

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



**Everybody loves a
VW. Whose is it?**

Tell me more!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2024 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: April 28, 2024

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

Future Meeting Dates: The May meeting date is 05-26-24 and the schedule is to be determined.

(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, Website or Facebook for last minute changes. Future meetings are currently set for: 6/23/2024, 7/28/2024, 9/22/2024, 10/27/2024, 11/24/2024

Please plan on attending in person. This is the last meeting before the Spring Regional Meet.

NOTE NEW EARLIER TIME

Event Schedule: The National Car Auction Experience

2:30 to 3:45pm: Late lunch and social time

3:45 to 5:00pm: Business Meeting and presentation

Presentation Topic:

Fellow Triangle Chapter members and guests, have you ever thought about participating in a nationally recognized vehicle auction, either as a means of selling one of your beauties, or to purchase one? If so, you will find the following presentation by two of our members relating their auction experiences helpful as well as entertaining.

At our April 28, 2024 Triangle Chapter meeting, Denny Oestreich and Tom Pruett will provide the presentation described here:

There are many aspects of the antique car hobby including restoring, driving, and competing in judging. Another popular aspect of the Antique car hobby are the auctions. Many of our members have enjoyed watching or even bidding at local car auctions. The Raleigh Auction and the GAA Greensboro Classic Car Auction. One of the largest auctions for collector

cars is the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, AZ in January each year. You may have this televised auction for several nights on TV. Tom Pruett, the bidder, and Denny Oestreich, the guest, attended the auction on January 20 thru the 28. Barrett-Jackson brings over 2000 vehicles together for their auction. During the same week when many big bidders are there, four other auction houses also hold smaller auctions. Tom and Denny will give a 20-30 minute presentation of the venues, the activities, and the many vehicles they admired.

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 2024. The 2024 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This month started fast and only accelerated to warp speed as I had the pedal to the metal the entire month. Started with the arrival of the Mercedes SUV antique I purchased last fall from a family member in Wisconsin.

When I examined vehicle last summer I concluded the exterior looked good and solid void of rust, the interior looked and smelled appalling and under carriage no different than a rusty Model T.

I was not wrong upon further inspection.

Yes, I now own a barn find, that will require minimal hours on the exterior and loads more on the interior.

Not sure about the chassis yet nor the drive train. However that is why we buy project cars, to give us something to do with a challenge; bring relics back to life.

This next month also brings us to a big challenge as our club hosts the Region Spring Meet in conjunction with the Wheels on Academy car show in Cary. I can assure you many hours by your management team has been spent making sure this will be a memorable show. Our goal is to have 65 vehicles.

If you still are on the fence, the weather looks good, so get that registration forwarded as registration will close soon. But we still need help. If you bring a car and have not signed up for any volunteer work just jump up and flag Helen down as she will find something for you to do.

Hopefully she will have updated information at our April meeting this coming Sunday.

The pollen is just about gone so get those vehicles out, cleaned and polished so that all may enjoy viewing next month.

See you all there at our new starting time of 2:30pm.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson



1. April Showers bring May Flowers. Or at least wash the pollen away.
2. Does anyone know of a reputable RV rental in the Salt Lake or Los Angeles area. Bonneville hear I come!
3. Thanks to all for your contributions this last month.
4. I have volunteered for the Regional Car Show on May 18th, **have you?**
4. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Mike Petersen

Mike is preparing a Route 66 presentation for future presentation to the 2025 annual meetings.

The presentation is about 50 to 60 minutes and will not fit into our normal Triangle Chapter meeting timeframes.

Mike has suggested the following:

Route 66 Circa 1955 – Please let me know if you are interested in a special presentation prior to our regular AACA Triangle Chapter meeting.

I have a presentation that I intend to submit to the NC Region AACA and the AACA National for consideration as a seminar at the annual membership meetings in 2025. I do not know if this presentation will be accepted. Please let me know if you are interested in a special presentation prior to a regular AACA Triangle Chapter meeting at dodgecity@nc.rr.com. It is about 1 hour in length like a regular AACA seminar.

The presentation is a PowerPoint presentation of a trip on Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica circa 1955. There are period pictures of the highway, motels, restaurants, and attractions as they existed circa 1955. Some of the history of the highway, motels, restaurants, and attractions will be part of the presentation as we travel down the Mother Road. You will see automobiles of the period in their natural habitat.

I have traveled on various sections of Route 66 at least 10 times. In particular I traveled on it in the summer of 1959 when most of it was still signed Route 66. That started to change in Missouri in November, 1959 and by the end of 1984 the entire Route 66 as a signed US highway was gone. I also have some artifacts that I collected on my travels. My pictures include the 1957 Buick Special in which I traveled on Route 66 in 1959 as well as attractions that I saw.

Let me know if you would like to join me, other AACA members, Mr. Peabody, and Sherman for a trip in the Way-Back Machine back to Route 66 circa 1955. The past is an interesting place to visit.

They do things differently there.

Mike—I for one am definitely are interested in this presentation Thanks Randy

As reported by Joe Parsons

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEMBERS

I look to my car club to support my first car show at the Brier Creek Country Club on April 27 8:00 to 1:00. There will be awards for classes and a special General Manager award.

Dan Fuccella will have a youth judging session also.

PLEASE SUPPORT ME BY REGISTERING YOUR CAR FOR THE SHOW

**TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS QR BOX AND THEN CLICK ON THE YELLOW BOX TO CONTINUE TO REGISTER
PLEASE REGISTER NOW as this is an invitational show like a concours and I need the count on cars.**

THERE IS NO PAYMENT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE SHOW

I greatly appreciate you bringing your car to my show.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Dean Tryon

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

As reported by Ken Powell

Don Bayley recently joined our Chapter and was seeking some guidance with his 50 Ford. Given that the two of you have similar vintage cars, I was hoping that you two (Randy Robertson & Chet Butcher) could answer his 'technical questions' about the specifics and that Mike Petersen, one of the AACA's most experienced judges and a member of our chapter, could perhaps provide some judging perspective. Don didn't say so, but I suspect that it would help if this could all happen in time to prepare for the Region Meet in May.

He writes:

"I have a pretty original 1950 Ford. I entered it in the Cary car show last May and plan to do it again this year.

It is a good basic car, but I am new to this game. Is it possible for someone in the club to look it over and give me some tips on how to make it show better? "

If not, can you suggest others whom he might contact? As a means of contact, I included your email addresses on this note. Thanks!

There is an on going effort to coordinate a date to review Don's car. Update latest news in this is still coordinating a date after a couple failed attempts. Stay tuned!

As reported by Denny Oestreich

The Greensboro Auto Auction (GAA) is having another auction of Collector Cars on April 25-27. To advertise their auction they have sent the Triangle Chapter 10 free tickets for one day entrance to the auction. If you would like to see the auction in person please send an Email to Denny at OestreichD@AOL.com or call me at 919-846-8163. I will mail two free tickets to you.

To see the cars being auctioned at this event see their Website at:

https://www.gaaclassiccars.com/vehicles?q%5Bbranch_id_eq%5D=53

On the website you can see the cars to be auctioned, learn how to watch the auction, and even register to bid. It's a great car show.

As reported by Dean Tryon

Wake Forest Rotary Club's Cars and Carnivores event is rescheduled for June 1, 2024

<https://mailchi.mp/9a6a1f96ba4d/cars-carnivores-street-festival-car-show-portion-rescheduled-due-to-weather-10304384?e=c40cb96904>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Helen DiPietro with commentary by Randy N Robertson

Helen reports a new Gold Level sponsor "Accent Imaging"

Accent will be printing signs, sandwich boards and banner for the NC Region Show

They have also suggested a revised reverse image of our logo. This image was forwarded to Board Members and Officers for review.

So far, some pretty positive responses.



Attached is the logo please let your favorite Officer or Director your thoughts.

I am sure they will act on the Logo's approval under some conditions in the near future.

Personally, I think new logo is nice alternative, while recognizing that in some conditions it might be appropriate to use the old logo.

Exciting changes!

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As reported by Dean Tryon

This month's "Funny"

The next time someone asks you, "why do you mess with those old cars?", just tell them this! 😊



As reported by Fred Harley

We are planning a Take-Apart-T demonstration at the Cary "Wheels On Academy" car show in conjunction with our AACA NC Region spring meet on **Saturday May 18th**.

We need 8-10 team volunteers to disassemble and reassemble our T before a knowledgeable and excited audience. Plans are to disassemble at noon and show our team assembly skill at 1 PM. No experience needed.

Please join our team, enjoy the fun, and confirm your participation to:

Fred Harley. Fredharley80@gmail.com
919-244-3300

As reported by Tom and Debbie Pruett

Debbie and I have finally coordinated our calendars.

The best date for the ice cream social is Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 2:00-4:00.

I will have "save the date" postcards printed to hand out at future chapter meetings.

Will each of you please get the word out thru the newsletter and a group email.

Thanks for your help.

WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

April 27, 2024– Brier Creek Car Show— 8am to 1:00pm—See attached registration info & link

April 28, 2024—Brier Creek Show—Rain Date

May 18, 2024—NC Region Spring Meet—In Cary - See attached registration Form

June 8, 2024—Classic Car Cruise In 9am to till?? See flyer for details

August 11, 2024– Triangle Chapter Ice Cream Social 2-4—See flyer for details

November 9th or 16th—Chick-Fil-A Display– Nothing definite but working on it!

See section attached below for additional upcoming regional shows! **Updated 2024 Schedule**



NC REGION AACA SPRING REGIONAL MEET

Helen needs our help!

Help is needed at:

Check-in. 8am -10 am (1 person)
Raffle. 11am -1pm (2 people)
parking. 7am-10am (3 people)
Awards. 1pm-3pm (2 people)

As reported by Helen DiPietro

All, thank you to those who have volunteered for the show, The T- shirts for the volunteers have been ordered and are in production. I ordered 8 additional in various sizes in case anyone forgot to volunteer. Still need a few people for raffle sales (10 am - 1 pm). and as we are also responsible for directing traffic in the trailer lot, could use two more people at that spot (8am - 10 am), and one person to handle sign-up for youth judging. (between 10am - 1 pm)

Hospitality, Raffles, NC region 50th anniversary T-Shirt sales, Hagerty, and youth judging, and judges table will be under the portico at the Herbert Young Community Center (HYCC).

Registration for both shows will be inside the HYCC. Note: As per the agreement with the Town of Cary, participants will be allowed to enter a car in only one show, either *Wheels on Academy* or the *NC Region Spring Car Meet*. We will be cross-referencing the registration lists. If you have two cars and want to enter one in each show- that will be allowed.

The awards will be on the stage at the bank parking lot on Academy Street.

Thanks for all the help.

Stay tuned for Helen's periodic Emails.

To volunteer please use the Sign –Up Genius form. (link below)

Sign up by 04-15-24 to get T-Shirt with 70th Anniversary logo!

Please use this form even if you think you signed verbal or other. **This is the official form!**

[Triangle AACA: 2024 NC Region Spring Car Meet \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Please also feel free to donate for the raffle

Are there automobile items or gift cards that you may have received as a gift but never used?

Would you like to donate them for the raffle? You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes

NC REGION AACA SPRING REGIONAL MEET

As reported by Helen DiPietro

Update on sponsorships. Below are the sponsorships I have received as of 04-23-24.

Professional Touch Paint platinum \$2500 t-shirts for volunteers

Diamond Back Classics-Gold \$500

Accent Imaging-Gold \$500

Majestic Solutions-Silver \$300

S&D Machine and tool-Silver \$300

Harmon Plumbing -Car show \$175

C&C Automotive- Car show \$175

Silver, Gold and Platinum receive ads in newsletter and on website

Gold and Platinum receive ads also on Facebook and in regional newsletter

Platinum receives an additional 1/2-page ad in regional newsletter and name on T-shirt.

Charlotte Show by Bob Gahr



2024 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

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President – Jim Gill – (919-363-2616)
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2023-2024

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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

[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>

Instagram Accounts

NC Region Instagram Account <https://www.instagram.com/nc.regionaaca/>



“My First Car”

Calling all Cars! I know you all had one!

Calling all members!. Send me information on your first car! Who's Next?

Thanks to our previous participants

Jan24—Dan Fuccella



Feb24—Wilson Fausel



Mar24- Randy N Robertson



The Glenaire Retirement Visit by Wilson Fausel



Had a great time at Glenaire on April 20. The cars and owners were well received by the residents.

Thanks to all who helps make someone smile!

Enjoy the pictures.



The Glenaire Retirement Visit by Wilson Fausel



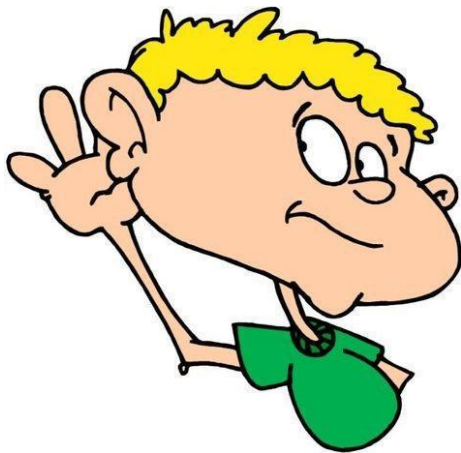
NC REGIONAL 2024 CALENDAR

Last Update 1/21/2024					
Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
May 4	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T	
May 11	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Bern, NC	U&T	
May 18	NC Region Spring Meet	Triangle	Cary, NC	REG	
May 18	Region Meet	Alamance Region	Burlington, NC	IPO	
June 1	Chapter Meet	San-Lee Chapter	Sanford, NC	U&T	
June 8	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Eden, NC	U&T	
June 9-13	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour	Buzzards' Breath?	Fredericksburg, VA	NAT	1999 and earlier
June 20 - 22	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Saratoga Region	Saratoga Springs, NY	NAT	
July 10-13	AACA Western Divisional Tour	Nebraska Region	Big Horn Mt, WY	NAT	1999 and earlier
August 3	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	
August 10	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T	
August 22-24	Special Fall National	Historic Virginia Peninsular Region	Hampton, VA	NAT	
September 5 - 7	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 12-14	AACA Western Fall National	Poudre Valley Region	Loveland, CO	NAT	
September 14	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	REG	Also Fall of 2025 & 2027
September 21	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
September 22 - 27	Revival AAA Glidden Tour/AACA Hosting	Sugarloaf Mt Region	Fairfield, PA	NAT	1942 and earlier
October 5	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mount Olive, NC	U&T	New Date
October 8 - 11	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey PA	NAT	
October 19	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC	U&T	Alt: Oct. 12'h — depends on city
October 23 - 26	AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals	North Alabama Region	Huntsville, AL	NAT	
Cancelled	AACA Winter Nationals	East Tennessee Region		NAT	
Rescheduled to 2025	AACA Western Spring Nationals	Tucson Region	Tucson, AZ	NAT	New Date: April 10-12, 2025
For Updates/Cancellations Contact: loaks@ec.rr.com		Text/Call: 910.622.0294			

TIP or Question of THE MONTH



***This month we continue
with Tried and True
Methods—
from Mike Petersen
Experience Counts!***



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

Send me those tips or questions

Thanks again to Mike Petersen for his continuing knowledge sharing! Who's next?

My 1955 Dodge has the Powerflite automatic transmission with the parking brake drum attached to the tail shaft of the transmission. The parking brake mechanism engages the shoes inside this transmission brake drum and not the shoes on the rear drums.

I needed to remove the drum and inspect the parking brake shoes and the brake shoe return spring. According to the 1955 Dodge Service Manual one must remove the brake drum using the Miller brake drum tool C-784. Finding this Miller tool (or any Miller tool from 1955) is next to impossible. The brake drum must be held in place without rotating in order to remove the nut that holds the drum to the transmission output shaft.

This is one of those situations in which a tool can be made. I took a piece of 2x4 wood and cut a notch to clear the nut that holds the brake drum to the tail shaft. I then drilled two holes in the wood that lined up with two of the studs. I slipped my tool over the studs. I held the tool with one hand to keep the brake drum from turning while I removed the nut with a regular socket wrench. My tool was also used to keep the drum from turning while I reinstalled the nut.

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Pro Tip: Listen to the experience of others, it save you some time, money and hopefully not some pain

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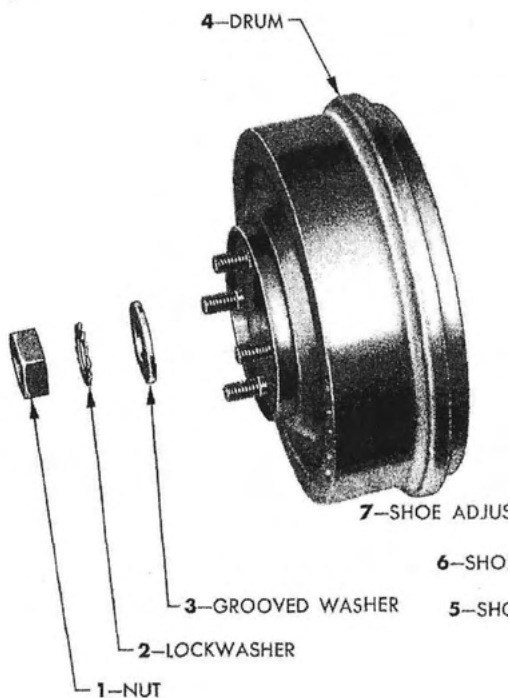
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I wrote "C-784" on my tool to add professional cache and not mistake it later for a piece of scrap wood.

Do not believe everything that you read. The 1955 Dodge Service Manual says there is an oil seal on the tail shaft to prevent the transmission fluid from leaking. Service manuals are usually written before actual vehicle production begins. In 1954 there was a seal on the tail shaft. For 1955 the seal was in the brake drum so when I pulled off the brake drum the transmission fluid also came out.

Another tip from the department of "DUH": Many Chrysler products of the 1950s and early 1960s have the parking brake on the transmission tail shaft. Once you remove the driveshaft the vehicle will roll away unless you blocked the wheels.

Another tip: The driveshafts on these vehicles are symmetric with trunnions on both ends. The driveshaft is easily removed – just take off the four nuts attaching the drive shaft to the rear end and to the transmission, pull back on the trunnion, the driveshaft will now clear the studs, and is free to remove. There is no fluid that will come out. If your trunnions are making noise or have excessive wear you can remove the driveshaft, flip it end for end, and re-install it. Now the trunnions are moving in the opposite direction and on fresh contact points within the trunnion body. You will be good to go for another 200,000 or so miles.



THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! –

Chet's Ford sure is shiny!

Photo courtesy of Wilson Fausel



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Till next month Randy N Robertson