

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



One of Cars at the old Orange County Speedway. Closed in 1965

August 2022

Issue 08

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1. Events Calendar

Triangle 2022 Events Calendar: **NOTE LOCATION OF THIS MEETING**

The Village Grill will be the location of fall meetings in September, October, and November. Food is very good and reasonably priced. Good selection!

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA

Meeting Date: September 15, 2022

Meeting Location: The Village Grill in Lafayette Village – 8470 Honeycutt Road (1.5 miles south of I-540 on Falls of Neuse Rd and Honeycutt Rd. Faces the intersection and has a grassy area in front)

Zoom link: The board has discontinued the Zoom link on regular meetings going forward.

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule:

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

6:45pm to 7:15pm: Business meeting – Likely discussion will be Hosting the Regional car show

7:15pm to 8:00pm: Presentation – TBD

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

SUMMER READING – PLEASE review the Triangle Chapter Board Meeting Notes and provide comments.

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 am very happy to hear the Triangle Chapter car show was a success. I read all the e-mails I was copied on and viewed all the pictures and videos on the internet. I wish I could have been there. I want to thank all who helped with the show.

Dan did an amazing job organizing, coordinating and communicating all the activities to make it a success.

When I was informed by the doctors that I needed surgery, I asked if I had any "wiggle room" on the date for the surgery as I had some commitments such as the car show.

The response was to get the surgery done as soon as possible...don't mess around.

The surgery performed on me is commonly called CABG. Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting. I had four bypass grafts on arteries that had 70% blockage.

I am slowly getting back into doing things but the strength and stamina is still not there. I have been going to rehab for a month and have two more months to go. It is helping greatly.

Hopefully I will be good for another 300,000 miles. I have taken all the toys out to the monthly Sanford cruise-in and Pittsboro cars and coffee except the Barracuda (mainly because it is sitting on the lift). I need to get it down and work on rebuilding the dual point distributor.

I want to thank all who called/e-mailed me or Kimberley or sent me a get-well card. It was very much appreciated. See you at the next meeting.

Mike

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

By Randy N Robertson

1. Remember the location of our meeting changed for the next few meetings. Hope all have enjoyed the Summer so far. Just a few short weeks till our September meeting. See you there!
2. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
3. Alas the progress on the 53' has all but disappeared over the last 30 days. The project took a back burner to work and family priorities. Hopefully this will change in the near future.
4. Linda and I did manage to hike a hidden NC gem. More on the Old Orange County Speedway in a future newsletter.
5. Thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures and articles. Could use some more Parting Shots, Articles & Car of the Month suggestions.
6. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

4. Acknowledgements, Announcements & Thank You

And with no further ado... last month's Quiz winner is! [Mike Petersen](#)

Not only did he correctly identify all vehicles including the obscured car, his expert and Xray eyes spotted the 1955 Dodge parked out back AND the 1955 Chevrolet sitting on blocks in the rear parking lot.



Wow!

From the left 1956 Buick, 1954 Studebaker, 1957 Ranchero, 1952 Studebaker, 1953 Ford and the obscure car is 1956 Ford.

Let the fact checking begin!

As reported by Riley Reiner

Triangle Chapter has an invitation to do the Take Apart T at the Region Fall Meet in Spencer. Jack Harris, the Furnitureland Chapter President and a National Director, extended the invitation to us for our consideration. The meet is September 17th, which is also the fall Horseless Carriage Tour in Clinton.

We need a minimum of eight-line workers. I will volunteer to tow the car and can carry three additional people. Triangle will be compensated for our efforts. If you were planning on attending the fall meet and showing your car, we could use you.

If you register a car, you receive free admission to the NC Transportation Museum which is outstanding.

If you are interested, please contact Riley Reiner to express your interest.

I would like to give Jack Harris **an answer by early August.**

UPDATE 08-14-2022

As of the end of the ice cream social, we have seven volunteers to do the Take Apart T show at the Region Fall Meet in Spencer on September 17th.

I will let everyone know the schedule on show time(s). The following have given me a tentative approval but we need at least two or three more.

1. Dan Fuccella
2. Ken Powell
3. Jim Gill
4. Floyd Barnes
5. Brian Wingler
6. Don Aikin
7. Colin Wimmer

Please call or email me if you interested pending your wife's approval.

This is a good opportunity to highlight the Triangle Chapter.

Thanks, Riley

As reported by Andrea Irby

We have had an exciting request for antique cars to be part of the Raleigh Medal of Arts Award ceremony for extraordinary achievement in the practice or support of local arts.

The event will take place at Theatre in the Park on Pullen Road near NC State on Thursday, October 20 from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Cars are requested for a "red carpet" style photoshoot and delivery of the honored guests.

We need 7 cars.

One car will hold the host.

One car will hold two awardees nominated as a pair.

One car will need to hold 3 people if possible.

The remaining four cars will hold one awardee unless there is room for their spouse and the spouse is attending.

One group of awardees, will arrive in walking formation at the end of the cars.

Drivers and their cars are needed only for the photo shoot and a short ride from that area to the front of the theatre. Again, think red carpet experience and delivery. Awardees will get themselves to the event and park in the parking lot.

Once the awardees are dropped off, we are free to leave or are welcome to stay for the show. Please let me know if you are interested. I need to give them a response by August 17.

Many thanks!

Andrea

Andrea Irby
919 815 1355

At last reporting this event may not have enough participation. Check with Andrea for any updates.

As reported by Dan Fuccella

The Capstone Event Group is promoting the City of Oaks Marathon on Sunday November 6th.

We are invited to participate along the route as one of the groups that cheers the runners on.

Dan Fuccella is Point of Contact for this event and then have opportunities for short and long periods of time to cheer.

Contact by Dan by the end of August if interested in participating.

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As reported by Randy N Robertson

All future submittals to the Newsletter must include a written statement that the images or article is owned by "_____" and their express permission is given to use in the AACA Triangle Chapter newsletters, Website, Facebook, Instagram and all other social media. This permission is perpetual but may be revoked with written notice. Thanks for your cooperation.

5. Worthy Car Events – Send me your submittals

August 20th and 21st – Warbirds Rides at the Raleigh Executive Jetport. There may cash discounts for AACC and BCA members. If interested contact Courtney Johnston.

The Capital Wing of the Commerative Air Force is holding a fly-in at Raleigh Executive Airport on US 1 S between Apex & Sanford on Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21st.

They are bringing in 3-4 WWII era planes and offering rides as their main fund-raiser. The star of the show is a WWII Navy TBM Avenger torpedo bomber, like the one "Daddy" George Bush flew.

That's the one I'm looking forward to seeing.

Harlow [Courtney's 1939 Buick Special] & I will be working there on Sunday, so come out to see us, drive your classic cars, and fly in a classic airplane.

<https://www.capitalwingwarbirdrides.org/>

Where will you go on September 17th?

September 17th, 2022 – Fall Horseless Carriage Tour – Members only event for cars built before 1927. The tour is based out of Clinton

September 17th, 2022 – NC Regional Fall Meet- in Spencer, NC – We have been asked to perform a Take-A-Part T demonstration. Please consider volunteering for this event. Riley Reiner is spearheading the effort and is agreed to tow the car and carry three people. A minimum of eight are needed.

September 17th, 2022 - Kars for Kids

See section below for additional upcoming regional shows!



6. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes 06-16-2022

As reported by Dean Tryon – **No meeting in July so reprint of the June notes.**

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

1. **NEW** – Aug 14 - **Ice cream social** at Tom Pruett's home in Durham (near Leesville Rd, Brier Creek and I-540. Jean Soehnlein will help coordinate.
2. **NEW** – Our fall meetings will be held at the Village Grill on Sept 15, Oct 21 and Nov 17.
3. A summer Board meeting will be set up by Dan Fuccella.
4. Possible October display at Oak View County Park as part of their Heritage Days. Riley will check on the date.
5. Dec 4 – Annual Christmas party. Jean Soehnlein organizing.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was attended by 24 people in person at the Village Grill in N Raleigh plus 2 on ZOOM.
2. Dan reported that Mike Hess is up and around but still getting his strength back after open heart surgery.
3. Greg Lane attended as a guest and possible new member.
4. Ken Powell reported the membership is at 83 families and the treasury is at \$**redacted**.
5. The consensus was that the Village Grill was a great meeting place for location, food quality, service and the private room facilities. We will hold our fall meeting at this location (dates are above). If any of the attendees have feedback on this site, please let Dan or Dean know.
6. At the NC Region meeting, we were asked to host the 2023 NC Region meet. One possible location is downtown Cary in conjunction with their Wheels on Academy. Since our show is for AACA members only, non-members could be next door at the Cary event. The Board will consider it further but it appears to be an interesting concept.
7. Tom Pruett will host a summer ice cream social on 8/14 (rain date 8/21). Details will come out later.
8. Denny Oestreich discussed the Pruitt Health show on 6/11 with 5 cars attending.
9. Dean discussed the Verena retirement home show also on 6/11. There were 23 cars signed up – mostly non AACA members. Dean has accumulated a list of about 40 car owners in the Wake Forest/N. Raleigh area who have participated in several Wake Forest shows. Most are not AACA members but we can utilize this list for other shows as needed.
10. The program was a presentation by **Majestic Solutions** (Raleigh, Charlotte and High Point locations). It was a very interesting and detailed discussion on techniques and products to wash and dry our classic vehicle to achieve the highest possible gloss. It included air drying via a high flow blower, use of clay bars and tires cleaning.

Majestic Solutions has been a long-time sponsor of our spring shows and have products for our raffles. Joe Parsons presented a plaque as a token of our appreciation. They are located at 3907 New Bern Ave. in Raleigh.

7. Membership Efforts!

As reported by Dan Fuccella (continued publishing of this **important** message)

Thanks for your willingness to display our new windshield placard (attached) at last week's Triangle Chapter Car Show. Our intent is to display these at other car events that we attend - particularly non-AACA events.

I did not keep track of which of your placards I retrieved from you all at the end of last Saturday's show.

- If you still have one in your possession and feel that you will have an opportunity to display it at other events this year, please let me know and hang on to it.
- If you still have one in your possession but think that you will probably not have an opportunity to display it at other events this year, kindly let me know, and we can make arrangements for me to get it back from you to distribute to someone that could display it.
- Either way, please let me know.
- **I SAW QUITE OF FEW OF THESE PLACARDS AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEEMS THEY ARE CATCHING ON**

Membership is a Bargain at \$70.00 per year!

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

The Triangle Chapter Board approved a Lifetime Membership availability of \$200.00 for the Triangle Chapter. Details forthcoming.

Recruitment effort suggestions are welcome!

Ken Powell and Randy Robertson are discussing way to simplify and revise our Membership/Renewal Application

WE HOPE THIS TO BE A SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROJECT

8. Courtney Johnston's FAMOUS HARLOW'S recent Zoolander Trip

As reported by Courtney Johnston

Gentlemen,

I thought you might be interested to learn of Harlow's recent trip to the AACA Regional event at Zooland.

The biggest accomplishment, was this was Harlow's longest trip ever, 163 miles! I made it on 1 tank of gas (12.5 gal) for a new record high 13 mpg. Hard to start cold, but she pulled strong and steady all day.

I met David Clark, who has an immaculate 1941 Buick Super Phaeton Convertible, just like the one featured in the recent Hemmings Classic Cars, only David's is a beautiful shade of blue. It a AACA Grand National Senior something winner, and is perfection. The first car like that I have ever been close to. The other original pre-war was a real clean 1940 Ford Tudor.

The Zoolander's are very friendly, hospitable people and they run a good show in a small park downtown.

It was packed at about 150 cars. It's a show worth travelling to.

Since there were only 3 original pre-war cars, guess who won 2nd place? David got Best in Show, the Ford was 1st and Harlow got 2nd. Pics enclosed. Harlow also won the "Longest distance driven" award. A real accomplishment for an 85-year-old car.

"When Better Cars are Built....." For a Guy who doesn't want to deal with trophies, this Guy sure has a big smile!

Keeping One Old Buick on the Road,

Courtney

Photos Courtesy of Courtney Johnston

Courtney sure had a fine day!

Beautiful Blue



I like that green



Trophy Time



9. The 2022 Ice Cream Social

Photos by Randy Robertson and Dean Tryon

Boy oh Boy did I eat too much!

What a fine turn out.

Many Thanks to Tom and Debbie Pruett for opening their lovely home in such a gracious manner.



The Display Garage



A work in progress



Wonderful Day to bring out the Toys



Ice Cream with all the fixins



Fun for Young and Old



Seconds anyone?



Too stuffed to smile?



And my cookie recipe is



View of the Ponderosa

10. 2022 Triangle Chapter Officers

Officers

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

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Committee Chairs

Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)
Newsletter Editor – Randy N Robertson (919-422-9487)
Webmaster - Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)
Youth Coordinator - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
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
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13. NC Region 2022 Calendar Below

NC Region AACA 2022 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City		Notes
September 8 -	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets' Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 10 -	Sentimental Tour	Buzzards Breath	Gettysburg, PA	NAT	(For 1928 - 1958)
September 17	<i>NC Region Fall Meet</i>	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	also Fall of 2023, '25, & '27
September 18 -	Reliability Tour	Kyana Region	Shepherdsville, KY	NAT	(For 1915 & older)
September 24	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
September 25 -	Glidden Tour	New Jersey Region	Princeton, NJ	NAT	(For 1942 & older)
TBD	<i>NC Region Annual Cruise-</i>			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 Tryon from Robert Levy, a fellow Buick Club of America member.

Safety Alert

I have a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado that I have had since 1993. It's in good shape and I drive it maybe 3-4 times a month. I just experienced a bad night where my battery actually exploded. Here are the details just for everyone to be aware:

I keep a battery tender on the battery. Last night I decided to go to the grocery store so I disconnected the battery tender (Quick disconnect) and proceeded to start the car. It started, but I felt that it cranked over a little slower than normal of a cold start for this car.

Nonetheless, I drove to the grocery store and went in then came back out. About 15min.

1. Tried to start the car, one of those dreadful sounds of a dead battery. Tried a few times cranking the car and nothing.
2. At this point I lifted the hood and looked around. I saw a small whisper of white smoke coming from the corner of the battery. It lasted a few seconds then stopped. (My first mistake, should have paid more attention to that)
3. I had a neighbor try to jump start the car, that did not work
4. Called a tow truck, we towed it to my house
5. Tow-truck driver asked if he could try to use his jump box to start it. I said sure. It started right up. It ran for 10min (idle) while I did paper work with the driver.
6. Parked the car in the garage and turned it off
7. Neighbor came over and said let's make sure it wasn't the Alternator that had gone bad. So, he brought over his voltmeter
8. At this point, I'm in the car, the hood is shut.
9. I turn it over and KA-BOOM!@!! The battery exploded.
10. There was no fire, it blew off the top cover of the battery and bowed the sides.
11. The battery is 10+ years old and was a SEARS DIEHARD, which it really did.

I wanted to pass this along just to say that the battery exploded and if I was looking over the top of the battery while jumping the car, this would be a very different story. I am very lucky and counting my blessings.

15. Triangle Chapter Summer Board Meeting Minutes

As Reported by Dan Fuccella – [Reprint in case you missed it.](#) [Have you signed up?](#)

Triangle Chapter AACA 2022 Summer Board Meeting
Meeting Date: 2:00pm June 26, 2022
Location: Fuccella Home, Cary, NC

Attendees:

George Ashley:	Board Member 2022-2023
Tom Pruitt:	Board Member 2020-2022
Brian Wingler:	Board Member 2020-2022
Dan Fuccella:	Vice President
Ken Powell:	Treasurer
Denny Oestreich:	Webmaster/Historian
Joe Parsons:	Marketing

Discussion Items

- 1) Possibly hosting the 2023 NC Region AACA Spring meet.
 - a) The NC Region is currently inviting its member Chapters to bid on hosting the 2023 NC Region AACA Spring meet. Bids are to be presented to the NC Region Board no later than the NC Region 2022 Fall Meet. Selection of the winning bid will be made at or shortly after the NC Region Board meeting held on September 17, 2022. No bids have been tendered to date.
 - b) The Triangle Chapter has a long-standing history of hosting NC Region Meets, thereby much experience.
 - c) Participation in a NC Region Meet is restricted to AACA Members, with 25 year or older vehicles that qualify for AACA categories (i.e.: Authentic, Historic Preservation, and Driver Participation). There are no classes for owner-modified vehicles other than qualified historic competition vehicles.
 - d) Judging is coordinated by the NC Region. All NC Region Members are asked to participate in the judging/evaluation process which follows AACA National guidelines.

The Triangle Chapter AACA approved further exploration into the possibility of bidding on the 2023 NC Region Spring Meet.

- 2) Potential locations for the 2023 Triangle Chapter Spring Meet (possibly for the 2023NC Region Spring Meet) Choices:
 - a) **Hendrick Center, Wake Tech North Campus:**
 - i) Pluses: Nice sheltered Registration location and opportunity to tour the new facility. Nice bathrooms.
 - ii) Minuses: Difficult to find. Very little spectator traffic. Anticipated fee of ~\$600 next time.
 - b) **Briar Creek Shopping Center & North Hills Shopping Center:**
 - i) Pluses: Lots of space. Possibility of some spectator traffic.
 - ii) Minuses: Shopping Center administrators are getting increasingly difficult to work with (many rules, security requirements). Area businesses object to use of their patron's parking spaces.
 - c) **Oak View County [Heritage] Park on Pool Road:**
 - i) Pluses: Nice grass parking area. Country setting.
 - ii) Limited spectator traffic

d) Academy Street, Cary, NC.:

- i) The opportunity has been presented for the Triangle Chapter to hold its Spring Meet in conjunction with the *Wheels on Academy* Car Show held every spring on south Academy Street in Cary, NC. This spring, the one-day event drew over 150 vehicles, and more significantly, well in excess of 500 spectators. Next year's *Wheels on Academy* is scheduled for May 20, 2023.
- ii) In discussions with the Town of Cary Events Coordinator, it was determined that a 50-space parking lot adjacent to Academy Street plus approximately 20 spaces on Academy Street could be made available for use by the Triangle Chapter during the *Wheels on Academy* event. Based on recent NC Region Meets, 70 spaces should be sufficient for such an event.
- iii) It was proposed at Triangle Chapter Board Meeting that with proper promotion and signage, the NC Region Meet should draw a considerable percentage of the *Wheels on Academy* spectators.
- iv) The Academy Street location offers convenient access to area restaurants and other Cary downtown shops and attractions; perhaps helping to draw AACA participants to the Meet.
- v) One potential obstacle is the requirement that all *Wheels on Academy* vehicles be in place by 9:00am. We will work on this with the Town of Cary, as all of our vehicles will be located in a fairly concentrated area near the south entry to Academy Street. There is a first-class hotel on Academy Street in the midst of the event location for AACA participants who might prefer to arrive the evening before the event.
- vi) The following points were discussed with Ashby Armistead, NC Region President on a telephone conversation with Dan Fuccella regarding the concept of holding the 2023 NC Region Spring Meet on May 20, 2023, in conjunction with Cary's *Wheels on Academy* event.
 - (1) Ashby did not think the May 20, 2023, date would present a problem. The only pertinent AACA event currently scheduled for that date is the Eastern Spring Nationals in Gettysburg, PA which would probably not draw a significant number of local AACA participants. Another potential date conflict could be with the Morehead City, NC Chapter which has not yet scheduled a local meet for that date.
 - (2) Trailer parking: Ashby indicated the need for parking of a few participant trailers. The Town has indicated they have suitable locations to accommodate trailers in town. We will be exploring possible locations, including the Cary Arts Center parking lot, located 200 yards from the show field.
 - (3) Ashby indicated a need for a meeting room to hold the NC Region Spring 2023 Board Meeting to be held the morning of the Meet. We have identified three potential appropriate meeting room locations within 200 yards of the show field.

The Triangle Chapter AACA approved further exploration into the possibility of holding its Spring 2023 Car Show (possibly the NC Region 2023 Spring Meet) in conjunction with the Town of Cary's May 20, 2023, *Wheels on Academy* car show.

- 3) Zoom access to Triangle Chapter Members Meetings: On the basis of a diminishing level of Member engagement via Zoom (only 2 families attended the June meeting via Zoom, while 23 Members attended that meeting in person), **it was decided to discontinue offering Zooming as an option. Emphasis will be placed on offering programs and other activities of greater interest as a means of engaging Members.**
- 4) Possible Triangle Chapter Cruise-In/Display at Oakview Heritage Park fall of 2022:
 - a) **The Chapter is interested in pursuing this opportunity to bring the members together.**
 - b) **Oakview Heritage Park will be contacted to assess the possibility of holding a Triangle Chapter event in conjunction with the Park's Fall Heritage Festival.**
- 5) Offer of Life Membership in Triangle Chapter: **It was approved to offer the option of obtaining a lifetime membership in the Triangle Chapter AACA for the price of \$200.00.** Please note that this does not affect the dues requirements for the NC Region or AACA National.

- 6) Membership Involvement: The group discussed the apparent diminishing participation of our **Members in Triangle Chapter events** – planning, execution, and attendance.
- a) The primary focus was on the types of the events: Are we focusing on the types of events that interest our members?
 - i) Membership Meetings: Location, format, program topics.
 - ii) Cruise-ins/Tours: Destinations, routes, format, suitability.
 - iii) Car shows: Location, format, dates
 - b) **Committees**: The idea was presented that we might build Member engagement if we formed sub-committees to concentrate on, oversee, and recruit helpers for the various types of events, for example:
 - i) Social Committee
 - ii) Car Show Committee
 - iii) Cruise-in/Tour Committee
 - iv) Take-Apart-T Committee
 - v) Membership Committee
 - vi) Program Committee
 - c) Obviously, this would require participation of a lot of Members – but that is the point – providing Members the opportunity to participate in the Chapter and engage with other Members. This concept will have to be fleshed out and presented to the Membership at large.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm with the acknowledgement that there is much work to be done both on planning upcoming events and engaging our Membership. Membership input is strongly requested.

16. The Parting Shot

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming!



Oconocchee Mountain Park – Orange County Speedway – Worth the trip-

Till next month

Randy N Robertson



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!