

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Frank Taff's American LaFrance Fire Engine mounted on a 1913 Ford Model T Chassis in Madison Indiana

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Issue 12

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1. Events Calendar

Triangle 2023 Events Calendar: NOTE LOCATION OF THIS MEETING IS TBD

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA

Meeting Date: SUNDAY January 15, 2023

Meeting Location: TBD

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

Please plan on attending in person.

Event Schedule: NOTE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESENTATION AND BUSINESS TIME SLOTS MAY SWITCH.

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

4:00pm to 4:30pm: Business meeting

4:30pm to 5:00pm: Program Presentation-Kimberley Hess will lead a participation game of:

“In your seat” SCAVENGER HUNT. See section 4 below for details

NC Region 2023 Calendar Events Planned – See section 5 below

AACA National Events Calendar – UPDATED LINK FOR 2023!

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2023. The 2023 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

2. President's Message

By Mike Hess

When I was asked to be President and accepted, I had no idea how it would play out for the next three years.

If I remember correctly, we held an in-person membership meeting in January, cancelled the February meeting do to weather and then the pandemic hit.

To keep the chapter functioning, we had internet ZOOM meetings each month. When it looked like we could begin meeting in person, we found out our old meeting place, the Golden Corral had closed permanently.

After much searching, we began meeting at a new location in Cary and used ZOOM for those folks who did not want to meet in person. We have since held meetings in a new location and will plan meetings at other locations as they are deemed appropriate.

Longtime member and Secretary/Treasurer Marv Gage sold all his cars and moved to Georgia. In addition, another longtime member, Denny Oestreich needed to give up the Newsletter Editor position. Those very important positions were filled by Ken Powell and Randy Robertson respectfully and are doing a great job.

We cancelled our annual car show for 2020, postponed and then cancelled our car show for 2021 because of the pandemic.

In April 2022, I had open heart surgery and missed several membership meetings and events including the Chapter's 2022 car show.

I want to thank Vice President Dan Fuccella for filling in for me and also for keeping the club functioning through those pandemic years.

At the November membership meeting, Jim Gill volunteered (and was accepted) to be President for 2023 as there were no nominees for the position.

I am honored to have been your President for the past three years but like I previously said, I had no idea how it would play out the way it did.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mike

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

By Randy N Robertson

1. The Holidays are just around the corner and I woefully unprepared. As always!
2. Hope all had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party.
3. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
4. Still waiting on the title to arrive for the 53'. NCDOT and did not missing sending me the tax billing despite waiting for title going on 3 months.
5. Thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures, and articles. Could use some more Parting Shots, Articles & Car of the Month suggestions.
6. As special thanks to Bob Gahr & Roger Burbage for sending in a ton of pictures from the Chick Fil A Display
7. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

4. Acknowledgements, Announcements & Thank You

As reported by Kimberley Hess

Stuff your pockets, fill your wallet and load your purses! Our program for January is going to be an "in your seat" SCAVENGER HUNT!

Each table will get a list of common and unusual items, and a few automotive items thrown in for good measure. Using your wallet, purse, or pockets you will check off what you have. The table with the most points will win a prize!

Similar to what Monty Hall used to ask for in Let's Make a Deal (who carries around a hard-boiled egg with them) this will be lots of fun, and even a little bit of competitive spirit between tables.

Want a hint.....be sure someone at your table has a postage stamp! You just got one point!

In addition, if you haven't put away your ugly sweater yet, feel free to wear it to the meeting.

See you in January!

As Reported by Helen DiPietro for the Sponsorship Committee

The sponsorship committee met today (11-12-22), and we put down the following costs of sponsorship per item:

- Banner-\$50
- Regional newsletter-\$60
- Trophy/plaque-\$35
- Triangle chapter newsletter-\$35
- t-shirt (if we find a sponsor to cover the cost) \$15
- 1/2 page ad in regional newsletter-\$250

We will have four levels of sponsorship

- \$150 car show only- name on banner and trophy/plaque.
- \$250 Silver level- name on banner, trophy/plaque, ad in triangle newsletters, and name announced by DJ every hour during meet
- \$500 Gold level- all as in silver plus ad in regional newsletter and mentions on Facebook pages.
- \$2,000 PLATINUM level- all as in Gold. Plus 1/2 ad in regional newsletter. And sponsorship of either hospitality or T-shirts or take-a-part-T.

Joe and Warren will solicit their local contacts, I will solicit corporate sponsors and Tom will fill in as necessary.

I spoke with Marilee about hospitality. She is anxious to see if I can get a sponsor for hospitality and will be thrilled if I can. We will provide a free breakfast meal to volunteers and participants in the morning.

We also worked on the show flyer, Joe is checking on times for registration and then we should have everything ready to go by 12-1

Advertising and marketing committee can begin to distribute flyers and articles to Triangle and Regional newsletters as soon as they can after 12-01-22.

I am also going to request a block of hotel rooms to be set aside for AACA members traveling to the meet.

As Reported by Dean Tryon

The Carburetor Tech Sessions continue with six previously completed classes.
A shortened version of the class will be held on January 14, 2023, during the NC Region Annual meeting in Raleigh.

As reported by Andrea Irby- CONTINUED PUBLISHING TO ALLOW FURTHER INPUT

Andrea is involved with helping to revitalize the Town of Weldon, NC. This is an exciting opportunity for her as one of four founders.

As result she found that she has so much on her plate, that finding time to keep it all up will soon result in somethings suffering.

ASAP, she would like to be replaced as the Facebook & Instagram Social Media guru.

Andrea recognizes the importance of maintaining a Social Media presence, especially with one of primary goals of recruiting and relating to younger members.

She is working on a plan and strategy to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Please consider stepping up this important position.

Andrea will work with you or even a pair of you to help kick it off.

As reported by Randy N Robertson

All future submittals to the Newsletter must be 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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

5. Worthy Car Events – Send me your submittals

January 13th and 14th, 2023- NC Region Annual Membership Meeting in Raleigh

May 20, 2023 – Triangle Chapter presents 2023 NC Region Spring Meet – **Feature page including flyer starting in 2023**

See section attached below for additional upcoming regional shows! Updated 2023 Schedule

6. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes 11-20-2022

AACA Meeting Notes 11/20/2022

Action Items -- These items need [your response](#) if you are interested. More details in the newsletter.

1. Dec 4 – **Christmas party**. **Jean Soehnlein** organizing. Deadline is Nov 28 for your paid reservation to Ken Powell, 4513 Wood Valley Dr, Raleigh, 27613, 919-676-9461. **Seating is limited to the first 45 reservations.**
2. **AACA membership renewals are due.** You can pay Ken Powell directly for National, Region and Triangle Chapter (\$70) and he will distribute to National and the Region.
3. Jan 13-14 – **NC Region annual** meeting at the Ramada Inn in Raleigh on Blue Ridge Rd. (Dean and Ted Brooks will be presenting a 45 min *Carburetors 101* presentation.)
4. 5/20/23 – **NC Region** Meet in Cary. More info below.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was attended by 27 people at the **Village Grill** in N Raleigh. Wilson Fausel was in attendance for the first time in a while. Welcome.
2. Ken Powell reported the **membership** is at 83 families and the **treasury** is at \$7500.
3. Helen DiPietro is heading up the 2023 NC Region meet on **May 20** that will be in conjunction with our local meet and the Cary Wheels on Academy. Her report included:
 - a. Sponsorships – 4 levels have been established at \$150, \$250, \$500 and \$2500. Each level has increasing PR and other benefits.
 - b. Hotel rooms have been blocked out at the Mayton in Cary and the Hampton. The hold is good thru 4/28
 - c. Trophies – Jim Gill
 - d. Take A part T – Riley Reiner. One show is planned.
 - e. All of us can help with finding sponsors.
 - f. More details are in the newsletter.

7. Marathon Motors Museum Nashville TN

- Small and quite interesting when in Nashville stop in. Directed across from American Pickers Antique Archaeology store





8. Chick Fil A Display

As reported by Bob Gahr and Roger Burbage

My understanding is this was a highly successful year and special thanks go out to **Jack Agayoff**







9. Walnut Street Fire Station Museum

As reported by Randy N Robertson

Linda and my latest travels to took us to Madison Indiana.

Coined by Charles Kuralt as “The most beautiful river town in America” and we agree. A charming and bustling downtown catering to the river boat tourist and road trekkers in middle America.

We toured the Walnut Street Fire Station, now a museum run owned and run by Frank Taff and his wife.

Actually, the Station is still active only in a modern building away from the museum and Frank is still a volunteer firefighter.

Open hyperlink:

[History – Walnut St. Fire Co #4 \(firecompany4.com\)](http://firecompany4.com)

There are avid collectors of all the fire equipment.

The few pictures I took do not do the museum justice. So for those firetruck collectors in our club this is the bucket list must do!



10. 2023 Triangle Chapter Officers

Officers

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

Board of Directors

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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 – Helen DiPietro

Officer Elections were held in the November 2022 meeting

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

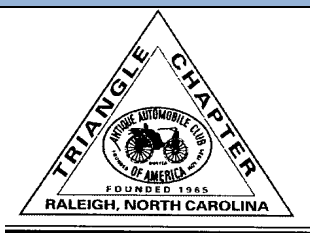
Andrea Irby is updating our Triangle Facebook page. Please have a look, "Like" the page and give her suggestions or information for the pages.

- 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



2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Antique Automobile Club of America
North Carolina Region
Triangle Chapter AACA

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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

- I have paid my 2023 dues directly to AACA National in Hershey.
- I am a life member of the National AACA

NORTH CAROLINA REGION AACA: Annual dues \$15 *Required for membership in Chapter*

- I have paid my 2022 dues directly to the NC Region
- I am a life member of the NC Region

TRIANGLE CHAPTER: Annual Dues \$10

- I am a life member of the Triangle Chapter

Please Make Checks payable to: TRIANGLE CHAPTER AACA Total Submitted \$ _____

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

Mail To: Ken Powell
4513 Wood Valley Dr
Raleigh, N.C. 27613

Phone: 919-638-0756
Email: kgp8888@gmail.com

You only need to fill in any information below that is different from your 2022 directory listing

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Primary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Secondary: Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

13. NC Region 2023 Calendar Below

NC Region AACA 2023 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City	Notes
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2023 attached

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 Randy N Robertson (with a little help from the internet)



Don't we all wish our shops are this tidy!

Lock up those hazardous materials. Keep them out of the way of curious Children and Grandkids.

15. 1956X Buick Carburetor

As Reported by Dean Tryon for Don Mayton

Buick 56X Carburetor Restoration
by Don Mayton

While the volunteers here in cold Michigan are working on the Buick 56X restoration, down in balmy North Carolina, Dean Tryon is restoring four YH Carter side draft carburetors. He has put together a process for doing this which he has passed the first of four carburetors through.

- 1) Inspect to determine what needs to be done.
- 2) Thoroughly clean the carburetor.
- 3) Disassemble and inspect components.
- 4) Replace parts if necessary.
- 5) Assemble.
- 6) Paint.
- 7) Test by running on an engine.

When Dean rebuilt the carburetor for the Futurliner he went through this same process. When it came to the last step he checked his 1959 Buick and discovered that the bolt hole location of the Futurliner's carburetor was identical to a 1959 Buick carb's location. So, he mounted the Futurliner carburetor on his '59 Buick and that is how he did the test operation.

One thing Dean discovered during the inspection part of the process was that I had sent him two YH Carter's with automatic chokes and two carburetors with manual chokes. After talking to CD we made an exchange and sent Dean two more YH Carters with the automatic choke operation which the 1954 Wildcat engine used.

To test each of the four choke springs, to make sure they operated at the same temperature, Dean simply took the springs to his wife's kitchen, put them in the oven, and turned on the oven and they all operated at about 250 F.

The next step was to install each carburetor on a vehicle to see if one of the rebuilds was actually working. The only car that Dean had that might work for this was his 1929 Buick with an up draft Marvel carburetor. There was no way they would bolt on, so Dean decided to build a very inexpensive intake manifold out of wood and a PVC plumbing elbow. He told me about his idea and the only thing I could think of was a crazy scientist.

While sitting in my easy chair one evening a few days before Christmas the phone rings and I could see it was Dean's number on the caller ID. When I picked it up, I could hear a lot of noise and finally I figured out it was an engine running. I could tell it was not a V-8 so I asked what was running and Dean stated he was testing that first carburetor on his 1929 Buick!
Yes, the mad scientist is at work!! Following is Dean's words with the photos:

"Here are 2 photos of the installation today. I got it to fire up and run briefly but I needed Les (Dean's wife) to crank it while I worked the choke and throttle manually. I had it running twice." But it proves Dean's idea for testing MIGHT not be hair-brained after all.
We will see. The situation is that we do not know whether these carbs worked in 1956 on this engine without recalibration.

Editor's Note: While carburetor adaptors (usually sold in kit form) are not unusual, Dean's approach certainly was. Adaptors range from \$20 to over \$250 but these are meant to be permanent. Dean only needed to "try it" to see if it would meter fuel or not. Making the adaptor kit from wood and plastic materials one would find in the wood shop and plumbing box was, without a doubt, quite novel.

One can only help but wonder if this is typical of the way engineer's think or this is old school thinking?

16. You might be driving a Junker

As reported by Mike Petersen

You Might be Driving a Junker (Part 1)

If the homeless guy on the corner throws dollar bills in your window you might be driving a junker.

If the value of your car increases when you fill up, you might be driving a junker.

If you have the auto parts store on speed dial you might be driving a junker.

If the repair shop knows you and your car by your telephone voice you might be driving a junker.

If the salvage yard refuses to take your car you might be driving a junker.

If you carry oil by the gallon and add oil without checking the dip stick, you might be driving a junker.

If your friend wants to borrow your car and it takes more than 5 minutes to explain how to operate it you might be driving a junker.

If you need to use a kitchen gadget instead of the ignition key, you might be driving a junker.

If your neighbors, make book on your timely return from Wal-Mart you might be driving a junker.

If you are afraid to wax your car because it might remove the paint, you might be driving a junker.

If you offer to drive and no one takes you up on it you might be driving a junker.

If you need to plan for a stop or a turn at least half a block away, you might be driving a junker.

If every car you see like yours is better than yours, you might be driving a junker.

If you need to change the oil and remove the air filter element to pass emissions, you might be driving a junker.

If spring maintenance involves hosing out the interior and applying fresh duct tape you might be driving a junker.

If everyone yields right of way and waves you through intersections, you might be driving a junker.

If you use the old oil from your buddy's car you might be driving a junker.

If no one can discern the original color of your car you might be driving a junker.

17. The Parting Shot

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming! – Looks like everybody stayed in this month! **Let's skip Winter!**



Webb Pierce's 1962 Bonneville in Country Music Hall of Fame "The Six Shooter"

[Michael Webb Pierce and his Flamboyant Six Shooter Car — Small Town Big World](#)

Zoom Zoom

Till next month

Randy N Robertson

NC Region AACA 2023 Event Calendar

Last Update 10/15/22

Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
January 13 - 14	NC Region Annual Membership Meeting	NC Region	Raleigh, NC	Region	Judge's school
January 26 - 28	AACA Winter Nationals	South Florida Region	Miami, FL	NAT	
February 9 - 11	AACA National Convention	AACA National	Williamsburg, VA	NAT	
March 4	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T	*New location
April 13 - 15	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	
April 25	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Winston Salem, NC	U&T	
April 30 - May 3	AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour	East Tennessee Region	Oak Ridge, TN	NAT	1998 & earlier
May 6	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T	
May 13	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Bern	U&T	
May 18 - 20	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Gettysburg Region	Gettysburg, PA	NAT	
May 20	NC Region Spring Meet	Triangle Chapter	Cary, NC	Region	
May 20	Region Meet	Alamance Region	Burlington, NC	IPO	
June 3	Chapter Meet	San-Lee Chapter	Sanford, NC	U&T	
June 3	Region Meet	Mountaineer Region	Flat Rock, NC	IPO	
June 10	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Stoneville, NC	U&T	
June 25 - 28	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour	AACA Library	Denver, PA	NAT	1998 & earlier
July 16 - 22	AACA Founders Tour	Ontario Region	Ontario/Quebec	NAT	
July 26 - 29	AACA Special Eastern Summer Nationals	Rolling Antiquers Region	Norwich, NY	NAT	
August 6	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	
August 10 - 12	AACA Grand Nationals	Mississippi Valley Region	Bettendorf, IA	NAT	
August 12	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T	
September 7 - 9	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 16	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	Also Fall of 2023, 2025, & 2027
September 23	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
September 30	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mount Olive, NC	U&T	
October 3 - 6	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey PA	NAT	
October 14	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC	U&T	
October 22 - 27	Revival AAA Glidden Tour	VMCCA	Thomasville, PA	NAT	Pre 1943