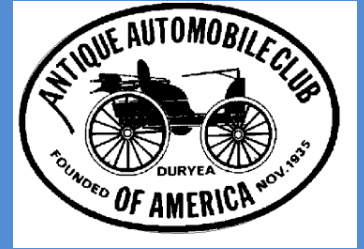


Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Car of the Month



January 2020

2020 Issue 1

Happy New Year!

January News Summary

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

1. **The Next Triangle Chapter Events.** Chapter Meeting January 16, 2020.
2. **Upcoming AACA, NC Region and other events.** NC Region Annual Meet January 17-18.
3. **President's Corner** See Mike Hess' message
4. **Triangle Meeting Notes.** No Meeting in December.
5. **2020 Dues reminder.** Remember to send in your 2020 dues before Jan 1.
6. **NC Region Sports Car Display at the NC Transportation Museum**
7. **2020 Raleigh New Year's Cruise-in.**
8. **2019 Triangle Chapter Highlights and Pictures**
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1. Next Triangle Chapter Events

EVENT #1

What: Triangle Chapter monthly meeting.

When: Thursday evening, January 16,, 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: TBA

2. Upcoming AACA, NC Region and Other Events

Other AACA Chapter & NC Region Events and Local Shows:

1. NC Region Winter Business Meeting – January 17-18, 2020 Raleigh, NC

The NC Region will hold the 2020 Winter Business Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2020. 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 about 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 LeAnne 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.

Remaining Dates available are:

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

The year is 2020 and a new decade. Can you believe it? It seems like only a few years ago, the big worry was; What would all the computer applications do with the year 2000. Turned out to be no big deal. I also have a hard time believing my muscle cars are all over 50 years old.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. I forgot to thank Jean and her crew for putting together another enjoyable Christmas party. And Denny did another great job with his trivia game during the gift exchange. Their hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated.

For the Hess household, the holiday season was not a happy time. We lost our beloved Dalmatian, Duke. Those who attended the summer picnic may remember meeting him. He broke our hearts and I find myself tearing-up as I write this. I will miss him forever. He was very special.

On a happier note, Denny Oestreich and I were at the NC Transportation Museum on 28th of December acting as docents for the AACA sports car display. Not much interest in the display or AACA, but it was nice to get out to the museum.

I have scheduled the Triangle Chapter board meeting on January 26. There will be many things to cover and I have a lot to get familiar with as we plan activities for the year. I encourage members to contact me with suggestions or ideas for new club activities or for the standing recurring activities. Minutes of the meeting will be published in the newsletter.

The AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia will be in February. I do not plan to go but I understand Triangle Chapter members have gone in the past. If anyone is planning on going, it would be interesting to hear a report.

I watched the big Mecum auction in Kissimmee and the Steve McQueen Bullitt Mustang sold for 3.4 million dollars (3.74 million with buyer premium). An all-time record for the sale of a Mustang. I noticed the media was quick to report the outcome. The remaining questions to be answered is who bought it (a phone bidder) and will it ever be seen by the public again.

4. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

By Dean Tryon

We did not hold a meeting in December.

5. 2020 Dues Reminder from the Treasurer

Thank you for renewing your 2020 membership applications. Most members have renewed and your renewals are being processed. Marv Gage, Treasurer has contacted members who have not rejoined. If you did not send in your application and dues your membership in the AACA expired on 12/31/19. You can still 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

Attached at the end of the newsletter is a membership renewal form.

6. NC Region Sports Car Display Docents

By Denny Oestreich





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

The NC Region has organized a display of 13 antique sports cars at the NC Transportation museum in Spencer. The Sports Cars on display belong to NC Region members and will be on display from November 18, 2019 thru February 24, 2020. Mike Hess and I volunteered to be docents on Saturday December 28, 2019 to answer questions about AACA and the NC Region from museum visitors. We also answered questions about the sports cars on display.

The display was staged in the "back-shop" building of the old Southern Railway Service Shops in Spencer, NC. The NC Transportation is a state owned museum which features trains, cars, trucks, and airplane memorabilia. There were thirteen sports cars on display: 1950 MGTD, 1955 Ford Thunderbird, 1956 Ford Thunderbird, 1957 Ford Thunderbird, 1957 Chevrolet Corvette, 1959 Austin Healey, 1960 Triumph TR3a, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette, 1967 Chevrolet Corvette, 1978 MG Midget, 1991 Toyota MR2, 1991 Chrysler TC by Maserati, and a 1993 Cadillac Allante. The 1956 Thunderbird belongs to Jack Agayoff. Of the Triangle Chapter. NC Transportation Museum Collections Coordinator, LeAnne Johnson said, "The exhibit has been seen by over 60,000 visitors since it started in November. (Our official Polar Express number is 61,000 and then add in the regular visitors over the 2 months puts us close to 62,000.) The museum appreciates the partnership we have developed with the AACA through this exhibit."

The Transportation Museum is a working museum which sees changing displays as they acquire new display thru donations. The railroad shop brings in rolling train stock for service in the train service area. We were able to see the very large Norfolk and Western Steam Locomotive 611 which had been brought in from Virginia for service. Also new at the museum was a recently donated 1918 Chevrolet Depot Hack. 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)

This NC Region activity is in response to the AACA no longer being associated with AACA Museum. The concept is to have smaller localized AACA displays around the country.

7. New Years Day Cruise-In January 1, 2020

By Denny Oestreich

A new venue for the traditional Raleigh New Year's Day Cruise-in drew over 600 vehicles this year. The venue was the D&S Cafeteria at South Hills Mall and Plaza. The venue proved to be very successful with interesting vehicles parked all around the complex. Various clubs gathered to cruise in to the event together. There was a group of Volkswagens, a Mustang club, a Chrysler Club and many individual cars and trucks. There were some super cars, such as a McLaren and several Corvettes, rat rods, and restored Cadillacs.

Some people stayed to have long look at the cars while others cruised in for just short time. Triangle members at the show included Floyd Barnes, Bill Werner, Dan Fuccella, Henry and Tracy Burgwyn, Bob Gault and Denny Oestreich. Below are some pictures of the Cruise-in.



Bob Gault's Bronco



Henry Burgwyn's 57 Chevy Convertible



Dan Fuccella and his Willys Wagon



Bill Werner's 1954 Packard



The Dodge Group



One of Many Modified Vehicles

8. Highlights of 2019 Triangle Activities

By Denny Oestreich

This is a list of 2019 Triangle Chapter activities and pictures. There were many more activities that you attended individually than I have collected here. It was a very good year. What was your favorite activity?

- a. Ten Monthly meetings with Interesting programs. Thanks to Former President Jim Gill for conducting the meetings and to VP Dan Fuccella for planning interesting programs. Also Thanks to all who contributed to planning , hosting and participating in our events.
- b. In January 2019 the meeting program was Raleigh Fire Marshall, Lemiel Hubbard about fire safety in the home and garage. Many Triangle members attended the NC Region Annual Meet which was moved to Raleigh., At the meet Judges training was provided by Dain King and Triangle Member Mike Peterson.
- c. In February our meeting program was a presentation by Greg Cagle who as a boy compiled a book on unusual cars in Europe in the 1950's followed by his recent trips to Europe for follow up.
- d. In March our Annual Chili Cook Off was held at Joel and Nancy Hoffmans' home on March 23. Twenty five members attended with great Chilies and deserts. Thanks to the Hoffmans' for hosting.
- e. In April the program presentation was by Dan Fuccella describing his involvement with "Engineers Without Borders' project to build a clean water system in Haiti.
- f. May 2, 2019 was our Car show. We had 52 vehicles. The program at our May 16, 2019 meeting was an interesting presentation "Classic Cars of the "1930-1960" by Bob Edwards.
- g. In June we demonstrated the Take A-Par-T at the Wheels on Academy car show. The NC Region Show was held at the Petty Museum with Awards autographed by Richard Petty. Our meeting program was a 25 minute movie presented by Dan Fuccella on the early classic cars.
- h. In July and August we do not have meetings but we did have a summer picnic at the Hess'. There was a good turnout and fine garage tour.
- i. In September the club performed a Take A-Par-T demonstration at the Four Oaks Car show. Our September meeting program was a presentation by Mike Petersen on his family's history in the Civil War.
- j. In October we reviewed members' pictures taken at Hershey with members providing commentary.
- k. In November Dean Tryon provided us with an update of how the growth in the availability of electric vehicles impacts our vehicle purchase decisions.
- l. In December we held our annual Holiday Party at the Stag Club. We had a good turnout, great food and memorable gift exchange. I have already forgotten who went home with the pink elephant.



2019 Chili Cook-Off



Triangle Car Show Take A-Par-T Team



Wheels on Academy
Cary Mayor's Award



Brian Winger HPOF Award at the Greensboro Car Show



Becky Aldrich at the Greensboro Show



Joe Parsons surveys Summer Picnic Preparations



Riley Reiner Prepares for Hershey Judging

Model Ts at Searstone Display



Chick Fil-A Display Day w/Rain



Holiday Party Hors D'oeuvre Crew

9. Triangle Chapter Board Meeting

Reminder to Triangle Board of Directors.

The Annual Triangle Board of Directors meeting will be held at President Mike Hess' home on January 26, 2020 at 2 pm. Below is a list of some of the topics the Board will consider. If you have input or suggestions the board should consider please contact one of the board members or officers listed below in the Contacts Section. Board members, please remember the meeting.

- I. Treasurers/membership Report
- II. VP Program Plans/Ideas
- III. Activities planning discussion items will include
 - a. Meetings: Dates and location
 - b. Annual Fall Car Show
 - c. Annual Car Tour
 - d. Chili cook-off
 - e. Ice cream social
 - f. Club picnic
 - g. Holiday party
 - h. Car Displays (Wake Forest garden Club, Oak View Heritage Days, Chick-Fil-A)
 - i. Take-Apart T demonstrations (Triangle Car show,
- V. Chapter membership promotion ideas

10. Can You Identify This Engine?



The NC Transportation has a demonstration engine on display. The engine is driven by an electric motor so you can see the components in operation. Can you tell us the manufacturer and approximate year?

11. 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/NCRegionAACAA/>
- NC Region Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACAA/>

12. Triangle Chapter Contacts

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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