

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



**Brian Wingler's 1988
Ford Ranger.**

**A Head turner year
round**

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2023 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: January 28, 2024

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

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

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule: Hershey Experiences of our Members

Presentation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

[If it is nice drive your classic cars!](#)

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

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

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2024. The 2024 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

By Jill Gill

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Yes, another year has passed. Some of us said good riddance and others were disappointed to see it go. Whichever your position, we as management of the Chapter will try and make this year a memorable one.

First, by letting you know that I am pleased to represent you as Chapter President for another year. Both Dan and Ken will express the same.

We will also welcome three new Board members to help steer the Chapter, Helen DiPietro, Ray Gahr and Glenn Ott.

We have started the year off already with the Region Winter Meeting right here in Raleigh. Four members received Region Spring Meet awards. I also received your chapter recognition award for hosting the Region Spring Meet last May. Excellent meeting, well attended by our chapter.

You may recall last fall when I spoke about placing all are vehicles back into storage for the winter except one, my Model T Snowmobile. I even went out on the limb saying this vehicle will actually be driven in snow the month of January. Not going to happen; due to health problems my brother did not come down from Wisconsin with my barn find and take the Snowmobile back north for it's début in snow. Maybe next year?

Our first meeting will be held on Sunday January 28th at the Backyard Bistro. You may have heard that the Carolina Hurricanes completed the purchase of this facility. Not sure what effect this will have on our meeting dates but they have reassured their commitment to allowing us use of the meeting room.

With that said, we will see you all Sunday!

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

By Randy N Robertson

1. Happy New Year.
2. This year starts off busy for me with hopes of less work and more play.
3. Goals of the year are to attend Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance and Bonneville Speedweek.
4. I did not see a lot of bounced Bell South emails in December, so they may have fixed their issue. I still recommend modernizing.
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 Randy N Robertson

Correction to the December newsletter. On the front cover I correctly Identified **Becky Fausel**. In the Hershey pictorial that I incorrectly named her Anne. Perhaps I mistakenly mixed up her and Wilson's name to come up with Anne Wilson after the famous Rock n Roller from Heart. Sure sounds better than admitting I got a poor memory! Sorry Becky!

As reported by Dean Tryon

Dean indicates he is a regular attendee of Hershey since 1988 and plans to reach out to Dan Fuccella and share his vast knowledge of this legendary event.

As reported by Dean Tryon

Helen V Hutching provided a nice write book review of Fundamental Carburetion in speedreaders.info.

Check out link below.

<https://speedreaders.info/28102-fundamental-carburetion-from-the-gas-tank-to-the-combustion-chamber/>

As reported by Jim Gill

Jim has called a Board Meeting on February 4th.

Location Is

**306 Millsford Hill Place
Cary, NC 27518**

Time

1:15 to 3pm

WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

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

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



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

As reported by Dean Tryon

NO DECEMBER MEETING—But there is always some News!

Please visit our Website to see 2024 Annual Meeting notes by Denny Oestreich

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

Please visit our Facebook page to see post for Out run the Winter '24 cars show

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

Jim Gill's Model T Christmas decorations.

Photos courtesy of Fred Harley & Jim Gill

My understanding is Jim won the Top neighborhood prize.



2024 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

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



Board of Directors

2024-2025

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

2023-2024

Jim Aldrich 919-676-1230
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Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)
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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/>



Announcing the “My First Car” series

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

Dan Fuccella recently sent me a photo of his first car, this got me to thinking of twelve nice articles to look forward to in 2024.

As you might of guessed it Dan’s car in the first in the 2024 Monthly series.

Dan’s first car was a **1946 Ford Business Coupe** purchased in 1957 by his father.

Proudly Dan, rebuilt its flathead V8 the same year, complete with mounted finned aluminum heads and twin carbs.

[A two dollar bill and a Hot Rod Ford, there’s dancin’ right over the hill!](#)

Flatheads forever!

The customization continued with some early “rat” rodding with a retrofitted Chevy grill.

This led to his next six cars all Chevy’s—’55 to ‘65 with small-block Chevy V8’s.

Some fun facts:



1946 considered a post war production model year was largely designed off the 1942 model.

There we 163,370 Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan made to satisfy American’s desire to travel after coming home from war. This same model went for \$1185.00, I’m going guess Dan’s dad paid about \$200 in ‘57. Dan?

The 1946 Flathead V8 was 239ci and widely disputed as one of the best motor’s Ford put out to.

100 hp at 3800 rpm with Holley 94 two-

barrel carburetor. Also came in 226Ci 6 cylinder.

Membership renewal by Ken Powell

HAVE YOU SENT YOURS IN?

ITS NOT TOO LATE. SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY.

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

Karen White
AACA
800 Hershey Park Dr
Hershey PA, 17033

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

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

Member Expertise database

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

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

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

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

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

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

This information has been helpful in guiding members helping members.

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

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

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

NC REGIONAL 2024 CALENDAR

NC Region AACA 2024 Event Calendar

Last Update 01/21/2024					
Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
January 12 - 13	NC Region Annual Membership Meeting	NC Region	Raleigh, NC	REG	Judges School
February 8 - 10	AACA National Convention	AACA National	Chantilly, VA	NAT	
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 Safety First month!

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

Send me those tips or questions

Chemicals are chemicals. Even in storage, harsh chemicals are just waiting to cause problems. It's best to store flammable, toxic, and downright nasty products where they can't do any harm. Chemical storage sheds are a thing. Invest in one.

Don't overload your shelving. It's easy to forget that shelving systems have weight limits. Be sure to keep that in mind while you fill them up. If you neglect this, you'll either wind up with a major mess or flatter than a pancake when that thing comes down.

Keep heavier parts closer to the ground. Don't put your cylinder heads on the top shelf unless you want to send your spine through the concrete. Keeping all heavy things on the ground level might not be convenient, but it'll keep visits to the chiropractor at a minimum.

Point the pointy bits away. As you organize tools, materials, and whatever else is in your shop, keep the sharp end tucked away. Trust me. Your screwdrivers and bits of sheet metal are dying to take a bite.

Pro Tip: Clean up the shop, wipe it all down & give that shop vac a whirl

Here an interesting story for Hagerty by Rob Seigel—January 15, 2024

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/opinion/the-hack-mechanic/when-cars-attack-cautionary-tales-from-the-hack-mechanic/>

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! –



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Till next month Randy N Robertson