Triangle Chapter Newsletter







Car of the Month

October 2020

2020 Issue 10

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1. Triangle Events

Triangle 2020 Calendar

Date Event

October 8 Chapter Meeting

Venue

RallyPoint Sports Grill, 837 Bass Pro Ln, Cary, NC Make sure you RSVP

November Chick-Fil-A Cruise-in Chick-fil-A Capital Blvd. (CANCELED due to renovation.)

November 12 Chapter Meeting RallyPoint Sports Grill, 837 Bass Pro Ln, Cary, NC

December 6 Holiday Celebration Stag Club North Raleigh (Sunday)

October 8 Meeting Logistics

Where: RallyPoint Sports Grill, Cary, NC

Meeting Times:

Dinner starts at 5:45 pm Meeting at 6:45 pm

Presentation Setup & Social Time 7:15 pm

Program 7:30 pm

Dismiss no later than 8:30 pm

Program Topic: Building Full Scale Replicas of Horseless Carriages

The topic of the presentation at the next General Meeting will be <u>Building Full Scale Replicas Of Horseless Carriages</u>. Our presenter, Wilson Fausel, will explain how "When the horseless carriage you love is not available or is out of your price range, you can build it!" Wilson, who joined the Triangle Chapter in 2020, previously owned a 1951 Pontiac, 1965 GTO, 3 MGAs, and a 1976 AMC Pacer. He currently owns two replica cars, a 1904 Oldsmobile Light Delivery (Pie Wagon) and a 1903 Ajax Electric Runabout. On his wish list is the desire to build a replica of an 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen. Please make plans to join us for this different slant on the antique automobile hobby.

2. NC Region Events

NC Region Events Still Planned

October 17 NC Region Fall Meet Furnitureland Chapter, Spencer, NC (New Date).

Registration Deadline is October 10, 2020 See the Flyer at the end of the newsletter.

3 AACA National Events Planned

Below are the AACA National events planned for 2020 and 2021. Make your plans now and be prepared to change in case the Covid -19 Pandemic continues into 2021.

AACA Events Planned

2020

October 10 Eastern Fall Nationals Car show only, Hershey Region (Canceled)

November 6-7 **NEW** AACA Special Fall Nationals, Gettysburg PA

2021

February 11-13 Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA

March 17-20 Special Winter Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico Special Grand Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico April 8-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC April 20-23 Southeastern Divisional Tour - Central Florida

May 6-8 Central Spring Nationals - Auburn, IN

May 20-25 Founders Tour - Davis, WV

June 2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore of MD
June 17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals - Saratoga Springs, NY

July 11-16 Vintage Tour - Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

July 22-24 Grand Nationals - New Ulm, MN Aug 13-14 Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO Sep 9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals - Greenville, SC Sep 12-17 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (VMCCA) - Saratoga Springs, NY October 6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA Central Divisional Tour - Broken Arrow, OK October 18-22 November 4-6 Special Western Nationals - Phoenix, AZ Nov 7-11 Western Divisional Tour - Metropolitan Phoenix & Central AZ

4 President's Corner

Bv Michael Hess

The Triangle Chapter had its second meeting of the 2020 year on September 10. It looks like the second Thursday of the month will be the new schedule. 16 members attended. We social distanced the best we could and wore masks. Plenty of hand sanitizer was brought for use. RallyPoint Sports Grill was very accommodating. They even followed up with Dan on how our meeting went. Thank you, Dan, for finding this place. We had our own entrance to the meeting room. They provided disposable paper menus as many restaurants do. Service was very good and the food was good. The meeting room while currently restricted to 25 people can hold 50. The TV on the wall made it much easier for presentations. No more screen for Denny to lug in. Dans presentation was very interesting and I had the impression that those who attended had a good time...maybe it was because I kept the agenda short.

The ice cream social held on Sunday; September 27 was well attended with a count of around 30. Several chapter members drove their toys to the event. The weather could not have been better. It was nice to see members I have not seen since last January. The ice cream was provided by Aloha Shave Ice & Farm Fresh Ice Cream and it was GOOD. I want to thank new member Bill Stallings for hosting this event on his farm.

By now it should be known that Hershey is completely cancelled. No car show. In its place will be a Special Fall National to be held in Gettysburg, November 6-7, at the same location where the Grand National was held in late August of this year.

I finally took my toys out for a drive after sitting all summer. First the Corvette. Dead battery. It's over 10 years old so time for a new one. Then the Barracuda. The tach stopped working and it had a slight uneven idle. Next was the AMX. After returning from my drive, I spotted brake fluid on the right rear wheel leaf spring. The master cylinder reservoir was completely empty for the rear brakes. I wonder how long that has been as it stopped just fine. The GTX is another story.

I have been Emailed two virtual car shows that anyone can enter if there is a class for their vehicle. I guess I will dig up some digital photos and enter. A least I will save on gas and not have to sit in a lawn chair all day...

5. Editor's Observations

Bv Denny Oestreich

My car activity this month involved more adjustments to body mounts and checking the suspension on my white 1957 Chevy to level out the rear stance. The good results I saw last month were deceiving and after several test drives it seems I still have the same problem: the car leans to the driver's side. After more investigation I have now determined the left front coil spring is bent so that it even touches the shock absorber which is located inside the coil spring. That should not be. The front coil springs and the rear leaf springs are supposed to suspend the car evenly. By jacking the car front end so the tires are off the ground and

supporting it on a single point evenly between the front frame rails, I can see the rear of the car sits level. However, a weak front coil spring on the driver's side lowers the front left and pulls the entire left side of the car down ½ inch. My next solution is to purchase and install a new set of front coil springs.

During my test drives I increased the total odometer milage on my white 57 Chevy to 100 miles. Last month I mentioned I had run out of the initial five gallons of gas, in the neighborhood, after only 50 miles. I poured another five gallons in the tank for more test driving. Guess what, at 99 miles on the odometer I ran out of gas again, going up a hill one block from home. Another walk of shame in the neighborhood. I can confirm my milage at 10 miles per gallon. My next challenge will be to increase the gas milage.

With all the car show cancellations this year we are confined to limited opportunities to drive or show cars. Some events are still being planned up to the last minute. AACA National was not able to negotiate for the Hershey Car National car show. So, they have now moved the venue to Gettysburg on November 5-6, 2020. Also, be sure to consider attending the NC Region Fall Meet in Spencer which is still being planned for October 17, 2020. See the new Flyer at the end of this newsletter. All other AACA shows are canceled.

As always, I enjoy getting your stories and pictures of your antique car related events for the newsletter. A quick picture and a few words always help make a better newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who shared pictures of the Ice Cream Social and thanks also to Dan Fuccella for the story. See the article later in the newsletter. Thanks also to Glen Andrew for his story about preparing for the Grand National meet. In this issue Dean Tryon provided the meeting minutes and Marv Gage reminds us 2021 Dues are due

Although I have heard about some of my acquaintances and many notable public officials who have contacted Covid-19, the good news is I have not heard of anyone in the Triangle Chapter being infected with the virus. From the numbers, the virus does not seem to be going away. Keep doing what you have been doing to prevent catching it.

6. 2021 Dues Notice

By Marv Gage

It is that time of the year to renew your AACA membership dues. National dues have been increased this year to \$45. Region dues are still \$15 and Chapter Dues are \$10. If you send me a check for \$70 made payable to the Triangle Chapter AACA, I will renew your membership in each organization for you. If you wish to pay your National Dues direct, send me a check for \$25 and I will take care of your Region and Chapter renewals. Mail your check to:

Marv Gage 209 Trotters Ridge Drive Raleigh, NC 27614

A 2021 Dues Renewal Form is attached to the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

7. Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

By Dean Tryon

I. Our Chapter is back in business - finally. We had 16 members present for our first meeting, about as expected as we ramp up to past attendance levels. Thanks to attendees Mike and Kimberly Hess, John and Helen DiPietro, Dan and Jean Fuccella, Dean and Les Tryon, Riley Reiner, Don Aikin, Tom Bordon, Brenda Gerken, Andrea Irby, John and Betty Graham, and Brian Winger for getting us back to

a new normal.

- II. The new location (Rally Point Sport Grill) was well received by all good food, good service, good company, low prices, a big TV that serves as the presentation screen, clean rest rooms and a facility that was just renovated. It is centrally located on Harrison Ave in Cary, just west of I-40 in a shopping center best known for Bass Pro Shop. The room holds 25 now but can hold up to 50 when things settle down. We ordered off the menu and meals were in the \$10-\$15 range.
- III. Reports Mary reports \$4223.72 in the treasury and 85 member families.
- IV. New Business
 - a. New meeting times: 5:45 dinner, 6:45 meeting, 7:15 set-up, 7:30 program, 8:30 end
 - b. Member use of cars in films we occasional get requests for members to use their cars in movies or promotional events. Although participation is low, we will continue to make the chapter aware of these.
 - c. Ice Cream Social Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:00 PM. Bill Stallings farm, 9012 Cary Lee Drive. Raleigh. This is off Ten-Ten Rd, just east of #401. Helen will send out an RSVP note.
 - d. NC Region annual cruise-in Oct. 3 CANCELLED.
 - e. NC Region Fall Meet in Spencer Oct.17 (new date).
 - f. Chick Fil-A Display 1st or 2nd Saturday in November. **TBD** since the Chick Fil-A on Capital Blvd is being rebuilt. Jack Agayoff will check.
 - g. Mark Jacobson Dream Machines tour in Durham. We hope to reschedule this in the future.
 - h. Holiday Party- Dec. 6. TBD at this point depending on the covid rules but planned for the Stag Club as usual.
- V. Presentation Dan and Jean Fuccella discussed their 2004 adventure taking their 1950 Willy Jeepster back to Biloxi Mississippi to meet the original owners. Dan bought the car in 1977 and was able to trace them back to 1950 with original paperwork still in the car.
- VI. NOTE: Future meetings will be at this location but on the 2nd Thursday of each month due to the room availability.

8. PH Craig Project Updates

Some corrections and additions to the PH Craig story.

PH Craig

Actually, my current front burner restorations are a 1956 Chrysler 300B and a 1956 Chrysler New Yorker convertible in desert rose and cloud white. The 300B recently had a new golden tan leather interior installed, while the convertible has a new platinum-white with charcoal piping, and contrasting dash, carpet and package shelf. The 300B, as many of you may remember was the fastest stock car that year. It has a High Performance 356 hemi with dual guad carbs and that famous bat wing air cleaner. If three 300Bs entered a race they came in 1,2,3. The convertible has a 356 four-barrel carburetor. "Flonty" Flock and Buck Baker were two of the famous drivers of the 300B's. A third project, that I did not mention to you, is my current daily driver, a 1971 Mercury Cougar XR7 with a Cleveland 4 barrel, white with blue leather and new blue top.

In addition to the 1924 Model T Ford, the 1942 Bill Friday Willys Jeep, and a Classic Car tantum axle car carrier trailer, I also donated a pretty rare and highly collectable General Patton WWII 3/4 ton WC 56 (radio body 58) command car. It was partially unrestored but had a new engine and many extra parts. These three went to NC Historical Sites (also under the Cultural and Natural Resources of NC). And for their Spencer Museum, many shop tools and supplies were donated to get their new restoration shop up and running. I expect to augment these donations later.

PH Craig

If you are interested, I can try to get a good photo of the Patton Command Car). I have the magazine article citing these as the General's favorite. They were generally known as Patton Command cars because he made them so famous and was frequently photographed in one.) PHC



Patton WC 56 Command Car

9. Tom Bordon Wins AACA Drive Your Car Challenge

Stacey Zimmerman, AACA Speedster Editor, offered up a challenge in the June AACA Speedster. She wrote, "So, here's my challenge for you... Drive your car. Drive it by yourself or with your family. Drive it down the street or across the state. Just get it out of the garage and drive it somewhere. While you are on this drive, find somewhere interesting or fun to stop and take a photo of your car there. Then email me the photo with the following information: your name (and member number if you know it), year/make/model of your car and the location of the photo (place, city, state). Everyone who participates will be put in a drawing to win some AACA swag, and I will share all of the photos in the July *Speedster*. **Please email your entry by July 27th.** I'm excited to see where you end up!"



Tom Borden was one of the three winners (by random draw).

- 1. Paul Arena Jr., Staten Island, NY
- 2. Tom Borden, Raleigh, NC
- 3. John P. Blake, Morrisdale, PA

Here is his picture submission.

Toms says, "Have not received the swag yet. Yes, I was quite surprised when they chose my picture for the challenge a couple of issues ago and even more surprised as a random winner of swag."

10 California Fire Losses

Submitted by Mike Hess

I found this article on the National Corvette Restorers Society Facebook page. Ken Albers was a long-time member NCRS and lived not too far from Sacramento (where I moved from). He collected classic Chevys his

wife collected Ginny dolls. The CA wildfires incinerated it all. Very sad.

Quoted from the San Francisco Chronicle) "Ken Albers slowly shuffled through his torched showroom Monday, passing three of his 16 classic Chevrolets, paint melted and charred, destroyed like the rest of his Vacaville home. The 72-year-old retired land surveyor had lived on the five-acre property for 30 years with his 70-year-old wife Marci. They were both lifelong collectors. His wife lost her 500 Ginny dolls, stamp collection, antiques, and Albers lost his 500-piece train set, 200 plastic car models. And all the classic restored Chevys melted and roasted — including eight Corvettes and some 1930's-era vehicles.



11. How Glen Andrews Prepared for the Grand National

By Glen Andrews

During the previous winter months and the pandemic, I accomplished several projects on my 1938 Chevrolet pickup. Late last fall I ordered a replacement windshield from a specialty parts supplier. The windshield was not cut correctly and did not fit properly. I experienced a couple of aggravating phone calls to the supplier, and after no resolution I found a local restoration shop in Henderson (NC) that cut a piece of glass to fit correctly. I repainted the windshield frame black before remounting the assembly.

I located five excellent original wheels that have the correct eight slots, which only Chevrolet used on cars and light trucks for 1937 and 1938; (I had been using a set of wheels that had four slots which are for 1939 and up). I had the correct wheels stripped and then prepared them for paint. Now that I had five beautiful gloss black rims, I figured I may as well get five new tires. I purchased five BF Goodrich Silvertown reproduction tires from Coker Tire; five tubes, and I repainted the spare tire carrier. I scanned one of the tire labels and had the bar code removed and had a sign shop reproduce the label with the BF Goodrich logo and the tire size. I placed a label on the spare tire in a prominent position so judges would know the tires are brand new.

I also repainted (cast color) the eight shackles for the front and rear leaf springs. I replaced the bracket and the short piece of conduit that contains the tail and brake light wires; and the annual oil change was done in

late May. I found a good used Delco Remy ignition coil, but it was dented and scratched. I used some Bondo body filler to get it straight and smooth, then painted it a nice glossy black. It is an interesting coil in that it actually mounts upside down, and it has a brass ring around it at the business end. I also did a tune up with Delco Remy NOS parts: distributor cap, rotor, points, condenser, and spark plugs. I purchased a set of reproduction spark plug wires. However, I found it necessary to solder the contacts to the internal braided wire on the ends that plug into the distributor cap. As part of the tune up I checked the timing with a timing light, remember those? Many of us probably still own one





The usual cleaning and detailing were completed about a week before I loaded the truck into the trailer for the trip to Gettysburg. The truck received its' Senior Grand National award, thus making all the abovementioned preparations worth the effort.

12. Triangle Ice Cream Social September 27, 2020

By Dan Fuccella

On Sunday September 27, 2020 approximately 30 members of the Triangle Chapter of AACA converged on the grounds of the Spalding's family farm in southern Raleigh for an ice cream social hosted by member Bill Stallings and friend, Shirley They arranged for the Aloha Shave Ice & Farm Fresh Ice Cream to be present at the event to provide a wide variety of flavors of Maple View Farm's ice cream, along with many shaved ice selections, and an abundance of creative toppings.

The outdoor event provided our members with a much-welcomed opportunity to socialize with fellow members in a COVID-19 appropriate environment. Several members drove one of their antique vehicles to the event, taking advantage of the opportunity to "stretch their legs".

The weather was perfect, contributing to the conviviality of the event, which provided us with the opportunity to

see Barker Edwards and meet his recent bride, Nena. We wish to thank Bill for hosting the event and hope to see his military Jeeps or his Model A Fordor at future AACA events.

Below are a few pictures of the event. Many thanks to Bill Stallings for hosting this event.





Members Arrived





The Line for Ice Cream Formed



The Ice Cream was Consumed

13. For Sale

Car Parts for Sale

This is an update. Last month I posted information about car parts and tools being sold by Matt Thomas who is the grandson of Steve and Brenda Taylor. Floyd Barnes saw the ad and purchased a valve grinding machine from Matt. The machine is an older heavy-duty model. It took an engine hoist and three of us to load it into Floyd's pickup. The machine is now in Floyd's shop and he is ready to grind valve seats and valve faces for antique cars and trucks. The machine is similar to one Floyd used years ago. He can now grind valves for antique car engines.

Matt still has a many parts left; GM 4-Speed Transmissions parts, engine blocks, engine tune up Kits (new plugs, points, condensers), many new spark plug sets; and much more. He also has a large collection of old car magazines and service manuals. Contact Matthew Thomas at 919-270-4003 if you are interested in

buying any of these parts or want to find out what he has for sale.







Engine Blocks Chevy, Ford 6, Volkswagen

13. Publication Information

Triangle Newsletter Article Submissions:

I accept you contributing interesting notes, articles, and pictures for our newsletter. Tell us about what you are doing while in quarantine, an antique car you acquired, a restoration you are doing, a car related event you attended or your first car. We especially enjoy pictures of your cars or interesting car projects 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 or recent cancellations and reschedules of Triangle and NC Region Activities on our Website or Facebook sites. Both have many more pictures and updates of Triangle activities.

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

Instagram Accounts

- NC Region Instagram Account https://www.instagram.com/nc.regionaaca/

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15. NC Region Fall Meet Flyer (New Date)





North Carolina Region Fall Meet

Hosted by Furnitureland Chapter At the North Carolina Transportation Museum Highway 29-70-150 just off I-85, Exit 79, Spencer, NC

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Vehicles should arrive between 8:00 & 11:00 am • Judging – 11:00 am • Awards – 3:00

Lines 1-6 must be completed (Please Print) Send complete registration form

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I understand and agree that the Furnitureland Chapt Museum will not be held responsible for any liabili		•	ortati on
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18. 2021 Dues Form



2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America North Carolina Region Triangle Chapter AACA

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