

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Courtney Johnston's 1937 Buick Special "Harlow"

Car of The Month

April 2022

Issue 04

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1. Events Calendar

Triangle 2022 Events Calendar

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

Meeting Date: April 21, 2022

Meeting Location: The Golden Corral, 3551 Grenelle Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 (Off S Wilmington St & Tryon Rd, south of I-440)

Zoom link: The meeting will also be accessible to our members online using our usual Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3547838874> starting at 6:30pm (no password required).

Event Schedule:

5:45pm to 6:45pm: Dinner and social time

6:30pm: Zoom link opens

6:45pm to 8:00pm: Business meeting (primarily focused on last minute preparations for the April 30, 2022 Triangle Chapter car show (flier attached)

8:15pm: General Meeting wrap-up and adjournment

A map for the April 21, 2022 membership meeting location is shown below:



<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=5cd4e80864&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1724131457649209078&th=17ed586d0741eef6&view=att&disp=safe>

REMINDER THE TRIANGLE CAR SHOW EVENT IS APRIL 30, 2022.

HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED?

NC Region 2022 Calendar Events Planned – See below

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

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2022. The 2022 events are listed on the AACA Website at: <https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

2. President's Message

By Mike Hess

I want to thank Joel Hoffman for opening his home and hosting the Chili Cook-off and Jean Soehnlein for coordinating the event. There was a big membership turn out and sounds like everybody had a good time.

The big day is almost here. April 30, 2022. The Triangle Chapter 59th Antique and Classic Car Show. It could have been the 61st with no thanks to the pandemic.

I want to thank Jim Gill and Dan Fuccella for co-chairing this event. With a two-year layoff, streamlining and simplifying the show activities and especially a new venue has caused some challenges.

It is not too late to volunteer to help!

I attended the Corvette International car show on March 26 at the Hendrick Center where the Triangle Chapter show will be. Joe Parson and John Gilliam also attended. This was a new venue for them also and they had a few glitches that we can learn from. A major one was cars that the students work on left out in the parking lot. Wake Tech staff had to get a fork lift out and move them out of the way. They had 170 cars in total of all makes and models. The parking lot was pretty much full.

In the end Joe, John and myself all took home awards.

In my last article I mentioned I had an oil pressure idiot light staying on problem after restoring the dash cluster in the GTX. My first thought was what if I do not have oil pressure for some reason. Just to be safe, I temporarily plumbed up an oil pressure gauge and found I do have pressure. I kept looking at the oil pressure sending unit and it did not look like the one I remember on my '69 Road Runner back in the day. Turns out someone installed a factory sending unit for an oil pressure gauge. I got the correct sending unit for an idiot light...problem solved.

Finally, I will not be attending most if not all club meetings and activities for the next month or so. This includes the April membership meeting and the car show.

I found out I need open heart surgery. Now I know why I could not walk far around Hershey last Fall. Bummer.

Mike

3. Editor's Observations and Notes – Randy's Rants

By Randy N Robertson

1. I have not heard an update on Mike Hess's surgery so assuming all went as planned. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. **UPDATE JUST RECEIVED – SEE DEAN TRYON / DAN FUCCELLA EMAIL OF 4-16-22 – Mike is on the mend!**
2. Pollen is everywhere a sure sign warmer weather is coming.
3. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
4. Remember to volunteer for our upcoming Car Show or at least come and out and support your fellow members.
5. I understand the facility at Wake Tech is state of the art. WRAL wrote an article on their website. Nice short read. **Click here:** <https://www.wral.com/wake-tech-opens-state-art-facility-train-students-auto-repair-careers/20233976/>
6. Had to change tactics on my 53. With it sitting secure on wood blocks my approach was to install the front kingpin assemblies and control arms starting with the front end first. Once I installed the upper and lower control arms, I realized that even with spring compressors I am unable to safely install the front coil springs without weight of engine and the help of a floor jack. I was afraid the pressure would dislodge car from its blocks. So, I have retooled and moved to the rear to install the rear end, leaf springs and tires. With the rear then sitting on tires, I am going to install the Engine as counterweight. This should allow me use the floor jack and the weight of the car to compress the springs for installation.

Any thoughts on this procedure PLEASE let me know. FYI this how the 52-53 Shop Manuel says to do it.
7. Thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures and articles. Could use some more Parting Shots, Articles & Car of the Month suggestions.
8. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

4. Camp Butner Museum and Bentonville Battleground

As Reported by Courtney Johnston

You sure can tell that Courtney enjoys his Military Shows and facts.

Reminds me of my lifelong buddy Gary, a 20+ year Navy veteran and avid collector of military paraphernalia & history buff. He is sure to get a copy of this newsletter.

Even when he personally came to our meeting to plug for Camp Butner Museum trip he was dressed in regalia!

I say we invite Courtney to present a vehicle & equipment history during one of meetings!

What say you, Courtney?

Camp Butner Museum

While most of the vehicles on display were military vehicles, member Courtney Johnston and Harlow, his trusty 1937 Buick Special, attended the event to show the public what civilians would have been driving during WWII.

The exhibit was well attended and enjoyed by the public.



1945 JEEP WWII ERA



WW II ARTILLARY



WW II HALF TRACK GUN MOUNT

A brief history of Camp Butner by Courtney Johnston

Camp Butner

In the hectic weeks following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the US Army realized it needed to build training facilities and barracks to handle the huge influx of men being prepared for deployment to combat zones. A suitable farm was located just north of Falls Lake, about 15 miles north of Durham, and a camp site was chosen in the late summer of 1941.

Camp Butner, named after Army General and North Carolina native [Henry W. Butner](#), was to become a major training area, built with construction starting in January 1942. In just 6 short months, over 1,700 buildings were constructed.

There were enough beds in the enlisted barracks alone to accommodate over 35,000 soldiers. Several major US Army divisions used the camp as a staging area during the war, to assemble and organize prior to being deployed to both the European and Pacific theaters.

One of the first buildings constructed at Camp Butner was their basketball court, with a wooden arched roof. This gym is now the site of the Camp Butner Museum, dedicated to educating the younger generations of the important and exciting events that took place there between 1942 and 1945.

Bentonville Battlefield

The battle of Bentonville, fought in March 1865, was the largest battle ever fought on NC soil.

It represented the Confederates last chance to stop Sherman's US army from capturing Goldsborough and Raleigh.

The last grand charge of the CSA Army of Tennessee took place on the first day of the battle.

The Bentonville Battlefield tour was led by Fred Burt, Lt Col US Army (ret) and assisted by member Courtney Johnston.

After a video describing the battle, Fred & Courtney provided a uniform and equipment presentation, as well as a loading and firing demonstration.

Then, we loaded up for a driving tour of the multiple points of interest across the battlefield.

Although the turnout was low, those who attended were very pleased with the demonstrations and information provided.



THE GROUP AT BENTONVILLE

BENTONVILLE CANNON



BENTONVILLE SHOOTING DEMO

5. Worthy Car Events – Send me your submittals

April 30th, 2022 – Triangle AACA Car Show See attached Flyer – See February to April Newsletters

May 21st, 2022- 5th Annual CCCC Car & Motorcycle Show – **SUPPORT THE YOUTH** – See March to May Newsletters

September 17th, 2022 - Kars for Kids – See January to September Newsletters

Thanks to Helen DiPietro for submitting our Car Show to WRAL's "Out and About"

https://www.wral.com/entertainment/out_and_about/event/20219483/

6. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

Photos by Randy Robertson and Courtney Johnson

AACA Meeting Notes 3/19/2022 – Combined with Chili Cookoff and official meeting notes

The Chili cookoff was a great success. A few photos and memories all that remains

Sorry I did not record the winners- I will publish next month if someone sends me the results



TASTY FOOD GOOD CONVERSATION



TELLS US ABOUT THAT BEAR CHILI BOB



TABLE FOR 20 ON THE VERANDA PLEASE!



SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT



THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE WINNER!

7. Membership Efforts!

Dan Fuccella suggested a single page flyer for AACA members to place on their vehicles during various events.

With the help of members Helen DiPietro, John DiPietro, Denny Oestreich and others Randy Robertson produced the flyer.

It was handed off to Fred Harley for lamination and will make their debut during our car show on April 30.

Membership is a Bargain at \$70.00 per year!

See the Membership Application/Dues form at the end of this Newsletter

Recruitment effort suggestions are welcome!



OUR NEW BANNER- THANKS CHET BUTCHER

8. Triangle Chapter Car List

Dean Tryon is compiling the list of antique vehicles owned by Triangle Chapter members. This has involved updating a previous list from many years ago and contacting members to verify the list. This list will be useful for referring other car owners with questions to an expert or at least a fellow owner. If you have not already updated your car list information with Dean, please contact him. The list will soon be ready and shared. So, if you do not want one or more of your vehicles on the list, please contact Dean Tryon at 919-441-1271 or email Dean at DGTryon2516@gmail.com.

We have great participation so far with over 160 listed. Thanks.

9. Triangle Directory Update

Thanks to Jean Soehnlein for spearheading the Directory this year!

Those not distributed during the Chili Cookoff have been mailed.

Thanks, Ken Powell, for handling that!

10. 2022 Triangle Chapter Officers

Officers

President – Mike Hess (916-201-3973)

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Car Show Committee Chair – Open

11. Website and Facebook Pages

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

Andrea Irby is updating our Triangle Facebook page. Please have a look, “Like” the page and give her suggestions or information for the pages.

- Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA>
- NC Region Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRegionAACA/>

Instagram Accounts

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

12. Membership Application Dues Form



2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America
North Carolina Region
Triangle Chapter AACA

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Home Phone No. _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Cars Owned (Year/Model) _____

NATIONAL AACA: Annual Dues \$45 Required for membership in Region and Chapter organizations.

My National number is _____.

___ I have paid my 2022 dues directly to AACA National in Hershey.

NORTH CAROLINA REGION AACA: Annual dues \$15

___ I have paid my 2022 dues directly to the NC Region

TRIANGLE CHAPTER: AACA: Annual dues \$10.

Make Checks payable to: TRIANGLE CHAPTER AACA

Note: Above dues can be combined on a single check and I will forward to National and Region

Mail To: Ken Powell
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Raleigh, N.C. 27613
Phone: 919-638-0756
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13. NC Region 2022 Calendar Below

NC Region AACA 2022 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City		Notes
April 17 - 23	Central Divisional Tour	Gulf Coast Region	San Antonio to LaPorte,	NAT	<i>(For 1997 & earlier)</i>
April 21 - 23	Special Winter & Grand	Puerto Rico Region	Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	NAT	
April 30	Chapter Meet	Triangle	Raleigh, NC	U&T	
May 7	NC Region Spring Meet	New River & Morehead	Jacksonville, NC	Region	
May 14	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Bern, NC	U&T	
May 19 - 21	Annual Grand Nationals	Tidewater Region	Virginia Beach, VA	NAT	
May 21	Chapter Meet	Morehead	Morehead City	U&T	<i>postponed, new date tbd</i>
May 21	Region Meet	Alamance	Burlington, NC	IPO	
May 22 - 25	Eastern Divisional Tour	Flood City Region	Johnstown, PA	NAT	<i>(For 1997 & earlier)</i>
June 4	Chapter Meet	San-Lee	Sanford, NC	U&T	
June 4	Region Meet	Mountaineer Region	Flat Rock, NC	IPO	<i>tentative</i>
June 16 - 18	Eastern Spring Nationals	White Water Region	Beckley, WV	NAT	
August 6	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	<i>tentative</i>
August 11 - 13	Central Fall Nationals	Mississippi Valley	East Moline, IL	NAT	
August 13	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T	
September 8 -	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets' Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 10 -	Sentimental Tour	Buzzards Breath	Gettysburg, PA	NAT	<i>(For 1928 - 1958)</i>
September 17	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	<i>also Fall of 2023, '25, & '27</i>
September 18 -	Reliability Tour	Kyana Region	Shepherdsville, KY	NAT	<i>(For 1915 & older)</i>
September 24	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
September 25 -	Glidden Tour	New Jersey Region	Princeton, NJ	NAT	<i>(For 1942 & older)</i>
TBD	NC Region Annual			Region	
October 1	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mt. Olive, NC	U&T	
October 4 - 7	Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey, PA	NAT	

14. Tip of the Month



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

Here is another opportunity to get your name in print.

Send me those tips!

As submitted by Dean Tyron from his March 2022 Buick & McLaughlin Owners Newsletter.

Carburetors

Dean Tyron has been restoring a 1922 Marvel carburetor and has another tip he uses.

To check to see if the needle and seat are working and you have the carburetor off the car, put a piece of tubing on the fuel inlet. You can blow into the carb with the carb right side up and see that the n/s is open.

Then slowly rotate the carburetor upside down while continuing to blow into it and see if the float will seat the needle. You should not be able to get any air thru it. This is an easy first step to do before getting it on the car and finding out that it leaks (floods).

Causes might be the float is binding on the body, needle and seat need to be lapped to provide a better seal (see below), float hinge pin is dirty, etc.,

While the carb is upside down, also actuate the valve on the float bowl cover to see that it will force the float down (when the carb is right side up) that is used to effectively flood the carb before cranking if you are using the vacuum tank.

Float installation – it is always a challenge to get the needle positioned properly in the seat as you install the float. I use a dentist tool available from your local dentist (when they are throwing them out) or Harbor Freight.

15. The Parting Shot

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming!

Submitted by Courtney Johnson



Till next month

Randy N Robertson

THIS SURE IS A NICE CAR!



Its owner is member of the Triangle Chapter of the
AACCA

Want to see more **exciting cars** like this?

COME JOIN US!

Scan the QR code below for local events and
membership information.



Or visit us on the Web or Facebook.

<https://triangleaaca.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACCA>



Triangle Chapter of AACA 59th Antique & Classic Car Show

Wake Tech North Campus Hendrick Center for Automotive Excellence
6851 Perry Creek Rd. Raleigh, NC

Saturday April 30, 2022 – 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Car Show Activities Planned

- Open Car show
- Vehicles 1997 or older only
- Evaluation Classes by Decade
 - 4 Classes per decade
 - Authentic Restoration
 - Historic Preservation
 - Driver Participation
 - Modified Vehicle
- Awards for each Decade/Class
- All vehicles receive a plaque
- Ample Trailer Parking is available

Family Activities Available

- **Food Trucks**
- Look at the old cars and talk to the owners.
- Watch the Take Apart-T Demonstration at 1 pm -**Very Cool**
- Take family pictures in a Model T
- Nearby Shopping Centers



Authentic Restoration



Historic Preservation



Driver Participation



Modified

Visit us on the Web or Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA/>
www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/

- Mail application with registration fees with postmark by April 15th to qualify for Pre-Registration rate of \$15.00
Mike Hess- mlhess68@yahoo.com 334 Ellis Creek Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 916-201-3973
Make check payable to: Triangle Chapter AACA.
- **DAY of SHOW REGISTRATION FEE per car \$20.00.** Show Day registration 9:00 am to 11:00 am
- **JUDGING begins at 11:30 AM**
- How did you hear about the show? Flyer Business Ad Web/Facebook Newsletter

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Authentic Historic Driver Modified

- **A UL approved Fire Extinguisher is required with each vehicle.**

I understand and agree that Wake Tech Community College and the AACA Triangle Chapter will not be held responsible for any damage, theft or liability associated with the show and venue.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Event: 5th Annual CCCC Car & Motorcycle Show

Host: Central Carolina Community College Auto Restoration Students for 2022

Date: May 21st, 2022, 10:00-3:00 with registration 10:00-11:00

Location EMS Training Center 3000 Airport Rd, Sanford, NC

Purpose of Event: To promote the Auto Restoration curriculum at CCCC, and to showcase the work performed by this semester's students.

Car show: All registered cars will be judged by the Auto Restoration students and the winners will receive trophies made by the students.

Contact: Kiel Rhodes at krhod054@cccc.edu



SAVE THE DATE!

**2nd Annual Kars for Kids
Charity Car Show**

Presented by the Wake Forest Optimist Club

Saturday, September 17, 2022

at The Market of Wake Forest

Bigger, better, more awards, more fun!