

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Car of the Month

March 2021

Issue 3

News Summary

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1. Events Calendar

During these days of social distancing for Covid-19 Pandemic event schedules are subject to many cancellations and postponements. No one can predict if events can be held until nearer the event dates. Be sure to check before you go.

Triangle 2021 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Venue
March 11	Chapter Meeting 2 nd Thur	Zoom Only
April 8	Chapter Meeting 2 nd Thur	
May 1	Triangle Chapter Car Show	Brier Creek Shopping Center (Postponed, Date TBD)
TBD	Wake Forest Garden Club Display at the WF Historic Museum	(Postponed, TBD)

March 11, 2021 Triangle Chapter Meeting Logistics and Program

Format: Exclusively Zoom (no in-person gathering)

Schedule: 6:45 pm: General Meeting (Mike Hess presiding)

7:15 pm: Member Presentations

8:00 pm: Final Remarks and Adjournment

This meeting will be Zoom only, so practice your Zoom skills.

The Zoom link to join the meeting will be:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3547838874> No password will be required.

Program Topic: Your Favorite Solutions to a Car Related Challenge

Presenters: Triangle Members

Program Summary: Ladies and Gentlemen, get prepared to present your favorite solutions to car related challenges. Got a favorite tool for tackling a tricky repair? Developed a novel procedure for handling a car maintenance chore? Please come to next Thursday's General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter prepared to share your secret solutions to the car repair and maintenance tasks on Zoom. After our regular meeting topics at our upcoming Zoom meeting, we invite you to show and/or describe some of your innovative tools or procedures. No serious preparation required; just get set to join your fellow members during the presentation portion of our meeting. Need help getting ready for the presentation? Got questions? Feel free to get in touch with Dan Fuccella for assistance.

Dan Fuccella (919) 349-5911 dan@ati-engineers.com .

Thank you! Dan

NC Region 2021 Calendar Events Planned

NC Region plans show some events. With the social gathering restrictions expected to ease up as people are vaccinated, events are being replanned. The NC Region publishes updates often 1 to 2 times per month). The latest schedule is published on the NC Region Web page at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/images/pdf/2021%20Event%20Calendar%2002-26-21.pdf>

See the latest schedule attached as **Section 12** of this newsletter.

Date	Type Meet	City
Postponed	Old Salem Chapter Show	Winston-Salem, NC
Postponed (TBD)	Triangle Chapter Car Show	Raleigh, NC
May 8, 2021	NC Region Spring Meet	New Bern, NC (No Flyer/Registration yet)
May 22, 2021	Three Rivers	Eden. NC
September 18, 2021	NC Region Fall Meet	Spencer, NC
October 23, 2021	Cape Fear Chapter Car Show	Wilmington, NC, Mayfaire Town Center

Most other Chapter Shows are listed as tentative until August.

AACA National Events Calendar.

The AACA National Shows are being rescheduled and replanned. See the AACA National Website at: <https://aaca.org/> and your AACA National magazine for details, schedule changes and Registration Forms. The Southeastern Spring National usually held in conjunction with the Charlotte Autofair will now be held as a standalone show at the Embassy Suites in Concord, NC. See this Website for a flyer and register early. The Autofair at the Speedway is canceled.

Date	Event/Location	
April 9-10	Southeastern Spring Nationals/Embassy Suites	Concord NC
Canceled	Charlotte Autofair at the Motor Speedway	
Canceled	AACA National Convention	Philadelphia, PA

AACA National Events are also shown on the NC Region AACA 2021 Event Calendar. See attached as **Section 12** of this Newsletter.

Other Local Events

Car Display

John DiPietro and Dan Fuccella are planning a car display at:

The Oaks at Whitaker Glen – Mayview, Assisted care facility, 513 East Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh

Date: April 17, 2021

Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm
COVID precautions will be in place. (Wear your mask)
Lunch will be served outside.

This is an excellent opportunity to both get your car out and provide some entertainment to folks that have been for the most part, insulated for some time.

PLEASE contact John or Dan with questions and your intention to participate.

John DiPietro: fieldreams@aol.com, (919) 847-2395;

Dan Fuccella: dan@ati-engineers.com, (919) 349-5911

2. President's Corner

By Mike Hess

It has been one year since the COVID-19 virus shut us down in 2020. Hard to believe. AACA events are slow to return so far in 2021. Most are postponed or are listed as "tentative". It is good to see the Southeastern Spring Nationals hosted by the Hornets Nest Region will occur but under COVID-19 restrictions. I have made my hotel reservation and submitted my judging registration. Good news locally, there are two cruise-ins being organized by chapter members for April 17 and June 12. More info will be provided in the newsletter. I am waiting on members to step up and organize/chair other events for the year. Garage tours, picnics in the park, ice cream socials and cruise-ins were some ideas brought up at the last membership meeting. One date I feel we can be certain of is the Christmas party at the Stag Club. Mark your calendar for December 5.

For those who subscribe to the Hemmings publications, you probably know Richard Lentinello left the organization to pursue new endeavors. I always liked his writing and agreed with everything he had to say. He recently came out with a new publication called "Crankshaft". I just received my first issue, and it meets all my expectations. Very little advertising other than announcing the major concours. It really is a book more than a magazine. Great articles and great photography. You will recognize many of the contributor names. It comes out quarterly and I highly recommend it. Go to Lentinello.com on the internet for subscription info.

For the "over 65 group" which is the majority of the chapter and getting the vaccine, we will need to determine when we want to start up our "in person" meetings again. Send me your thoughts.

Mike

3. Editor's Observations

By Denny Oestreich

To ensure we stay in contact with all our members during the Covid-19 pandemic I continue to prepare and send out the Triangle monthly newsletter. Without car shows and other activities, I need stories and pictures for the newsletter. Thanks to the members for their articles and pictures in this issue. Joel Hoffman on Battery Safety; William Johnson on his Model A Phaeton. Also thanks to Anne Russell for her article on preparing and giving a Boy Scouts Automotive Merit Badge project. If you have a picture or story for the next Newsletter send me a copy or call me to relay your story. Call me at 919-846-8163.

Merry and I have gotten our second Covid-19 shots. It may be a while before everyone has built up immunities and we are able to safely go places again. In the meantime, I have taken up a new hobby, Ham Radio. I am studying for my third and final test for full access to the airwaves. If you are a Ham Radio Operator give me a call and we can swap stories.

My car radio repair projects have been challenges lately. Two radios have me stuck. A 1953 Chevrolet pickup radio needs a new volume and tone control which is no longer available. If you have an old 1950s Chevrolet

pickup radio around let me know. A 1957 Wonderbar Radio has a stuck return mechanism due to long term unuse.

My next three car projects are to resolve the tick-tick-tick speedometer cable problem in one car, tighten the shifting in another and change the differential gears to get better milage on the third.

I have been driving two of my three 57 Chevys weekly. I have come to realize that the care and feeding of three 57s is too much work. It takes away from my other hobbies and projects. I enjoy restoration rather than maintenance and driving. I would like to sell two of them along with a stash of 57 Chevrolet parts. If you are interested call me.

Best Regards,
Denny
919-846-8163

4. Editor Job Posting

By Denny Oestreich

We still need a Region Newsletter Reporter and a Triangle Chapter Newsletter Editor. These are important positions for the Chapter usually filled by one person. Please consider taking this role for a year or more. Here are duties and considerations of these two positions.

News Correspondent to the Region and National Publications

1. The News Correspondent prepares and submits the Chapter's bimonthly activity report and pictures that you see in the Region Newsletter using articles from previous two month's newsletters.
2. The Newsletter Editor prepares a monthly update of the Triangle Chapter activity plans and updates. Newsletter editing includes gathering event schedules, news articles, pictures and editing them into a newsletter (format of your choice) and sending the newsletter as a PDF by Email. You can request submissions of stories and articles from club members.
3. The Region News Correspondent is also an officer of the club, along with the President, Vice president and Secretary/Treasurer. See your Members Guide for the By-Laws.
4. The position of Newsletter Editor is paid \$100 per issue by the Chapter to collect articles, edit and Email the newsletter to the members.

If you are interested, please contact:

Mike Hess, President at (919-201-3973), or
Jim Gill, Ex-Officio (919-363-2616)

If you want to know more of what is involved, contact Denny Oestreich at 919-846-8163

5. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes February 11, 2021

By Dean Tryon

- I. The Chapter meeting was held via Zoom with 26 members participating plus the speaker. We also had former members Ann and Dan Russell participating from MD.
- II. Reports – Marv reports we have \$3867 in the treasury and 75 member families plus 2 students presently. Several members have elected not to renew (at least until things get active). Marv is following up on others who have not renewed.
- III. New Business – From Board meeting on 2/10.
 - a) Discussions are still in process for a new newsletter editor. Denny agrees to do

a scaled down version in the near term. Remember, we pay \$100/issue for your work. We also need someone to do the monthly input for the NC Region newsletter. Possibly a different format would be in order.

- b) The Christmas party is being planned for Sunday 12/5. Jean Soehnlein will contact the Stag Club thru Bob Safrit.
- c) Nothing new on the proposal for our chapter to host (or help with) the AACA National meet in 2022-2025. Open issue. If you have thoughts or ideas, contact Mike Hess at mlhess68@yahoo.com. Raleigh is not conducive for a central sport nor is the city receptive to us. Previous successful meets/tours have been held in the surrounding small towns.
- d) Our annual May 1 show will be postponed until the fall possibly.
- e) A summer picnic was discussed to be either at someone's house or at a local park. Lake Crabtree Park on Aviation Pkwy has good facilities and is near I-40 is one possibility.
- f) Other events under consideration include.
 1. Tours to the NC State ice cream facility on Lake Wheeler Rd.
 2. Cars & Coffee participation (these are all over the area)
 3. Members garage tours
 4. Others? All proposals need someone to step up and organize for us.

IV Presentation – Charles Turner (**from Apex, NC**) described the restoration of one of the first 3 Ford prototype 1965 GT350 Shelby Mustangs. This car was first built as a production mustang, and then converted by Shelby to the GT350. It has had several owners and it now resides in Florida. The current owner wanted a full restoration and contacted Charles. This project was very detailed, including a complete, “thoroughbred” restoration back to a 1965 Ford Mustang in 2019-2020 by Charles. He and friends in Oklahoma then went through the Shelby conversion process again. Charles described the history and restoration approach in interesting detail.

6. Battery Safety Story

By Joel Hoffman

I am now repairing a car that had a battery explosion. Like all of us, I have read and heard the cautions about how to charge a battery, connect cables, etc. The current repair is a clear reminder that these cautions and precautions should not be given just lip service.

The chemical reaction that produces electricity in your car's battery produces hydrogen gas and this is highly explosive. It is used to send rockets into space. You do NOT want to generate a spark near hydrogen gas. Normally, the advice we get about this is that, when attaching jumper cables, it is important to connect them to the discharged battery first and then to the battery providing the jump. We are told to attach the ground cable to a bare metal part in the engine compartment that is not adjacent to the battery so that any spark while completing the connection isn't near the hydrogen gas. The other caution we normally get is to plug in a battery charger AFTER attaching cables to the battery for the same reason.



There are other important battery precautions and maintenance issues to be aware of, and it is likely one of these issues caused the explosion on the TD I'm working on now. First, make sure the metal plates in each battery cell are covered with electrolyte. If accessible, top the cells off with distilled water and only fill to the indicator above the plates. If the top of these plates are exposed while charging or rapidly discharging the battery, they can warp, making contact with each other, and this can cause an internal spark. This is especially important with newer higher capacity batteries. These batteries have more plates in the same size case as the lower capacity batteries. This is done by placing the plates closer together. If they spark internally, the gas that is likely present can/will explode blowing the top off the battery and splashing sulfuric acid in places you don't want it. This stuff easily corrodes metal, damages hoses, and, of course, can blind you if it gets in your eyes.

Obviously, this is serious stuff. Wear protective eyewear when working with batteries.

Another continuous issue for all of us is corroded battery terminals. This does not just cause issues when starting the car. That is easy to figure out and correct with cleaning and brushing the posts and terminals. There is also a danger most of us do not think about. A weak connection between the terminal and battery post can produce a spark under load. So ----- you hit the starter, a spark jumps between the post and terminal, and BANG!!!! Keep the terminals clean!!!!



Another issue is electrical shorts caused when the hot battery cable wears and shorts on metal parts in the car. I have had this happen before. These cables are often not fused, get hot enough to weld metal, and cause a fire. The same thing can happen when a piece of metal contacts the hot battery post and a metal ground near the post. You may have done this while connecting or removing the hot battery cable terminal



and touched the wrench to another metal part of the car. There was a big spark, and a weld mark on the wrench, right! To prevent this, always attach the hot cable terminal (positive on negative ground cars, negative on positive ground cars) only while the ground cable is detached. Saying it another way, when you attach the battery cables, connect the hot cable first, and then connect the ground cable. When removing the battery cables, remove the ground cable first. Other ways you can have this happen is touching the hot terminal with the battery tie down device, or another metal part of the car. You have probably noticed that modern cars normally have a rubber or plastic insulating cover on the hot terminal. Doing this on your MG is obviously a good idea too.

The battery is a necessary device that contributes to our cars starting and operating properly. It is also a powerful and dangerous device that needs to be treated with caution. Let us all pay attention to this and avoid what I am working on now ----- or much worse!!!!

7. 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton

By William Johnson

The first car I purchased when I was 18 years old was a 1957 Ford Fairlane. I drove to Chowan College in Murfreesboro NC. Then in 2014 I purchased my second classic, a 1956 Pontiac two door Star Chief from Charlie in Wake Forest NC. I joined the Triangle Chapter in Raleigh NC, AACA National and NC Region.



I located my 1929 Ford Model A-Phaeton on the internet at Tom Mack Classic cars in Lake Murray SC and purchased it in January 2020. It was delivered to Knightdale the first of February 2020.

Ford started the production of the Model-As in 1927 through 1931 and ended in March 1932, after 4.8 million had been made in all body styles. The 1929 engine was fully refined when compared to the 1928. It included the generator, carburetor, starter drive and doubled the horsepower from 20 hp to 40 hp.

Paint colors were another big difference between the Model A and Model T. While the Model T was painted black the 1929 Model A had five color choices and one was green that

matches the color of my phaeton. Ford Model As and Ts are reasonably priced today for someone to entering into the Classic Car Hobby. Prices for 1929 Model A-Phaeton range from \$15,500-Low-\$23,500-Average-\$35,000-High.

The reason I purchased my Model A is they are as great today as they have ever been. They are fun to drive, easy to maintain and I get a lot of thumbs up every time I drive the Model A. I cannot wait until I drive it to my first car show.

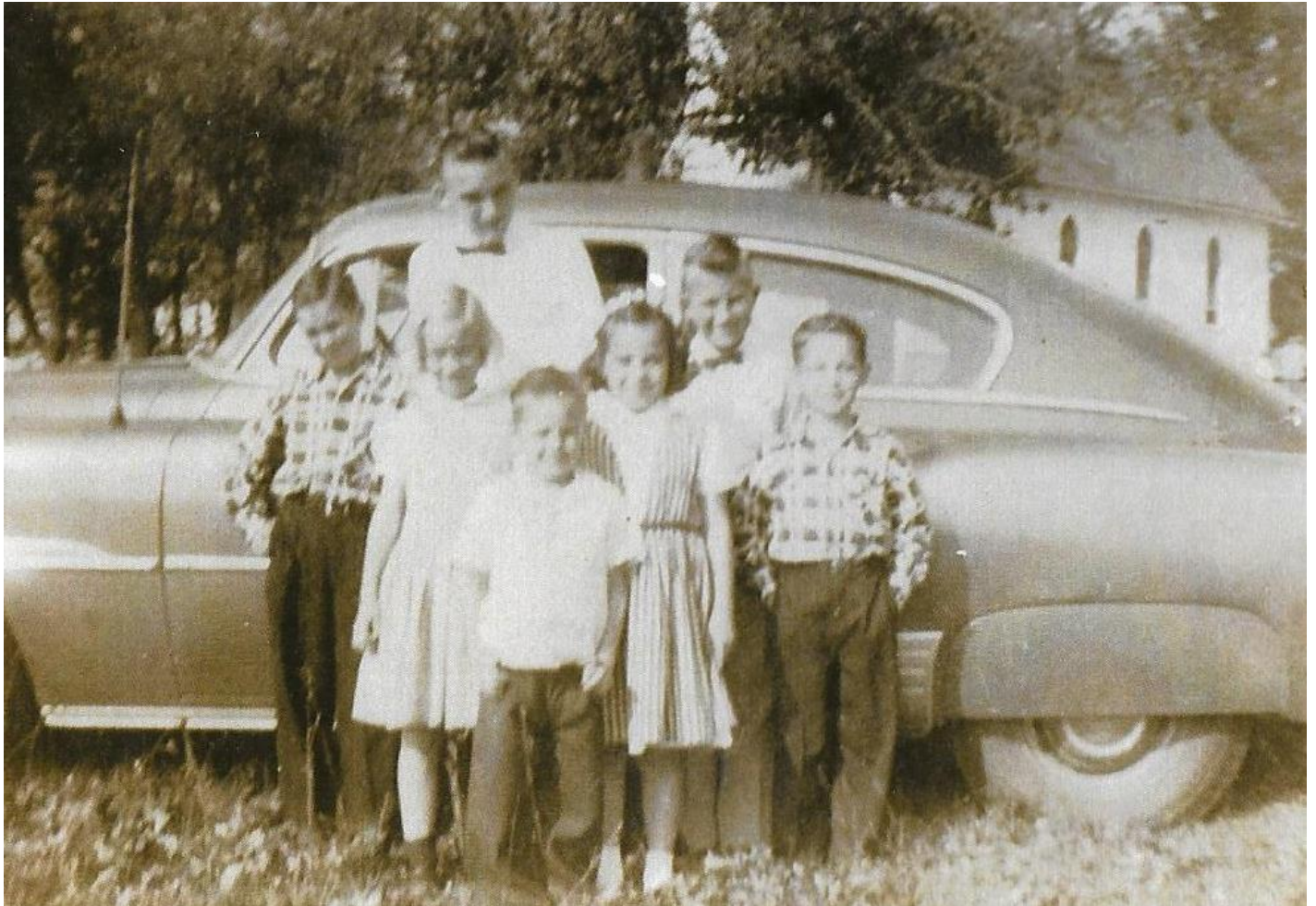
8. Family Pictures

Here are three challenges to all Triangle members.

1. Find an early picture of yourself with a vehicle in the background and send to me for publishing? You do not need to know the vehicle make and year. We have experts who should know, they were around when these vehicles were built.
2. Can you identify a person in these pictures? Send me an Email. OestreichD@AOL.com
3. Can you identify the year and make of the vehicle? Send me an Email. OestreichD@AOL.com



Can you identify the boy on the right? What is make and year of the truck?



Can you identify the boy on the left? That is his brother on the right. What is the make and year of the car?

9. Boy Scouts Automotive Maintenance Merit Badges

Anne and Dan Russell and their family were former members of the Triangle Chapter. They moved to Baltimore Maryland a number of years ago. They attended the February Triangle Chapter meeting via Zoom. At some urging from our members Anne submitted this story about helping the boys in their sons Boy Scout troop earn their automotive badges. See if you know all they have learned.

By Anne Kemp Russell

The Beatles song;

"Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends,

Mm, get high with a little help from my friends.

Oh, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends,"

keeps playing over and over in my mind as I sit down to write this article.



Our son, Andrew, has been in Boy Scouts since we moved to the Baltimore area five years ago. The first troop he joined disbanded and so he picked the next troop. This troop turned out to be a much more active group with camping trips, hiking, and bike trips. Andrew managed to participate in lots of activities and earned many badges. We hosted Andrew's Eagle Scout ceremony, and the boys egged Andrew on to give them a tour of the garage. That's when we knew it was time for us to give back to the troop. I started looking into the Automotive Maintenance merit badge. This badge requires a lot of hands-on learning. My first thought was to use one of the 1933 Franklins since the engine parts are so visible and the kids could see what was going on. But after much discussion with my husband, we thought the kids should learn on a newer engine so they would not be so surprised when they actually needed some real-world experience. That is where our daughter came in; her car was the perfect one for the kids to learn on. Samantha reluctantly learned that her car was the choice.

(Learning Experience #1. Best idea).

We engaged a friend Matt Joseph, who is a McPherson grad, a Boy Scout Eagle, and younger and cooler than Dan and me.

(Learning Experience #2, we needed another night or two).

We were put on the Boy Scout calendar for two nights of teaching and then two nights of fun at friends' garages.

(Learning experience #3. We were not prepared for fifteen Scouts).

Since this was our first go around of teaching this merit badge, we were prepared for this to be a learning experience for us as well as for the kids. There were seventeen boy scouts in our son's troop, normally about six or seven boys attend an event, so we were shocked when all but two of the boys attended.

(Learning Experience #4, get the boys working ASAP).

My game plan was for Dan and Matt to divide up the boys, each taking a group and work on separate parts of the car, but this did not happen. Dan started explaining the different parts of a car and reminded the boys they could always refer to the owner's manual. He lectured to the boys for about an hour before finally getting them working on changing a tire.

Learning Experience #5, second best idea).

One of the requirements of the merit badge is to find out about three career opportunities in the automotive industry. "Pick one and find out about the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor and explain why this profession might interest you." The boys all knew automobile mechanics, but I wanted to broaden their horizons. About half an hour before the closing of the meeting, with snacks, I again engaged another friend, Tabettha Hammer, to Skype with the boys. Tabettha talked about her job with Hagerty Insurance and with the Greenwich Concours show. Then the boys started drilling her..." "What is the coolest car you've driven?" "What is your favorite car and why?" "Where have you driven that is the best?" Etc.; etc.; we should have allowed more time!

That evening the boys were sent home with homework to wash, wax, and clean the inside of their mothers' cars. After all this work, I wanted some benefit too!

Here is the curriculum we used for the Boy Scouts over the next two meetings.

For the Counselors assisting to teach.

Do the following:

- Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter during automotive maintenance activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.
- Discuss with your counselor the safety equipment, tools, and clothing used while checking or repairing a motor vehicle. Use this equipment, tools, and/or clothing (when needed or called for) in meeting the requirements for this merit badge.

Automotive Training covered for the Boy scouts to earn their badges.

Learning General Maintenance, Safety, and Registration

Do the following:

- Review the maintenance chart in the owner's manual. Explain the requirements and time limits.
- Demonstrate how to check the following:
 - Brake Fluid
 - Engine Oil
 - Coolant
 - Power steering fluid
 - Windshield washer fluid
 - Transmission fluid
 - Battery fluid (if possible) and condition of the battery terminals.
- Locate the fuse boxes; determine the type and size of fuses. Demonstrate the proper replacement of burned-out fuses.
- Demonstrate how to check the condition and tension of belts and hoses.
- Check the vehicle for proper operation of its lights, including the interior overhead lights, instrument lights, warning lights, and exterior bulbs.
- Locate and check the air filter(s).
- Explain the purpose, importance, and limitations of safety belts and passive restraints.
- Find out the requirements for your state's emissions and safety inspections (as applicable), including how often a vehicle needs to be inspected.
- Explain the importance of registering a vehicle and find out the annual registration fee for renewing your family car's registration.

Learning about the Dashboard

Do the following:

- Explain the function of the fuel gauge, speedometer, tachometer, oil pressure, and engine temperature gauge. Point out each one on the instrument cluster.
- Explain the symbols that light up on the dashboard and the difference between the yellow and red symbols. Explain each of the indicators on the dashboard, using the owner's manual, if necessary.

Learning about Tires

Do the following:

- Explain the difference between tire manufacturer's and vehicle manufacturer's specifications and show where to find them.
- Demonstrate how to check pressure and properly inflate a tire. Check the spare tire and make sure it is ready for use.
- Explain why wheel alignment is important to the life of a tire. Explain camber, caster, and toe-in adjustments on wheel alignment.
- Explain the purpose of the lateral-wear bar indicator.
- Explain how to dispose of old tires in accordance with local laws and regulations.

Engine

Do the following:

- Explain how an internal combustion engine operates. Tell the differences between gasoline and diesel engines. Explain how a gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle is powered.

- Explain the purpose of engine oil. Explain the API service code, the SAE number, and the viscosity rating.
- Explain where to find the recommended oil type and the amount of oil to be used in the vehicle's engine.

Cooling system

Do the following:

- Explain the need for coolant in the cooling system, and the importance of selecting the correct coolant type for a given vehicle.
- Explain how to flush and change the engine coolant in the vehicle, and how to properly dispose of the used coolant.

At the next troop meeting we again went over parts of the car that we missed the first time. When the boys weren't taking turns learning from Dan, they started drilling Matt Joseph about his college experience and his job at White Post Restorations. This night our guest was Dan DeRusha, Executive Director, International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) in Watkins Glen, NY. Dan explained to the boys a little about his background, education, and his career, then again, the boys drilled him (just like they did Tabetha and Matt) about his favorite cars, favorite drives, if he could own any car what would it be?

More Automotive Training covered for the Boy scouts to earn their badges.

Fuel system

Do the following:

- Explain how the air and fuel systems work together and why it is necessary to have an air filter and fuel filter.
- Explain how a how a fuel injection system works and how an on-board computer works with the fuel injection system.

Ignition and electrical systems

Do the following:

- Diagram and explain the parts of the electrical system.
- Explain the engine's firing order.
- Explain the purpose of the spark gap.
- Demonstrate how to safely connect jumper cables to your car battery.

Drive Train

Do the following:

- Diagram the drive train and explain the different parts.
- Explain the difference between automatic and standard transmissions.
- Explain the types of automatic transmission fluid.
- Explain the types of lubricants used in a standard transmission and in the differential and transfer case.
- Explain the difference between front-wheel, rear-wheel, and four-wheel drive.

Brake System

Do the following:

- Explain the brake system (including anti-lock systems) and how it operates.
- Explain the differences between disc and drum systems.
- Demonstrate how to check the condition of a vehicle's brake system. After checking, make recommendations for repairs (if necessary).

Scout Assignment: Do two of the following:

1. Determine the value of three different vehicles you are interested in purchasing. One must be new and one must be used; the third vehicle can be new or used. For each vehicle, find out the requirements and cost of automobile insurance to include basic liability and options for collision, comprehensive, towing, and rental car. Using the three vehicles you chose and with your merit badge counselor's assistance, complete the operation/maintenance chart provided in the merit badge pamphlet. Use this information to determine the operating cost per mile for each vehicle and discuss what you learn with your counselor.
2. Choose a car cleaner and wax product for a vehicle you want to clean. Explain clear-coat paint and the precautions necessary for care. Clean the vehicle, both inside and out, and wax the exterior. Use a vinyl and rubber protectant (on vinyl tops, rubber door seals, sidewalls, etc.) and explain the importance of the protectant.

3. Locate the manufacturer's jack. Use the jack to demonstrate how to engage the jack correctly on the vehicle, then change a tire correctly.
4. Perform an oil filter and oil change on a vehicle. Explain how to properly dispose of the used oil and filter.

The third and fourth meetings were all about fun and exploring different car collections. Like I stated, this all started when the boys were interested in exploring our garage. Since the boys already had access to our cars and learned about what we had, I thought it would be fun to have them do a mock car show and do the Hagerty Youth Judging.

Don Bowman opened up his garage to the boys. Don owns about seventy cars including many Corvettes. My husband, son and I arrived early to explain what we had planned and Don was on board to try this. When the boys walked through the garage doors, they were handed the Hagerty hat, shirt, lanyard, pen and judging paper. I explained a little about what we would be looking at on each car. Don picked out three different cars from three different eras that he highlighted. The boys then asked to open the hood, look at the interior and check out so features of the cars. He went through and explained the different eras of cars he had and we held a Hagerty Youth Judging event. The boys declared the three winners of the event and took a few pictures of Mr. Bowman receiving the awards. Everyone enjoyed the evening and seeing the cars.

The fourth and final meeting was hosted by our friend Rob Burchill (Hattie's Garage) and Mike Zerega. Mike offered to take the boys out on a run in his 1910 Model 70 Stanley Steamer. Unfortunately, the Steamer didn't want to cooperate, so Rob quickly ran in the garage and brought out his 1911 Hudson Model 33 and the boys took turns riding in the back of this car. This is an experience the boys will be talking about for a long time. The boys also got to watch while Mike blew out steam in his engine. Mike and Rob took turns showing the boys the different cars in the garage.

After another wonderful evening touring garages, it was time to leave, but not after egging on Matt Joseph to do a burn out in his 1970 Mustang Mach 1 351 Cleveland!

The following meeting, I showed up with "Thank you" notes in hand and while the boys all wrote, to everyone who helped, we talked about the entire experience. Anyone who thinks the car hobby is dying needs to spend some time with the young people and to get them out for a ride, or even better let them drive your cars! I hope this article will inspire you to invite a Boy Scout troop into your garage and not only work on their merit badge but also to spark some interest in a young mind.

10. 2021 Triangle Chapter Officers

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11. Triangle Chapter Publications

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 Pages

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/>

12. NC Region Event Schedule

By Ashby A.

NC Region AACA 2021 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City	Region	Notes
January 15 - 16	NC Region Winter Business Mtg.	NC Region	Raleigh, NC	NAT	Meeting postponed, judging school canceled
April 8 - 10	Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	Autofair canceled, Meet still on
April 15 - 17	AACA National Convention	AACA National	Philadelphia, PA	NAT	postponed, future date TBD
April 19 - 22	Southeastern Divisional Tour	Kingdom of the Road Chapter	Howey in the Hills, Florida	NAT	
April 24	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Winston-Salem, NC	U&T	postponed, future date TBD
May 1	Chapter Meet	Triangle	Raleigh, NC	U&T	postponed, future date TBD
May 8	NC Region Spring Meet	First Capital	New Bern, NC	Region	
May 15	Chapter Meet	Morehead	Morehead City	U&T	tentative
May 20 - 25	Founders Tour	Mountain State Classics Region	Davis, WV	NAT	(for 1932 - 1996)
May 22	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Eden, NC	U&T	
June 2 - 5	Eastern Divisional Tour	Eastern Shore Region	Maryland	NAT	(up to 1996)
June 5	Chapter Meet	San-Lee	Sanford, NC	U&T	tentative
June 12	Region Meet	Mountaineer Region	Fletcher, NC	IPO	tentative
June 17 - 19	Eastern Spring Nationals	Saratoga Region	Saratoga Springs, NY	NAT	tentative
June 19	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T	
July 1 - 3	Central Spring Nationals	AACA National	Auburn, IN	NAT	new date
July 11 - 16	Vintage Tour	AACA National	Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA	NAT	(1931 & earlier)
July 22 - 24	Grand Nationals	Minnesota Region	New Ulm, MN	NAT	
August 7	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	tentative
August 14	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T	
August 13 - 14	Western Fall Nationals	Poudre Valley Region	Loveland, CO	NAT	
August 28	Region Meet	Alamance	Burlington, NC	IPO	tentative
September 9 - 11	Southeastern Fall Nationals	South Carolina Region	Greenville, SC	NAT	
September 9 - 11	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 12 - 17	Glidden Tour	VMCCA	Saratoga Springs, NY	NAT	(1942 & earlier)
September 18	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	
September 25	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
October	NC Region Annual Cruise-in	TBD		Region	tentative
October 2	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mt. Olive, NC	U&T	
October 6 - 9	Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey, PA	NAT	
October 11 - 15	Southeastern Divisional Tour	Savannah Region	Mt. Airy, NC	NAT	(1971 & earlier)
October 18 - 22	Central Divisional Tour	Tulsa Region	Broken Arrow, OK	NAT	(1996 & earlier)
October 23	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T	new date
November 11 - 13	Special Western Nationals	Phoenix Region	Phoenix, AZ	NAT	new date
November 14 - 17	Western Divisional Tour	Phoenix Region	Phoenix, AZ	NAT	(1996 & earlier)

