

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Car of the Month

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Happy Holidays To You

December News Summary

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1. Next Triangle Chapter Events

EVENT #1

What: Triangle Chapter January 16, 2019 monthly meeting.

When: Thursday evening, November 21, 2019.

Where: Golden Corral at 6129 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC

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

Program Topic:

2. Upcoming AACA, NC Region and Other Events

Other AACA Chapter & NC Region Events and Local Shows:

1. NC Region Winter Business Meeting – January 18-19, 2020 Raleigh, NC

The NC Region will hold the 2020 Winter Business Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2019. This will be an ideal location for Triangle Chapter members. The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn located at 1520 Blue Ridge Road near the Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. The events will begin with a Meet and Greet over luncheon Friday at noon. After lunch there will be three Judges training sessions to help you prepare your vehicle and learn how AACA Judging changes for 2020. On Saturday, January 19, The NC Region Board of Directors meeting will be held in the morning. For all other NC Region members the morning session will feature guest speakers on a subject of interest related to North Carolina and a speaker discussing AACA National changes and updates. Mark your calendar now.

A printed Registration Form and Agenda can be found in your NC Region newsletter or on the Region Web Site at: <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2020%20Annual%20Meeting%20Registration.pdf>

2. Sports car Display Docents Needed – Spencer NC

There are fifteen Saturdays AACA members can choose from to serve as a Docent at the ongoing NCTM/NC Region AACA car exhibit. Use of Docents at last year's AACA car exhibit ensured the public had someone to talk to about what AACA is all about and helped to provide oversight on the overall exhibit. Saturday is usually the busiest day at the museum. You do not have to exhibit a car to be a Docent for this event. The museum will tell you what time to report. To request a day, contact Kathrine Johnson at the NCTM museum (Tel 704-636-2889) and she'll be able to tell you if the day you would like is available, or if it has already been taken.

Dates available are:

Nov 18, 22, 30

Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

Jan 4, 11, 18, 28

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22

3. 2020 AACA Region and Events

The NC Region board has planned and scheduled the 2020 Events of AACA National, NC Region, and NC Region Chapters, see the NC Region Web site at:

<http://ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2020events2.pdf>

or consult your NC Region Newsletter.

3. President's Corner

By Mike Hess

As the new president, I thought I would formally introduce myself. I grew up on a small farm outside Toledo, Ohio. I think helping Dad repair and maintain the farm equipment and with Detroit only a 40-minute drive away influenced my interest in automobiles. I subscribed to Motor Trend magazine and read every issue from cover to cover. If it was not the Toledo auto show, the family would go to the Detroit auto show each year. I thought it would be cool to be an automotive designer or engineer and work for one of the "big three". Reality set in and my college years found me getting a BBA with a major in IT, finding job opportunities unlimited at the time. But I did have a late 60's muscle car like most of my friends. Marriage, starting a family and a demanding job put an end to my car interest. A major life changing event sent me to northern California in 1990. I was amazed at all the rust-free old cars and where 60's and 70's Mustangs were daily drivers. I soon bought a 1968 Mustang convertible and my new wife and I joined the local Mustang club. Then I bought a 1965 Plymouth Barracuda (featured in Nov/Dec 2007 issue of *Antique Automobile*) and joined the local Mopar club. Vice president, president, newsletter editor, and car show chairman were my major duties with these clubs. I also spent over 10 years as a Docent at the California Auto Museum (formally the Towe Ford Museum), was editor for the museums main newsletter and also the docent newsletter. I also was a judge at several concurs shows held in northern California for 18 years. Then in 2017 the wife and I moved to NC to retire. I have been a member of the national AACA for 15 years but not a member of any chapter and did not participate in any AACA events until joining the Triangle chapter.

I will be looking to the officers and the board as well as all members to help me learn the inner workings of the

chapter. I encourage all members to contact me (phone, text, e-mail) with suggestions on new activities or events that would be fun for the chapter. An initial planning meeting with the Triangle chapter board will occur in January. I still only know a handful of members in the chapter so please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to me at the monthly meetings or any other time. I am slow in remembering names, but I will get there with time.

Finally, I encourage attending the annual Regional Membership meeting right here in Raleigh on January 17 and 18, 2020. Registration deadline is December 27. Details can be found in the Nov/Dec NC Region Newsletter.

4. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes, 10-17-19 Meeting

By Dean Tryon

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

1. 12/1/19 – AACA annual Christmas party at the Stag Club in Raleigh. We need your reservation and check for \$15 each to Marv Gage by **11/26** (209 Trotters Ridge Dr, Raleigh 27614, 919-846-4708). Social time at 6PM, dinner at 6:30, gift exchange at 7:30. You all have received the newsletter and a separate flyer from Denny.
2. 1/17-18 – Region Annual Meeting at the Ramada Inn in Raleigh at 1520 Blue Ridge Rd. Cost is \$15 for lunch and seminars due by **12/27**. See Region newsletter for info.
3. AACA dues are due by **1/1/20**. You can do it yourself or send 1 check to Marv Gage (address above) for \$65 that covers National, Region and Triangle Chapter.

General discussion:

1. Jim Gill opened the meeting as his last official meeting as President. He thanked all those who helped these last 3 years. We welcomed a new member, Randy Robertson with a '53 Ford that has been in his family since new.
2. Jim reported on the Transportation Museum in Spencer program to have sports cars on display from Nov thru Feb. If interested in showing your car or being a docent, see Jim. Free inside storage!
3. Marv Gage reported that membership is up to 94 plus 2 students and plus 1 tonight. The treasury is sound.
4. Charlotte Auto Fair attendance was low this year.
5. Mike Hess reported on several shows in Pittsboro
6. The Greensboro auction had 540 cars and some sold for good prices (low).
7. Jean Soehnlein reported on the Christmas Party plans. All set thanks to her committee with Les Tryon, Sue Harley and Kimberly Hess.
8. Denny Oestreich also reminded us that we are in need of a new newsletter editor. The chapter pays \$100 for each issue plus expenses.
9. Dan Fuccella reported that the SearStone Retirement Home display in Cary was well attended. Many residents came out, many were given rides around the area and free lunches were provided for all. The plan is to rotate each year in the Raleigh area.
10. Jack Agayoff mentioned the CHICK FIL-A display was canceled last week for weather and this week looks questionable.
11. Riley presented the slate of officers for next year.
 - a. **Triangle Chapter Officer Candidates for 2020**
President: Mike Hess
Vice President: Dan Fuccella
Secretary/Treasurer: Marv Gage
News Correspondent to Region and National Publications: Denny Oestreich
 - b. **Directors for 2020-2021**
John DiPietro
Tom Pruett
Brian Wingler
 - c. **Directors elected for 2019-2020**
George Ashley

Chet Butcher
Bob Gault

A motion to approve by Bob Fuhrman and seconded by Peggy Barnes was unanimous

12. Brian Wingler noted that 31 Ford is for sale in Apex near 751 and 64. The phone on the window is 919-418-8188.
13. Helen DiPietro received a request from a photographer in Sanford for a photo shoot on 12/7. A 1970 or older truck or convertible is requested. If interested, call 910-689-6378.

Program

1. The program was an update presentation by Dean Tryon on EV's. He had new schematics, did a quick recap of a last year's presentation and discussed several new areas.

5. 2020 Dues Reminder from the Treasurer

By Marv Gage

Your membership in the AACA will expire on 12/31/19. You can renew your membership by sending a check for the National dues \$40, Region dues \$15 and Chapter dues \$10. Make one check for \$65 out to the Triangle Chapter AACA and send it to:

Marv Gage
209 Trotters Ridge Drive
Raleigh, NC 27614

I will send the funds to each of the organizations. If you do not renew by 12/31/19 the AACA and Region will cancel your membership and you will not receive newsletters, magazines or the opportunity to participate in Tours and Car Shows in 2020.

I am attaching a membership renewal form for you to use.

To those who have renewed their membership, Thank You and your renewals are being processed.

6. NC Region Sports Car Display

By Denny Oestreich



T-Birds at the NC Transportation Sports Car Display (Jack Agayoff's T-Bird, Center)

Jack Agayoff's 1956 T-Bird is part of the North Carolina Transportation Museum 2020 Sports Car Exhibit. This display, which was organized by the NC Region of AACA, is now opened to the public. The exhibit at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC features vehicles owned by NC Region AACA members from across the state of NC. The exhibit will be open from 18 November 2019 to 24 February 2020. The vehicles you can see include: 1950 MGTD; 1978 MG Midget, 1991 Toyota MR2, 1957 Thunderbird, 1956 Thunderbird, 1955 Thunderbird, 1993 Cadillac Allante, 1961 Corvette, 1967 Corvette, 1957 Corvette, 1991 Chrysler TC by Maserati, 1960 Triumph TR3a, and a 1959 Austin Healy. Be sure to stop and see it. Here is a Link to the Transportation Web Site with more pictures : [https://www.nctrans.org/Events/AACA-\(1\).aspx](https://www.nctrans.org/Events/AACA-(1).aspx)

7. Chick-Fil-A Display - November 16, 2019

By Denny Oestreich

In November the Triangle Chapter's tradition is a Car Display/Cruise-in at Chick-Fil-A. This is a final activity for getting out our cars for the year. This event was postponed for one week to avoid wind and rain on November 9. The rain date started OK, but we had a rain shorted half day event. We enjoyed talking with spectators and a chicken sandwich. Then we tested our antique car windshield wipers and defrosters on the way home.



Jean, Jack, John, Denny and Marv



Tommy Fitzgerald and Jack Agayoff

8. Holiday Party December 1, 2019

By Jean Soehnlein

We had 35 members attending our annual Christmas Party at the Stag Club in Raleigh. Dinner was catered by Piper's Tavern: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Stuffed Flounder (stuffed w/blue claw crab meat), plus a gluten-free chicken entrée.



The Committee



The Gift Exchange and Trivia Game.

Every year we participate in a game called "Dirty Santa". Each couple brings a wrapped gift that has a value of at least \$10 and must be edible! Denny creates a great trivia game – automobile related. Each member is called upon to answer the question and then go to the gift table to pick one of the wrapped gifts and unwrap it at their table for all to see. The next member can then either steal a gift or go to the table. For more years than anyone can count, we have had a "Pink Elephant" disguised as a gift. The member who discovers they are the recipient of it has the duty to return it next year wrapped in a mysterious way again. In addition, those attending bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots! They will be taken to the Marines in Wake Forest.

9. Raleigh Classics Car Auction December 6-7, 2019

It seems we meet Triangle Chapter members at many car events. The Raleigh Classics Auto Auction at the NC State Fair Grounds was no exception this year. The auction had many nice vehicles and notable collections of cars for sale. While watching this auction I met Tom Pruett, Glen Andrews, and Bill Werner. Lori Holburn was helping with the title transfers while Michael was driving the auction vehicles across the block. A Southern California Collection of cars, included several 60s Corvettes selling for over \$100,000. The highest price paid was for a 1967 Corvette going for \$135,000 and a 1963 split window Corvette for \$110,000. Other interesting cars included two very low milage 2008 Chevrolet SSs with less than 1000 miles. A beautifully restored 1951 Jeepster convertible was sold at \$52,000. The sale started off with 30 No Reserve vehicles that sold for \$1400 to \$7000. Below are two example pictures of auction vehicles.



1938 Chevrolet. Sold!



1965 GTO and 1957 Chevy In Line to Cross the Block

10. Triangle at The NC Region Meet September 21, 2019

By Denny Oestreich

Triangle Members Bob and Bonda Fuhrman, Jim Schreiber, Floyd and Peggy Barnes, Dan Fuccella, and John Gilliam attended the NC Region Fall Meet. I recently received these pictures which included three Triangle Members Cars and wanted to share the pictures.



Bob and Bonda Fuhrman 1963 Mercury



Jim Schreiber 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air



Floyd and Peggy Barnes 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible

11. Christmas Parade Dobson, NC

There were many opportunities to drive your antique car in local parades this season. However, two parades were canceled this year, Garner and Wake Forest. However, some of our members found a parade to join in Dobson, NC. They made the trip over and enjoyed the Parade with the Horsesless Carriage Club. Did you join a parade this year?



Steven and Jennifer White Model T



Brian and Tish White Stutz



Jim and Becky Aldrich in the Sheriff's Dodge



A One Cowpower Entry

11. St Thomas More Academy Class

By Riley Reiner

I followed up with the blast email from the teacher asking for a car from the sixties. Yesterday, I drove the '69 Mustang to St Thomas More Academy on Spring Forest Road and enjoyed speaking with her class. After my talk and question and answer period, they went outside and enjoyed sitting in the Mustang and giving it a good

inspection. The girls were just as interested as the boys and told a couple of guys to get in the back seat so they could sit in the front. The course is an elective called "1969" which is a semester long study of the '60's. There were 52 students in the class almost an even mix of boys and girls. It has been 35 years since I stood before a lecture class in high school but it felt like I had never left. They are going to post some pictures on their web site and give Triangle Chapter a plug.

See more about this story at: <https://www.facebook.com/stmacademyraleigh/>



12. Editors Notes

By Denny Oestreich

Article Submissions:

Thank you for contributing interesting articles for our newsletter. We need your stories for next month. 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 or an interesting car project you have in progress. Please send or give your pictures and articles to Denny Oestreich at 919-846-8163, Email OestreichD@AOL.com.

Web Sites

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

- Triangle Website:
- NC Region Website: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

Facebook Page

Barbara Werner is now updating our Triangle Facebook page and Helen Dipietro is making updates to the NC Region Facebook page. Please have a look, "Like" the page and give them suggestions or information for

the pages.

- Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACAF/>
- NC Region Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACAF/>

13. Triangle Chapter Contacts

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Board of Directors

2019-2020

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Awards - Jim Gill (919-363-2616)
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Youth Coordinator - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Car Show Committee Chair – Riley Reiner (919-554-1158)



2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America
North Carolina Region
Triangle Chapter AACA

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Spouses Name: _____ Home Phone No. _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Cars Owned (Year/Model) _____

NATIONAL AACA: Annual Dues \$40 Required for membership in Region and Chapter organizations.

My National number is _____.

___ I have paid my 2019 dues directly to AACA National in Hershey.

NORTH CAROLINA REGION AACA: Annual dues \$15

___ I have paid my 2019 dues directly to the NC Region

TRIANGLE CHAPTER: AACA: Annual dues \$10.

Make Checks payable to: TRIANGLE CHAPTER AACA

Note: Above dues can be combined on a single check.

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Applicants Signature

Date