

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023

Courtney Johnstons 1937 Buick Special Rumor has it that he has been spending quite a bit of time preparing for the upcoming season. Can't wait to see it!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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

The room was good, the food was good, and attendance was wonderful!

Spring 2023 meetings as follows: March 12, April 23 (Chili Cookoff) , May 28, June 25

Event: **General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA**

Meeting Date: SUNDAY February 26, 2023

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

Zoom link: The board has discontinued the Zoom link on regular meetings going forward.

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 extended leisure social time

4:00pm to 5:00pm: Short Business meeting

5:00pm to 6:00pm: Updates on the Preparations for the NC Region Meet on May 20th. Volunteer Opportunities!

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

By Jill Gill

“My how time flies” was my opening statement last month. Well, this month is a repeat, how time flies. In this case the time was short merely due our meeting schedule. With that said I am going to keep this short and very sweet.

I asked you to respond by getting out and beat our previous months attendance. And did you ever as we had 51 excited members attend out February meeting. Thanks go out to all of you for attending.

The second short message deals with our Region Spring Meet coming up in May. Yes, May, only two months’ away. That means we will only have one more chapter meeting prior to our Meet. Fellow club members, both ladies and gents, we need you to respond in two ways. First, I need all of you to get your paperwork in so that we can show our fellow Region members that we are serious about this Meet. We have approximately 85 parking spaces to fill; let’s show the Region that we are a “can doooo” chapter.

The second point I make is volunteerism. This is what makes our club exemplary. Please take a look at the sign-up sheets Helen has produced and scribble your name in any number of opportunities to volunteer to make this Meet a memorable one.

With that said, see you all at the Backyard Bistro at three pm this coming Sunday, let’s try and duplicate or improve on lasts months number of 51 guests.

EDITOR’S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES RANDY’S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

1. Spring is here, trees are flowering, people are sneezing and Car Shows are happening! Ignore the cold snap later this week!
2. Did anyone answer Denny’s challenge?
3. Helen DiPietro correctly named the movie quote from the famous classroom scene in Ferris Buellers Day Off. Sorry Ted your answer was incorrect and perhaps I might have thrown a curve ball just to see who was paying attention. :)
4. As always, thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures and articles.
5. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Dan Fuccella

Triangle Chapter, AACA

Chapter Events Schedule as of 3/1/2023

Sunday, March 12, 2023	General Membership Meeting	Backyard Bistro Raleigh	1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh
Sunday, April 23, 2023	Chili Cook-Off	Joel Hoffman's Home	10125 Lake Wheeler Road, Fuquay-Varina
Sunday, May 28, 2023	General Membership Meeting	Backyard Bistro Raleigh	1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh
Sunday, June 25, 2023	General Membership Meeting	Backyard Bistro Raleigh	1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh
Sunday, July 30, 2023	Ice Cream Social	Tom & Debbie Pruitt's home	3520 Carpenter Pond Road, Durham

As reported by Randy N Robertson

Congratulations on the Triangle Chapter being selected as the Featured Local Club in this years GoodGuys Car Show. April 21st to 23rd.

Thanks to **Ray Bader** for making this happen. **Have you signed up yet?**

They are offering to allow us to be the "Feature Local Club" at the event.

Registration is free for all 3 days and for as many as cars as we like.

Reserved parking area adjacent to the entrance.

Photo recognition in the Goodguy's Magazine.

As Reported by Jean Soehnlein

I was reminded at the Triangle Chapter meeting/dinner this past Sunday that I have not reminded everyone to send me updates to the Guide. My apologies – I have been busy with the passing of Mike Soehnlein's mother (my wonderful mother-in-law) at the age of 99. I have been her care giver (POA, etc.) since Mike's passing in February, 2011. Couldn't ask for a better mother-in-law. Right now I have had to get a lawyer to direct me in the right direction to execute her will. I totally forgot about the Member's Guide.

Please go through the 2022 Member's Guide and check out your address/phone#/etc. If you have changed anything, please send me a message with the correct information. If there is anything else in the Guide you feel needs to be changed, please send that to me also.

Please send me the info by **MARCH 17th**. I can then get it updated and printed before our show. I expect members will need to contact each other on details and "what do I need to do now?"

Jean Soehnlein moosemail@bellsouth.net

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***ANDREA IRBY NEEDS A VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH
FACEBOOK.***

***MY UNDERSTANDING IS IF YOU ARE ON FACEBOOK
THIS IS EASY PROJECT TO TAKE ON.***

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

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WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

April 21 to 23, 2023—Goodguy's Car Show at Fairgrounds. Triangle Chapter is the Featured Local Club

April 23, 2023—Chili Cookoff at Joel Hoffman's Home. [Details to follow](#)

May 20, 2023 – Triangle Chapter presents 2023 NC Region Spring Meet – [See feature page](#)

June 10, 2023—Cruise In @ Tom Pruett's Home—[SEE FLYER ATTACHED](#)

July 30, 2023—Ice Cream Social at Tom & Debbie Pruett's home. [Details to follow](#)

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

AACA Meeting Notes 2/26/2023

Action Items -- These items need your response if you are interested. More details in the newsletter.

1. Our second meeting at the Backyard Bistro was highly successful with about 50 attending.
2. Future meetings will be March 12, May 28 and June 26, all at Backyard Bistro. Note it is not the same week every month depending on the room availability.
April 23 will be the **Chili Cookoff** at Joel Hoffman's house.
3. July 30 - **Ice Cream social** at Tom and Debbie Pruett's house. Save the date, he has a great location.
4. **AACA membership renewals are due.** Ken Powell prefers you pay him directly for National, Region and Triangle Chapter (\$70) and he will distribute to National and the Region for you.
5. **April 21-23. Good guys Show.** Our chapter agree to be a Featured Local Club at this show at the NC Fairgrounds. More info below
6. 5/20/23 – **NC Region** Meet in Cary. More info below.
7. June 10 – Tom Pruett is doing a Cruise-in at his house for any and all cars. More info later.
8. Dec 3 – **Christmas party.** **Jean Soehnlein** has reserved the Stag Club again.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was attended by about 50 people at the **Backyard Bistro** in N Raleigh. Great turnout, great food and a private room that holds up to 60.
2. New members attending included: George Senich (65 Lincoln Continental convertible), Fernando Lugo and family 70 Chevelle and Chev Bel Air) and Herb Tull and wife (29 Pierce Arrow and 66 Pontiac Bonneville).
3. Ken Powell reported the **membership** is at 75 families and the **treasury** is at **\$REDACTED** Remember, you must be a member to participate in the 5/20/23 Region show in Cary.

Denny's Fall 2022 Project

As reported by Denny Oestreich

What car project do you start when your garages are already full? Last fall I decided to build a stand for running an engine. I planned to rebuild a 1957 Chevy 283 Power Pack engine I put away back in 1997. I thought this would be a fun exercise and I would have a spare engine ready in case one of my cars needed an engine replacement or if I find another 1957 Chevy that needs an engine.

I started this project by cutting up my one-ton Harbor Freight shop crane as the base steel frame for the engine stand. The shop crane turned out to be an unfortunate purchase some 10 years ago. I used the shop crane to remove and install engines, but unless you remove the bumper, fenders, grill, and radiator the crane arm was not long enough to reach the balance point of the engine on a 57 Chevy. So, I used the legs and riser post of the shop crane to make the engine stand frame. The lesson learned here is make sure you spend the additional \$100 and purchase a two-ton crane with the longer arm.



To build the radiator support I purchased some one-inch square stock from a metal supply house in Durham. I found some scrap angle iron and metal for braces, motor supports, and a gauge panel. I assembled the engine stand in the picture. I built a battery support and a holder for a two-gallon gas can under the radiator. I also fabricated the control panel with four digital gauges: tachometer, oil pressure, voltmeter, and temperature. I added a hand throttle, a manual choke knob, and a starter switch.

Denny's Fall 2022 Project (cont.)

The 283 engine was pulled out of its storage space under a stairway and put on a table for teardown. Unfortunately, the engine block was not salvageable after all those years in storage. The engine would not turn over manually. After soaking the pistons with acetone, WD-40 and Marvel Mystery oil for a week I still could not get the crank shaft to turn at all. I removed the heads to find three pistons had chunks of the pistons broken loose. I decided to remove the crankshaft to see if it was damaged. I could not remove the automatic transmission torque converter without removing the torque converter bolts. I had to cut the transmission adapter in two pieces to so I could get the torque converter bolts out and remove the crankshaft. I removed the main bearing caps and all the connecting rod caps to remove the crankshaft. The bearings and crankshaft were OK, but the pistons still would not move. I used a block of wood and a large hammer on several pistons. None of the pistons would move up or down even a fraction of an inch. I gave up on this engine block and pushed the parts back under the stairs. The lesson I learned was to check an engine before you store it for 25 years.

I began the search for a replacement small block Chevy engine. Luckily a friend found a rebuilt Chevy 350 Engine in a crate. It had been over ten years since the engine was rebuilt, but it was stored in a sealed plastic bag, a fiberglass shipping crate and stored in a parts dealer's service garage. The engine looked good, so I painted it and began looking for other parts around my garage. The collection of parts I had and purchased reminded me of Johnny Cash's a "Piece at a Time" Cadillac.

When everything was assembled, I filled the radiator and gas tank and used some starter fluid first time. I turned the key, and it started right up. I ran the engine at 2000 RPM for 15 minutes to break it in. The only problem I had was the original 1957 radiator I used must have been clogged because the temperature went up too high and the radiator boiled over. I replaced the radiator with a new aluminum radiator and have not had over heating problems since.

This was a fun project, and it was rewarding to hear it run. Working on a stationary engine with no fenders or hood is easier than bending over a radiator and fenders to make adjustments. In the future I plan to use this engine to test my collection of distributors, carburetors, and fuel pumps. Many people who have seen the engine run ask; "What are you going to put this engine in?" My answer is, I have no plans to put it in a vehicle, it is simply a 200-horsepower battery charger that gets zero MPG.

57' CHEVY



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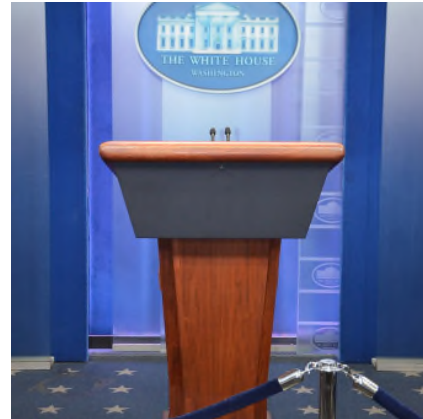
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Web Sites

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 is 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/>



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Cape Fear Chapter Show March 4, 2023

As Reported by Brian Wingler

The AACA Cape Fear Chapter held the opening show of the NC Region for 2023 on Saturday March 4 at Legion Stadium in Wilmington, NC.

What a beautiful day for a show with bright sunshine and temperatures in the 70's.

276 cars were registered with a good mix of original and modified vehicles spanning from the teens thru the 1990's with everything from Model T's, to muscle cars, sports cars, Corvettes, Mustangs, Volkswagens, and full- classics including a 1936 Packard V12.

From the Triangle Chapter, Courtney Johnston participated with his 1937 Buick Special and Brian Wingler with his 1988 Ford Ranger. Riley Reiner was also in attendance as a spectator.

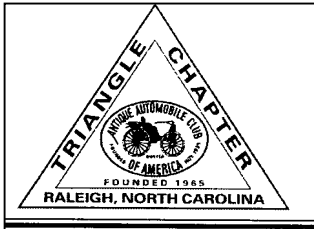
There was a generously supplied hospitality trailer with plenty of eats for participants to get through the day.



Cape Fear Chapter Show March 4, 2023



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
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Raleigh, N.C. 27613
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You only need to fill in any information below that is different from your 2022 directory listing

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NC REGIONAL 2023 CALENDAR

NC Region AACA 2023 Event Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Meet</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Notes</u>
April 13 - 15	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT
April 25	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Winston Salem, NC	U&T
April 30 - May 3 earlier	AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour	East Tennessee Region	Oak Ridge, TN	NAT 1998 &
May 6	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T
May 13	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Bern	U&T
May 18 - 20	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Gettysburg Region	Gettysburg, PA	NAT
May 20 NC	Region Spring Meet	Triangle Chapter	Cary, NC	Region
May 20	Region Meet	Alamance Region	Burlington, NC	IPO
June 3	Chapter Meet	San-Lee Chapter	Sanford, NC	U&T
June 3	Region Meet	Mountaineer Region	Flat Rock, NC	IPO
June 10	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Stoneville, NC	U&T
June 25 - 28	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour	AACA Library	Denver, PA	NAT 1998 & earlier
July 16 - 22	AACA Founders Tour	Ontario Region	Ontario/Quebec	NAT
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	Bettendorf, IA	NAT
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
2027				Also Fall of 2023, 2025, &
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 1943	Revival AAA Glidden Tour	VMCCA	Thomasville, PA	NAT Pre

By: Lorrie Oaks, Vice Pres For Updates/Cancellations/ Changes:
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TIP OF THE MONTH



*KEEP TOOLS HANDY WITH
A ROLLING CART*

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

Here is another opportunity to get your name in print.

Send me those tips!



In the old days you laid out the tools you needed on a fender pad. Try that on a late model vehicle with a sloped fender and you'll find your tools on the floor. So buy a rolling cart.

NORTH CAROLINA REGION SPRING MEET DEDICATED PAGE



Look for Updated information in :

The Monthly Newsletter

Emails

Facebook & Website

Don't forget to volunteer !

We have our first Platinum Sponsor.

Our own members Fernando and Josefina Lugo !

Regional Car Show Coordinator:

Helen DiPietro

ALL HANDS ON DECK—YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER

To Triangle Chapter membership.

As you may be aware, We are hosting the Spring NC Region Car Meet on Saturday, May 20.. Many ,many volunteers are needed. Each Volunteer will receive a T- Shirt to wear so they can be easily identified. In order to do so, a commitment is needed by April 28.

Please take a look at the [Volunteer opportunities](#) available and consider signing up for a spot. Note that there are tabs along the bottom for various areas needing volunteers.

An excel version is attached for those not comfortable with Google Drive.

Once you have read over the sheet send me an email- hdinnc@gmail.com with the following info:

volunteer location & time slot ,
your name,
cell phone,
email and
T-shirt size.

Thanks Helen

Please see the February 20, 2023 Email with Volunteer sign up sheets

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! – 12 DAYS TO SPRING



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Till next month Randy N Robertson