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#### **May News Summary**

(Story summaries here. See the stories in the matching sections below.)

- 1. The Next Triangle Chapter Events are:
  - Don't forget the Wake Forest Display Saturday May 11, if you signed up.
  - Our next regular meeting will be 6 pm on May 16, 2019 at the Golden Corral.
     Program will be: Memorable American Cars of 1930-1970 by Bob Edwards
  - We have two Take A-Par-T demonstrations on May 18 at Wheels on Cary.
  - See more events below.
- 2. Upcoming AACA, NC Region and other events. See the list.
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- 13. Studebaker Adventures. Joe Parson's story of where his 1958 Hawk will be shown next.
- **14. Editors' Notes.** Want to be an editor or co-editor? Training and assistance will be provided.
- **15. Triangle Car Show Sponsors List.** Patronize our sponsors and tell them thank you.

## 1. Next Triangle Chapter Events

#### **EVENT #1**

What: Triangle Chapter May monthly meeting.

When: Thursday evening, May 16, 2019. Where: Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue

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

**Program Topic:** Memorable American Cars of 1930-1970 by Bob Edwards

This presentation will provide an affectionate review of the cars that brought mobility, travel, glamour, color and style to us during four turbulent decades. We will look at descriptions of the cars and the engineering and stylistic progress that defined the mid-20th century. The innovations of each decade will be highlighted, with emphasis on the exuberance of the 1950s and 1960s, and the sobering-down of this golden age, caused by foreign competition and government regulation.

Presenter: Bob Edwards; BMF, MS degrees; engineering and management consultant to North Carolina manufacturers of behalf of NC State's Industrial Extension service for 26 years; taught practical courses in manufacturing; professional engineer for 40 years; now retired; recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Jim Hunt in 2000.

#### EVENT #2

What: Wheels on Academy. Two Take A-Par-T Shows

When: Saturday May 18, 2019.

Where: Academy Street, downtown Cary, NC

**Times:** Registration <u>8 a.m. until 9 a.m.</u> Awards at: 3:00 pm

Registration on line at: https://www.townofcary.org/recreation-enjoyment/events/special-events/wheels-on-

academy/wheels-on-academy-application

## 2. Upcoming AACA, NC Region and Other Events

#### Other AACA Chapter & NC Region Events and Local Shows:

May 11 – Wake Forest Display

May 11 - First Capital Chapter Car Show. http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019firstcap.pdf

May 18 – Morehead City Chapter Car Show, <a href="http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019morehead.pdf">http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019morehead.pdf</a>

May 18 - Alamance Region Car Show. http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019alamance.pdf

May 25 – Three rivers Car Show http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019threeriv.pdf

June 1 - San-Lee Chapter Car Show http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019sanlee.pdf

June 15 - NC Region Spring Meet. <a href="http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019springmeet.pdf">http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2019springmeet.pdf</a>

See more AACA and Regional events at. <a href="http://ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/2012-02-13-00-21-14">http://ncregionaaca.com/region/index.php/2012-02-13-00-21-14</a>

#### **Triangle Take A-Par-T Demonstrations:**

May 18 - Wheels on Academy Car Show, Cary – We will do 2 Take A-Par-T Demonstrations October 6 - Heritage Days, Historic Oak View County Park, Raleigh

See the NC Region Web site or your NC Region Newsletter for more details about AACA events.

## 3. President's Corner

#### By Jim Gill

Congratulations to all of those that help made our annual car show a great success. Although I had trepidations on the location the venue proved to be an excellent choice. Thanks Jack, for your vision and laying the ground work for this to happen without too many hitches. We had an excellent turnout of club personnel and walk-ons with a wide variety of cars. For those that missed out, mark your calendar for May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. A special thanks for our sponsors and in the next week or so all of our sponsors should receive a letter and the same custom designed trophy that was presented to our participants. If we missed anyone that attended but did not receive a trophy, I apologize and please send me your name as I do have leftover trophies.

The next two weekends are also club activities with this weekend a number of members will partake in the Wake Forest Garden Club event and the following weekend we will be doing two Take-Apart T shows at the Cary Wheels on Academy annual car show. Please let me know if you can help with those demonstrations as I need help. Yes, I can assemble the T by myself but not in the time frame our audience expects.

Also there are two region shows scheduled on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Burlington and Morehead City, both of which attract large crowds. At this time of year there is never a shortage of car show events. Remember our own Region Meet will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> at Petty's Garage located in Randleman, NC. You must preregister for this show, so don't wait any longer. This is a must-see location with all the Petty family heritage memorabilia on display.

## 4. April Meeting Notes 4/16/2019

#### By Dean Tryon

#### AACA Meeting Notes - 4/16/2019

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

- 1. 5/4 Our annual show is at a new location, Capital Crossing Shopping Center, 4721 Capital (where we have our Chick Fil-A show each Nov.). See the following link for the flyer and registration form. https://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/images/PDF/2019triangle2.pdf
- 2. 5/10 show at White Plains Methodist church in Cary
- 3. 5/11 Informal show at the Wake Forest Museum sponsored by the WF Garden Club. 10 AM-2 PM, no cost or judging. Dean Tryon is contact.
- 4. 5/18 Morehead City AACA car show on the waterfront with antique boats
- 5. 6/15/19 Region Meet at the Petty Museum in Randall NC.
- 6. 10/19 Show requested at St Catherine's in Wake Forest. TBD
- 7. 12/1/19 Save the date for our annual Christmas party at the Stag Club in Raleigh

#### General discussion:

- 1. Jim Gill opened the meeting and no new members or guests present this week.
- 2. Marv Gage reported that membership is at 90 The treasury is at \$5317 plus sponsors checks of \$3250 so far.
- 3. Denny Oestreich requested stories for the newsletter on your first cars especially from the ladies.
- 4. For our 5/4 show, we need volunteers to help set up, bring food for members attending and tear down after the show.
- 5. "T" show status:
  - a. 5/4 at our show
  - b. 5/18 Cary
  - c. 9/21 Clayton has a conflict
  - d. 10/5 Heritage Days at Oak View
- 6. Awards:
  - a. Jim Aldrich reached 50 judging points and is now a Sr. Master judge.
  - b. Mike Petersen has 318 judging points.
  - c. Bob Safrit has 200 judging points.

#### **Program**

1. The program was a presentation by Dan Fuccella describing his involvement with "Engineers Without Borders' project to build a clean water system in Haiti. Interesting project and certainly a needed activity. Thanks Dan.

## 5. Car Show Chairman's Comments

#### By Riley Reiner

#### Triangle Chapter's 58th Annual Show

Our show is in the books. It was small, but everyone worked hard to make it enjoyable for those attending. I was not aware until after the show that there were nine other shows within driving range. I knew of the annual Horseless Carriage Tour which falls on the same weekend. I want to give big thanks to ALL who volunteered for set-up, day of show, and break-down. Special thanks to Denny for saving the plaque order and purchasing the door prizes; Jim for the outstanding awards; Let us not forget Jean Soehnlein and her organization of the hospitality tent and food brought to the meet; and George for being my assistant in all things including hauling supplies from and to the storage container.

The parking attendants were great and stayed on task. Thanks to Jack and Bob for serving as chief judges and the volunteers who served as judges. Thanks for Mike and Kimberly Hess for their work on registrations before and during the show. Thanks to Joe, Warren, and Marv for collecting sponsorships and Jack for locating a site. We can be pleased with the effort of many Triangle Chapter members.

Has the traditional antique car show become a thing of the past? With so many conflicting activities such as cruise-ins, cars and coffee, changing interests and other obligations; is the car show as we have known it become obsolete? We are trying to continue a tradition which may not be the future. Cruise-ins, local charity shows, and talking about cars but not driving them seems to be the current direction. Where should Triangle go from here? We have 90+ family members so we should be asking all members what would involve them. I pose this question to get some dialog going before next year.

In summary, thanks for all the help in so many areas. I think all participants seemed to have a good time which is why we go to the time and expense.

## 6. Triangle Chapter Car Show Report May 4, 2019

#### By Denny Oestreich

The Triangle Chapter's 58th Annual Car show at the new Capital Crossings venue went well thanks to the help of many Triangle members. There werere 52 vehicles entered in the show with an even amount of original and modified vehicles. Twenty members brought out their cars and entered the event The weather was good for a car show and the duties and activities kept our members busy.



On Friday 15 members gathered at Capital Crossings to rope off the showfield, set up the tents, drop off tables, put up signage and prepare the sponsor banners. Special thanks to Riley Reiner and George Ashley for using their trucks and trailers to transport the car show setup materials. The show field was organized, the hospitality tent was set up and we were ready for the show. The show field was a large area of the parking lot made ready for the show.

On Saturday morning the Hospitality tent was raised, the tables set up and the sponsor banners raised. Jean Soehnlein and Marilee Sanderson organized snacks and drinks for hospitality. There was enough food, snacks and drinks for everyone.

Mike and Kimberly Hess organized the registration. By 11 a.m. all 62 cars were parked by Marv Gage and the Parking Team. There was plenty of room between vehicles. The Judging teams were organized by Jack Agayoff (Original Vehicles) and Bob Gault (Modified Vehicles). There were enough Judges for six teams and the judging did not take very long.





A popular activity at our car shows is always the Kids Judging. This year Dan Fuccella had a big group of children on his Kid's Judging team. There were also as many adults watching and learning how to judge as there were kids judging. After the judging the kids were all awarded trophies which they appreciated.

At 1:45, a team was organized to assemble the Take A-Par-T. The assembly took longer than usual at 12 minutes due to some ufamiliarity and the first assembly of the year. However, the crowd was still apprciative as the car started and drove away.

The door prizes were drawn and given away. It took a lot of time as many participants did not carry their door prize tickets with them. Lots of happy people walked away with automotive prizes.

At 2:30 we gave away the awards. Jim Gill had created Custom Trophy Plaques with a Barn Find theme. Each entrant received an award, either a First place or Acorn award. Additional awards were given to the Best Original/Best of Show Sean Wright, 1936 Rolls Royce, Best Modified Bing Long 1957 Ford Convertible. and Kids Choice Joe Parsons 1958 Studebaker. The other award winners are listed below.

After the show many members stayed to help us pack up all the material and displays. It takes a lot of effort to put together a show like ours Thank you to everyone who worked to make the show successful. Be sure to read the Sponsors list and if you use any of our sponsors businesss be sure to thank them.

To see many more pictures just click on one of the Links below.

1. To See Jean's Pictures Click On .:

http://ncregionaaca.com/triangle/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&catid=14&id=158

2. See Denny's pictures: Click on:

http://ncregionaaca.com/triangle/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&catid=14&id=157

3. To See Brad Whitaker's Pictures

https://www.flickr.com/photos/whitakerspics/albums/72157678091824157

#### 2019 Judging Results

#### AACA Class Judged Vehicles

Class	Owner	<u>Award</u>	<u>Year</u>	Make/Model
34G	Robert Simpson	First Place	1969	Chevrolet Camaro
36A	Ken Nagy	First place	1966	Pontiac Grand Prix
33	Denny Oestreich	First Place	1957	Chevrolet Sport Coupe
30B	John Watson	First Place	1964	Chevrolet
30A	John Allred	First Place	1961	Chevy Corvette
27D	Keith Wasserman	First Place	1960	Chevrolet Sedan
25E	David Allen	First Place	1991	Toyota MR2
27E	Jim Schreiber	First Place	1963	Ford Galaxie 500XL Convertible
27E	David Pitman	Acorn	1963	Chevrolet Impala
27C	Joe Parsons	First Place	1958	Studebaker
22A	Jim Gill	First Place	1927	Ford Model T pickup
21C	Dave Norris	First Place	1931	Ford Cabriolet
21E	Judy Newsome	First Place	1932	Ford Cabriolet
19A	Marvin Gage	First Place	1930	Franklin Sedan
19C	Sean Wright	<b>Best of Show</b>	1936	Rolls Royce
XXX	Chet Butcher	First Place	1950	Ford 2Dr

#### **AACA Driver Participation Vehicles**

DPC	William Johnson	DPC	1956	Pontiac Star Chief
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DPC	Dan Fuccella	DPC	1950	Willys Station Wagon
DPC	Tom Pruett	DPC	1979	Chevrolet El Camino
DPC	David Smith	DPC	1972	Chevrolet Camaro
DPC	Dan Fuhrman	DPC	1971	Ford LTD
DPC	Mike Krause	DPC	1967	Chevrolet Convertible
DPC	Robert Fuhrman	DPC	1963	Mercury S55 Convertible
DPC	Tina, Terry Hopper	DPC	1978	Ford Pickup
DPC	Clint Strombotne	DPC	1960	Mercedes Convertible
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HPOF	Floyd Barnes	HPOF	1957	Chevrolet 4 Door
HPOF	Jack Agayoff	HPOF	1970	Oldsmobile Convertible
HPOF	Rolando Mejia	HPOF	1972	Plymouth Barracuda
HPOF	Judy Simpson	HPOF	1973	Chevrolet Corvette
HPOF	Rob Anderson	HPOF	1988	Mercury Cougar
HPOF	<b>Dudley Morrison</b>	HPOF	1988	Lincoln Sedan
HPOF	Jean Soehnlein	HPOF	1989	Mercedes 190D
HPOF	Brian Wingler	HPOF	1988	Ford Ranger Pickup
HPOF	Betty Graham	HPOF	1994	Jaguar
HPOF	John Graham	HPOF		
Modified	<u>Automobiles</u>			
	Billy Dove	First Place	1925	Ford TT Truck
30s GM	Daniel Kunkel	First Place	1938	Chevrolet Coupe
50s GM	Dan Glover	First Place	1957	Chevrolet 210 Hardtop
50s GM	Elke Watkins	Acorn	1957	Oldsmobile
	I Bing Long	Best of Modifie		Ford Convertible
	Ted Fredrick	Acorn	1963	Ford Sprint
60s Ford		First Place	1963	Mercury Comet
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70s GM	Ray Badger	First Place	1972	Chevrolet Monte Carlo
80s Ford	Tim Ivey	First Place	1984	Ford Ranger

# 7. Scaling Down

Rob Van Doewestine has down-sized his car collection and eliminated some car stuff. He offered a 1,000 pound capacity trailer tongue weight scale in new condition to the first person to get in touch with him. I contacted Rob and picked up the scale. If you read most information and most experts agree – that an acceptable tongue weight for any trailer is somewhere between 9 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight (GTW). Therefore, if you are towing a 5000 lbs trailer, the tongue weight should be measured at approximately 500 lbs. The scale is available for anyone in the club to borrow to check their tongue weight. Just call Denny at 919-8446-8163.



## 8. Bill Mitchell Car

In 1956 GM Engineer, automobile designer and stylist, Bill Mitchell, had a 1956 Buick Century

Convertible modified with many new features in the GM development shops. The Vehicle was completed and driven by Mitchell and later sold by GM. A group of retired GM engineers acquired the 1956 Buick X in poor condition and using some original specifications, restored the Buick as Bill Mitchell designed it. Dean Tryon was a contributing member of the group. His role in the project was to rebuild four Carter side draft carburetors and test them.. He used wooden adapters and PVC pipes test the carburetors on his 1929 Buick.

Bill Mitchell 1912-1988 was an American automobile designer. He was recruited by Harley Earl to join the Art and Color Section of General Motors in 1935. He succeeded Harley Earl as Vice president and Head of design at General Motors 1958-1977. The 1963 Buick Riviera was one of Mitchell's famous designs during his tenure as Chief of styling at GM.

Among the 225 special changes and features of the car were head rests, four side draft carburetors, special foot rests, and swivel seats. See the Hemmings story at: <a href="https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2019/04/03/bill-mitchells-1956x-buick-century-emerges-from-an-eight-year-restoration/">https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2019/04/03/bill-mitchells-1956x-buick-century-emerges-from-an-eight-year-restoration/</a>



# 9. Triangle Members First Car List (so far).

#### By Denny Oestreich

We had a great response to the request for information about our members' first cars. It seems our first car ranks among the unforgettable events of our lives. Some of our members provided great short stories and pictures about their first cars. I have created and posted the list below. The longer stories and pictures are shown in a separate article below. When you see the first cars some of our members owned and the antique car they own today you may say, "That makes sense". Many of us may not have pictures of our first cars. Thank goodness for cell phone cameras today, so we can take many pictures of our antique vehicles. I will publish additions to the list next month if you send me your information to add to the list.

#### **FIRST CAR LIST**

<u>Name</u>	Year/Make	Color	Comments

Henry Burgwyn	1954 Oldsmobile Rocket 88	Gray	* 4 door V-8 with automatic.  * Purchased for \$400 from my brother.  * Paid him on a Saturday and picked car up then. Motor blew up on Monday
Tracey Reardon	1973 Ford Torino	Medium Blue	* Automatic with 351 Cleveland motor. A real floater. * Took over payment from my father. A happy day!
Chet Butcher	1949 Ford 4 Door		* On my fist attempt to lay rubber, I revved up, popped the clutch and broke an axel.
Dan Fuhrman	1971 Ford LTD	Red with a white hardtop	* Purchased when I was 16 in 1978.  * Drove her last week!  * Owned 41 years and counting.  * 1st date & wedding day car.  * Cost \$750 (\$808.50 incl. tax)
Kathy Fuhrman	1967 VW Beetle	White with a sunroof	* His name was Herbie  * I used to practice my euphonium in it. (5 brothers who did not like to hear me practice)  * Cost \$700.
Marv Gage	1950 Plymouth Sedan		* In 1955 I decided between a 1949 Oldsmobile and the 1950 Plymouth. * I chose the "fuel efficient" Plymouth because gas prices were high at 19 cents/gallon.
John Gerken	1965 Rambler 770	Green	* Purchased for \$150  * Named "Rosie", for Ramblin' Rose  * Had been fully submerged in the Kansas City flood of 1977  * Driven through four years of college.
John Gilliam	1946 Ford Coupe	Black	* Found in a Tobacco storage Barn in Burlington, NC when I was 15.  * Negotiated a deal with the previous owner's widow for \$200.  * Driven to school and to Florida.  * Traded for 1959 Ford when I was 19.
Fred Harley	1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster Coupe	Faded red	* Leaky radiator.  * 3-Speed vacuum shifter on the column.  * When the temperature went below freezing it often would not shift.
Lori Holborn	1971 Chevy Cheyenne P/U	Powder Blue	* Gifted from my parents when I turned 16.
Andrea Irby	1971 Buick Skylark	Persimmon Orange	* Handed down to me in 1978 from my mother.  * He was named Percy. He could fly!  * Black vinyl interior, black hardtop.  * Buick 350 V-8 engine.  * Burned thru a set of tires quickly.

Denny Oestreich	1955 Mercury Custom	Light Blue	* 5 Boy car, four to push and one to pop the clutch.  * Found in back of a used car lot. \$300.  * Traded in on a 58 Impala, 1 year later.
Merry Oestreich	1972 Chevy Impala 2 Dr. Htp	Dark Green Vinyl Top	* Purchased new in '72 * Mom's BIG car. * Traded in on a '77 Impala 4 Dr.
Mike Petersen	1955 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer	Three color car Halo Blue/ Sapphire White/ Admiral Blue Metallic	* Performance Car  * In 1956 Transmission hump was high and I could ride with my feet on the floor.  * Gift from my grandfather in 1966.
Riley Reiner	1930 Ford Model A Coupe	Black	* I still own it. * Rebuilt Motor waiting to be installed.
Dean Tryon	1955 Ford		* V8, manual shift, w/"special" mufflers. * Loud muffler tickets were \$50 in Flint, MI back then.
Don Winstead	1972 Oldsmobile 442 Convertible	Viking Blue w/White Top	* Special order when I was 19 years old.
Joe Parsons	1947 Studebaker 2 Dr Coupe	White Top Yellow Hood & Trunk. Custom wood side panels	* 6 Cylinder Stick w/overdrive.  * Fender skirts and full hub caps  * De-chromed body  * I had a loud air horn.

## 10. First Car Stories

#### Tracey Reardon's first car.

1973 Ford Torino medium blue auto with 351 Cleveland motor. A real "floater". Took up payments from her father. A happy day!

#### Henry Burgwyn's first car.

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#### Katy and Dan Fuhrman's first cars

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#### Marv Gage's First Car

In 1955 I was looking for my first car and had to decide between a 1949 Olds Rocket 88 and a 1950 Plymouth Sedan. I decided on the 1950 Plymouth because I thought the Plymouth would give me better mileage since gas prices had increased to \$.19 per gallon.

#### John Gilliam's account of his first car purchase and restoration.

In 1960 at age 15 and living with my older sister in Burlington NC, I went to a boat show with my brother-in-law being held in the Coble Tobacco Warehouse. As a teenager will do, I wandered off into other spaces of the building and up onto a mezzanine. Stored there under a tarp and several inches of dust was an old black car. I was immediately "in love."

No one at the boat show knew who to contact about the car so I came back a few times until I found a guy that knew something about it. The car had been stored several years by the widow of a man who had been a buyer of the tobacco market. She lived on Webb Ave in Burlington and did not have a phone. I went to her house and inquired about buying the car. As I remember, you could tell she didn't want to sell it, especially to

a kid, but as we talked she warmed up a bit.

As it turned out she was many payments behind in storage fees and the connection her late husband had with the tobacco industry had died as well. Eventually, promising to take care of the car and paying \$200, I owned an original black 1946 Ford coupe.

All the old 16" tires were rotted and of course, flat, and I had to get the car of that mezzanine. I found 15 " wheels with used tires that would bolt up and was ready to take my "barn find" home. Getting it down the mezzanine ramp was when the brakes failed and had to be repaired before I could tow it away. I eventually got it to my sister's house and started to work. After many nights after school, replacing bearings, fluids and freeing up the old flathead rings with Motor Medic I had a



drivable car when I turned 16 and got my license.

My parents lived in Melbourne, FL. so I drove it down there and finished high school. I spent all the money I could beg, borrow or steal on that Ford till I was 19 and met my wife, who had other ideas for my time and resources. I traded the car for a 1959 Ford convertible which she drove while I was in the Navy.

Well that's probably more than anyone ever wanted to know about my first car but that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Attached is the only picture I have of that car.

#### Andrea Irby's First Car

My first car: was "Percy" (because he was Persimmon Orange, though the official color was Butterscotch), Percy was 1971 Buick Skylark, black vinyl interior, black hardtop, 8 cylinders, 350cc engine and he could FLY! My Mom bought him new from my uncle in Roanoke Rapids, NC. My uncle was a car salesman. Percy was handed down to me in 1978 and I loved him. My boyfriend had a 69 Camaro at the

time and anything he did, I did. I burned through my first set of tires pretty quickly.

#### **Dean Tryon's First Car**

My first car was 55 Ford (but don't tell Riley). V8, manual shift and with special muffles, sounded great. Only cost me \$50 in Flint when a decelerated thru and intersection with a cop at the corner. He seemed to think it was too loud.

#### Joe Parsons First Car

My very first car was a customized 1947 Studebaker 2 door coupe, 6 cylinder with stick shift and overdrive. My father, who was a Studebaker, dealer gave me this car as soon as I turned 16 year old. The previous owner was a cabinet maker. He added custom wood panels to the door and area behind the door to rear fender.

Now imagine the paint colors! it had a white top and a yellow hood, trunk, and yellow along the sides of car with the lower panels painted white like the top. Inside the wood trim was decal wood with the actual wood trim light color. It was a true eye catcher and even a girl catcher! My high school buddy's enjoyed the Studebaker.

I installed fender shirts and fancy hubcaps. The hood and trunk were de-chromed and of course it had the wide white wall tires. I recall adding an air horn, very loud! It wasn't fast but sure was economical as I could put a bucks worth of gas and drive all weekend I can't believe I never had photos of the car but these two photos give you the idea of its beautiful lines



Yellow with White Top car like this car

With custom wood body panels like this.

## 11. My 1923 HCS Automobile

#### By Jim Aldrich

1923 H.C.S Series IV Model IV discovered in California.

(Editor's Note: Harry Clayton Stutz worked for the Stutz Motor Car Company from its exception in 1913. He left the Stutz company in 1919. However, he continued his interest in automobiles and started another business called the H.C.S. Motor Car Company in 1919. The company produced about 3000 vehicles between 1919 and 1926.)

This car was listed for sale in the Stutz Club newsletter a few times in 2018 and it caught my eye, considering the unusual exterior colors. Dan DiThomas helped me get in touch with the owner, Joe Garbarino of San Rafael CA. Joe and I talked by phone several times. It turns out he has a large collection of world war II military vehicles including fourteen Tanks. However, the 23' H.C.S. was the only vintage automobile he owned. Like a lot of us, Joe is getting up there in years and his children weren't interested in the car, therefore he wanted to sell it to a new caretaker.





We agreed on a tentative purchase with Joe's request that I visit California to look at the car. Therefore, I visited Joe the week before Thanksgiving of 2018 and we completed the deal. That was just after the terrible CA fires, burning the whole town of Paradise CA. Turns out Joe manages a large Waste management business that hauled household waste in Paradise.

They agreed to hold the car in safe keeping while I arranged to have it hauled to North Carolina. Gary White of vehicle transport fame helped me work out an arrangement with Ed Watts of Passport Transport. Due to year end complications and Arizona auctions the pickup was delayed to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The car has more miles in their trailer via. Barrett Jackson auction terminal and Boca Rotan FL than I'll ever drive it.

The Passport Transport driver delivered the car Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>. He had to unload four other cars to get at my Car from the front of the trailer. Wow, no damage great job, after a 4000-mile trip.

Brian White the Stutz go-to guy and I got to work surveying the things to do etc. My goal was to Show the car for AACA judging at the Charlotte NC April 6, 2019 meet. Also, to drive it on the NC HCCA, two-day road tour in May 2019.

This series IV car has design improvements over the Series III. The four cylinder Weidley engine hp was increased to 55, by a larger 3 ¾" bore and 5 ½ "stroke, Lanchester harmonic balancer, aeroplane type two blade cooling fan, automatic distributor spark advance, Exhaust cutout and multiple disc, dry clutch. Chassis-Body modifications included a one-piece windshield, rectangle rear window and most significant is the factory added Lockheed hydraulic front wheel brakes. Unique to this car are the red/green running lights located just above the split cast aluminum running boards with red on the driver's side and green on the passenger side. There are photos without explanations of these lights in some of the old publications. However, we suspect that Harry Stutz, was thinking "Aeronautical" prior to relocating to Florida to start his Airplane factory.

I needed to refresh the engine paint/polish detailing, electrical system and front brakes. We replaced all the hydraulic brake lines and rebuilt the front wheel cylinders requiring complete repainting of the front suspension due to fluid leaks. The suspension/fender paint color matches perfectly with Dodge Hemi engine orange. Dan D'Thomas researched 1923 Malcolm Loughead's hydraulic brake patent application, whose name was later changed to Lockheed. I Replaced the battery cutoff switch and cables. Tim Dean, the best upholstery guy in North Carolina, made a clear-poly see-through rain hat for the fabric roof. We were awarded a first Junior trophy at the April 2019 AACA Charlotte NC meet.

#### **Known History of the HCS**

Items discovered in the side door pockets and rear trunk included previous states registrations, license tags, owner's manual, and information from John McAnlis and a 2005 letter from Bill Greer. Our H.C.S was owned by Al Foglio of Milwaukie, Oregon prior to 1988 up to 1997 when he sold the car to Joe Garbarino of San Rafael, California. We don't know if Al performed the restoration during those years.

The Bill Greer letter is interesting in that Bill was listed as the V.P. of Publications. He was credited with founding the STUTZ club in 1987. He usually welcomed every new STUTZ club member with a personal letter and some info about the vehicle's ownership. Quoting Bill, He indicated; "It is the only Series IV, four-cylinder H.C.S. that I'm aware of, that exists." It appears that Joe Garbarino wanted to sell his 1923 H.C.S and list it in the 2005 STUTZ newsletter. Joe didn't work very hard to sell it, considering he held the car for another thirteen years.

John McAnlis mailed an information package to Al Foglio in September 1988. John and Bill Dawn had authored a four-page article published in the January 1981 issue of "Antique Automobile" entitled the H.C.S special indicating the new 23' Series IV model IV four-cylinder engine size was increased to 243 cubic inches producing 55 Brake horse power.

We don't have any ownership data for the years of 1923 through 1988. We bought the car from Joe in November 2018.

Note! The paragraphs listed below were prepared for a placard display at shows. It contains some redundant info

# 1923 HCS Series IV, Model IV 4 Cylinder Engine, 4 Door Touring Car

"The other car that Harry built", Harry Clayton Stutz sold his interest in Stutz Motor Co. Indianapolis in 1919. HCS was an expensive assembled car (1921 Price \$2.975), with Engine by Weidely four cylinder, 228 cubic inches & overhead valves, developing 50 H.P. Available was an optioned six cyl Midwest engine. Cars sold reasonably well at first on the strength of Founder's name.

The car shown here today is the <u>only</u> known 23' Model IV to exist with Factory added Lockheed hydraulic front wheel brakes, as referenced by a 2005 letter from Bill Greer the President of the Stutz club. 1921 & 1922 models were Series III. 1923 Series IV, four cyl. engines were upgraded to 243 cubic inches and produced 55 H.P. The six cylinder provided 80 hp from 288 cubic inches. Approximately 600 Series IV cars were produced in 1923 and 1924. Most of them were the six cyl. Models. Faced with diminished sales, Harry stopped building cars in 1924 and produced Fire trucks and Taxicabs only. Harry died at age of 54 in 1930.

The car manufacturers went through a difficult time in the late 1920s and 1930s, there were 180 car makers in 1922 and only 59 remained in 1925.

The HCS 1923 selling price \$2,250 dollars

Current Owners: Jim and Becky Aldrich of Raleigh NC

## 12. Not So Long Ago

#### By Mike Petersen



The Ford Model K pictured was the first car owned by the Mills family and the first car in Neoga, Illinois. At the wheel is my great grandfather Alpheus Mills. Seated beside him is son Lowell. Son Frank is standing beside Lowell. Son Earl is standing in front of the car. In the back seat are my grandmother Edith, son William, great grandmother Rose, and daughter Violet is standing in front of William.

The Ford Model K was built from 1906 – 1908. It had a 40 hp 405 cid straight 6 cylinder engine, a two speed planetary transmission, 2,400 pound curb weight, and a 114 in. wheelbase. It cost \$2,500 (\$65,000 today) to \$3,000 (depending on trim level) and was intended for wealthy customers. A total of 900 examples were built. It was considered a failure and Henry Ford turned to the other end of the market with the Model T.

I knew all of these folks except Alpheus. Alpheus was a woodworker. He stored vehicles for folks during the winter. Alpheus always wore a tie. My mother used to say it was a mystery as to exactly what all Alpheus did to make a living.

## 13. Studebaker Adventures

#### By Joe Parsons

The AACA Hershey Museum is having a featured display of Studebakers from May 17 to Oct 12, 2019 called <u>Studebaker Cool</u>. I was invited to display my 1958 Studebaker Golden Hawk and they said they would even transport it to the museum. (**See photos of them picking up my hawk May 6**<sup>th)</sup>).





There will be some 45 Studebakers as the feature marque like the Ford Mustangs last year. They have the exhibit opening celebration on May 17<sup>th</sup> for which I will be attending with my grandson. The owner of my 1955 Studebaker speedster which I sold last year will have the speedster on display too.

I dislike not having my Hawk for local shows this year, but felt it would be a fun experience to have the Hawk displayed with so many other Studebakers at the museum.

There is more to the story. I installed a factory power steering assembly on the Hawk just days before it being transported to Hershey, I then took the car to our May 4<sup>th</sup> show. Upon entering the parking lot I discovered that a radiator hose was leaking. (I removed the radiator, fan shroud, fan, pitman arm and hoses to install the power steering). I found a hose clamp at Lowes and with the help of Jim Gill and Bob Gault ,I repaired the leak.

On Sunday I went to garage and detailed the hawk and found water on the floor plus pink steering fluid, not a good sign with the Hershey transporter coming on Monday morning. I found a freeze plug on the side of block had a hole in it and was dripping water. The pump for PS was leaking at a hose connection. I removed the leaking plug and installed a new one and tightened the PS hose.

The Hershey transport trailer arrived only 4 hours after completing the repairs

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## 14. Editors Notes

#### By Denny Oestreich

I am the temporary Triangle Chapter Newsletter editor filling in until we can identify a new editor. If you would like to be the Editor or Co-editor of the Triangle Chapter News please contact Jim Gill or me. The editors job pays \$100 per editions. It takes between 6-10 hours to collect and produce each issue. I can tell you further what is involved and I need the help. Denny Oestreich 919-846-8163.

#### **Article Submission Deadlines:**

We really need your articles. This newsletter is published 7-10 days before our next meeting. Our meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. Tell us how about an antique car you just acquired, a restoration you are doing, or a car show you attended, your first car. We especially enjoy pictures of your car projects. Please send or give your pictures and articles to Denny Oestreich at OestreichD@AOL.com The deadline for submitting an article is one week before the next meeting.

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