

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



**Mike Hess's 1969
Plymouth GTX**
Recent recipient of the
Ray Crooke Award &
the first to answer
Helen DiPietro's
request for photos.
Congrats Mike!

Keep a eye on our
Facebook page for
more on Mike's car!

[https://www.facebook.com/
TriangleChapterAACA](https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2024 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: February 25, 2024

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

Future Meeting Dates: The March meeting date is 03-17-24 and will be our Chili Cookoff @ Joel Hoffman's house. (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.** Future meetings are current set for 4/28/2024, 5/26/2024, 6/23/2024, 7/28/2024, 9/22/2024, 10/27/2024, 11/24/2024

Please plan on attending in person. Bring Chili and let Marilee Sanderson know what you plan to bring
marileesanderson@gmail.com

Event Schedule: Chili Cookoff— Enjoy and bring a Pot!

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

Another winter is closely coming to a close.

That can only mean we have a month left to get our vehicles out of storage and ready for an exciting summer schedule of displays, tours and shows. For me, I get just as much attention driving up to the grocery store any day of the week and have onlookers come and ask about the car. I recall one such incident where a truck load of Cary Fire Department employees disembarked and came right over to view and ask questions.

This next month we will be meeting once again at Joel Hoffmans home for our annual Chili Cookoff. Details located deeper in newsletter. Guys and gals get those old family recipes for chili out and lets make this a rousing kickoff to the new year.

Speaking of newsletter, I thank Randy for putting in the extra effort on publishing our monthly letter. He has added spark.

However, we need help in another area. Dean has does a tremendous job of gathering notes from our monthly meeting and relaying them to members. Dean also distributes all other information to our members and he has does this for a long time. Yes, it will be big shoes to fill, but the Board is looking for someone to take this position over. The secretary position is an elected position but will gladly accept as a volunteer to step forward.

The March monthly meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chili Cookoff. Very short to be precise. So that means we only have the April meeting to finalize our plans for the Region Spring Meet.

Watch your emails as Helen will be on the lookout for volunteers to make this Spring Meet a rememberable one.

With that said, we will see you all Sunday!

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

By Randy N Robertson

1. Hope all were sweet to their Sweeties this month. I was sick so I have a big IOU to Linda. :)
2. Lots of information in the newsletter. Read Carefully– Don't miss out!
3. Does anyone know of a reputable RV rental in the Salt Lake or Los Angeles area. Bonneville hear I come!
5. 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 Dean Tryon

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

As reported by Dean Tryon

Dean recently had his RV seats recovered from Dennis Powell, who comes highly recommended. Dennis is a one-person operation in business for 40 years. Interior seats, carpeting and convertible tops.

As reported by Helen DiPietro

I am looking for photos of you and/or just your vehicles with the NC Region awards shown below:

- Jim Gill – Marshall Van Winkle Award, Best Pre-War DPC vehicle. 1923 Model T.
- Keith Townsend – Herb Payne Award, 1925 or Older. 1919 Model T.
- Mike Hess - Ray Croke Award, Best Vehicle Shown 1958 - present. 1969 Plymouth GTX
- Bob Fuhrman - Herb Oakes Award, Post WWII DPC/HPOF. 1963 Mercury

As reported by Dean Tryon

Bob Ridle received 2 AACA awards at the Annual Convention in Chantilly. One for his website and then for being selected as Master website. I.e., the best of the best. They live in Florida now and joined us in Hershey.



As reported by Helen DiPietro

The 70th anniversary logo AACA is designed. Plans are to premiere the logo at the Cape Fear Car Show in March. The NC region T-Shirts will bear the logo too and will be available for sale in Cape Fear.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Helen DiPietro

Cary is open to us bringing the Take Apart-T

Take-A-Part T demonstration? Yes of No. Discuss on Sunday?

As reported by Helen DiPietro

American Girl Doll History Camp. Looking for pre-WW2 cars.

Contact **Ann Croft** - 919- 412-4087 or email : **AnnCapca@Gmail.com**

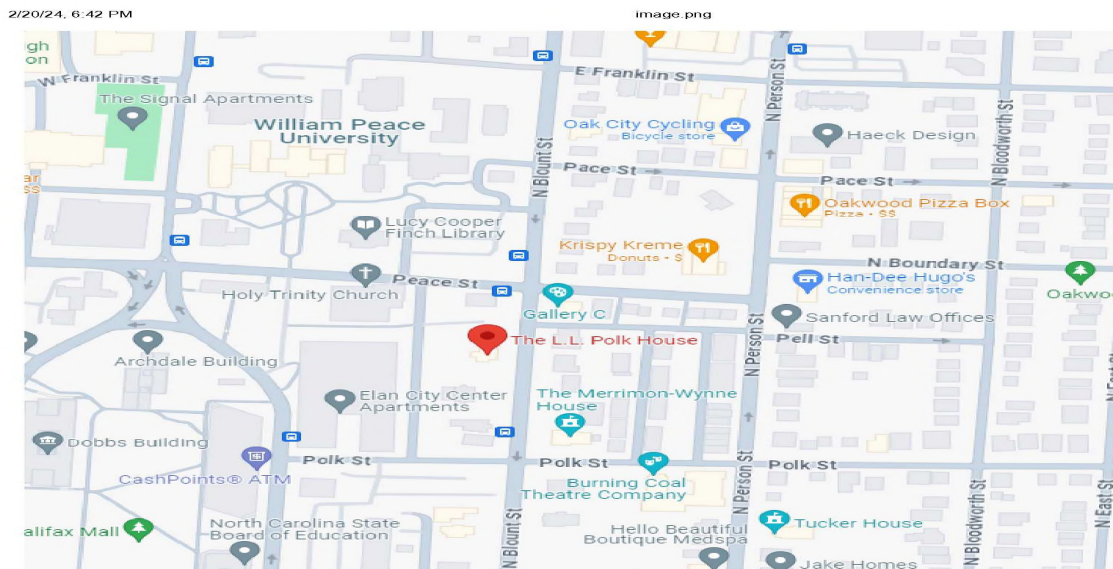
Our Member Riley Reiner used to bring his car to the camp and give the girls a history of his car, how things worked on it by telling and showing, what people wore that rode in the car, etc. He always had facts about Henry Ford.

Who knew he invented an electric car for Mrs. Ford in the early 1900s? The girls love a ride in the car.

Riley took 2-3 at a time and drove around the parking lot of the Polk House and down the sidewalk in front of the house and back into the parking lot. He circled the house. (see map below)

He would let them take pictures of the car and the girls around the car. He has done this for the past three years. Since Riley is unable to bring his car this summer. Ms. Croft is looking for a replacement.

The date is June 18 around 10 am. If the car is trailered, Peace University provides use of their parking lot which is across the street from the Polk House. They usually have 10-12 campers. Ages 5 - 12



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Dan Fuccella

Event Details:

Event: 2024 Glenaire Antique and Classic Car Display
Location: Glenaire Retirement Community
Address: 4000 Glenaire Circle, Cary, NC 27511
Date: April 20, 2024
Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Eligibility: Original appearing vehicles up through the 1960's

There will be limited trailer parking.

Glenaire will be providing complimentary refreshments during the display period and hosting lunch for the display participants following the display.

We wish to focus on early generation vehicles that would of interest to the residents at Glenaire.

Please contact us with any questions or suggestions:

Dan Fuccella: danielfuccella@gmail.com or

Fred Harley: fredharley@nc.rr.com

Welcome new 2024 Members as reported by Ken Powell

Richard & Regina Kazazian

Edward Ott

Chris & Julie Thomas

Joseph & Rebecca Wilson

Thanks to all renewing members! Tell a friend, We have fun!



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Triangle Chapter Board Meeting 2024 – Minutes

Jim Aldrich Ray Bader Helen DiPietro Dan Fuccella Jim Gill Mike Hess
Denny Oestreich Glenn Ott Ken Powell Tom Pruett Randy Robertson Brian Wingler

Welcome and thank you to all and especially the new members for your support of the club.

Jim Gill called the meeting to order at 1:25.

Open Meeting

VP Report- The club will continue to meet monthly at Backyard Bistro; generally good feedback on the food, facility and service. One issue is that we tend to go long and hold up the staff closing. Given that we enjoy the time together, the board preferred to start the meeting earlier at 2:00 rather than rush.

Action- Dan- February meeting will be at 3:00, but Dan to poll the group about the feasibility of a 2:00pm earlier start.

In the search for speakers, a couple of topics came up including insurance (Hagerty speaker?) Antique vehicle Registration (?). Feb meeting – continue Q&A about Hershey. Future meeting Tom Pruett and Denny Oestreich on the Barrett-Jackson auction and auction proceedings in general.

Action- ALL- shoot Dan a note with ideas and potential speakers for this Spring season.

Treasurer Report- We continue to be in good fiscal condition. A breakdown of monthly income and expenses is attached. I failed to mention that the nominal account balance at the end of the year is generally around \$REDACTED and 2022 was an anomaly at \$REDACTED – this was largely due to the delay in having sent more than \$2000 in dues checks from the chapter to National and Regional dues into January 2023. This looks like severe deficit spending but just reflects the distortions of pass through dues income and expense.

Secretary Report- none. Given changes in other roles, such as communications it makes sense to identify a Secretary to take over communications with the club.

Action- Jim- talk with Dean in particular about what he does and identify secretary candidate(s).

BoD-

Jim Gill recognized the new and existing board members. Welcome, all. All were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Membership- We had 17 new members join over the course of last year. Based on dues payments, five are not renewing. Note that they never came to a meeting or event. Ray added that when he joined it was very difficult “breaking in” and we need to address this. This is a large problem that we have tried to address unsuccessfully.

Action- Ken to seek “buddies” to contact new members and make an effort to include them in meetings

Jim Gill volunteered to cover for Kazazian's. We need more.

In addition, 12 more have not renewed. Two contacted me as no longer interested and four are in poor health.

Action: Ken- contact non-renewing members and confirm.

Denny volunteered to contact Agayoff s and Moody's

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Communications-

Dean Tryon has requested that we get a new lead for communications including member meeting minutes. This request prompted further discussion of the Secretary Role.

Action- Jim - advertise for a Secretary.

Randy to post need in the newsletter

Helen to post need on Facebook page

Social-

If we have not done so yet, commit to use of the Stag club for the Holiday party on December 8th. I believe that the date has been on hold for us.

Action- Ken - contact Jean Soehnlein to finalize DONE. Jean committed us to December 8th.

Take-Apart-T

A number of requests for shows- need to decide on commitment. This comes down to maintaining a team of volunteers and a speaker. Consensus was to emphasize teaching rather than speed of assembly.

Possible shows

Region show in Cary 5/18

Benson 8/3

Four Oaks 9/14

Garner? At Cars and Coffee afternoon show at Mojo's NC 70/ Timber Rd 1st Sat of the month.

Morrisville- Early morning show first Sat of the month. While there are almost zero antique cars there, they do attract interest

Wake Tech has declined to work on the T so that they can focus on more modern cars. While there are some 'nice to dos' cosmetically such as some fresh paint, the T is in good operating order. The team needs to be brought together for some more training as well as some improvements in assembly aids given the fitness of an aging team. Unclear as to me where the T is now. Storage container?

Action- Jim Gill - to speak with Fred Harley about taking over responsibility for the T

Annual Local Activities

Ice Cream Social

Tom Pruettt has generously volunteered to hold the event at his house in August

Chili Cookoff

Action- Jim Gill - coordinate with Marilee and Joel Hoffman and press for a March date

Holiday Party

See notes in Social Committee above.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Annual AACA Activities (continued)

Charity Displays

Chik-Fil-A – manager seemed not so keen on the show last year- can Jack Agayoff guide as to who to talk to about this.

Action- Randy - contact Jack and his contact at Chik-Fil-A and judge future interest

GlenAire- 4/27/24 date preferred – primarily pre-60s cars although there was some discussion on including the 60's. Good Guys show is the weekend before this.

Action- This requires action since it is coming up soon, but...Lead? = Dan?

Pruitt Health-

Action- Dan - contact regarding a summertime show.

Annual AACA Activities

Region Meeting- 70th Anniversary of the Region. They have a logo that Helen is checking into for the trophy as well as advertising. The Region will be selling shirts at the Region meet. Region membership is down from 1011 to 854.

Region is also planning a tour from Washington NC to Wilmington over a four day period. Sept 26-29. It is very loose- they have identified tour hotels- make your own arrangements and come and go as you please. Modern cars are just fine too.

Charlotte Show- Zenith Award cars shown on 4/4, Grand Nationals on 4/5.

NC Region Spring Meeting- Show location has moved North on Academy with some registration improvements planned. Planning, Sponsorships and registrations are underway.

Of note Helen has already obtained two sponsors

Platinum Sponsor - Professional Touch Paint -

Silver sponsor – Majestic Solutions

Ray mentioned that at the Chevy shows they have a member level sponsorship at \$50. Many times used as a remembrances of people who have passed away. Something to consider.

Jim is heading up the Trophies and has proposed a layout for quotation. Progress underway.

National AACA Meeting in Chantilly VA 2/8-10. Tom Pruett is attending.

Newsletter Correspondent -seeking new material. Would like to continue series of 'First Cars' reminiscences.

Action- think about contributing a story. Not long, get started, just let it flow....

New Business- Helen brought up the need to replace Riley in teaching about old car history at American Girl Doll summer camps at the Polk house in downtown Raleigh. No Action taken.

Meeting Adjourned exactly at 4:15.

WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

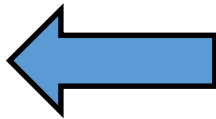
April 20, 2024—Glenaire Antique and Classic Car Display. 9:30 to 12:30pm

April 27, 2024—GoodGuys—NC State Fairgrounds

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

April 28, 2024—Brier Creek Show—Rain Date

Link to register- [here](#)



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

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



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

AACA Meeting Notes 1/28/2024

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

Our meeting at the Backyard Bistro was well attended despite the big football game conflict. Close to 30 Members have their priorities right.

Future meetings will be Feb 25, March 17, April 28, May 26, and June 23, all at Backyard Bistro. Note it is not the same week every month depending on the room availability. Also note that the Backyard Bistro has been sold to the Carolina Hurricanes, but we have been assured that we will be able to meet here for the foreseeable future.

Glenaire car display in Cary on 4/20. Details are in an email to all on 1/29.

5/18/23 – **NC Region** Meet in Cary in conjunction with the Cary Wheels on Academy show. More info below.

The Region is planning an interesting and unique tour 9/26-29. See 5c below.

Helen DiPietro requested photos of your cars for the club Facebook page.

Meeting Agenda Items:

New members attending included: Shane O'Neil (69 Chevelle), Rich Kazazian (22 Ford T), Ron Fournier (65 Corvair). Jim Gill reported that we added about 17 new members recently.

We welcomed back Becky Aldrich after a rough several months but thanks to her great (his words) caregiver (Jim Aldrich), she is doing much better.

Randy Robertson reported on the newsletter. Please send articles, photos, etc. that he can use.

Members with a Bellsouth carrier have had problems receiving the newsletter.

The new officers for 2024 are carry-over for President (Jim Gill), VP (Dan Fuccella), Secretary/Treasurer (Ken Powell) The new directors are Helen DiPietro, Glen Ott and Ray Bader.

Jim Gill reported on the annual Region meeting:

17 chapters

835 member families

2024 is the 70th anniversary to be celebrated with an interesting event on 9/26-29. It is a tour from Washington NC to New Bern to Moorehead City and ending in Wilmington. No registration, no cost, you can join at any point and leave at any point. Hotels will be defined, and you make your own reservations. Events are being planned along the way. Sort of like a rolling cruise in (my words). Drive antique or modern.

More info about the Region meeting has been posted on our website by Denny. (<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>)

Region scholarships are available to family members but are seldom applied for.

The plan for Wake Tech to paint the Take Apart T is off the table. Seems like their focus is on new cars, not antiques.

Chapter members receiving awards included:

Keith Townsend – 1925 Ford T

Mike Hess – 1969 Plymouth

Jim Gill – 1925 Ford pickup

Bob Fuhrman – 1963 Mercury

Chris Tighe – 1957 Chev wagon

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TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

AACA Meeting Notes 1/28/2024

Helen DiPietro is heading up the 2024 NC Region meet on **May 18** that will be in conjunction with the Cary Wheels on Academy (as last year). Her report is below:

The Town of Cary has moved both shows a bit farther north along Academy Street
Cary has food trucks planned.

Volunteers needed. Set up will be Saturday Morning 6 am – 7: 30 am.

Hospitality will need help to pick up food donations and sell T- Shirts

Sign-up sheets will be available for

Saturday Setup,
Saturday Check-in,
parking,
hospitality,
Awards, and
Clean up!

Awards- Jim Gill is designing and building trophies again.

Denny Oestrich is preparing the 2024 Members Guide with updates and changes. If your info has changed, let him know soon. It will be available this spring.

Denny was officially voted in as Region News Correspondent.

AACA Annual Convention – 2/8-10, Chantilly VA. Ted Brooks reported that he and Dean will be presenting a seminar on *Carburetor Basics 102* at 11:00 2/9. (Carb 101 was last year.)

The program was a discussion by Dan Fuccella about AACA organization, events, and advantages of being a member. Also, some info was shared about the big Oct. Hershey event.

**Please visit our Website to see 2024 Breaking News between Newsletters
by Denny Oestreich**

[Home \(triangleaaca.org\)](http://triangleaaca.org)

**Please visit our Facebook page to see up to the minute posts
by Helen DiPietro**

[Triangle Chapter of the AACA - Wake County NC | Raleigh NC | Facebook](#)

Annual Chili Cookoff



Joel Hoffman will open his house again for us (same as last year)

10125 Lake Wheeler Road (located just south of Hilltop Needmore Road and West of 401)
Fuquay Varina, N. C. 919-649-5635

Arrive at 1:30

Social time 1:30 - 2:30 while the chili is warming.

Bring a pot of your favorite Chili (some folks bring cornbread).

We need more chili than we had last year.

Believe it or not, most members try every pot of chili in order to vote on what they think is best.

We will be voting on best chili, hottest chili and best cornbread.

Hopefully it will be a beautiful day to drive your antique cars.

Contact Marilee Sanderson at marileesanderson@gmail.com: (919-467-9999)

1. Will you be attending?

2. Will you be bringing Chili?

(We need to know to both have a variety and to have enough electrical outlets.)

3. Will you be bringing cornbread?

4. If you prefer, a **few** desserts would be appreciated but again, let Marilee know first.

5. Can you come early to help Joel set up tables?

Joel had also suggested that those that want to come earlier he will have a **lift available** for under carriage examination of our antiques.

2024 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – Jim Gill – (919-363-2616)
Vice President - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Secretary/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 609-658-9087

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)

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/>



“My First Car”

Wilson Fausel’s 1951 Chieftain

Calling all members!. Send me information on your first car!

Wilson Fausel answered the call with a excellent write up about his 1951 2-door Chieftain—Who’s next?

In 1968 I graduated high school. My father gave me \$50 and I put that with the \$50 I had and bought a 1951 Buick, 2 door, Chieftain. Straight flat head 8 and a 4 speed automatic.

The car was stored in a shed on a farm not too far from where I lived and had been parked for 8 years, no rust, just farm dust all over. When it was parked, they drained the water and the gas and there is sat.

Eight years later I show up to buy the car for \$100. We put gas in the tank, water in the radiator, added some oil and installed a new battery. It would turn over but would not start. So, the farmer used his truck and pushed me down the road (you could still push start cars with automatics back then. As best as I can remember, we had to hit about 30 MPH for it to start - scary). The car spit and sputtered a few times but fired up and we drove it home.

One at home, my first order of business was to change the oil. So, I purchased some reprocessed motor oil from a local gas station (you know, the oil that came in glass bottles with a metal spout screwed on top of each bottle. I think I paid 25 cents per quart for a 6 pack and 5 cent deposit for each bottle). At home, I pulled the drain plug on the oil pan and, nothing happened. Thinking there was a clog, I stuck a screwdriver in the hole. The only thing that came out was a black, tar like sludge on the end of screwdriver and nothing else.

Not having a lift or tools to pull the oil pan and having blown the total of my estate buying the car, I had to fix it myself. The farmer suggested that I mix half reprocessed oil with half kerosene and add this mixture to the dipstick full mark. Then, I started the car, let it idol until warm, turned it off and let it cool. When I removed the drain plug, this time, the sludge that dripped out was as thick a Kero syrup, but it did drip. I repeated the process 3 more times with more reprocessed oil and kerosene. The draining oil progressively got thinner and less black. Once satisfied with the oil system cleansing, I filled it with more reprocessed oil and a pint of Marvel Mystery oil. I then drove to the local filling station where I filled it with gas and added another can of Marvel Mystery oil to the gas tank.

Driving the car on this mixture made me wonder if I had done the right thing. It smoked like crazy and ran pretty rough. But the more I drove it, the smoother it ran. When I used that tank of gas and filled it again with plain gas, it ran as smooth as a sewing machine and no smoking.

I drove this several years the hots for a but that is story.



car for until I got 65 GTO, another

This is a picture of the car that is just like mine. There are no know pictures of mine.

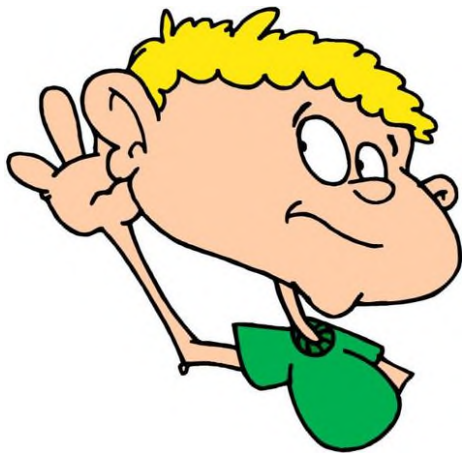
NC REGIONAL 2024 CALENDAR

Last Update 1/21/2024					
Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
March 2	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T	**New location
March 17 - 23	AACA Founders Tour	Louisiana Region	Louisiana	NAT	1932 - 1999
March 21- 24	AACA Winter Nationals	Puerto Rico Region	Guaynabo, PR	NAT	
April 4 - 6	AACA Southeastern Spring Ntl	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	
April 5	AACA Grand Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	
April 13	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Kernersville, NC	U&T	
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 is Tried and True Methods– Experience Counts!



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

Send me those tips or questions

There are times when we need to take a wheel off of a car.

My father (Mikes) taught me that even with jack stands one should, if possible, put a wheel under the brake drum or disc for safety.

This will limit the amount of drop if the vehicle should fall and likely limit any damage. This is especially important when changing a flat tire on the road. Put the flat tire/wheel assembly under the drum or disc while you get the spare tire ready to install.

This will minimize the amount of time the car is jacked up without additional support or a safety item like the flat tire/wheel assembly.

Always use a prop to keep a hood open when working with the hood open. I did not always follow this advice and it cost me a painful lesson.

My 1955 Dodge hood is held up by the hood springs – no prop rod. I had the hood up and was installing a piece of trim on the hood when, due to my fiddling and rather weak hood springs, the hood came crashing down. There was no damage to the car.

However, the pinky finger of my right hand was over the fender lip and the hood trapped my pinky between the hood and the fender. We all know Chrysler products have excellent “fit and finish” yet there was still enough room to trap my finger. I was in my detached garage at 11 PM so I could not call anyone for help. I could not get to the front of the car to open the hood (it latched). I grabbed my right hand with my left and was able to pull my finger free. At first everything looked fine but 5 seconds later the finger began to swell. No damage but a few days later the finger nail died and fell out. Fortunately it grew back.

Some time later I noticed that the technician who works on my cars uses a prop for hoods that do not have a prop rod.

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

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