

Triangle Chapter News



July 2019

2019 Issue 7

July News Summary

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We will do a Take A-Par-T demo at the Four Oaks Car show September 7, 2019.
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1. Next Triangle Chapter Events

The Triangle Chapter Does not meet in July or August. Many of us are on vacations with family and friends. Send a picture of an interesting event or vehicles you see on vacation.

EVENT #1

What: Take A-Par-T Demonstration

When: Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Where: Downtown Four Oaks, North Carolina

Times: Demonstrations at 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Information: See the story below in section 3 of this Newsletter. Contact Riley Reiner to sign up as a team member.

EVENT #2

What: Triangle Chapter September 2019 monthly meeting.

(We do not meet in July and August)

When: Thursday evening, September 19, 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: To Be announced.

2. Upcoming AACA, NC Region and Other Events

Other AACA Chapter & NC Region Events and Local Shows:

August 3 - Zooland Region Meet - Asheboro, NC
August 10 - General Greene Chapter Meet - Greensboro, NC
September 7 - Sandhills Chapter Meet - Southern Pines, NC
September 14 - Southeastern Chapter Meet - Mt. Olive, NC
September 21 - NC Region Fall Meet, Furnitureland Chapter - Spencer, NC
September 28 - New River Chapter Meet - Jacksonville, NC
October 9-12 - Eastern Fall Meet AACA National - Hershey, PA
October 17-19 - Charlotte Fall Autofair Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC

See the NC Region Web site or your NC Region Newsletter for more details and event flyers.

Triangle Take A-Par-T Demonstrations:

September 7 – Four Oaks Show and Swap Meet, Four Oaks, NC. See the flyer at the end.

October 5 - Heritage Days, Historic Oak View County Park, Raleigh

3. Take A-Part-T Help Wanted

By Riley Reiner

We need to assemble a team to do the Take A Part T on Saturday, September 7th in Four Oaks which is one exit north on I-95 past the Smithfield Outlet exit. Your wife knows where that exit is. Their flier is at the end of this newsletter if you might be interested in displaying your car. Our show times are 11:30 and 1:30.

Please wear your Triangle Chapter shirts, blue or gray, and your white Model-T hat. If you do not have a shirt and would like to get one, contact Marv Gage as he has a supply. He also has hats which are free for team members. We have had positive comments from the crowd when our team is in uniform. Remember, the Keystone Cops wore matching uniforms. Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. I will send reminder emails out closer to the event.

Contact Riley Reiner to join the team at: Tel 919-554-1158, Email at rreiner@earthlink.net

Contact Marv Gage for hats and shirts at: 919-673-0371

Thanks,
Riley

4. President's Corner

By Jim Gill

Presidents Corner July 2019

Congratulations to all that received a "Richard Petty" signed trophy at last month's Regional Meet at the Petty Garage. Our chapter was well represented. The weather was great, the venue was well planned and the turnout for a region show was excellent.

I am writing this month's message as I make final preparations for my annual trek to northern Wisconsin for a few weeks. Plans of meeting friends and family with activities of boating, fishing, biking and of course

grilling. I also plan on attending the nation's second largest car show at Iola. My brother and I will be looking for a number of T parts to complete the restoration of the snowmobile. He has arranged to meet four old former neighborhood classmates that I have not seen since 1966. I am sure a brew will be shared by all. Another planned action is visiting an old family friend that has a T coupe, T pickup and a TT truck and a pile of parts he wants to dispose. Doesn't cost to look. This guy, near 90, also makes real maple syrup and harvests hundreds of pounds of honey annually. Lest I forget, he still runs his own Cummins/Model T powered sawmill.

For those that are staying in the area, we have planned activities for the summer that remain in progress. Watch for a note from Marv on a northern Wake County tour. Hopefully we will have a good turnout. Also, for those that have an interest in hosting our annual picnic, don't be bashful and speak up and let Denny know.

Enjoy your summer plans, keep those antiques on the road and have safe travels where ever you go.

5. June Meeting Notes 6/20/2019

By Dean Tryon

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

1. 10/5 – Oak View Heritage Days
2. 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 with no new members or guests. (His daughter and 2 grand daughters attended though.)
2. Jim reported on the recent Region Board meeting:
 - a. The sports car display at the Transportation Museum in Spencer will run from 11/18/19 to 2/24/20.
 - b. The Spring Region meet will be 5/9 in New Bern (our local meet will be 5/2)
 - c. The Fall Region meet will be 9/19/20 in Spencer by the Furnitureland Chapter.
 - d. Region membership is 574, down 45 this year.
 - e. Nominations are open for the "Circle of Honor" for the Region – someone who has done outstanding work for the Chapter or Region.
 - f. There are apparently scam emails going to our officers soliciting money for the National Headquarters. Be careful if you get one.
 - g. The NC Legislature is moving the age for "antique" cars from 35 to 30 years old.
3. Denny Oestreich mentioned that Wake Tech received a \$1000 scholarship from the Region.
4. The Transportation Museum has started construction of a new restoration shop in Spencer for Region cars.
5. Denny also does the web site for us and requested someone interested to get us more visibility on Facebook. Helen DePietro has volunteered.
6. "T" show status:
 - a. 9/7 - Four Oaks
 - b. 10/5 – Heritage Days at Oak View
 - c. A more uniform dress code was suggested for the crew. In addition to the "Ford" hats, Marv has shirts available if you do not have one.

Program

The program was a 25 min movie presented by Dan Fuccella on the early classic cars. You can view it at "<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhRvKTt7apA>

6. NC Region Meet Report June 15, 2019

By Denny Oestreich

The General Greene Chapter hosted the annual NC Region AACA Spring Meet at Petty's Garage in Randleman, NC. Petty's Garage is the Petty family home place and former Petty Race shop. There were 92 AACA vehicles entered in the car show for Judging, or Historic Preservation, and Driver Participation Class vehicles entered for evaluation.

Seventeen Triangle members attended with nine Triangle vehicles entered in the show. Attending the show

were; Jim Gill, Warren Daniels, Paulette Bullock, Brian Wingler, Jim Schrieber and guest, Mike Hess Dan Fuccella, Jim and Becky Aldridge, John and Helen Dipietro, Dan Morton, Dean and Les Tryon and Ron Sieber and Guest enjoyed the cars show and museum. Pictures of Triangle cars and members who displayed cars are shown below.



Jim Schrieber - 1963 Ford Red Bird Pres



Jim and Becky Aldrich - 1923 HSC 1st Red Bird



Mike Hess - 1969 AMC AMX 1st Redbird



Denny Oestreich - 1957 Chevrolet Red Bird Pres



Jim Gill - 1927 Ford Pickup DPC



Warren Daniels - 1956 Pontiac Safari Red Bird Pres



John and Helen Dipietro 1990 Avanti Red Bird Pres



Dan Fuccella 1950 Willys Jeep Wagon DPC Repeat



Brian Winger 1988 Ford Ranger 1st HPOF



NC Region Spring Meet Trophy

The Petty Race shop has been converted to a museum and restoration facility with racing mementoes, trophies, and race cars. Additionally there were no less than 15 vehicles undergoing restoration. The back shop is used to modify new performance cars to very high performance "Petty Garage" vehicles sold by new car dealers. The museum displays Richards Petty's collection of trophies guns, jackknives pocket watches and Race cars.

The show field on the grass worked out well. The show cars were nicely located for the judges to review the cars. The award ceremonies went smoothly. The participants were especially appreciative of the trophies which were individually autographed by Richard Petty himself. It was a great day for looking at cars.

See more pictures at these two links:

For Ginger Wright's pictures go to: [2019 NC Region Spring Meet Ginger Wright's Pictures](#)

For Denny Oestreich's pictures go to: [2019 NC Region Spring Meet Denny's Pictures](#)

7. Alamance Region Car Show

By Mike Hess

On Saturday, May 18, I attended the 48th annual Alamance Region AACA car show. It was held in old downtown Burlington, NC at the historic railroad depot. A perfect venue for a car show and the weather could not have been better. I decided to drive my 1967 Corvette to the show and found myself parked with several finely restored and original Corvettes. Like our Triangle Chapter AACA show, the show is open to AACA classes and modified vehicles. I estimate over 160 vehicles filled the streets and a parking lot. The hospitality center was inside the railroad depot and offered food and drink not unlike our club show plus air conditioning.

My understanding is that the downtown district encourages the show to be held on the downtown streets. It is another way to help in the revitalization of the area. There is an ice cream parlor right in the middle of the show to take care of your midday cravings. Several raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing followed by awards were done in an amphitheater adjacent to the railroad depot in the same manner as our club show. I would not hesitate to attend this show again.



Downtown Burlington



The Corvette Entries

8. Spongy Brakes Solution

By Ray Rapuano

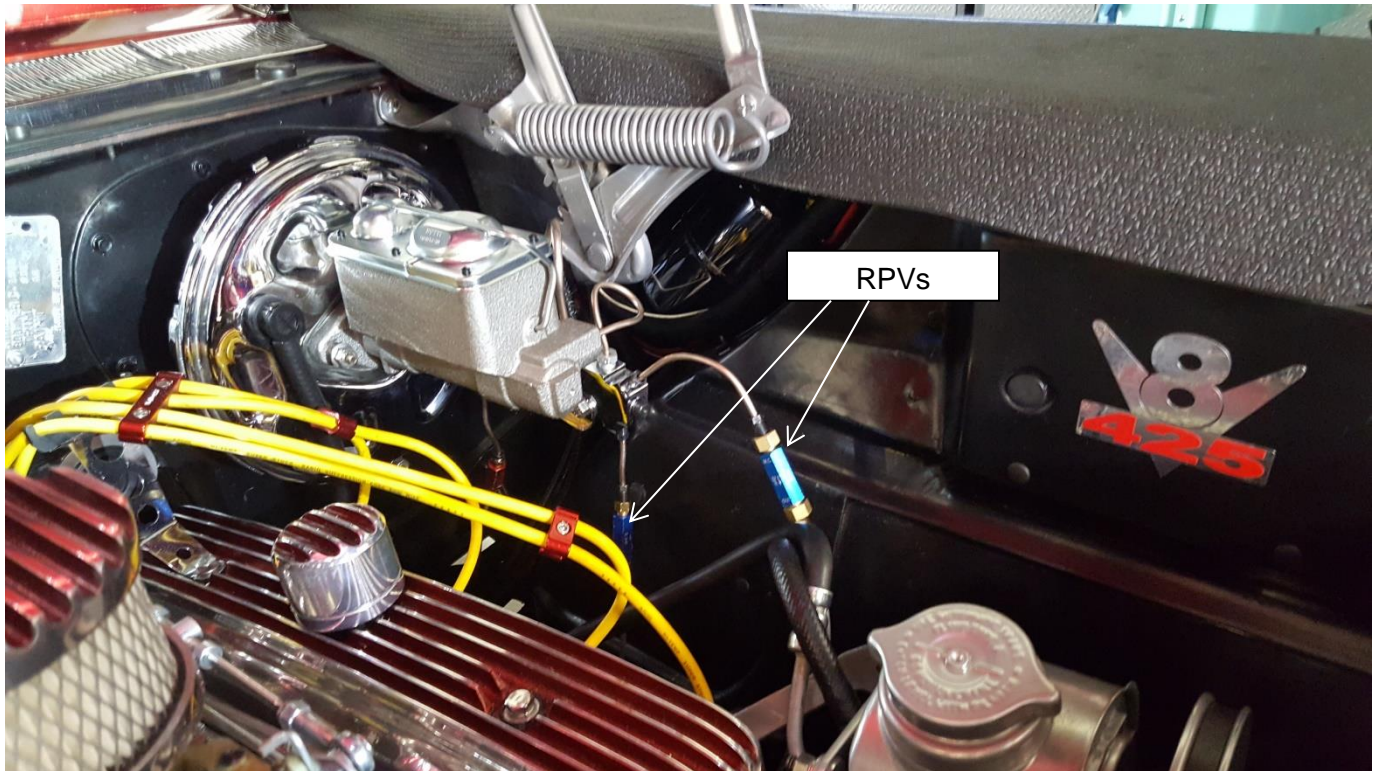
I have a 57 Buick on which I changed the original brakes to 1974 Big Brake solution, similar to a 455 Big Buick, 454 Chevy car or any other Pontiac or Oldsmobile with a 455. I added a power booster, dual reservoir master, proportioning valve, front Disc brakes and kept the original rear drum brakes. The front Calipers are from a Chevy Truck for extra braking power. However most of the time, I really had only about 20% of the capacity of these brakes.

The solution was to install "Residual Pressure Valves (RPVs)". I installed a red 10 lbs RPV for the rear brakes and 2 blue 2 lbs valves on the front brakes, one for each caliper. **(see photo attached and look at the 2 blue valves I installed)** Bingo, I had brake pedal before I even bled the brakes, Hooray...

What the RPV does is prevent the caliper or brake cylinder from pushing fluid back to the master and keeps fluid in the caliper and brake cylinder. The master cylinder then does not have to push a large amount a fluid

to engage the brakes. In my case, with the extra large truck calipers, the master cylinder would never pump enough fluid with a single pedal stroke.

I have heard for many years, car guys talk about spongy brake system solutions, including changing master cylinders 3 to 6 times, changing proportioning valves, changing rear wheel cylinders and even changing the calipers. I also changed the master cylinder once, the proportioning valve, bled the brakes at least a dozen times and even paid a shop \$110 to do a power bleed.



After I added the RPVs as shown in the picture, my 57 Buick that weighs as much as a tank, stops like my Mercedes AMG with 6 Caliper pistons. Totally amazing difference. The RPVs can be purchased from JEGs or Summit Racing for \$16 to \$30 each. Installation requires a little brake line cutting, flaring and a little localized brake bleeding...bingo, you are done...

After months of frustration and several hundred dollars in costs, I figured I would share this solution with all of you...it is an economical solution too. The next time your hear a car enthusiast talk about a spongy brake pedal, tell them about the RPV solution.

9. Facebook Volunteers

Thanks to two of our fellow Triangle members who have volunteered to help maintain the Facebook pages for the Triangle Chapter and the NC Region. Helen DiPietro has been making updates to the NC Region Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACAA/>

Helen and John have been attending several chapter and Region events. Helen has then been updating the NC Region Website with many pictures and notice of events. She has had 3941 visits to the page, 70 Likes and 619 comments and "Likes" from other AACA Regions and Chapters. If you have Region updates and information that should be on the NC Region Facebook page please be sure the let Helen know by leaving a comment or Email and be sure to Like the page. Helen Dipietro is at: fielddreams@AOL.com

Barbara Werner will begin updating the Triangle Chapter Facebook page. The Triangle page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1810983369205111/>

If you have information or ideas for Barbara please Email her at oldhardtop@aol.com

10. My First Car



By Mike Hess

My first car was a 1966 Ford Fairlane 500 2-door coupe. My parents would not allow me to buy a car for my own until I started going to college. In the meantime, I was stuck driving the family car or the farm pickup. I worked on the Hess Farm you see and it was my only income. It seemed all my friends in their Senior year in High School had a car but not me. When it finally came time, it was the summer of 1968 and my Dad and I found the clean low mileage, but not very exciting white with red interior Ford Fairlane. It was equipped with a 200 c.i. six cylinder with three-on-tree. No options that I recall. Dog dish wheel covers and black wall tires. But, the price was right for a first car. It was not long before I bought white wall tires and full wheel covers for it. To try and mimic a Fairlane GT, I removed the rocker molding, filled in the molding

clip holes and repainted the rocker area. I then painted on the GT strips. Less than a year later, my best school buddy drives in the yard with a 1968 Plymouth Road Runner, 383 with a 4-speed. By the next year, I too owned a Road Runner 383 with a 4-speed, but that is another story...

11. Editors Notes

By Denny Oestreich

Article Submissions:

The summer heat has arrived for a long visit. My garage is cool enough to work in until about noon. Then its time to take a break until evening. I am attempting to finish my 57 Chevy four door restoration by mid-August. I am one box of parts and two more online orders of parts away from finishing. I hope to have the first drive in 30 days. The interior and wheels are the last major projects.

Thank you for contributing your interesting articles for our newsletter. Although we do not meet in July and August, we do publish newsletters. Tell us about an antique car you just acquired, a restoration you are doing, a car show you attended, or your first car. We especially enjoy pictures of your car projects. For July and August send us a picture of an interesting vehicle you saw on vacation. Please send or give your pictures and articles to Denny Oestreich at OestreichD@AOL.com

If you would like to be the Editor or Co-editor of the Triangle Chapter News please contact Jim Gill or me. The editor's job pays \$100 per edition. 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.

Web Site and Facebook

You can see ongoing updates to Triangle Activities on our Website or Facebook site. Both have many more pictures and updates of Triangle activities.

- Triangle Website: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>
- Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACA/>
- NC Region Website: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

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Four Oaks CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

SEPT. 7, 2019 • 8am to 3pm
Downtown Four Oaks

Registration begins at 8AM • \$20 per entry

Show is 11AM- 3PM • Award presentation at 2PM
Show Participants will receive a photo participation plaque

Car and Motorcycle Swap Meet Booths

(Pre-registration required- \$15 for 10x10, \$25 for 10x20)

DJ • 50/50 Raffle • Food Trucks

Model "T" Demonstration by AACA/Triangle Chapter

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Net proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle will be donated to the Four Oaks Police Department K-9 Unit fundraising