential buyer even wanted the name of the new owner so he could be put on the list of potential buyers when the new owner is ready to sell. Other buyers wanted to know if Bernie had other vehicles to sell. It is good to know that the AACA family can provide publication opportunities to members when it's time to part with our prized automobiles.

18. NC Region Car Show Trophies

By Denny Oestreich

The trophy work team met at Jim Gill's shop on April 13, 2017 to assemble the parts for our 2017 Car Show. A production line was a set-up to assemble the components and add stickers, labels and plaque designations. The assembly team included: Marv Gage, Fred Harley, Annie Goldman, Joel Goldman, Gary Hunter, Chad

Goldman, Joel Hoffman, Denny Oestreich, and Production Forman, Jim Gill. Thanks to the team for the great work. Over 140 Trophies were assembled. The Trophies look great.

Remember, to obtain one of these trophies you must send in your Registration Form to Dean Tryon.



Trophy Assembly Line



Sample Trophy

19. 2017 Triangle Chapter Officers and Contacts

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