

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Car of the Month

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News Summary

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1. Corona Virus Impacts on AACA and Triangle Events

By Denny Oestreich

Our daily activities are being impacted by the Covid-19 watch. Travel, churches, schools, and many other life activities are on hold. Everyone is experiencing cancellations and postponements during these times including family gatherings for Easter and Mother's day. I thought it was interesting that some car shows in March were being canceled, but now I am receiving notices of cancellations or impacts twice a week.

Our club meetings have been canceled since March and we have no plans to meet again until we get an "all clear". Our Car Show on May 2, 2020 was among the first to be canceled. The work done by our organizers is very much appreciated. Riley was the Show Chair who held planning meetings. The new venue arranged by Joe Parsons and others would have been terrific. Jim Gill was well into building the custom trophies. Helen Dipietro had updated our flyer. Many others on the planning team were preparing to execute the plans for our show to be the best so far. We will put the work on hold until next year.

The AACA Southeastern National Show and Autofair was moved from April 4 to June 13 and then canceled. AACA has refunded the judges registration fees. However, the Autofair has rescheduled their event twice and now plans the event on Thursday, October 23 thru Saturday, October 25. They do not refund fees for vendor spaces or parking and instead will apply the fees from the Spring Meet to the Fall Meet and assign the same spaces.

Here is a summary of the Car show events.

Date	Event
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AACA Cancelations

May 16	Chapter Meet Morehead Morehead City CANCELED
May 30	Chapter Meet Three Rivers Eden, NC CANCELED
June 6	Chapter Meet San-Lee Sanford, NC CANCELED
June 7-12	Sentimental Tour, Mtn. State Classics Region Davis, WV CANCELED
June 12-14	Southeastern Spring National, Hornets Nest Region Charlotte, NC CANCELED
June 13	Region Meet Mountaineer Region Fletcher, NC CANCELED
June 13	SE National Meet, Charlotte, NC CANCELED
June 20	Chapter Meet, Coastal Plains Washington, NC CANCELED
June 24-27	Eastern Spring National, White Water Reg. Beckley, WV CANCELED
July 19-24	Reliability Tour AACA National, Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA CANCELED
August 8	Chapter Meet, General Greene Greensboro, NC CANCELED

Other Local Car Show Cancelations

May 16	Cary Wheels on Academy May 16 (CANCELED)
May 24	Piedmont Classic Car Show (CANCELED)
June 20	Wake Forest Car Show (CANCELED)

AACA Events Still Planned

July 23 - 25	Grand Nationals AACA National Allentown, PA
August 1	Region Meet Zooland Asheboro, NC IPO Tentative
August 12 - 15	Eastern Divisional Tour Eastern Shore Region Maryland (up to 1995) <i>New Date</i>
August 22	Region Meet Alamance Burlington, NC <i>New Date</i>
September 12	Chapter Meet Southeastern Mt. Olive, NC
September 13-18	Glidden Tour VMCCA Saratoga Springs, NY (1942 & earlier)
September 19	NC Region Fall Meet Furnitureland Spencer, NC
September 26	Chapter Meet New River Jacksonville, NC
October 3	NC Region Annual Cruise-in Old Salem Burlington/Colfax, NC
October 7-10	Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey Region Hershey, PA
October 19-23	Central Divisional Tour Tulsa Region Tulsa, OK
October 22-24	Charlotte Autofair Hornets Nest Region Charlotte, NC

Other Car Events of Interest

August 28 & 29	The Great Race Overnight Stops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August 28 Beckley WV 262 mi. 4 Hr. 13 Min - August 29 Mooresville NC 149 mi. 149 mi, 2 Hr 22 Min. - https://www.greatrace.com/route
September 26	Cars & Caffeine at Virginia International Raceway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vintage Auto Races - Touring Laps on the Raceway in your classic car. - Full access to the Race Car Paddock - https://speedtour.net/st/?lib=product&pid=589&cat=11

2. Next Triangle Chapter Events

Be sure to watch for further announcements and Emails about our activities as the quarantine extensions may require cancellations.

EVENT #1

What: Triangle Chapter monthly meeting.

When: Thursday evening, June 18, 2020

Where: To be determined. With permanent closing of Golden Corral on Glenwood, Ave we must find a new location. See the article below for the committee activity to identify a new location.

New Times: We have new meeting times adjusted to make our meetings end earlier and allow more discussion.

Dinner starts at 5:45 pm.

Meeting at 6:45 pm:

Presentation Setup & Social Time 7:15.

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 Building Full Scale Replicas Of Horseless Carriages. 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 recently joined the Triangle Chapter, 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.

Triangle Take A-Par-T Events Still Planned

Please notify Riley Reiner (919-816-6903) or sign up if you are available to be part of the Team.

- Historic Oakwood Farm Fest - October 3
- Raleigh 5-Points 100 Anniversary Event October 24

3. President's Corner

By Mike Hess

I hope everyone is staying safe and staying well. If anyone needs assistance in any way, please contact me or anyone in the club. We are all in this mess together and I am sure we are all here to help one another any way we can.

It is hard to believe the Pebble Beach concours is cancelled and the Indianapolis 500 is postponed. I understand NASCAR may start racing with no fans in the grandstands. Some other sporting events may follow the same way. Most recent AACA cancellations include the rescheduled Charlotte Spring National meet and the Eastern Spring meet in Beckley, WV. Airline travel may never be the same. Some auto auction houses have decided to have their auctions with online bidding only. This has been a new trend (Bring-a-Trailer, Hemmings).

I have found several virtual car shows on the internet and now there are virtual cars and coffee events. The Peterson Museum in Los Angeles has held a monthly cars and coffee for eight years and has decided to go global with virtual cars and coffee events at least through June. You make a 20-30 second video of your car with your smartphone. Upload the video with other information and the museum will make a 90-minute video featuring everyone's car on YouTube. Awards will be presented and shipped to the owner. I found out the

results of the Gilmore Car Museums virtual car show I entered. First of all, they were swamped with over 2000 entries which had to be manually entered from e-mails. There were classes for pre-1920, 21-42, 45-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-2000, post 2000 as well as truck, motorcycle, farthest distances, best of show pre-war and best of show post war. When the virtual judging was completed, I am proud to report I took a virtual third place in the 61-70 class with my 1969 AMX. I got beat by a '62 Corvette (1st) and a '61 DeSoto(2nd). Awards were mailed to only the virtual first-place winners.

As you know the Golden Corral (where we meet) will be closed permanently because of the pandemic. I want to thank all those who provided suggestions for a new location. I hope to put together a small committee that can investigate each suggestion and see which works best for our needs. There will be no meeting in May and June is questionable. Normally the chapter does not meet in July and August but maybe if things improve enough, we might consider having a meeting during those months. We will wait and see.

4. Triangle Meeting Location Committee Activity

By Dan Fuccella

Prompted by the recent permanent closure of the Glenwood Avenue Golden Corral, the Triangle Chapter's traditional meeting location, an ad hoc committee consisting of our chapter's President Mike Hess, Les and Dean Tryon, Helen and John DiPietro, and myself has set to work investigating alternative locations for our monthly meetings. The committee is viewing this as an opportunity to take a fresh look at where, when, and how we conduct our general chapter meetings for the greatest benefit and convenience of all our Triangle Chapter members. Toward that end, we encourage you, our members to provide your suggestions as to meeting location(s), day & time, and even format. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members with your input and/or interest in assisting with the changes in our general chapter meetings.

Thank you!

5. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

Wow! We have not been able to have a meeting since February, so there are still no minutes for March, April, or May.

6. Dodge Brothers Restoration Story and Pics

Input and Pictures by Jim Aldrich

About five years ago Jim Aldrich purchased a 1922 Dodge Roadster from a fellow Horseless Carriage Club member. Recently Jim sold the Roadster to Tim Dean and has been helping him to restore it. This was a complete car when they started. The running gear was in good order and it had been used on Horseless Carriage tours. After the disassembly, Tim did the body work and repainted the Dodge in his garage. He bought new wood wheels from a wheel wright in Pennsylvania. Tim next completed new Interior upholstery and top, which is his business specialty. The reassembly is progress as you can see in the pictures below. We look forward to the finished product.



7. Get Your Kicks on Route 66

This story was originally published in “Early Buick newsletter #93 - June 2020”. Edited and published by Dean Tryon.

Wolfgang Prochazka is a Buick Enthusiast who lives in Austria. He drives a 1917 Buick Touring car on many adventures around Europe, just because he can. He also makes visits to other parts of the world. He always looks for auto museums and automotive personalities on his trips. One of the places he visits annually is Hershey, PA where he is influenced by such characters as Dean Tryon, Riley Reiner, Fred Harley and others from the Triangle Chapter who are known to haunt the “Buick Tent at Hershey”. Last year, Wolfgang and his wife Michi had the adventure of driving Route 66, not in a brightly colored Corvette as Tod Stiles and Buz Murdock did back in 1960-1964, but in a rental car. (By the way do you remember all the Route 66 TV episodes were in black and white.) Here is Wolfgang’s story of their amazing trip.

A report about our trip along route 66 in July/ August 2019

By Wolfgang Prochazka

It was the most impressive journey we have ever done in the US. In the report I will talk about the real highlights of the trip! Upon arrival in Chicago and after car rental we drove immediately 70 miles to Pontiac, IL to avoid traffic jams on a normal working day evening. We had a reservation there – only problem - a new Hotel on a new road not known by the Navigation System.....

The next day after a short visit to the two museums in the very center of Pontiac (one of them more a war memorial on Korean and Vietnam War) we continued partly on route 66 towards Alton, MO. I had made a reservation at the BEALL Mansion – a very old-fashioned hotel I found on the internet. The reason I choose that Hotel was to satisfy Michi – a 24 hours chocolate availability guaranteed for Michi. I was sure she would love it- and she did!

But’ before that we visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield, MO (see photo). It was worthwhile to stop there and learn more about the development of the United States. Alton is a little village about 20 miles



north of St. Louis. Brick roads from the beginning of 20th century and fantastic mansions. The next day we continued to St. Louis, looking at the fantastic arch. We also saw a lot of remains of the flood of the Mississippi river a few weeks ago. People told us that the flood was the biggest after a flood at the beginning of the 20th century.

Continuing our trip, we tried to follow Route 66. We had a map, but it was already 1 year old - too old in terms of American pace in changing roads and buildings. Also, the navigation system did not always understand the wording, “Route 66“. We realized that the States we passed had different expressions and different names for Route 66 - our navigation system understood it, but we did

not. Using to “Try And Error“ system we tried to explain to the navigation system that we wanted to follow the original route 66. It sometimes worked, sometimes not. It also happened, that we had to stop since the bridge we should pass following the route had disappeared. Even the navigation system did not know and of course sometimes we did not believe the signs for a “dead-end road“.

Day 5 of our trip developed to an extremely exciting day. First a second breakfast at Rock Cafe in Stroud, MO. A lot of memories there about the “old times of the ‘50s“. Continuing for Arcadia unsuccessfully looking for the “big“ blue whale”, but finding a smaller copy of it at John Hargrove’s place. He is really an interesting guy with a big collection of things and furniture from the thirties to the 50th of last century. He is, or was, an extreme long-distance runner, so Michi rather quickly found a theme to talk about and not only about classic cars. He

seems to be a collector of VW Beetles, and he still is working on restorations of prewar cars. When we visited him, he was working on a two door model A closed car (Riley might have been very happy to see that)! After some hours chattering, we continued for the round barn and finally arrived at Oklahoma City, OK at the Colcord Hotel, close to the brick city. Dinner at the Hotel, too tired for anything else.

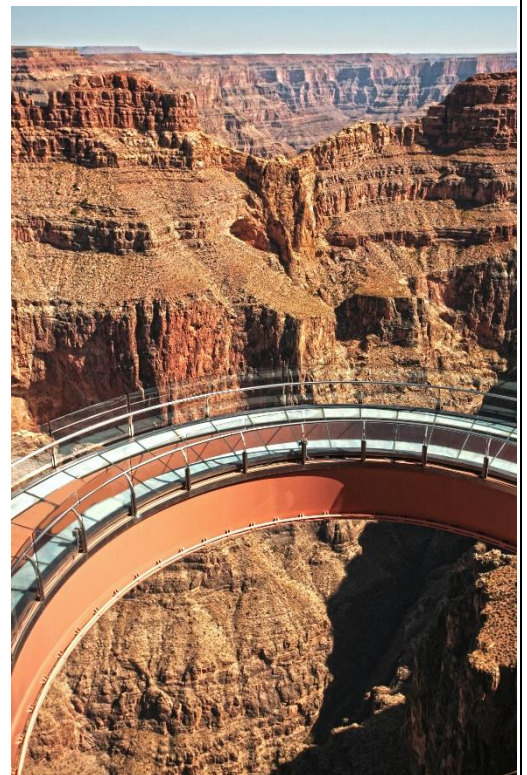
Next day Michi again did her running training around brick city. After breakfast we continued to Stafford Air & Space Museum at Weatherford, OK. That also was a worthwhile stop to make. We made a pit stop at Lucille's, lousy food, bad service, very different from the advertisements for it. The next stop was the big open-air museum in Elk City, OK, having fun with the volunteers there – me as a bar tender making some money! Evening in Amarillo, we found an excellent Steak House One of the best Steaks I ever ate at Hoffbrau, a tip from the receptionist of the newly opened Hampton Inn West. Passing the Cadillac Ranch, this was lost time because it is just garbage. We continued on Route 66 arriving at MidPoint, OK. Again, a very good second breakfast and of course we bought some memorabilia.

We decided not to follow the route to Santa Fee we had been on about 16 years ago, but drove directly to Albuquerque, NM. Following Route 66, here the route was known by the navigation system. We made a stop at Iglesias San Jose, NM where there was a church in an Indian Reservation from 16th century! Impressive, Spanish wording all over the walls and of course primitive statues following the strong rules of catholic church at that time (or should we say inquisition?)

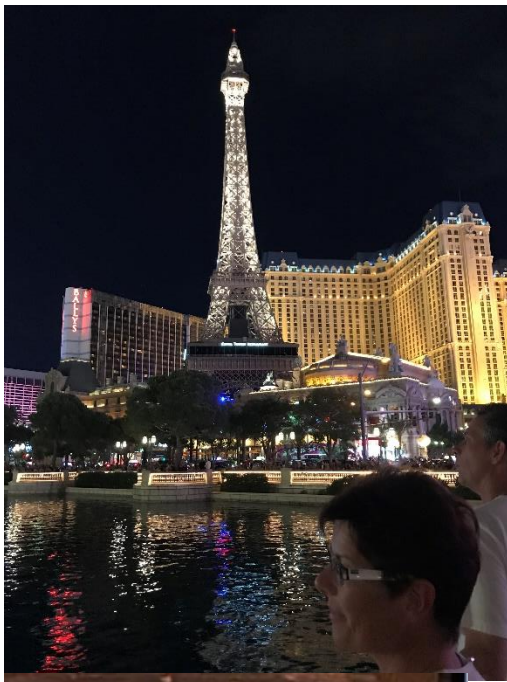
Passing the continental divide on route 66 we stayed overnight at Gallup, NM. The next day we visited the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, and a Meteor Crater. And now we started the planned tour driving towards Monument Canyon in NM. Long Drive over the Prairie ending at a nice hotel in the Indian Reservation in Kayenta, AZ. Excellent dinner. Michi was again training in the morning. Due to the heat Michi always started her training run circle (she was preparing for the New York Marathon in November 2019) early in the morning. So, no problem to be the first at Monument Canyon, early enough before hordes of Chinese would arrive by bus. A very impressive and beautiful Canyon!

We continued our trip and drove over the Mesa to Page, AZ at Lake Powell. Upon arrival at Page, we were looking at horseshoe bend, the next day at Antelope Canyon, again hordes of tourists. A boat trip on lake Powell was the finish of the day. We passed on a beautiful picturesque road over to Grand Canyon, again a frustrating mass of noisy Chinese, no parking lot, hot, chaos like in New York during rush hours. How beautiful it had been 15 years ago! We stayed overnight in Williams, AZ in the same Hotel as 15 years ago, quality perfect, very nice restaurant. Williams classic scene is much bigger now and much more business than 15 years ago. Fortunately, all the tourist busses leave when the last train on the historic railroad comes back to Williams. But the trains changed completely – no steam engines any longer, but now the style of the 50s. Very nice little old fashioned historic town. We walked up and down, finishing at a nice restaurant with live music.

Following the route 66 from Williams via Hackberry to Kingman, AZ, we found the most beautiful part of route 66. However, it was a Monday, so the majority of shops and museums were closed (fortunately). On day 13 we did our pre-booked trip to the West Rim and the Sky Walk. Pre-booked means we had ordered tickets for a certain time from Austria already, not knowing that in the morning nobody cares about the time you have been booked. We were early enough and we were already leaving, when the Noisy Chinese gangs arrived from the west coast by bus. Driving through the country we were impressed with the mass of the Joshua Tree Forests we found.



Next day we left Kingman for Las Vegas, NV with a stop at Hoover Dam. Then we checked in at the Bellagio (Las Vegas) for 3 days, dimensions I never have seen before. Great pools and big heat. We were not interested in the gambling halls, which are open 24 hours a day, but drove to Boulder City and to Lake Mead instead. In the evening we walked along the overcrowded Sunset strip. Luckily, we managed to get tickets for the Circe de Soleil Show, which exclusively performed in the Bellagio, a fantastic water show! The next day we were driving to the other end of Las Vegas and found a Harley shop opposite the entrance sign of Las Vegas. We enjoyed looking at all the people waiting in a queue for a photo at the entrance sign to make a selfie. As we were purchasing some items for our Austrian friends, we got a complimentary snack, not bad. Finally, we left by the scenic route over Sitgreaves Pass, into Oatman, AZ. Oatman is a typical miner's village from the old days. There were goats on the road everywhere, but good draft beer.



After three days in the Bellagio, we left via Death Valley. We were surprised to find an Opera House in Amarosa Valley, AZ, in the middle of nowhere. As well we found a bar in Shoshone CA with a wise statement (see photo below).



After staying one more night in Barstow, CA we finally arrived in LA at the real end point of Route 66 at Santa Monica Beach. Awful lot of people, so we decided not to enter the pier. Instead we found a kiosk named "Route 66". When telling that we just have traveled route 66 we were informed that we are entitled to a certificate. Something funny happened when we explained where we are coming from, the elderly lady told us "I know where Austria is, and I know that you do not have Kangaroos there. I was born in Salzburg!" After some conversation we understood: After end of WWII the headquarters of the US Army in Austria was in Salzburg Austria. American Officers could take their family with them to Austria. So, it was clear why this lady knew where she was born but did not speak nor understand one word of German!

Then looking for our Hotel in Pasadena – the Hilton Pasadena, where I always stayed when travelling to business partners of General Electric (to the company which developed the finger print identification system (AFIS), which the Austrian GE Entity installed in Russia as well as in Other Eastern European Countries. However, following the Navigation system, I had to accept that we were at the right hotel. The Hotel I knew previously had changed completely. Instead of a four floor building there was a 12 floor building. I only was sure of being at the same place as in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 because on the other side of the road there was a brick building which I still remembered because of its ugliness and which was still there with the same signs on it.

After two days we took a flight to Chicago, where we did finished route 66 as well as where we also found the start sign of Route 66!





The attached picture, from Riley, is the Hershey group from 2019. Left to right: Wolfgang, Stu Allen, Bob Riddle, Fred Harley, Riley Reiner, Roger McInnis, Dean Tryon. While some people call it the Buick Tent, it is more GM than anything else. Bob and Riley are the (Ford) outsiders. Bob was Stu's neighbor and admitted, but Riley is only permitted because he hauls the equipment.

8. For Sale: See Your Dealer Today

“Fred Harley is selling his 1921 Ford Model T, Center-door Sedan, and 1911 Buick Model 33 Touring. Both cars are in excellent condition. The Model T is an AACA Senior car, and the Buick an AACA Grand National 1st winner. Contact Fred at fredharley@nc.rr.com, or 919-233-4889 for more information and photos.”



9. Wanted to Buy

Model T Ford Small Drum Rear Axle Housing. With or W/O E Brake. Need the completed housing with axles. Wilson Fausel is engineering a solution that will allow his vehicle to stop better. If you have or know someone who may have this part, contact Wilson at: 919-417-0441 Email wefausel@gmail.com.

10. Publications

By Denny Oestreich

Triangle Newsletter Article Submissions:

Thank you for thinking about contributing interesting notes, articles, and pictures for our newsletter. We were a bit short this month since there were a minimum of car club activities. We need more of your stories for next month. Tell us about what you are doing while in quarantine, an antique car you acquired, a restoration you are doing, or your first car. We especially enjoy pictures of your car projects or an interesting car project you have in progress. We are all interested. 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 resent 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/>
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