



Triangle Chapter News

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AACA Grand National Meet

By Annie Goldman

WINNER!! WINNER!! WINNER!! WINNER!!



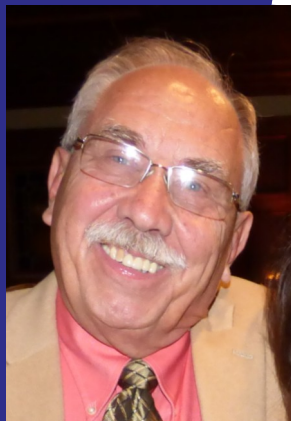
The Triangle Chapter is PROUD to announce that we have four new AACA Grand National winners in our midst!

Congratulations to Fred Harley, Bob Simpson, Joe Parsons and Warren Daniels!

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President's Corner



By Jim Gill

Wow!!! I don't think we needed the calendar date of June 21st to tell us it was the start of the summer season. The Wake forest Car show generally lets us know that summer has already arrived and this year was no exception, hot, hot, and hot.

Our next club activity will be the continuously running Ice Cream Social at the VanDewoestine residence in Durham on the 21st of July. Mark your calendar and we will see you there. We are still hoping to get some kind of activity started in August as yet undetermined.

As we move through the summer season, many of us will leave the area and continue to attend car shows elsewhere. I think this is an important aspect of our hobby because we now get the opportunity to see cars not typical of our area but also see how other organizations perform their car show duties. Since I am not leaving until August, I will miss the two of the largest shows in Wisconsin, Iola and Appleton. If you recall, last year I filled my

pickup bed with Model T parts from Iola. The Pierce Park Show in Appleton typically gets 1200 vehicles, original, modified, rod and two wheeled. However, I do plan on attending a different kind of show, an antique boat show. I saw this show about five years ago and it contained some of the most beautiful wooden Chris Craft boats I have ever seen. And yes, as a wood worker I am thinking this could be a fun filled project using my skills and tools already in the shop.

Enjoy your summer with friends and family. Have safe travels and we hope to see you again at our scheduled September meeting.



Triangle Chapter September 20, 2018 Meeting

Vice-President: Dan Fuccella

When: Thursday, Sept 20, 2018

6pm Dinner; 7pm Program

Where: Golden Corral

6129 Glenwood Rd, Raleigh

What: TBA

If you have an idea for our September program, please contact Dan Fuccella to organize it!

Please Note:

Joe and Betsy Parsons has a new address. Please update your handbooks:

**9221 White Eagle ct
Raleigh NC 27617**

Editor: Annie Goldman

Wow! It sure was a busy few weeks! We've got lots to cover this month, with lots of great events attended by so many members! Thank you very much for taking the time to write and submit articles, as this isn't MY newsletter, but OUR newsletter and we like hearing from you!!

I do have some articles pending printing—introductions from new members, for example, but at over 20 pages already, I'm going to keep some of this for the next issue, but keep the information and ideas coming!

Here is our dog, St Paddy Cakes, enjoying a ride in the Burb!



Last Month's Meeting Notes

By Marv Gage

Jim Gill called the meeting to order and asked if there were any guests present. Andrea Irby introduced her mother as her guest. There were no new members attending.

Jim stated the Region is still requesting our Chapter sponsor the Spring Regional Meet. We will not be able to have our Spring show at the Triangle Mall. We are looking at alternative locations and probably cannot respond to the Region until we have a new location.

We have 94 family memberships and \$8,890 cash in the bank.

The NC Transportation Museum is looking for about 18 cars for the 60's and 70's to be placed on display for January and February at the Transportation Museum. If you are interested, contact Jim Gill.

Our Chapter had 4 members receive first place trophies at the Grand National in Pa. Warren Daniels, Fred Harley, Bob Simpson and Joe Parsons.

The annual ice cream social will be held at the VanDewoestine's on July 21st.

Andrea Irby will host the pot luck supper in September. The date is yet to be determined.

Jim hopes the club can have an impromptu Summer Gathering.

The Take-A-Part T team did a demonstration at the Wake Forest Car Show. We have 3 more demonstrations scheduled for the balance of the year. Check your monthly newsletter for upcoming shows and drive ins.

The evening program was presented by Mike Hess. He explained the history of American Motors from their founding in 1954 until their demise in 1987. His presentation included photos of the various models produced during this time frame as well as the individuals that were in charge at American Motors.

By Joe Parsons

FRIDAY JUNE 1

The weather forecast is for rain every day and I am about to depart for the AACA Grand National meet in Greensburg, PA with my car on an open trailer.

This will be my last chance for attending a Grand National Meet so I must make the best of the weather conditions. Knowing my car may have its leaks, I will start to take precautions for the 500 mile trip and overnight parking.

I begin by taping all the suspected areas of water leaks such as the trunk, doors and windows. Having the car sealed for rain, next obstacle is the overnight parking on an open trailer. If I could only find a classic car garage in Greensburg to allow me to park my car at their facility overnight... that would be the solution. I start by using Google to identify potential garage opportunities. I found several that sounded possible, so I called the first garage and discussed my plan with the owner. He would be glad to help me but his garage is located 30 miles from the Saturday show field. He said he would call around and see if he could help me locate a garage close to the meet.

After a few hours the man called me back telling me he had located the perfect garage only miles from the show field. Later in day, the owner of the garage near show field called me and said I could use his garage which is full of Corvettes which he restores. We exchanged phone numbers and address information and I told him we should arrive around 3:00 pm on Friday. Bob Gault graciously towed my 1955 Studebaker Speedster eight hours plus, and when we arrived at the garage destination, the owner met us 5 minutes later. (The garage was about 3 miles from the fairgrounds where owners of show cars parked their trailers and cars.)



Michael, the owner of the garage, greeted us and invited me to park the car in the garage and leave the trailer in the lot next to the garage. Entering the garage, I prepared to detail the car. It was large and well lit with 7 corvettes covered. He gave us a quick tour and offered me water for my car washing. After a quick removal of the sealing tapes it was washed, waxed and wheel covers installed.

Michael is sitting on left of Jim Gill watching me work.



After the car is ready for its big day, the owner asked what time would I like to leave for the show field. He recommended leaving around 6:00am as the show field would accept cars at 7:00am and with near 500 cars leaving the fairgrounds, the traffic would be heavy driving the winding and hilly road to show field. The owner admired the wax I used and I told him about it. He took photo of the jar and I told him it was \$97 a jar. I waxed a fender on his blue corvette and he was in awe with the shine. (I gave him my jar of Pinnacle wax to keep.)

SATURDAY JUNE 2**No rain!**

It rained during the night but roads were now dry.

Michael arrives and opens the garage. He asked what my plan is for after the show, where would I leave the car. His great hospitality continues as he says to bring it back to his garage and park it inside, even load it on the trailer for departure on Sunday. After some good luck handshakes I drive the car to the show field. Bob returns to hotel to pick up Jim.



Joe with 2018 AACA President Chuck Crane

I arrive at the show field and luckily have my class space near the entry point of the college parking lots. In position with 7 other cars in my class and of the 8 cars including mine there were 4 Studebakers: 2-1955 Studebaker speedsters and 2-1954 hardtops. In all there were 18 Studebakers in attendance.

The rain free show comes to an end and time to return the car to its trailer at the host garage. Upon returning to the garage a neighbor says that Michael will be there shortly as he was watching all the cars exit the show field (all 500 cars!) Soon Michael and his brother Frank appear and I invite them for a cold beer. Michael introduces his brother Frank and we depart for the local golf course hole 19. Lots of talk about the day's activities and the many fabulous cars.



Returning to the garage, we say our farewell and depart for the hotel to prepare for the evening awards banquet. We enjoy a nice dinner and then off to the awards banquet. The hotel dining room was full of car owners all anxious for the announcement of winners. Seems like hours before my class is announced and finally the long awaited news of winning my first place Grand National Award. A little celebration with three other club members who all won their first place GN award.

SUNDAY JUNE 3**No rain !**

I awake to another day wondering if the dreaded rain would come. The streets were damp but clear skies. We arrive at the garage where Michael and Frank await our arrival. Lots of congratulations and hugs as we prepare for our trip to Raleigh. My new Pennsylvania friends join me for a parting photo. (next page)

AACA Grand National Meet... Cont'd

Frank, Joe and Michael and the taped up Studebaker



No rain !

We arrive back in Raleigh talking the whole way home about our wonderful weekend meeting great friends and seeing hundreds of fabulous cars. My dream for a Grand National is now my reality.

In summary the car hobby is full of great moments and meeting Michael and Frank offering their great hospitality was an additional highlight plus winning an award and NO RAIN!

A special thank you to Bob Gault for transporting my car and making this all possible and to Jim Gill for joining us in our trip.

AACA Grand National Meet... From Jim Gill's Side!

By Jim Gill

Engineering must still run in my blood. I first attended a Grand National meet in 2006 in New Bern, NC, followed by 2012 and this year 2018. If you extrapolate forward, that means my next meet will be in 2022 in a city yet unnamed. Each time I attended a Grand National Meet I search for a vehicle that I have never seen nor even heard of previously. In 2006 it was an "Orient", 2012 it was a "Brush" and a "Gardner", this year it was a "Sears". Yes, the same name of a company that we are all familiar whilst growing up. Can you imagine what it must have been like to go down to your local Sears store, open a catalogue and order a car? It must have been thrilling for the few who could do it. Today the catalogue is presented on a screen and the electronic data base in the background keeps going on and on allowing the picking and choosing. Who would have believed that Sears

started a century old tradition of ordering a car out of a catalogue?



*1908
Sears
owned
by
Norman
Hutton*

Jim Gill's Side... Cont'd

Our trip up to Greensburg included me, Joe Parsons and Bob Gault hauling Joe's Studebaker on an open trailer. Joe had planned for the forecasted rain, fortunately it never arrived. The trip was mostly uneventful with minimal traffic, limited road construction and fine weather. On the way up I received a number of phone calls from individuals already at the meet expressing some sour notes about the venue. I figured I would wait to see and evaluate accordingly. Our fellow members Dan Morton and Grady O'Conner were about an hour behind us so we agreed to meet at Smokey Joes for dinner adjacent to the hotel. Of course, after a long day of driving one must rehydrate. Some of us ordered dinner according to appetite, others according to eyes.



Smokey Joe's Rib House Gathering

Next morning the weatherman just had to dampen the atmosphere with a light mist just to make it difficult. Bob and I left for the show field and found the route to be completely void of any directional show signs except one (Problem #1). We arrived at the "Spectator Parking" lot around eight am only to find the approximate limit of fifty cars had already been absorbed (Problem #2). We were told to continue on to the trailer parking to find a spot on the fairgrounds (Problem #3), no rhyme or reason on parking location, pick your spot and leave for the transfer bus (Problem #4). Finally arriving on the show field we immediately found Joe in position prepping for display.



1908 Ford Model S owned by Ed Roth

Shortly after our arrival a lady approached me stating that "we drove 400 miles from Iowa to get here to the field, and they can't even tell me directions how to get to the hotel within the city" (Problem #5)

Bob and I looked at the map and planned our route to cover all nine show field sites which were scattered various parking lots within the University of Pittsburg at Greensburg. We found Fred in the same lot as Joe and also noted an interesting vehicle parked adjacent to Fred, a 1908 Ford Model S. This vehicle had the distinction of being the last car designed before the very successful Model T which was released later that year.

Our trek continued through fields A, into field B which contained all the early '30's cars. Of course I found my all-time favorite antique, 1931 Packard model 840. This group also had a large selection of Model A pickups. One vehicle that stood out was a delivery truck advertising potato chips.



1919 Walker Electric LA-10 owned by Jay Crist

Another truck that really caught my eye was a 1926 Ford Model TT Dump truck. The owner stated that this was the first mechanically designed truck to uplift the bucket to disgorge the load. It appeared to operate as a hand cranked scissors jack mounted on the frame with the top half attached to the base of the bed. I could clearly see the common parts on this vehicle compared to the vehicle sitting in my shop. Also, some striking differences: the front fenders, the running boards, and the hood. The hood was left over from the 1925 Model T with only six large louvers versus eighteen on the 26 & 27. The battery location was also totally different location residing beneath the front driver side door. It just so happened that I have one of those battery mounts but had no idea where it was to be used. Since I am using a 1925 bed on my vehicle, I knew it did not match the one on this vehicle.

On to field C which contained various two wheel models; Harleys, Indians, Hercules, Whizzers, Hondas and Kawasaki's ranging from 1908 to 1988.

Next field was D where we found Warren parked in a sandwich of six Studebakers. This field was filled with Fords, Mercury's, Studebakers, and Chryslers all from the '50's.

The next two fields E and F were loaded with 28 Corvettes and 21 Mustangs of all ages. Field H was very interesting as it contained the '57 Chevy's, 17 of them to be exact. According to Dennis, 13 of them got their 1st Grand National Award. Ford Thunderbirds were represented as well but only contained five.

Field G, I flat out lost Bob. He found the owner of a Bronco and spoke the guy's ear off learning about the vehicle. I can't verify, but I am sure the guy got a full update on Bob's project as well.



1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS owned by Bob Simpson

Field H is also where we found our fourth car club entry, Bob and Judy Simpson. This field was loaded with the Chevrolet Camaros and Chevelles along with 15 Pontiac GTO's.

Field I was filled with vehicles from the Chrysler Corporation along with a bright orange Brickland. Unfortunately, it stood out like a sore thumb when compared in size to a Dodge Daytona or a Plymouth road Runner.

That covered most of the day. A not so quick late lunch and we returned over to Field A to rest by Joe. An elderly female approached me and asked where the rest rooms were located. I showed her on the map and as I resumed my walk only to see her husband walk about three steps bent over his cane. I immediately told him to sit back down as the trip to the restroom may have taken more time than this man had left in life. The woman stated that “don’t they realize that most of these car owners are elderly and way too far to walk” (Problem #6). I flagged down a gentlemen that was just gala wagging along in a golf cart and informed him of an emergency directing him over to the desperate gentlemen. If you placed a compass pointed at the restroom location and drew a circle connecting all the show fields the radius would have been just short of 300 yards to reach a restroom. In my opinion far too few rest stations.

Time to head back to the parking lot to retrieve the truck and head back to our host’s garage. We got in line and waited, and waited and waited for that single roundtrip transfer bus back to the fair grounds. All the time watching the antique cars pull out onto the roadway. Bob stated, “This is an accident situation waiting to happen”, no local law enforcement in traffic control, cars exiting the show field whilst local cars came barreling down the roadway to get past all the slow moving antique cars. And yes, it did happen, fortunately, no antique cars were involved. After a forty five minute wait for the single transfer bus we arrived at the fairgrounds. Interestingly, we noted that there were over 300 spectator cars parked on the grounds.

Upon arriving at our host’s garage, we concluded that we must visit the 19th hole over at the local country club. It did not take long for our hosts to voice their displeasure working for the AACA organization on this show which they volunteered. Their day started at 6:00am at the fairgrounds and upon leaving at 3pm, they were

asked if they would supply needed security at the host hotel from 4:00pm until midnight. They refused. These two gentlemen stressed how the Corvette Restoration Society of America was a much pickier group for shows than AACA.

I have no recollection on where we ate dinner that night but on to the banquet hall at the host Ramada Inn. Unfortunately, due to parking lot woos, we did not get inside soon enough missing the first awards presentations. The place was packed with only 300 seats for dinner and at least a couple of hundred scrunched along the inside walls not to mention a packed exterior hallway. We totally missed Fred’s class award but received a picture later.

I was able to position myself up near the awards registration table for that exciting shot of hopefully another one of our club members name being called. Yes it did happen a second time, as Joe’s name was announced and he was totally absent of his surroundings but gleefully churning inside when we told him he got a 1st Grand National Award.

With Warren being in the next class after Joe, we anxiously waited to see if we got a three-peat. Sure enough, Warren’s name was called out and he stoically walked up to the table announcing his name to the lady and turned to get his award. Believe me, it was all smiles from that point on for the rest of the night.

What were the chances we could have a four-peat? All we could do was wait patiently as our fourth member, Bob Simpson, was well up the list in class call outs. Unfortunately, in all the time we spent in the hall none of us even spotted Bob sitting or standing anywhere. I knew if Bob got a trophy and was not present one of us would gleefully step forward and accept. Finally, Bob’s class was called out and sure enough our club just received its fourth 1st Grand National Award. Sure enough, Bob and wife made their way up for acceptance.

AACA Grand National Meet... From Jim Gill's Side! (Cont'd)

I was stopped by the General Green President after taking Bob's picture and he congratulated our Triangle Chapter for receiving four 1st Grand National awards in one meet.

Outside in the hallway excitement was in the air but time to take one last group picture of the winners with smiles from ear to ear.

Needless to say, the adrenalin was flowing and so was the desire to celebrate. We all headed back to Smoky Joe's for a refreshment of modified water. It did not take long to come back to reality that tomorrow we all had another eight hour minimum trip back home. The return trip was interesting as Joe sat in the back seat and I don't think Bob nor I had to say but a few words to him as his phone was glued to his ear. We all made it back safely without incident.



Fred Harley with his son.



Warren Daniels with AACA President Chuck Crane



Bob and Judy Simpson

By Denny Oestreich

Several members of the Triangle Chapter participated in the Annual Wake Forest Charity Car show on White Street in downtown Wake Forest. Participation included entering cars, performing the Take-A-Par –T demonstration, and judging. There were 235 cars at this year's show with prizes for the top forty cars and for Best of Show winners in each decade. The two top clubs participating with the most cars were the Mustang and Corvette clubs with about 25 entries each. The street was filled by 10:30 AM and they did not take any more entries after that.

Triangle members who entered their cars included Annie Goldman, Pat and Marci Allan, Ben Johnson, Dean and Les Tryon (2 cars), Bill Johnson and Denny Oestreich. Triangle members who participated on the Take-A-Part T team included: Riley Reiner, Bob Gault, Floyd Barnes, Don Aikin, Pat Allen, Glen Andrews, George Ashley, John Gerken, Jim Gill, Chad Goldman, Annie Goldman, Fred Harley, Ron Sieber, Bill Johnson and Bob Simpson (judged). The Take-A-part T took about 6:45 minutes, which is good time for a hot day.

Ben Johnson's '31 Chevy



Annie Golman's '90 Chevy



Annie hiding in the shade



Dean & Les Tryon's '59 Buick



Bill Johnson's '56 Pontiac

Wake Forest Charity Car Show... Cont'd

The weather was sunny and hot. Looking for shade and drinks was important. There was shade to be found along the street and under some trees. Most shops along the street were open.

There were several changes made for this year's Wake Forest show. The show included about an equal number of classic cars and newer cars including new Corvettes and Mustangs. The venue of downtown Wake Forest seems to be good for the show and for the merchants. They gave out top 40 trophies which made a lot more winners happy. They had a different judging system, but it took a long time to complete judging and awards were delayed a bit to complete the judging.



Pat & Marci Allen's '54 Packard

For more photos click [HERE](#)

Wake Forest Charity Car Show—Part Deux

By Riley Reiner

Triangle Chapter Did It Again!

I want to thank all of the Triangle Chapter members who participated in the show and Take Apart T demonstration in Wake Forest on Saturday, June 16th. Despite the heat, our faithful members completed the assembly in six minutes, 56 seconds. The crowd was one of the largest to cheer the team to success. The town has now installed wireless communication along South White Street which was used to broadcast music throughout the show site the entire day. We were given the microphone at the time of the T demonstration. The show information and action description went throughout the show site.

A big thanks to the following members and recruits for a job well done: Annie Goldman, Chad Goldman, Don Aikin, George Ashley, Jim Gill, new member John DiPietro, Denny Oestreich, Glen Andrews, Pat Allen (our UAW representative), John Gerken, Fred Harley, Bob Gault, Dan Furhman, Floyd Barnes and for the first time, Colin Wimmer (our former sound man). Great team effort!

At the conclusion of the assembly and picture taking, the crew pushed the T onto the trailer with Colin steering. The tent, table and equipment was packed into the truck and we were finished. Don Aikin and George Ashley rode to Morrisville to store the T. We could not have been more hot or tired but these two men deserve special recognition for their service both in getting the T out of storage and returning it.

Videos have been posted on the Wake Forest Town website; please take a look. The team did a great job.

Special thanks to Annie and Jim Gill for bringing the cooler packed with cold water to keep everyone going strong all day. Dean was out and about on his scooter making sure we had what we needed, sending out "blast" emails and finding our check!

Thanks again for the strong show of support from Triangle Chapter.



The Take-A-Part T Team in ACTION!



Dan & Kathy Fuhrman with their trophy!

Getting ready to carry the engine over



San-Lee Chapter Show

By Denny Oestreich

The San-Lee Chapter held their car show on June 2, 2018 in downtown Sanford. I was the only Triangle Member at the show due to others being at the AACA Grand National meet or other car shows. San-Lee had to make some adjustments including moving the venue to accommodate local merchants and moving registration inside the remodeled Buggy factory now serving as the offices for the City of Sanford. Both changes worked out well. They had 79 vehicles entered in their show with AACA classes and open classes included. The owners provided many interesting vehicles to look at and lots of spectators enjoyed looking at the cars and talking to the owners. The weather cooperated with Lee County "very warm" weather and no rain until after the show. San-Lee had many door prizes and awards for all participants. Thanks to the San-Lee Chapter, Bennie Pokemire, President and Anthony and Teresa Bright Co-Chairs for a well organized and enjoyable show.



Cars displayed on the side street



Air conditioned registration



Sanford Fire Truck on display



Award presentation in the shade

For more photos, click [HERE](#)

By Ron Sieber

The 41st gathering of vehicles for this invitational event occurred on the terraced lawns of Ault Park in Cincinnati on a beautiful Sunday, June 10. Over 204 cars and motorcycles competed for awards in several classes that grouped vehicles by years and types from the early 1900s to present day. A judged art show was happening on the terrace located well above the vehicles arrayed on the park lawns, along with refreshments for those folks who wanted to get out of the hot afternoon sun.

Although there was a nice representation of automobiles from the brass, pre-depression, and pre-WWII eras, these groupings were small when compared to the mob of cars from the 1950s-1970s. This herd appears to be more and more dominant in regional concours like this one, and will probably become the largest class in future shows. Time to sell the Duesie!

Two car companies were celebrating their 70th birthdays. Jaguar had a fine collection of 10 XKs from the 1950s to celebrate that model's vintage, and several other British makes were represented in the pre- and post-WWII classes.

Porsche was the other make celebrating its 70th and was this year's featured marque. Sixty eight examples of Porsche models through the years were displayed on the lawn. To kick off a new feature of the concours, in which the Committee spotlights a noted collector who supports the restoration and preservation of historic and significant vehicles, Bob Ingram of Durham was chosen and asked to bring some of his renowned Porsche collection to show at the event. Bob brought along his family as well as a few award-winning Porsche models; they were formerly Cincinnati residents, so this was a homecoming of sorts. Bob's 1949 aluminum-bodied Gmund coupe started the line of displayed cars, followed by his Pebble Beach winner, the 1951 cabriolet. Bob is a tremendous supporter of the collector hobby, and his collection in Durham is truly a sight to see.

The Cincinnati Concours has donated over \$1 million of its proceeds to the Arthritis Foundation, focusing on services for local children afflicted with juvenile arthritis. The concours was a great way to spend your money on a sunny afternoon, plus helping out a good cause!

Terrace view , Ault Park



Cincinnati Concours at Ault Park... Cont'd



1907 Richmond Model J1



1932 Packard Twin Six



1952 Aston Martin DB2 Sports Sedan

Upcoming Car Shows & Events

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To see the NC Region Web site or you NC Region Newsletter for more details about AACA events click [HERE](#). If you know of another show not listed, please email me to add them to the calendar at AnniesSS@gmail.com

Upcoming AACA Events:

July 11-14— AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Gettysburg, PA
August 20-24— AACA Reliability Tour, Geneva NY
Sept 12-15— AACA Divisional Tour, Texas Panhale, TX
Sept 16-21— Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Twin Falls, ID
October 10-13— AACA Fall Meet, Hershey, PA (Registraion is open until August 15)
October 21-26— AACA Founders Tour, Metroplis, IL

To see all of the AACA National and Chapter Events and Tours click [HERE](#):

Other AACA Chapter & Regional Events and Local Shows:

July 6-7— Mountaineer Region Meet, Fletcher
July 21— **Triangle Chapter Ice Cream Social**, Rob & Barbara VanDewoestine's house,
2 Pine Top Place, Durham, 27705
August 4— Zooland Region Car Show, Ashboro
August 11— General Greene Chapter Car Show, Greensboro
August 18—Capital City Cruisers 12th Annual Show, 1155 East Timber Dr, Garner
September 20— Triangle Chapter Monthly Meeting

Take-A-Part T Demonstrations

September 15— Clayton Harvest Fest
October 6— Heritage Days, Historic Oakview
November 3— Percy Flowers car show

2018 Cruise-Ins

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

1st Saturday of the Month	Char-Grill Cruise-in, 4617 Atlantic Ave, Raleigh 4pm
1st Saturday of the Month	Siler City Cruise in, AutoZone/Sonic 1509 E 11th St, Siler City (5-8pm Apr-Oct)
1st Saturday of the Month	MoJo's Grill, 2648 Timber Dr, Garner, 4-9pm (Apr-Oct)
1st Saturday of the Month	1001 Airport Blvd, Morrisville, 8-11am
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 Saturday of the Month	Parkside Town Commons, 7119 O'Kelly Chapel Rd, Cary
4th Saturday of the Month	3229 Burlington Mills Rd, Wake Forest 8-11am

By Denny Oestreich

Each year, Hot Rod Magazine sponsors a week long driving tour through a part of the US. In 2018 the tour route was in the Southeastern US taking lesser traveled roads. There were about 6000 participants with some driving one day and others staying for all six days of the event (the Long Haulers). The driving was between 186 and 295 miles daily. The route ended at a different interesting location each day. The June 14, 2018 stop was the PNC Arena in Raleigh.

The 2018 starting point was the end point of last year's tour, Bowling Green Kentucky. The stops on the tour included:

1. Chattanooga, TN State Community College.
2. Hoover, AL Metropolitan Stadium.
3. Atlanta Motor Speedway Hampton, GA.
4. Darlington, SC Raceway.
5. PNC Area in Raleigh, NC.
6. Lunch stop at the Petty Museum and Garage in Level Cross, NC and then on to the ZMAX dragstrip in Concord, NC.

Next year's Power Tour will start in Concord.



In Raleigh, I got a chance to see the Tour participants and their cars on Thursday afternoon. I guess I could say, "I drove on the tour for a half mile". As I drove up to the PNC Arena, I was directed into the flow of hot rods and into the parking lot where I decided to park with some other modern cars out of respect. The participants were from many states as this Tour has become a

ritual for Hot Rodders everywhere. The cars were of all types and makes, but mostly modified and tuned for long tours. I saw everything from new Corvettes, hand built Cobras, Volkswagens, Rat Rods, Trucks, Mazda Miatas with Chevy V8s, an imported Nissan big car, and many of my favorite 57 Chevys. The parking lot was a 3000-4000 car show.



The drivers and passengers were all willing to talk to you about their vehicles. I met one man who told me that he and his son built a kit Cobra and they were taking a week's vacation to drive the tour. He said, "My son actually built the car and my part was mostly a financial contribution". It sounded like a terrific father-son adventure. On that Thursday morning I had helped a friend complete an engine rebuild of his '64 GTO by setting the timing for the initial start. I talked to a lady and her teenaged son who were driving a similar '65 GTO about the coincidence. She said, "Yes, I helped my husband put this rebuilt 389 into the GTO last week before we left. Does your friend have 3 deuces too?" There was much engineering to be admired everywhere. Some cars had many chrome parts from the Ecklers catalog while other were hand built "get bys".

There was a repair tent corner where you could get help diagnosing a problem and repair help on the spot. There was even a differential change being

done on the parking lot asphalt and several hot engine overflows being tended. On the far side of the area were about 20 parts supplier semi-trucks and trailers with displays. Edlebrock, Lingenfelter and Petty Garage had big displays. There was also a bandstand with some entertainment, food trucks, and even a beer tent.

With thousands of people there, I only met one person I knew, Bob Simpson. Bob and Judy had joined the tour in Darlington and then went on to Concord Friday. If you get the chance, join the Power Tour for a day or visit one of their stops next year. Several others from the car club were there, but I missed them in the crowd while circling the PNC Arena and taking pictures. You could sit in a lawn chair in the shade and watch a big moving car show. Look for pictures in an upcoming Hot Rod Magazine.



Bob Simpson

Editor's Note: Joel and I spent the entire day at PNC Arena taking photos, talking cars, meeting new people. We had friends on the tour from Nebraska and we got the complete low-down from them, as it was their second tour. What an amazing day celebrating all things cars with good friends! We ended our evening out at dinner after a long shower and non-sweaty clothes, but I wouldn't change it for a minute!

We're looking forward to the 2018 Power Tour Route announcement coming in December. Who's in?! -Annie



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