

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2023 Events Calendar:

Event: [General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA](#)

Meeting Date: January 28, 2024

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

Future Meeting Dates: The February meeting date is Sunday February 25, 2024 (Most General Meetings of the Triangle Chapter are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Backyard Bistro. However, meeting dates may, on rare occasions, be moved to an alternate Sunday due to scheduling conflicts at the Backyard Bistro. Please check your most current Triangle Chapter Newsletter for actual meeting dates.

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule: TBD—Dan requesting presentations

Presentation:

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

4:00pm to 5:00pm: Business Meeting and presentation

Presentation Topic: Are you fully familiar with the many benefits of being an AACA member? Are you taking advantage of AACA's valuable resources such as those offered by its world-renowned **Library & Research Center**? Have you attended one of AACA's **National Meets** or participated in one of AACA's driving **Tours**? Have you ever indulged in the broad variety of events provided at AACA's **Annual Convention**? Or have you ever attended the expansive AACA **Eastern Fall Nationals** held in AACA's headquarters city of **Hershey, Pennsylvania**?

At the January 28, 2024 General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter, attendees will be called upon to share with fellow Triangle chapter members and guests their experiences in partaking of AACA's many valuable resources.

So, if you are a long-time member familiar with these resources, expect to be called upon to briefly describe one or more of your AACA experiences. If, on the other hand, you are a new member of AACA, or just have not ventured out into the world of AACA, this will be an excellent opportunity for you to gain some first-hand input from some of our more experienced members. Please come prepared to participate in the open-floor discussion as either a provider or recipient of this valuable AACA knowledge.

Personal Note: Despite having driven our Jeep to 15 National Meets at locations ranging from New York to Florida, we have never attended a National Meet in Hershey. Jean and I are personally looking forward to learning more about local accommodations and the events in and around the Hershey region, as we do plan to drive our Jeep to the National Meet in Hershey this fall.

If it is nice drive your classic cars!

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

AACA National Events Calendar – [UPDATED LINK FOR 2024!](#)

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

Yes, another month has passed, but certainly not forgotten. Most of our antiques vehicles are now stored for the winter or set aside for another sunshine filled day in which we can enjoy a short cruise as I did two weeks ago. Another part of us wants to get ready and start disassembly to take care of an annoying problem that has been persistent all year.

One of my T's has had that leakage disease of allowing radiator fluid to drip on the barn floor all summer long. Every time I wanted to drive it I had to gather a can of water to fill it's tummy. The real problem was my narrow thinking of zeroing in on the source of the leak at the radiator. It turns out it was not the radiator at all but the water pump inlet hose. The fluid ran down the bottom of the hose down to the radiator and with gravities' help to the floor. Problem solved, new hose, new clamp, ready to roll. Not really, it was just rolled out in the front yard awaiting Christmas lights.

By the time you read this we will have passed another big traditional holiday of feasting on turkey, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, and of course pumpkin pie. I hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

One week later we had our annual Christmas Party dinner at the Stag Club. For those that were not able attended, you missed out on an excellent dinner and fun night out with your fellow club members. The program was packed with trivia that we all knew someone else's answers but not for our own question. The gift exchange always brought excitement with all waiting to see who had selected the gift they will return with next year. I received numerous compliments at closing on "The Wonderful Party". Going to be tough to repeat next year.

Enjoy the holidays!

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

By Randy N Robertson

1. Have and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
2. To those lingering Bellsouth email address owners. It may be time to modernize. Significant amount of bounced emails last month.
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 Helen DiPietro

Please note that our former member's (Anne Goldman) mother passed this week.

Following is a link to her obituary: [Milagrosa-Rodriguez-Psotta](#)

As reported by Dean Tryon

Dean is looking for someone to take over the Communication Committee Chair position.

As reported by Ken Powell

Welcome new members Richard & Regina Kazazian

As reported by Helen DiPietro

The 2024 regional meet off to a good start.

Straight off a relaxing vacation, Helen is making great strides in kicking off our 2nd consecutive Spring Regional Meet. Stay tuned for dedicated page in January 2024.

Save the date: Saturday May 18, 2024

As reported by Jim Gill

Yes, I understand we are in the middle of the holiday season, and I am sure all are enjoying the activities associated with the period.

But, just around the corner is our NC Region Annual Meeting the second weekend of January.

This year's meeting will be held at the Doubletree Inn just off Capital Drive right here in Raleigh. I am letting everyone know now as I want to make sure as the host chapter we are well represented. So, get your form from the Region News with a check and mail it in to Rod Moore.

The meeting consists of a National Judging School on Friday with the meeting following on Saturday. Your registration fee includes a lunch buffet on Saturday.

See you all there.

And lastly, I wish all of you a "Happy Holiday" and safe travels.

WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

COMING IN JANUARY 2024

See section attached below for additional upcoming regional shows! [Updated 2024 Schedule](#)



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

REPEAT OF NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOTES

I. Triangle Chapter AACA - Meeting Notes -11/26/2023

II. The Chapter meeting was held at the Backyard Bistro with 28 members for lunch and 5 more for the meeting. Reports – Ken Powell reported we have Redacted in the treasury and 91 members.

III. New Business – Jim Gill.

A. The NC Region Annual meeting will be held in Raleigh again but at a new location. The Double Tree by Hilton located off Capital Blvd (US1 near I-440) at 2805 Highwoods Blvd, Raleigh, NC. Friday and Sat **Jan. 12-13, 2024**. The cost is \$20 (including Sat. lunch).

B. New Officers – Mike Hess reported on the candidates for 2024 and all were elected.

President – Jim Gill

VP – Dan Fuccella

Treas – Ken Powell

Board of Directors: Glen Ott, Ray Bader, Helen DiPietro

Our thanks to the outgoing Board members: Chet Butcher, Bill Werner and Andrea Irby.

C. The Christmas party is all set for Sunday 12/3 by Jean Soehnlein and Marilee Sanderson. Reservations are closed now with 53 reservations.

D. Jim Gill has donated a Model T engine block to the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC.

E. Dan mentioned that the Backyard Bistro ownership has changed but there is no change with us using it in the foreseeable future. Also, he needs ideas for the Jan. meeting presentation.

F. Dean mentioned an interesting article about member Brian White's restoration of a barn find 1915 Pierce Arrow in the August issue of Hemmings Classic Car magazine.

G. At the AACA National meeting (Feb 8-10 in Chantilly, VA), Dean and Ted Brooks will be giving another presentation – Basic carburetors 102 (last year was 101). This discussion will recap the 101 presentation then add discussions on fuels, intake manifolds, ignition and the evolution from carburetors to fuel injection.

H. A future display at the Glenaire retirement home in Cary will be set up by Jim Gill and the Harleys. Presentation – Bob Gahr had an interesting presentation and display of his long time interest in fire trucks and equipment. His volunteer career with various fire departments in Ohio started in his early teens years. He currently has an original 1919 firetruck built on a Ford TT chassis. Thanks Bob.

PICTORIAL OF HERSHEY

Photos courtesy of Wilson and Anne Fausel



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The Annual Christmas Party

WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME

Thanks to **Marilee Sanderson & Jean Soehnlein and their elves** for the careful planning and execution of this event.

A few select photos to remembrance over



The Annual Christmas Party



2024 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – Jim Gill – (919-363-2616)
Vice President - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Treasurer – Ken Powell (919-638-0756)
Region News Correspondent – Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)
Ex-Officio – Mike Hess (916-201-3973)



Board of Directors

2024-2025

Ray Bader 919-418-0977
Helen DiPietro 919-649-1719
Glen Ott

2023-2024

Jim Aldrich 919-676-1230
Tom Pruett 919-422-4761
Brian Wingler 919-362-9303

Committee Chairs

Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)
Newsletter Editor – Randy N Robertson (919-422-9487)
Facebook Editors—Helen DiPietro (919-649-1719) & Andrea Irby (919-815-1355)
Webmaster - Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)
Youth Coordinator - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Car Show Committee Chair – Helen DiPietro (919-649-1719)

2022-2023—

Bill Werner 919-608-0753
Chet Butcher 919-285-9520
Andrea Irby 919-815-1355

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

[Helen DiPietro and Andrea Irby are updating our Triangle Facebook page.](#)

[Please have a look, "Like" the page and give them suggestions or information for the pages.](#)

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

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



Membership renewal by Ken Powell

HAVE YOU SENT YOURS IN?

Greetings!

I am seldom so long winded about topics as exciting as your annual dues. Please bear with me as there are some **changes to our procedures and a new initiative**.

Firstly, you may not realize it, but our **Chapter gained 18 new member families** this year due to strong recruiting efforts, a friendly and inviting meeting atmosphere and fun events! Thank you for your support. We are currently 92 member families strong. We look forward to a new year, some new events and lots of participation. In the Spring, we will again host the NC Region meet in conjunction with Wheels on Academy. This was very successful major undertaking by the Chapter and we look forward to your new ideas for making it even better.

Onward to the specifics of the dues. Good News- the dues are unchanged from last year- \$70 divided among National (\$45), NC Region (\$15) and the Triangle Chapter (\$10).

Please send your dues and the Membership renewal form back to me regardless of any updates.

AACA National

I suspect that you have received an email from Karen White, the membership chair for the AACA, promoting paying your dues online.

While you are welcome to do this, ***I recommend that you send your combined dues through me.***

I have found that there are mistakes every year when members split the payments as people forget and/ or overlook payment to one of the groups. This requires additional letters and checks to be sent to straighten it out.

I am trying to make this easy for you. One check, a form that needs little more than your name and ... done!

Dues Deadlines

This year there will be a change in dues collection- As long as the ***dues are postmarked by the December 31st due date I will distribute your \$70 payment*** to the Region and National.

Thereafter, YOU will be responsible for sending your dues to the three organizations individually. There are three reasons for this change:

- 1. Incentivize paying on time (3 months ought to be enough)**
- 2. Reduce updates to the official member roster I submit in January (The staff at AACA and I would really like to be done with dues collection so that our attention can turn to other things)**
- 3. I will be unavailable for the latter half of January which will cause delays in processing.**

SEE ATTACHED MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership renewal by Ken Powell

HAVE YOU SENT YOURS IN?

ITS NOT TOO LATE. SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY.

If you are late, (PLEASE DON'T BE)

After January 1st National dues can be paid online at AACA.org or a check (made payable to AACA) mailed to

Karen White
AACA
800 Hershey Park Dr
Hershey PA, 17033

Region dues (check made payable to 'NC Region') should be sent to

Rod Moore
NC Region, AACA
4110 Stonebrook Farms Rd
Greensboro, NC 27406

Member Expertise database

Lastly, in support of efforts to strengthen and organize our collective knowledge network we are starting a new initiative.

We seek to have you as consultants for members' questions and challenges with their cars. I hesitate to use words like "Consultant" and "Expert" as they express a far higher level of knowledge than necessary to be helpful for this database.

If you have a favorite car/ model/ year that you are knowledgeable about, procedures on diagnosing or fixing a problem or information on services you have had good experiences with, we would like to know.

I would appreciate it if you briefly explain on the attached 2024 membership renewal form. I am not asking for the details- just the topics you would be willing to help with.

Alternatively, you can email me at kqp8888@gmail.com

In addition, Dean Tryon has been collecting information on the specifics of the cars you own.

This information has been helpful in guiding members helping members.

Given the large number of new members, this list could use updating by all.

Thank you for your support. I appreciate that disclosing this can be a sensitive subject and hope all will participate at a level with which they are comfortable.

This list will continue to be closely held. Please email Dean with inventory entries.
dgtryon2516@gmail.com

NC REGIONAL 2024 CALENDAR

NC Region AACA 2024 Event Calendar

COMING IN JANUARY 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Meet</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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TILL NEXT YEAR!

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

***This will take a little time
but think of the braggin'
rights!***



Pro Tip: Use an old lateral file cabinet for the base & adapt wheels for easy stowing in the corner.

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! –



ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson



2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America
North Carolina Region
Triangle Chapter AACA

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Do you have any expertise/ Auto/ model experience you would be willing to share to help a fellow member with a question? _____

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

- I have paid my 2024 dues directly to AACA National in Hershey or online.
- 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 2024 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: If sent before the December 31 due date, 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

Please return this form with your dues payment. Thanks.

You only need to fill in any information below that is different from your 2023 directory listing

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Primary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Secondary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

North Carolina Region Spring Meet

Hosted by Triangle Chapter

in conjunction with Wheels on Academy Car Show
310 S. Academy Street, Cary, NC

Saturday, May 18, 2024



Vehicles should arrive between 8:00 & 10:00 am • Judging - 11:00 am • Awards around 2 pm (15 min after town of Cary)
Lines 1-7 must be completed (*Please Print*). Send complete registration form.
One form per Vehicle.

AACA Classes Only • All vehicles Must Have Fire Extinguishers
Registration Deadline is May 4, 2024
No Registration on the day of the Show.

1. Name _____ AACA# _____ Region _____
2. Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
3. Phone _____ Email _____
4. Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Body _____
5. VIN _____ AACA Class _____
6. Is the above vehicle a NC Region Red Bird winner? Yes No
7. If the Above Vehicle is an NC Region Certified HPOF or DPC check which one: HPOF DPC

Are you willing to help judge? Yes No National Judge? Yes No # of Credits _____

RV Parking Needed? Yes No Trailer Parking Needed? Yes No

Registration per Vehicle @ \$25.00 (checks or money orders)

Make checks payable to: **Triangle Chapter NC Region AACA**
Mail to: **Helen DiPietro, 1137 Shadyside Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612**

For information call: **Helen DiPietro 919-649-1719** or Chief Judge **Bob McAdam - 252-717-6836**

STATEMENT:

I understand and agree that the Triangle Chapter of the AACA and the NC Region of the AACA will not be held responsible for any liability I may incur during the show.

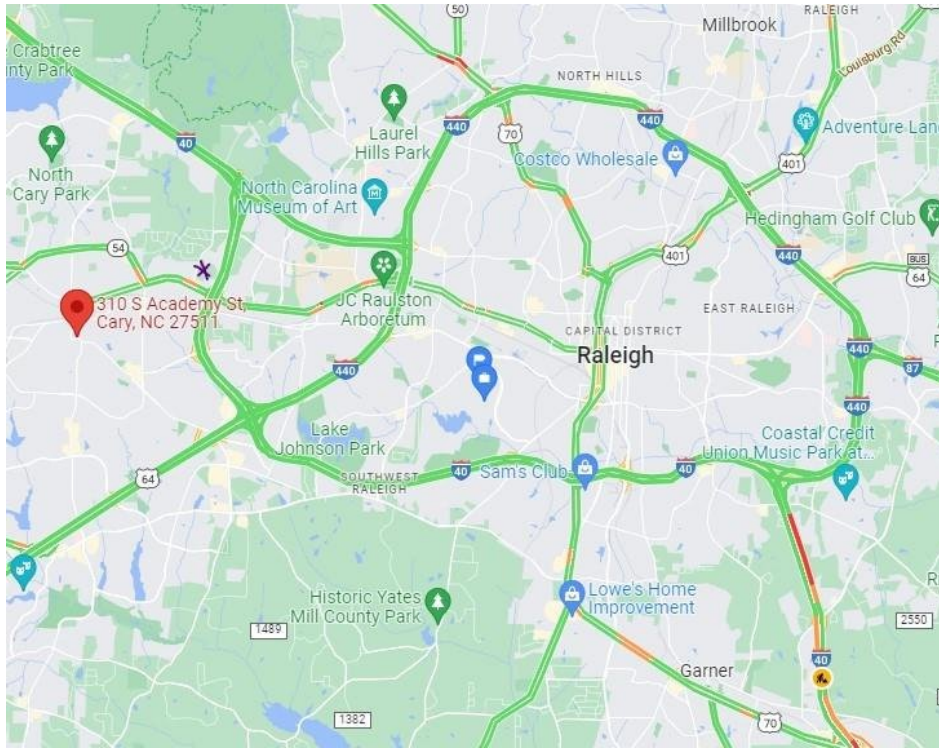
Signature _____ Date _____

For Triangle Chapter use only:

Received Date: _____ By: _____

Check #: _____ Money order #: _____ Registration # issued _____

Map and Directions to 310 S. Academy Street



From Western NC:

Take I-40 to exit 287 from I-40E Turn right onto Harrison Ave., Turn left onto Park Street, Turn right on Academy St, and follow signs to AACA.

From Eastern NC:

Take I-40W to Cary Towne Blvd, Exit 291. Turn right onto Cary Towne Blvd. Stay right onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto Kildaire Farm Rd, Turn right onto Academy Street, and follow signs to AACA.