

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Dodge Van-Pickup St Pete Beach

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2025 Events Calendar:

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA

Meeting Date: **February 2nd, 2025**

Meeting Location: **The Local (formally Backyard Bistro)**

1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607

Future Meeting Dates: Note this is January Meeting in February due to Lenovo Center rodeo–
Future 2025 dates to be announced

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 Local.

Please check your most current Triangle Chapter Newsletter, Website or Facebook for last minute changes.

Event Schedule:

Arrive 2:00 to 2:30

Lunch/Dinner 2:30 to 3:45

Meeting and Presentation 3:45 to 5:00

Presentation : Selling a Vehicle at Auction; Members' experiences and Recommendations

The program will be members' discussion of experiences selling vehicles at car auctions; both at in-person venues and on online sites. In the past, we have had members discuss their experiences attending auctions as potential buyers. The January program is intended to discuss the auction process from the seller's point of view.

IMPORTANT: For this program to be instructive (as well as entertaining), "audience" participation is required. Please come to the meeting prepared to briefly share your knowledge and personal experiences when selling vehicles via the auction process. So, clip your nose hairs and come ready to participate!

If it is nice drive your classic cars!

NC Region 2025 Calendar Events Planned – **See details below**

AACA National Events Calendar – UPDATED LINK FOR 2025!

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2025. The 2025 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

President's Message

By Glenn Ott

Happy New Year - we are off to a busy start! Our Triangle Board of Directors meeting was Jan 12th, the annual Region meeting was the 17th and 18th, our January Chapter meeting is Jan 33rd (aka 2/2) and the AACA Convention is Feb 6th - 8th.

Information from the Board meeting and Region meeting will be coming soon. There are many activities to attend, and lots of opportunities to help make each a huge Triangle Chapter success.

And remember, Dean and Ted are giving their latest two-part Carburetion Basics seminar at the National Convention.

Speaking about remembering, if you forgot to renew your membership last month, please get your information and check to Ken. The bureaucratic paperwork and the possibility of missing Region and National news increases with any delay.

Let's get this New Year started with a bang!

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

By Randy N Robertson

1. I just got back from visiting by lifelong buddy Gary down in Florida. We attended a boat show, two cruise-ins, OC Choppers and Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. Look for Images in upcoming newsletter.
2. Boy it has been cold, it was even jacket weather in FLA.
3. I am looking forward to serving as your editor going into my 4th year!
4. Thanks to all for your contributions to the newsletter this last month

Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com



Here's to our National Pass time- "Front Row"

Highlight on David Parker's 1947 Dodge Pickup

As reported by David Parker with edits by Randy N Robertson

David tells me "that the one that got away" was his 1950 five-window Chevy pickup. She had a total body off restoration and a real beauty. He sold it to pay for one of his daughter's weddings which sadly was called off. The truck was sold, ugh!

When I decided I wanted another pick up I was searching for an early 50s Chevy or Ford pick up.

Searching the classifieds I ran across a 1947 Dodge pickup which really caught my attention with its pre war design and Art deco inspired front end. I went to look at it and spent several hours going over the truck realizing that the body was rust free with lots of patina. It still had the original wood bed but had some slight modifications over the years under the hood. It had a 54 Plymouth motor and converted to a column shift.

I towed the truck to Steve Wilson, my mechanic in Hendersonville, where he addressed the stuck valves, brakes, and completely rewired the truck. It had already been converted to 12 volt but he did it right and installed vintage look wiring.

I enjoyed the truck for several years in it's original "farm truck" form. I also had to replace the rear axle and figured out that a 1999 Jeep Cherokee rear end had the right dimensions, bolt pattern and the added benefit of 3:55 gears. Just shock and shackle mounts had to be relocated.

Last year it was necessary to do an engine overhaul so I decided to take the truck in a different direction.

The goal in sight now was more power, better braking and handling, and a cooler look. Wanting to stay "period correct" and not make any radical changes that couldn't be undone, I decided to go for a late fifties/early sixties "Hotrod" look.

"I hope AACA can forgive me" :)

The few cosmetic changes included going "big and little" on the rims and whitewall tires. I went from the stock 16" x 5 1/2" rims to 15" x 8" in the rear and 7" wide up front. The rear tires are slightly taller to give the truck that classic "rake profile. I added chrome bullets and lug nuts topped off with 1950's beauty rings.

In the cabin is a dash mounted vintage tachometer, mounted vintage fire extinguisher and an "I like Ike" button.

Amber fog lamps adorn the front bumper and mimic the shape of the headlamps and small cowl mounted lights that I converted to turn signals.

The biggest challenges were addressed under the hood. Replacing the old motor with another 230 cubic inch out of a 1947 Dodge sedan, including installing an original 3 speed -floor shift.

Steve took the best of two motors and worked his magic.

The cylinders were bored .60 over. Head shaved to raise compression and camshaft improved in addition to changed points and condenser to Electronic ignition. Steve installed an Offenhauser dual single carb setup, cast iron headers and dual exhaust.

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Highlight on David Parker's 1947 Dodge Pickup

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He even made custom vintage spark plug wires and copper air cleaner filaments.

I had him convert a vintage Amoco antifreeze can into a radiator overflow canister, a tribute to my Grandfather's Amoco station.

It was over a year long project but it was worth it.

It's not a show truck but it turned out just as I had envisioned.

Numerous delays were mainly do to motor and transmission parts availability as well as getting the custom steel wheels to fit properly.

Steve did an amazing job and takes such a personal interest in his customers projects.

Being a new member of the Triangle Chapter I wanted to share this story as a way of introduction. I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you as we continue to enjoy our love of old cars and trucks together.

Blessings to you all in 2025..

David Parker

Wake Forest, NC



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members

Keith and Eva Young

Strygaldwyr@gmail.com

If you have not renewed your membership do so today.

Dues were due by December 31st.

Thanks, Best Regards, Ken

Ken Powell

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Possible Cruise In

Tawie Gong, Assistant Director with Five Points Center for Active Adults is a Community Center with programs for older adults.

They invite us to have an informal "cruise in" anytime in 2025. If interested please contact Randy N. Robertson.

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Joel Hoffman reports

This is a Chinese company that makes custom leather seat covers for a large variety of cars, including a number of classics.

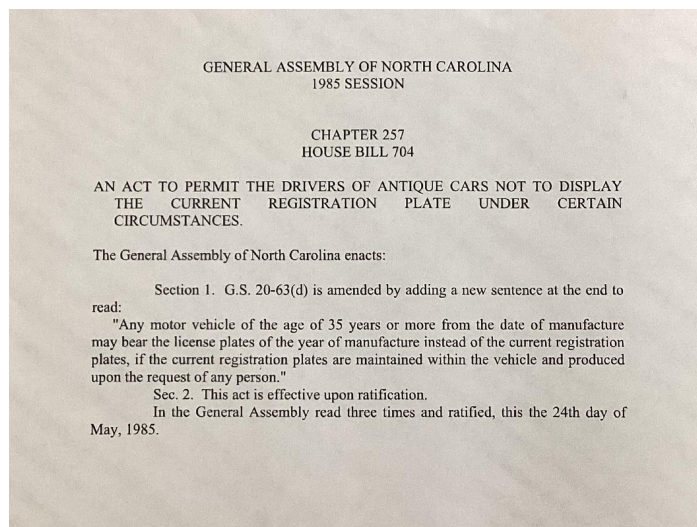
A member of the North Carolina MG Car Club has purchased from them for his MGB and is very satisfied with the results.

For all the cars I looked at, the cost was \$349 per row.

Buying leather seat covers from the main US supplier would have cost around \$1200. Here is a link to their site:

<https://www.lseat.com/>

David Parker reminds us:



Throwback Feature

By Denny Oestreich

AACA National Southeastern Fall Meet, August 12-14, 2010

Nestled in the rolling hills of Roanoke Valley is the town of Blacksburg, Virginia, site of the Southeastern Regional Fall Meet. Blacksburg is a community of 40,000+ of which about 60% are students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, better known as Virginia Tech.

The meet was headquartered in the Inn at Virginia Tech, which is a spacious facility adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus. When Fred and I arrived to check in, however, we soon realized that “walking distance” from the trailer parking area to the Inn did not mean **comfortable** walking distance – particularly if hauling suitcases, cooler, bags, etc. We opted to check in prior to parking the trailer. Unfortunately many others had the same thought and it would be a while before anyone’s room was ready.

The Inn had many comfortable, attractive seating areas, however, and the Roanoke Valley Region - sponsors of the meet - hosted a large hospitality room replete with coffee, tea, cold drinks and delicious homemade goodies. Of course, there were the ubiquitous T-shirts and other items for sale.

It was pleasant to sit in the lobby and watch people coming and going. We saw many national officers and board members – including North Carolina’s own Randy Stone, Herb Oakes, Sherm Carey, Eric March. – as well as Triangle Chapter members who had come to judge: Bob Safrit, Tony Hanjts, and Mike Peterson. Fred also judged.

The morning of the show was an ominous one: very low, dark clouds surrounded the valley. But off we went to the football stadium parking lot in the 1911 Buick for its first national show. Once on the show field we noted quite a few empty spots and suspect that heavy weather throughout the region kept quite a few cars away.

Several Triangle Chapter/Brass Nickel members also brought cars to the show.

Brian White brought his dad’s green 1914 Model T Touring car (First Junior). I believe that Brian said this was the last car that his father had restored, so it was a very special show for Brian and Trish.

Fred showed the 1911 Buick (First Junior), Cecil Bozarth and his son brought the 1937 Lincoln Zephyr (Senior), and Brass Nickel members Bill and Libby Adams along with their son Clark showed their 1926 Pontiac (Senior).

Dean Tryon was also at the meet: he and his friend Stu Allen had brought Stu’s 1957 Buick Roadmaster (Preservation). They had trailered the car down from Stu’s home in Staunton, Virginia and had a rather exciting trip. Read about Dean and Stu’s No -So-Excellent Adventure below.

Mother Nature favored us with cool but ominous weather until the moment of judging. Judging began promptly at 11:00 a.m. and so did the raindrops. The rain did not last long – just long enough to spot the brass on the old cars.

AACA President Terry Bond referred to the shower as our complimentary car wash.

The day passed quickly: the meet was very well-organized and most enjoyable. Probably the highlight of the weekend, however, was Saturday night’s entertainment – a first for us. We were all invited to meet in the banquet room at 6:00 for a performance by Steve Brogan.

Steve is a ventriloquist who brought a few of his friends with him in a suitcase. To the delight of the audience, Steve poked good fun at Chief Judge Hulon McCraw, National Director and Chief Judge of the meet.

But he saved his funniest lines for AACA National Executive Director Steve Moskowitz and his wife Rachael.

It was tremendously entertaining and Steve M was an extremely good sport.

Throwback Feature

The awards ceremony moved along quite rapidly. All of the Triangle members received the award that they hoped for, except for Fred. The Buick received a Second Junior, which was neither a surprise nor a disappointment.

Fred and I were particularly interested in seeing the Virginia Tech campus because our son-in-law is a VPI graduate. The campus is very attractive, but what stands out is that the buildings are very similar in appearance: they look to be composed of the same type of limestone. We later learned that the limestone is called HOKIE STONE.

Hokie Stone is a dolomite limestone unique to southeastern Virginia. It is the primary finishing material on campus buildings, per a requirement by the University's Board of Visitors. Eighty percent of the stone is quarried just a few miles from campus in a university-owned quarry.

The Adventures of Dean and Stu – per Dean Tryon:

On a Saturday in August, I rode with my friend Stu from Staunton, Virginia to Blacksburg for a big car show. He had his '57 Buick in the trailer for the 2-hour drive since the tires (on the Buick) were old and questionable. About half way down I-81, a car passed us and blew the horn. As we looked over, a trailer tire and wheel were rolling down the median next to us. We pulled over, retrieved the wheel, drove slowly to an exit (the trailer has a double axle) and found a closed gas station where we could park. We unloaded the car and drove it on back roads the rest of the way. Turns out Stu had installed new trailer tires last fall and had driven it to Texas and Kentucky without incident.

As we left the show field mid-afternoon, the car quit running just 15 miles down the road. To make a long story short, Stu had a spare fuel pump, which we installed (in an hour) and continued on our way back to the trailer without a problem. From there, we installed the spare tire with new nuts we had to buy of course, put the car in the trailer and got home OK, just a few hours later than planned.

Lessons learned: 1) – check trailer tire bolts frequently (I did when I got home for sure), 2) – Carry a spare fuel pump and tools or install an electric pump back up (I had just done this on all my old cars recently), 3) – Carry a few extra wheel nuts (we had to go to 2 stores to find the 6 we needed).

Oh well – it's all part of the old car experiences. Nothing ventured (or broken), nothing gained (or learned).

A Look at Virginia Tech Traditions

Here is the answer to that oft-posed question, "What's a Hokie?" and an explanation of other Tech traditions.

What is a Hokie? The origin of the word "Hokie" has nothing to do with a turkey. It was coined by O. M. Stull (class of 1896), who used it in a spirit yell he wrote for a competition.

Here's how that competition came to be held. Virginia Tech was founded in 1872 as a land-grant institution and was named Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1896, the Virginia General Assembly officially changed the college's name to

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, a name so long that citizens shortened it in popular usage to VPI. The original college cheer, which made reference to the original name of the institution, was no longer suitable.

Thus, a contest was held to select a new spirit yell, and Stull won the \$5 top prize for his cheer, now known as Old Hokie:

Hoki, Hoki, Hoki, Hy.

Techs, Techs, V.P.I.

Sola-Rex, Sola-Rah.

Polytechs - Vir-gin-ia.

Rae, Ri, V.P.I.

Later, the phrase "Team! Team! Team!" was added at the end, and an "e" was added to "Hoki."

Stull later said that he made up the word as an attention-grabber.



WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

February 2nd, 2025—Triangle Chapter Monthly Meeting

February 6-8th, 2025-AACA National Convention Charlotte, NC

May 3rd, 2025 - Triangle Chapter of the AACA 60th Antique and Classic Car Show

May 10th, 2025 - NC Region Spring Meet in New Bern, NC

May 17th, 2025— The Alamance Region Show in Burlington



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

AACA Meeting Notes – 11/24/2024

Action Items

1. 12/8/2024 (Sunday) – Annual Christmas party. Stag Club, 8001 Ray Rd, Raleigh.
 - a. Meet at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30, gift exchange at 7:30
 - b. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange (edible or drinkable), an unwrapped Toys for Tots gift if you like,
 - c. Program – presentation by Dan Fuccella on his work in Haiti.
 - d. Denny will do the interesting car quiz again.
2. Dues for 2025 are due to Ken Powell by the end of December! The total is \$70 for all 3 (National, Region and Chapter) and can be in one check to Ken.
3. 1/17-18/2025 – NC Region meeting in Raleigh.
4. Feb 6-8, 2025 - AACA National Convention in Concord, NC. (See page23 in the Nov-Dec AACA magazine)
 - a. If you have never been to one of these, they have tours available Thurs and Friday, 20 seminars on Friday (free), the car show on Sat. and a closing dinner Sat. night.
 - b. Reserve your hotel at the host hotel (Embassy Suites) or any of the nearby hotels.
 - c. Reserve separately for the convention (registration form to be out soon)
 - d. Ted and Dean are presenting 2 seminars on Friday 2/7.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Our meeting at the newly remodeled “The Local” (was Backyard Bistro) was well attended with 28 members.
2. New member Beth Eakes attended her 2nd meeting and has a 1964 Chevelle Malibu SS and a 1966 Mustang conv.
3. Jim Gill reported:
 - a. Dan Fuccella headed up the officers nominating committee. The proposed slate was
 - i. Pres – Glen Ott
 - ii. VP - Dan Fuccella
 - iii. Treas – Ken Powell
 - iv. Board of Directors for 2025/26 – Tom Pruett, Bob Gahr, Brian Wingler
 - v. Board of Directors continuing for 2024/25 – Jim Aldrich, Ray Bader, Helen DiPietro
 - vi. All were voted in unanimously.
 - b. The Region Board of Directors has an opening if anyone is interested in getting involved.
 - c. Jim Gill has 2 free National memberships available for new members
4. Ken Powell reported our treasury is at \$4400 with 95 families. Also 2025 dues are due.
5. A possible display at Woodlawn Terrace in Cary will be done next year In April – Dan is following.
6. Randy Robertson needs your story on your first car (can be regular or antique) for the newsletter.
7. Ted Brooks reported on the technical seminars status being done with Dean Tryon. On Sat 11/23, the 2nd session was done with 11 members and friends in preparation for the Feb AACA Convention. One more review might be planned in January if anyone is interested.
8. Jim Gill knows of 3 cars for sale: 1922 T tourer, 1922 T tourer and a 1937 Ford in Cedar Grove. Call him if interested (919-593-5860)
9. The program was a (*) presentation by Dean and Les Tryon about the Gilmore Museum in Michigan along with 4 others in southern MI you should see. (* - I would say excellent but since I am writing the minutes, probably not appropriate.)

2025 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – Glenn Ott (609-658-8322)
Vice President - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Secretary/Treasurer – Ken Powell (919-638-0756)
Region News Correspondent – Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)
Ex-Officio – Jim Gill (916-363-2616)



Board of Directors

2024-2025

Ray Bader 919-418-0977
Helen DiPietro 919-649-1719
Jim Aldrich 919-676-3131

2025-2026

Bob Gahr 440-867-4722
Tom Pruett 919-422-4761
Brian Wingler 919-362-9303

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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/>

There is always something worth exploring on the Website!

NC Region Website: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

Facebook Pages

Helen DiPietro and Andrea Irby are updating our Triangle Facebook page.

Check out the information about our Spring Car show!

Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA>

Instagram Accounts

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



Highlights from NC Region Meeting January 2025

Narrative by Glenn Ott - Images by Bob Gahr, Helen DiPietro & Glenn Ott



Mike Petersen presents "Route 66-Chicago to Santa Monica-Circa 1955"



Jim Aldrich received Herb Payne Memorial Trophy for best restoration 1925 or older



Courtney Johnston received Marshall Van Winkle Memorial Trophy for best Driver Participation Class



Denny Oestreich received the Editors for publishing an article in each NC Region News during 2024



Glenn Ott accepted the NC Region Spring Meet 2024 Host Award for the Triangle Chapter

NC REGIONAL 2025 CALENDAR

As of this printing 2025 regional calendar not published

Last Update 1/21/2024					
Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
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



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

Send me those tips or questions

As reported on the internet

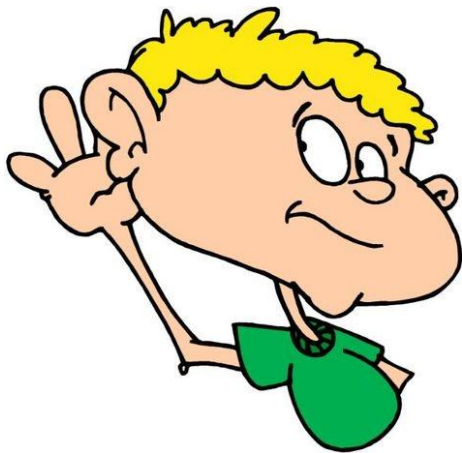
“Tip of the Month”

Grab one glove at a time

To keep your box of nitrile gloves handy and make it easier to grab just one glove instead of a handful, add this magnetic glove box holder to your shop.

It costs about \$20 at auto parts stores. You can also find many styles of glove dispensers online.

Now that works!



Pro Tip: Add this to your toolbox or rolling cart and yank out new gloves wherever you need them.

THE PARTING SHOT



Gary's 42 Ford Panel truck– St Pete Beach

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson