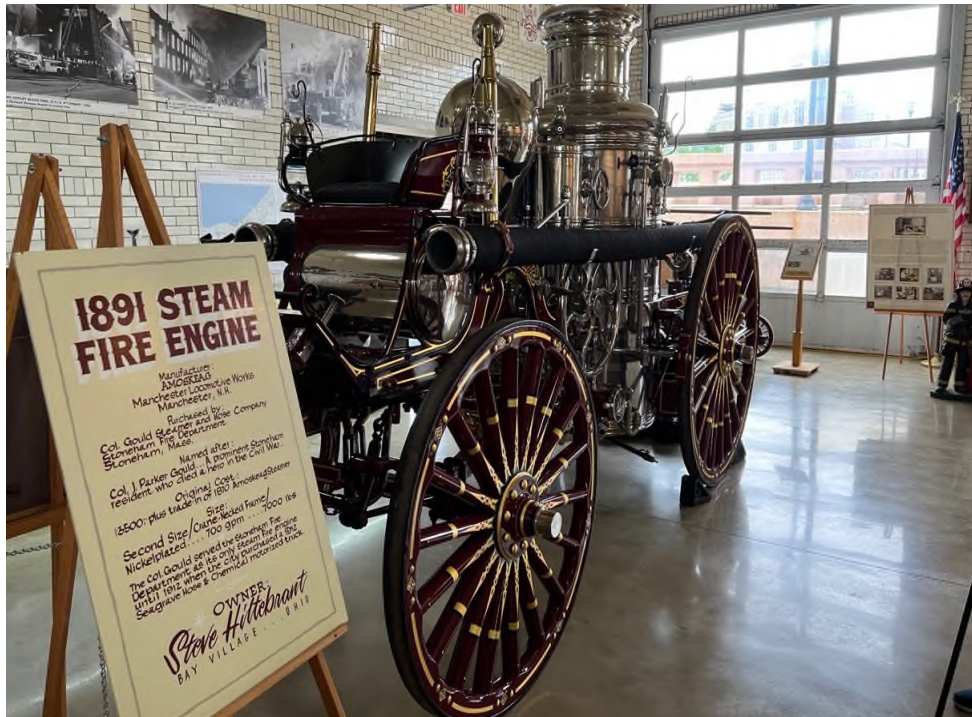


AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



**1891 STEAM
FIRE ENGINE
CLEVELAND OHIO**

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2023 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: SUNDAY October 22, 2023

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

Future dates are November 26, 2023

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule: Looks like a real **Show & Tell** coming in September and it might even flow into October! Seems some of our members had exciting summers and are eager to share.

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: Short Business Meeting followed by Member Presentations Seems of our members had exciting summers and are eager to share.

As an additional feature, at the October meeting Jim Gill will be carrying the Summer Activities theme further by sharing stories from the four car events that he attended over this summer.

If it is nice drive your classic 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

Repeat of August Message slightly edited.

“My how time flies”, once again my opening statement. Meteorologically the summer has ended but based on the calendar we have days to go. Real sign is, kids are back in schools. The summer car show season has ended but the fall car show is already in full swing next weekend. Days are shorter but that just gives us more time to work under the lights in our garages on cars without the need for AC. Or, in my case work on other cars not currently in our club.

Once again I returned from WI with a bunch of rusty parts with the intent of restoring a Model T front end steering and suspension. Only to find I did not have long enough breaker bars nor large enough sockets to complete start the process. Here is the good part. A family member works with the wife and husband whom sold their house and needed to get packed and move out. Just the call I was looking for, I now own his grandfather’s heavy-duty socket set from half inch all the way up to one and three eights with a couple of breaker bars. Guys, engine cleaner and pressure washer multiple times finally removed decades out grease and gunk to transform them into a useable set of tools. I immediately put them to use and disassembled with ease. It just goes to show one, you got to have might and can accomplish anything.

More about happenings later. Let’s get together for a scheduled meeting on October 22nd for our second fall meeting at the Back Yard Bistro. Our intent is to have our members speak up about their summer adventures and share with the group.

See you then.

EDITOR’S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

By Randy N Robertson

1. Fall is here and so far pretty much a soaker.
2. Please see link to one of many articles remembering Jimmy Buffett who passed labor day weekend.

[Remembering Jimmy Buffett, car guy - Hagerty Media](#)

4. Thanks to all for your contributions this last month.
5. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
2516 Laurelford Ln
Wake Forest NC. 27587

www.fundamentalcarburetion.com

Dean also reports an article by Helen V Hutchings in the Sept/Oct issue of Antique Automobile

See attached end of this newsletter and on pages 84-85 of the magazine

As reported by Dean Tryon

Dean is looking for someone to take over the Communication Committee Chair position. **Ray Bader** has joined the Communications Committee. Welcome Ray!

As reported by Joe Parsons

The Briar Creek car show was cancelled on September 23 due to the terrible rain. All invitee information will held over to a rescheduled show in 2024. **Stay tuned!**

As reported by Jim Gill

I received a request from a former AACA member to help her disperse some of her husband's remaining antique automobile memorabilia. If interested in any of the items listed, please contact her directly.

Name Beverly Janowski
Phone 407-314-0958
Email bevjan41@gmail.com

Remaining Items:

53-55 Studebaker Champion trunk lid ornament
Mustang emblem
Steering wheel puller
Antique Break-Not battery kit
Six glass oil bottles with funnel tops in a wire carrier
A few automobile hard cover books
Vintage Texaco Road maps (26)
Texaco bank collectible trucks #5, #6, #8, #9, #12, #13, #14, #17
Texaco pocket watch
Christmas fire truck 1998
Christmas trailer truck 1999
Budweiser 1956 Ford Thunderbird stein
Metal auto parts case
Radiator shell display with Texaco oil cans
All items are in Clayton.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As Reported by Dean Tryon

Save the date - **10/21/23** for the annual Autumn Art & Plant Festival and car show.

If you are interested (no charge to bring your car), let me know by Oct. 7 please. This is always a great day to just show your car, talk to fellow old car people and visitors who do not normally attend local car shows.

See the flyer end of this newsletter

As Reported by Ray Rapuano with Buick Car Club

The Columbus Masonic Lodge No 102 is holding it's 12th annual "Columbus Lodge Day, Car Show & Rib Fest" on Saturday October 28th, 2023.

See the flyer end of this newsletter

As reported by Mike Sumrell VIA Dean Tryon

Per BCA member Mark Stamper:

Wake Tech Auto Body Restoration - a 2-month class.

When this session is done, at the end of Sept., another session will start.

The idea is to keep it running continuously.

I am working on my 55 Buick, getting some body work done, and eventually painting it.

There are a few more spots for the next class if anyone is interested.

The class is run by a couple of guys and you bring in your own project to work with. So, it's like renting a space for \$175 / mo., with professional help and spray booths.

The Wake Tech auto building is beautiful by the way. Hendricks Motorsports donated the money to build it.

You can also leave your car there while you are not working on it if you want in a gated area.

I have been having a great time. The class is Thurs, Friday evenings 6-10PM and Sat. 8a-2pm.

They might even add another day next session so people can flex a little if they need to.

It's not formal instruction, so the guys just float around and help. If anyone is interested, please let them know about it.

Contact the school for more information.

[Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology | Wake Tech](#)

Program Contact Clark Correll

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Office 919-532-5938

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Helen DiPietro

Hi all. I am setting up Facebook posts while we are away.

We will be away, Sept 28-Oct 5, Oct 16-Nov 4, and then Nov 10 -Dec 13.

The last two trips will be out of the country.

So, I will contact Andrea with the possible lapses. Facebook lets me schedule posts up to 29 days in advance.

Right now, I am looking for info about the Take-a-part T and Wake tech. Any news? Photos?

As reported by Randy N Robertson

I am looking forward to reports from several of our members who will be attending Hershey.

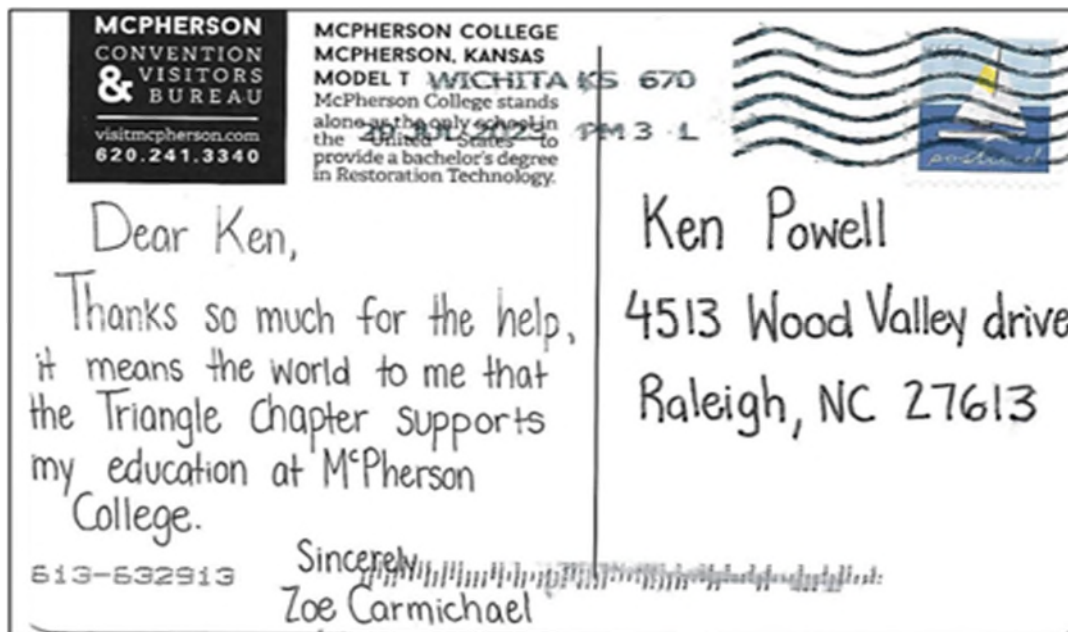
As reported by Ken Powell

Zoe Carmichael receives Chapter scholarship

As you may be aware, Zoe Carmichael received a \$500 scholarship from the NC Region in support of her continued education in historical automotive restoration at McPherson College.

She has been a member of the Triangle Chapter for several years and the Chapter supported her nomination and voted to match this contribution as well.

Below is the acknowledgement she sent me in appreciation. Congratulations and our continued best wishes, Zoe!



WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

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

October 21, 2023—Autumn Art & Plant Festival with Car Show—[See attached flyer](#)

October 28, 2023— Columbus Masonic Car Show & Rib Fest— [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

AACA Meeting Notes 9/17/2023

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

1. **Next meeting** dates (both are the 4th Sunday):
 - a. Oct 22 3 pm
 - b. Nov 26 3 pm
2. **Brier Creek show**, at the Country Club, 10601 Arnold Palmer Dr. Raleigh, Joe Parsons
3. **Chapter officers** – Each fall we elect new officers for the following positions:
 - a) Pres – open
 - b) VP – Dan willing to continue
 - c) Treas – Ken to continue
 - d) Sec – (was part of Tres – need to separate) - open
 - e) Communication – Dean to continue as member – need leader
 - f) Website – Denny
 - g) Newsletter – Randy
 - h) Social media – Helen and Andrea
4. **Christmas party**, Dec 3 at the Stag Club on Ray Rd in Raleigh.
5. **Region Annual Meeting** will be at a new location next year in Raleigh
 - a. The Double Tree hotel on Highwoods Blvd (just off Capital Blvd. near I-440).
 - b. The date is Jan 12-13, 2024.
 - c. Since the cost is considerably higher than previous years, several Chapters are contributing (\$300 typically) to off set this expense. Question for our members – would you support the Triangle Chapter also contributing \$300?

Meeting Discussion Items:

1. The meeting was attended by 24 people at the **Backyard Bistro** in W. Raleigh.
2. Two visitors - Chris Thomas with interests in muscle cars and street rods and Ron Fournier with a 65 Corvair.

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TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

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3. Ken Powell reported that the club added 18 new members recently (now at 92 families) and we have (redacted) in the bank. Regarding membership renewals:
 - a. Members can renew national on -line or simply pay all 3 (National, Region and Chapter) to Ken and he will distribute. Ken prefers the latter since it is much easier for him to keep track of each of them.
 - b. Renewals MUST be in by 12/31 each year or you will very likely be taken of distribution (all 3).
 - c. Wear your name tags to meetings – it helps all of us. If you need a replacement, contact Ken (919-676-9461) or Kgp888@gmail.com
 - d. Ken also pushed all of us to update the car list that Dean Tryon maintains. It is especially helpful for new members to connect with similar cars.

4. Jim Gill reported several items:
 - a. We have agreed to host the 2024 Region show in Cary (as we did this year) on May 18, 2024. The Region is interested and the Town of Cary is interested.
 - b. The Region membership is down to 550 families with Cape Fear (Wilmington) and Triangle the 2 largest ones.
 - c. Details on the new location for the region Annual meeting are above. This is a 2 day series of meetings (Fri – Sat) with interesting seminars.

5. Denny reported on 2 scholarships for our chapter member Zoe Carmichael now at McPherson College in Kansas. The Region awarded her \$500 and our chapter added \$500.

6. Dean Tryon reported that his new book (***Fundamental Carburetion***) is now available. See www.fundamentalcaburetion.com for more details.

7. The program a short discussion by 4 members on their interesting summer activities:
 - a. Brian Wingler had photos from a cruise-in in Lexington, NC with 150 cars on a Tuesday afternoon!
 - b. Chet Butcher discussed his Model A tour to Auburn, IN, Shipshewana, IN, South Bend, IN and Hickory corners, MI (Gilmore)
 - c. Denny Oestreich had several interesting projects at home restoring a friends Dodge radio and dash, his engine test stand (57 Chev engine) where he can test various components with several instruments and an Air/Fuel gauge and how he managed to damage his 57 Chev hood without even trying.
 - d. Dan Fuccella reported on their 1200 mi trip to Ohio in their 1950 Willy's to attend a Jeep convention and to Hamilton, NY for an AACA National meet. One interesting photo was of their 2 great-grandkids on the tailgate of the '50 Willy's – the 4th generation to be in that spot.

Western Reserve Fire Museum Cleveland, Ohio

By Randy N Robertson

On a recent trip to Cleveland, Linda & I along with our long time traveling buddies Clay & Pat visited the **Western Reserve Fire Museum in Cleveland Ohio.**

We were greeted by docent “**Frank**” and provided a warm and informative tour of the facilities.

As always, museums are a work in progress and we were shown some of the back room upcoming projects including a Chief’s pristine uniform recently donated.

We were giving a demonstration of the a very large working call box alarm system. One of the largest in the country. Quite a feat of mechanical engineering.

Many thanks to Bob Gaur for providing insight and a personal introduction to visit the museum.

Bob is member of the Triangle Chapter and a founding member of the Museum and previous volunteer firefighter for the station.

Please enjoy the images from our tour.



Front entry with recognition pavers



Docent Frank

Western Reserve Fire Museum



PERCHERON HORSES PULLING CLEVELAND ENGINE 14 THROUGH PUBLIC SQUARE

Western Reserve Fire Museum



2023 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

2022-2023

Bill Werner 919-608-0753
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Andrea Irby 919-815-1355

2023-2024

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Brian Wingler 919-362-9303

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Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)
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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)

Election of 2024 officers will occur in the November 2023 meeting

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

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

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 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>
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

***SAVE THE LANDFILL USE
OLD FILE CABINETS***



Track down old file cabinets—they're sturdy, cheap and can be used as the carcasses for all sorts of custom storage.

Pro Tip: Add wheels for easy stowing against wall and pull out to work from all sides

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! –

Not quite a Ford but it sure is nice!



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 # _____

Fundamental Carburetion

FROM THE GAS TANK TO THE COMBUSTION CHAMBER
DEAN G. TRYON, AUTHOR

Self-published (2023) • FundamentalCarburetion.com
ISBN: 979 8 218 19849 7
80 pages, 8.5" x 11" soft cover, 19 b/w & 94 color images including photos and cutaway drawings. \$32

OBD-I & OBD-II

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO DIAGNOSIS, REPAIR, AND EMISSIONS COMPLIANCE
GREG BANISH, AUTHOR

Car Tech (2023) • CarTechBooks.com
ISBN: 978 1 61325 752 4
160 pages, 8.5" x 11" soft cover, 139 photos & 119 charts/graphs, no index. \$37

Racing Toward Zero

THE UNTOLD STORY OF DRIVING GREEN
KELLY SENEAL AND FELIX LEACH, AUTHORS

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298 pages, 6" x 9" softcover, 28 b/w & 108 color illustrations, appendices and chapter end notes called references. No index. \$40



Between them, these books cover every gasoline-fueled vehicle ever made as well as all currently known forms of powering a vehicle well into the future! Moreover, they are important books for every automotive-oriented person to read—and especially useful to hands-on enthusiasts.

One addresses the system that governs the heartbeat of every vehicle with a carbureted engine, the other any and all gasoline-powered vehicles manufactured or sold in the US (regardless of where made or by which maker) from 1996 on. Thus, one or both are important and worthwhile to anyone who enjoys keeping a vehicle's engine operating optimally. The third book looks into the future. (hvh)

Shade-tree mechanicing was about to undergo an enormous change once congress passed the Clean Air Act. That legislation set the stage for electronically controlling a vehicle's operation and the ability to constantly monitor and adjust it with On-Board Diagnostics (OBD). By the time OBD II arrived, its standards had been developed by SAE and mandated by the EPA. Many of you have been learning its ins-and-outs since—or have been wanting to do so.

Greg Banish shares with his readers one of the most lucid, balanced comparisons of the environmental impact of electric-power vehicles versus gasoline-powered ones. It's a "must-read" especially because at the end of the day he affirms what many suspect—each is equally injurious to the environment—at least at this stage of development as the authors of the SAE-published book titled *Racing Toward Zero, The Untold Story of Driving Green* affirm.

As car enthusiasts, past, present and future technologies should be of vital interest; carburetors are the oldest, but by no means archaic today, nor static. Calling it a carburetor has its origins in chemistry and carbon. The carburetor was invented in 1825 yet not patented until 50 years later. Author Dean Tryon holds his own carburetor patents, one granted in 1975 addressing carburetor altitude compensation and another granted in 1981 concerned with turbocharged engine control.

As its title implies *Fundamental Carburetion* is not about repair of any specific carburetor but rather about the overarching principles of its function with chapters covering factors such as gas tank placement, ignition timing, intake manifolds and more ... all items affecting carb calibration and engine performance. Then as the aforementioned Clean Air Act went into effect, the carburetor function also became electronically controlled prior to full on-board diagnostics being implemented with OBD-II.

Greg Banish picks up the story with his *OBD* book giving readers tips on picking the best code reader to fit their needs and covering the never-static world of basic codes augmented regularly with additional ones proprietary to each manufacturer. Especially refreshing are his frequent admonitions to not let oneself be carried away code-chasing for "the vast majority of engine faults turn out to be something rather simple."

In another place he notes "The most common issues are usually aging spark plugs, wires or coils," or oxygen sensors which do their job in what are decidedly unfriendly-to-their-longevity environments. Then too, the underlying problem can be something as simple as a connection or ground that has vibrated loose. And with all the "beauty covers" over functional areas, unless removed and a real physical inspection is made, those loose connections remain invisible culprits.

As we move on to today and tomorrow, *Racing Toward Zero* takes a global look at keeping personal and public transportation viable yet reducing—with an eye to eventually eliminating—its global toxicity. The global approach is made a bit easier as the co-authors have different backgrounds and life experiences as well as living on opposite sides of the Atlantic. Peter Senecal is American, involved with fluid dynamics, an instructor, and a longtime advocate of environmental concerns. Felix Leach is an associate engineering science professor and researcher at prestigious University of Oxford in the UK and, like Senecal, deeply concerned about global air quality, public health, and policy.

They are not nay-sayers regarding EV (electric vehicles) but do caution that, "If it were so easy to attain zero emissions wouldn't it have been

accomplished before now?" Reality is it requires more than just reducing individual vehicle emissions or going all-electric without addressing how that electricity is generated or how vehicles are made in the first place and how they are dealt with at end of useful life. Currently, "globally we use more than [2.9 billion gallons] of fossil-derived transport fuels every day." That's a number outside of most people's ability to comprehend. In truth

no single approach is actually viable; the realistic approach is eclectic, not just electric. That's Leach's and Senecal's premise, which they lay out and support on the pages of this important and balanced book.

—Helen V Hutchings

Fast Lady

THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF DOROTHY LEVITT
MICHAEL W BARTON, AUTHOR

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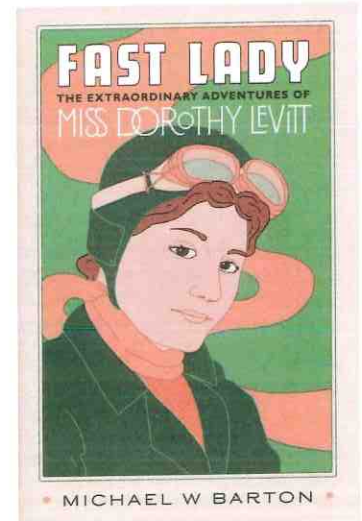
In the May/June issue we wrote about the biography of S.F. Edge, although the commentary didn't mention this lady whom Edge had been instrumental in enabling her motor racing career. So quick was Dorothy Levitt that the land speed record she set in 1906 remained unbroken for 57 years!

Levitt was comely as all period photographs of her show and, with Edge ever oriented to salesmanship, he saw an opportunity to "make the news" as Levitt showed a natural talent behind the wheel of an automobile. She also had no fear of speed. Her first competition, May 1903, was a reliability run. The following July, Edge put her in the cockpit of a Napier-powered speedboat. She won. October was her debut in motorcar races. She won her class.

Even as her fame and reputation spread, little was known about her personally. So little that it would take until 2018 for Michael Barton to tackle trying to discover more about her with this book publishing just last year. Its publisher, located in the UK, unfortunately isn't distributing it in

North America but will gladly ship purchases of their beautifully produced book—petite in size, as was Dorothy Levitt, its subject.

Her racing career was relatively short, ending in 1910. By then she was well-known enabling her to write a book that sold well and was widely read. Today her *The Woman and The Car* is in public domain. You can read it in its entirety and see the charming photos taken specifically for that book by a man named "Horace Nicholls, who became Britain's first Official Photographer during the First World War and would help create an important record of women at work in the war on the home front." (PublicDomainReview.org/collection/the-woman-and-the-car)



Accomplished and comely, sadly Levitt died young, age 40. Brief though her lifespan was, she certainly left her mark on history as you can read in full in this book.

—Helen V Hutchings

Junkyards, Gearheads & Rust

SALVAGING THE AUTOMOTIVE PAST
DAVID N. LUCSKO, AUTHOR

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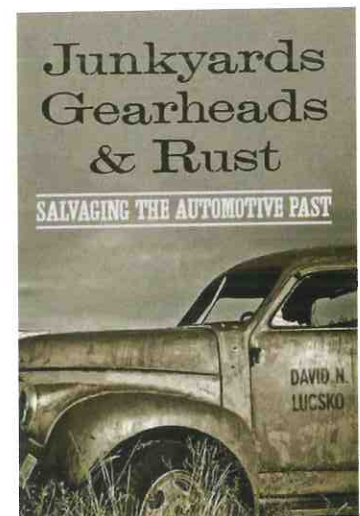
Of this book, its author David Lucsko, who is the chair of Auburn University's Department of History in its College of Liberal Arts, says, "The more I researched, the more I learned that automobile restoration, hot-rodders [and classic car devotees] and the culture of those individuals who enjoy the hands-on hobby [and professions] of doing this work have a history dating all the way back to the Ford Model T, and they represent a significant segment of that industry in America and in the rest of the world."

His narrative takes the reader from that time when hobbyists could go on "junkyard jamborees" or "wreck-connaissance missions" and remove desirable mechanical and body parts themselves during their "salvage yard treasure hunts." As time passed, those urban, suburban, even rural property values kept increasing and municipalities started enacting new zoning and environmental laws. The insurance industry got involved too, raising concerns, and rates, especially over liability issues.

Then, as many will recall, during the last decade of the 20th century and first decade of the 21st, clean air legislation impacted, well, everything. When

industry, attempting to delay their own expensive clean-up, instituted credits for crushing cars they deemed clunkers or gross polluters in exchange for continuing to pollute themselves, the hobby got involved. By hobby read AACA and other organizations as well as publications such as *Cars & Parts* with, at the time, West Peterson in its editor's chair. Author Lucsko tells the story in full detail with specific attribution citations to Peterson, AACA, and others noted in the chapter end notes.

Lucsko concludes his analysis of efforts during the last 25 years to hasten vehicular obsolescence at the expense of salvage yards, mechanics, and enthusiasts, noting that the outspoken resolve and strength of the old-car hobby, plus SEMA, and the enthusiast publications helped subdue the chaos of "restrictive zoning, ex post-facto NIMBYism, and any number of old-car scrappage schemes" so that the "emotional connection with the automotive past" was retained "for the genuine enjoyment at the hands of the many."



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