

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

**1960's Corvair—"Unsafe at any speed" But dang nice looking!
Owner unknown—School me please**



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- ◆ **Ice Cream Social @ Tom and Debbie Pruett's on July 30th!**
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2023 Events Calendar: **NOTE NEW LOCATION OF THIS MEETING!**

2023 meetings as follows: July 23

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA

Meeting Date: SUNDAY July 23, 2023

Meeting Location: **Backyard Bistro—1235 Hurricane Alley Way—Near Trinity Rd and the PNC Area**

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule: NOTE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESENTATION AND BUSINESS TIME SLOTS MAY SWITCH.

3:00pm to 4:00pm: Late Lunch and social time

4:00pm to 5:00pm: Open Informal discussion of past, upcoming and potential Triangle Chapter activities. If it is nice drive your old cars!

NC Region 2023 Calendar Events Planned – **See details below**

AACA National Events Calendar – UPDATED LINK FOR 2023!

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2023. The 2023 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jim is traveling this month and rumor has it doing a little fishing. So here is repeat of Jim message from last month.

“Remember last month when I stated, “April showers bring May flowers”, and car shows? Well, both seasons are in full stride. Not a weekend goes by without a car show. Our club had a noted presence at Tom and Debbie’s Cruise-in at their house. Saw some cars there that were certainly new to our club and I believe we even signed up a couple new members. Thanks Tom and Debbie. Club members attended the San-Lee chapter meet in downtown Sanford and had a few cars parked at the Yates Mill celebration this past weekend. As for me, I attended two Native American Powwows and one graduation parade with Carmella the Galaxie.

A few club members took longer excursions to the Midwest and enjoyed the fun of touring and nationally recognized car gatherings.

Our next club gathering will once again be at Tom and Debbie’s place for our annual Ice Cream Social. This has always been a well-attended event and I expect no difference this year. I have modified my annual fishing trip to WI to be back in time for this event. Mark your calendars for July 30th. I mentioned fishing, yes, I need to get that squeezed in between three huge car shows in WI.

First up in the 51st IOLA CAR Show, second largest in the nation. My brother and I will once again have a swap meet tent selling Model T parts. This event draws cars from the entire Midwest and every year I see a car that I have never heard of before hand. Looking forward to the adventure.

The second event, Pierce Park, located in my home town is a one-day show that typically draws 1200 vehicles. In past years I have seen a minimum of thirty Model A’s. There will also be a huge presence of Corvettes at this show.

Last is the “Beer, Cheese, and Model T’s 66th annual Tour of the Model T Ford Club in Baraboo, WI. The first morning of this event, all fifty Model T’s will be on display prior to start of tour later in the day. Unfortunately, I could not convince my brother to take his T on this tour so we will just enjoy the show segment.

Oh, and did I mention fishing. This year as a result of a property purchase by a family member, I will be able to go trout fishing on a very famous creek noted for harboring native trout in the cold spring waters. I fished this creek many, many years ago with my father.”

Enough said, lets go out and enjoy the summer and send Randy some exciting reports on your travels.

EDITOR’S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES RANDY’S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

1. I hope all your summer plans are working out well.
2. Linda and I headed to Cleveland in August and hope to visit Bob Gahr’s Western Reserve Fire Museum.
3. Thanks to all for your contributions this last month.
4. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Ray Bader

“Nice write up in this month’s issue. You might want to forward this with my thanks for coming.”

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As Reported by Tom & Debbie Pruett

Will you send out a reminder for the ice cream social to the Chapter membership. Please ask them to:

Let me know who is planning on attending

If they are going to bring toppings for the ice cream or a desert to share

If they are going to bring a guest/potential member
Ask them to drive an antique car. I will reserve a space for the Classic cars.

Debbie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing some Howling Cow ice cream.

Thanks for your help!

As reported by Dean Tryon

The book is finished and printed. Shipping will start by 8/1. More info will be in my Sept newsletter to be sent mid-August.

Please see the ordering tab on the website (below) for all the details.

Shipping outside of the US is expensive and I am working on alternatives. If you live outside of the US and are interested, let me know. I will be selling at Hershey in October also.

Dean Tryon
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HELEN DIPIETRO HAS COME TO THE
RESCUE. THANKS FOR AGREEING
TO SPLIT THE WORK WITH ANDREA
IRBY ON FACEBOOK.***

***JEAN SOEHNLEIN IS LOOKING FOR
A REPLACEMENT TO HANDLE THE
YEARLY MEMBERS GUIDE. PLEASE
CONTACT JEAN IF YOU
INTERESTED.***

WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

July 30, 2023—Ice Cream Social at Tom & Debbie Pruett's home. [See Flyer end of the newsletter](#)

September 16, 2023 Kars for Kids—[See attached flyer](#)

September 23, 2023—Joe Parsons is planning a Car Show for Brier Creek Country Club. No cost & free Coffee, Donuts & Bagels will be provided. And wait there is more! Award too!
[Details and Flyer to follow](#)

October 5, 2023—Zooland Region 32nd Annual Antique Car Show - [See attached flyer](#)

December 3, 2023—Christmas Party at The Stag Club. [Details to follow](#)

See section attached below for additional upcoming regional shows! [Updated 2023 Schedule](#)



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

Action Items -- These items need [your response](#) if you are interested. More details in the newsletter.

1. **July 23** – Dan suggests we have a regular social only meeting at the Backyard Bistro.
2. **July 30 - Ice Cream social** at **Tom and Debbie Pruett's** house. 3520 Carpenter Pond Rd, NE of Brier Creek. 2-4pm. For AACA members and guests. RSVP **Tom and Debbie** at 919-422-4761.
3. Aug - Possible car display at Glenaire Retirement Home in Cary, date TBD
4. Dec 3 – **Christmas party**. **Jean Soehnlein** has reserved the Stag Club.

Meeting Discussion Items:

1. The meeting was attended by 34 people at the **Backyard Bistro** in N Raleigh. A good turnout for a summer meeting.
2. The club added 8 new members recently (now at 85 families) and we have \$5200 in the bank.
3. Recent events included a car show at **Tom and Debbie Pruett's** house on 6/10 attended by over 75 cars.
4. The 6/17 Yates Mill event was attended by **Wilson Fausel, Dan Fuccella and Herb Tull**.
5. New members included **Cheryl Anderson** who moved here recently from Calif. She had the nice 1956 Ford T-Bird at our Cary show. Also attending was **Bob Murray** from Creedmoor with a 1988 Avanti convertible. Two guests were **Jim Jones** and his wife who have a 1914 Ford T.
6. **Dan Fuccella** reported on their 1200 mi trip to Ohio in their 1950 Willy's to attend a Jeep convention.
7. **Dan** also mentioned the plaques the club will supply when displaying your vehicle. More info is in the last newsletter. Contact **Fred Harley** (fredharley@nc.rr.com) and he will have them made for you. Dan also added a QR code for people interested in more information. The first one is free, multiples are just \$5 each.
8. **Dean Tryon** reported that his new book (*Fundamental Carburetion*) is at the printer and will be available by July. See www.fundamentalcaburetion.com for more details.
9. **Helen DiPietro** will work with **Andrea Irby** on updating our Facebook page. She also requested that as our members have good car photos that can be shared on Facebook, our newsletter or web site, send them to Dean and he will get them to the right people.
10. **Helen** has a good supply of silver T shirts for sale a \$10 each in all sizes from our May show.
11. **Ray Bader** thanked our chapter for a good representation at the Good Guys show this spring.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

12. **Jim Aldrich** provided the name of a good electrical repair source:
Alamance Starter & Generator Service.
521 East Webb Ave
Burlington NC 27217
Owner Mark Greeson Ph 336-228-9654

Mark can do repairs & diagnose vintage cars electrical issues. Also they have 6 volt and 8 volt batteries in stock.

13. **Bob Gahr** commented on the great job **Dan Fuccella** does with the Youth Judging at our shows.
14. **Bob** also thanked **Helen DiPietro** for the great job organizing and running our May 20 show.
15. **Ken Powell** is the source of name tags so if you need a new one, let him know. Kgp888@gmail.com
16. The Board will decide if the chapter wants to do another Region Show next year in Cary – same as this year.



Twenty Automobiles from the years 1950-60 that were never seen on our roads

As reported by Bernard Bodon via Dean Tryon

Followed by

The 1950s

The Golden Age of Automobile Styling

As reported by Mike Petersen



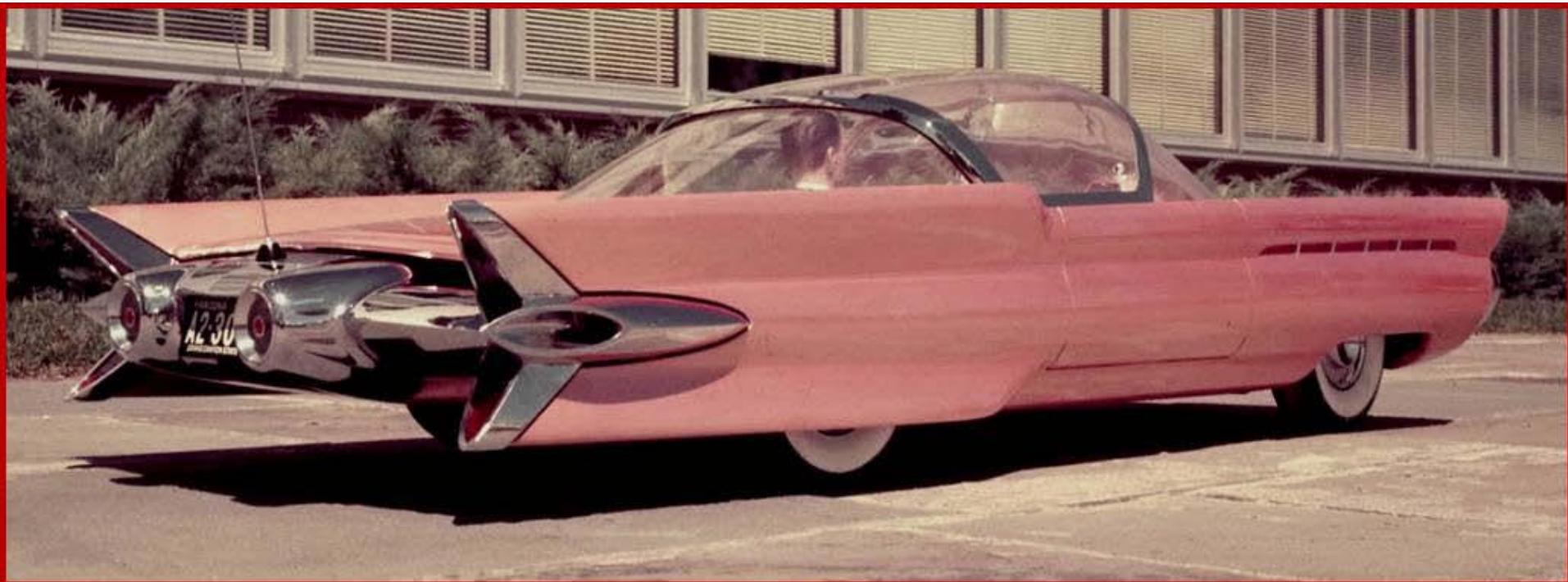
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1957 CHRYSLER DIABLO



1956 BUICK CENTURION II



1954 FORD LA TOSCA



1951 BUICK LESABRE



1959 GM FIREBIRD III



1955 LINCOLN FUTURA



1951 BUICK XP-300



1955 FORD MYSTERE



1959 CADILLAC CYCLONE



1954 OLDSMOBILE ROCKET F88



1958 FORD X-2000



1953 CADILLAC GHIA COUPE



1955 LINCOLN INDIANAPOLIS



1954 MERCURY D524 (This car was never shown to the public)



1952 CHRYSLER D'ELEGANCE



1954 DE SOTO ADVENTURER II



1953 FORD X-100



1956 PACKARD PREDICTOR



1956 OLDSMOBILE GOLDEN ROCKET



1956 PONTIAC CLUB DE MER

The 1950s

The **Golden Age** of Automobile Styling

Mike Petersen August 23, 2022

Prelude to the 1950s Styling

1946 – Automobile production resumes after World War II

- No automobiles produced 1942 – 1945
- Pent-up demand on the home front and from returning soldiers
- Everything would sell – no need to spend money for new styling

New styling and models started arriving in 1949

- Stodgy styling – practical, but did not sell well

Key question in 1952: What kind of car would your neighbor buy?

- Longer, lower, wider
- Flashy, modern look

US Dominated World Automobile Production

The Big Three

- General Motors
 - Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Cadillac
- Ford
 - Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, Continental
- Chrysler
 - Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto, Chrysler, Imperial

Other companies had niche markets and some were gone by 1960

- Studebaker, Packard, Nash, Hudson, Willys, Kaiser
- Fresh styling cost money and required a large market share

Few Foreign Automobiles in the 1950s

Much of Europe and almost all of Japan were destroyed during World War II

Volkswagen and Mercedes entered the market in the 1950s

British, French, and Swedish automobiles had a small market share

1955 – the Watershed Year for Style

1955 design work started in 1952

- Seller's market was over, new styling needed for sales
- Three years needed to create and launch a new design



1954 Dodge



1955 Dodge

Styling Influence

Aircraft

- Sound barrier broken in 1947
- Jet fighters appeared in 1948



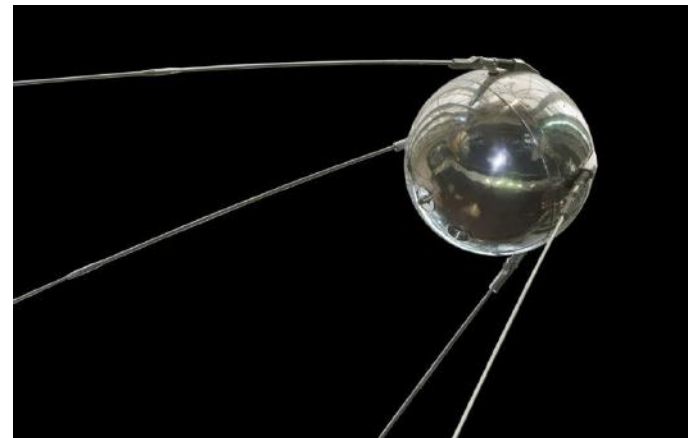
Rockets

- Redstone Rocket – 1950 – 1964



Space Race

- First satellites - 1957



Styling Cycle was Two or Three Years



1955



1956

1956 Dodge was a “facelift” of 1955.

1957 Dodge was new.

1958 and 1959 Dodge were “facelifts” of 1957.



1957



1958



1959

Dash Boards Look Like Airplane Controls and Instruments



Extensive use of chrome on exteriors and interiors.



1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser



1954 Cessna

Wrap-around Windshields – Like a Jet Fighter Canopy



Some Grilles Looked Like Air Intakes for Jet Fighters





Tailfins – Like a Rocket





Dual rear radio antennae were popular.

Taillights look like Flames from a Rocket



Hardtops – Metal Top on a Convertible Body

First appeared in 1948 – By 1955 all major manufacturers had one.
Automobiles looked lower and sportier.



No “B” Pillar between the front door and rear passenger compartment.



Station wagons became more luxurious – some with hardtop styling.

Color Offerings were Many

Example: 1955 Dodge

13 single tones (included 3 metallics)

32 two tone combinations (16 standard and 16 deluxe)

16 three tone combinations

Interior choices were blue, green, black, red, and yellow
(number of choices depended on exterior color)



AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES

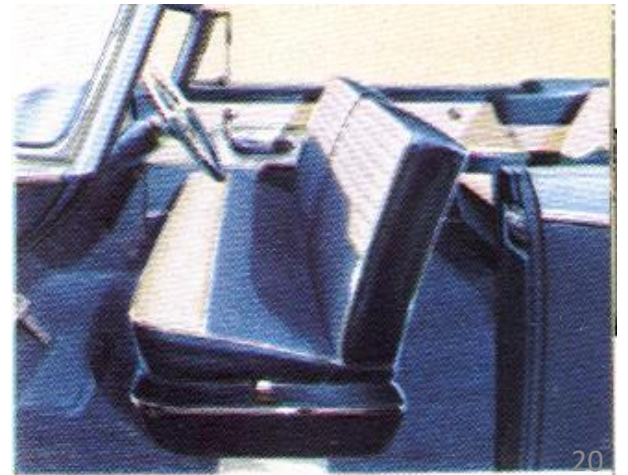
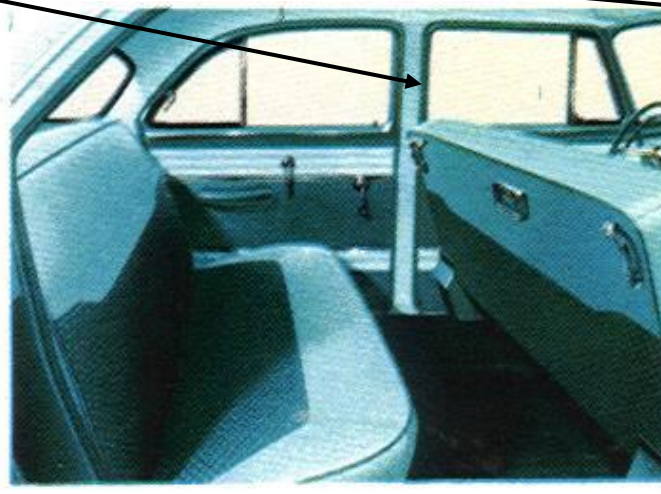
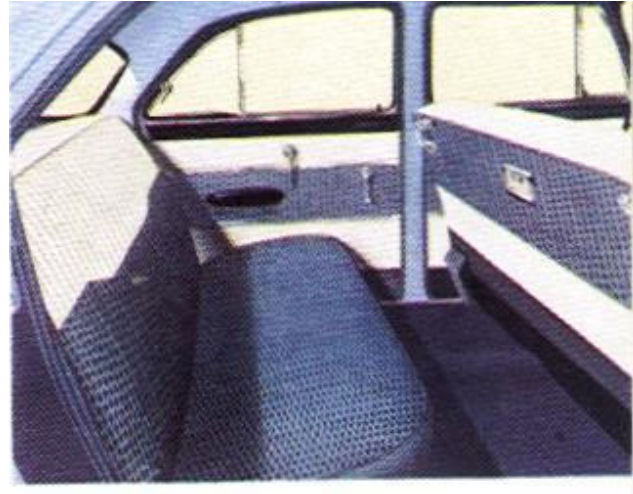
1955 DODGE

Comb. No. 515 565-L 566-L		Comb. No. 551 567-U 568-L 570-U	
	L-1600 CHIFFON GREEN		L-1606 CAMEO RED
516 563-U 564-L 566-U		555 562-U 570-L 571-L 572-U 573-U 575-U	
	L-1601 EMERALD GREEN		L-1607 SAPPHIRE WHITE
517 563-L 564-U 565-U		556 573-L 574-L	
	L-1602 SATIN GREEN METALLIC		L-1608 FANTASY YELLOW
505 560-U 561-L		530 567-L	
	L-1603 HALO BLUE		L-1609 CASHMERE GRAY
507 560-L 561-U		552 575-L	
	L-1604 ADMIRAL BLUE METALLIC		L-1610 REGAL BURGUNDY METALLIC
550 569-L 571-U		506 562-L	
	L-1605 HEATHER ROSE		L-1611 PARISIAN BLUE
			M-1724-L BLACK

Black is not shown in the color chart

Interiors were usually two tone

B Pillars in Sedans



Too Much Change is a Disaster

Ford Edsel – mechanically a good car but looked “dumb”, a classic example of a failure due to bad styling.



No coordinated design theme.

Exceptions – No Significant Styling Changes



1950 – VW and Jeep

These vehicles were unique.



1959 – VW and Jeep



Part of the market appeal was in the “look” of the vehicle.



The US during the 1950s

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...” from A Tale Of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.

Quoted by high school English teacher Richard Dadier from the 1955 movie “Blackboard Jungle” in a discussion about life in 1955.



CONELRAD – CONtrol of ELectromagnetic RADiation

1951 – 1963 – radios were marked with the CONELRAD stations 640 and 1240.

When Russian bombers are detected coming in over northern Canada major radio stations switched to 640 and 1240 for broadcasting emergency instructions.

In case of attack most radio stations shut down and the others broadcast “round robin” so the Russian bombers could not use radio stations as a homing signal to the target.





END

2023 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

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WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

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 <https://triangleaaca.org/>

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

Facebook Pages

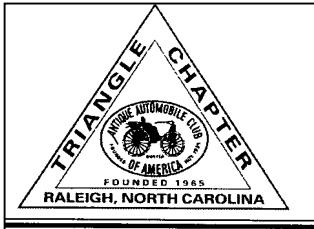
[Andrea Irby & Helen DiPietro are updating our Triangle Facebook page. Please have a look, "Like" the page and give her suggestions or information for the pages.](#)

Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA>

NC Region Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACA/>



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DUES FORM



2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America
North Carolina Region Triangle Chapter AACA

First Name _____ Last Name _____

NATIONAL AACA: Annual Dues \$45 *Required for membership in Region and Chapter*

- I have paid my 2023 dues directly to AACA National in Hershey.
- I am a life member of the National AACA

NORTH CAROLINA REGION AACA: Annual dues \$15 *Required for membership in Chapter*

- I have paid my 2022 dues directly to the NC Region
- I am a life member of the NC Region

TRIANGLE CHAPTER: Annual Dues \$10

- I am a life member of the Triangle Chapter

Please Make Checks payable to: TRIANGLE CHAPTER AACA Total Submitted \$ _____

Note: Above dues can be combined on a single check and Ken will forward to National and Region

Mail To: Ken Powell
4513 Wood Valley Dr
Raleigh, N.C. 27613
Phone: 919-638-0756
Email: kgp8888@gmail.com

You only need to fill in any information below that is different from your 2022 directory listing

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Primary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Secondary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

NC REGIONAL 2023 CALENDAR

NC Region AACA 2023 Event Calendar

<u>Date</u> <u>State</u>	<u>Type Meet</u> <u>Notes</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/</u>
July 26 - 29	AACA Special Eastern Summer Nationals Rolling Antiquers Region Norwich, NY NAT		
August 6	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC IPO
August 10 - 12	AACA Grand Nationals Mississippi Valley Region NAT		Bettendorf, IA
August 12	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC U&T
September 7 - 9	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC IPO
September 16	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC Region Also Fall of 2023, 2025, & 2027
September 23	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC U&T
September 30	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mount Olive, NC U&T
October 3 - 6	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey PA NAT
October 14	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC U&T
October 22 - 27	Revival AAA Glidden Tour VMCCA		Thomasville, PA NAT Pre 1943

By: Lorrie Oaks, Vice Pres For Updates/Cancellations/ Changes:

Contact: loaks@ec.rr.com Text/Call: 910.622.029

TIP or Question of THE MONTH



We can all use a little help around the garage or shop!

Send me those tips or questions

I MIGHT TRY THIS ONE!



Short on space? try this nifty way to stow your grinder.

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! – Summer is here!



ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson

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