# **Triangle Chapter Newsletter**







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# January 2022

Issue 01

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# 1. Events Calendar

Many fall car activities are replanned as groups try to get a car show planned this year. We hope you have gotten your vaccinations so that we can get back to near normal for these events. Listed in this section are some of the fall events planned.

# Triangle 2022 Events Calendar

#### **Event:**

**General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA (Update!)** 

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2022 **Meeting Location:** ZOOM - ZOOM

**Please Note:** Due to the current Covid situation and temporary closure of Rally Point due to Covid 19 exposure, our January 2022 General Membership meeting will be held **exclusively via Zoom using our usual Zoom** 

link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3547838874

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

6:30pm to 6:45pm: Zoom link will be open members' social interaction

6:45pm to 7:15pm: Business Meeting

7:15pm to 8:00pm: Membership Discussion.

Members are encouraged to participate in a general discussion on the topic of future times, dates, and locations of Membership Meetings. This is your opportunity to express your thoughts and opinions as to how, when, and where we should conduct future Membership Meetings. This will be a totally open discussion, all suggestions welcome. Please plan to attend and participate.

8:00pm to 8:15pm: General Meeting wrap-up and adjournment

# NC Region 2021 Calendar Events Planned

- See the last section of this Newsletter for a list of NC Region 2022 activities.

#### **AACA National Events Calendar**

The AACA National Shows are being scheduled for 2022. The 2022 events are listed on the AACA Website at: <a href="https://aaca.org/Meets/aaca\_calendar.html">https://aaca.org/Meets/aaca\_calendar.html</a>

# 2. President's Message

#### By Mike Hess

Happy New Year! It looks like we will be living with COVID for most or part of 2022. At least activities are not being cancelled or postponed. Let's hope it stays that way. The NC Region Winter Business meeting cancelled last year will be held January 14-15. I look forward to seeing some of you there. The board will be meeting January 16 to discuss/plan activities for the new year. If anyone would like to host an event or have an idea for an event, let me or any board member know. Right now, top priority items to resolve are our monthly meeting time/location and the chapters annual car show. As I write this article, Rally Point is temporarily closed due to an employee testing positive for COVID.

The Holiday party was again fun to go to. I want to thank Jean and her helpers on another job well done. And also, Riley for making an emergency run to obtain more ice tea and collecting all the donated toys. Denny's trivia presentation during the gift exchange was again very entertaining.

A thank you to chapter member Randy Robertson for producing the newsletter that you are reading for January.

I hope many of you have enjoyed working/playing with your old cars during the winter break. As for me, I spent one short day partly disassembling the dash on the GTX so I can get the gauge cluster out. Most of the work is laying on my back looking up under the dash with a flashlight and getting skinned knuckles. I have a long way to go. Speaking of skinned knuckles, Is the publication, "Skinned Knuckles" still around?

Stay safe and healthy.

Mike

# 3. Editor's Observations and Notes - Randy's Rants

#### By Randy N Robertson

- 1. I would like to thank Denny for his dedication to the newsletter. Including keeping the reins for a full additional year while the position was filled. I hope a stay worthy as there are some big footsteps to follow!
- 2. What a wonderful fall and early winter we have had. Spring is around the corner!
- 3. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
- 4. Remember to RSVP to attend our next regular meeting VIA Zoom January 13, 2022.
- 5. I have been reaching out to a couple shops to help with paint and body work on my 1953 Ford Customline.
- 6. Thanks for opportunity to be the Editor, will try my best to make it a publication you anticipate and fun to be involved.
- 7. Please contact me with any thing you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

# 4. Repeat of Mike Hess's 12-20-2021 Email regarding future meetings:

Since this is the topic of business for our next meeting, I thought I would insert Mike's email as a refresher for hopefully a fruitful discussion. **NOT TO LATE TO PROVIDE ADVANCE COMMENT TO MIKE** 

Due to the recently increased expressed level of discontentment with the current Triangle Chapter meeting and the fact that only 6 members attended the November meeting in person, a special meeting of the Board was held. Based on recent input from a few of our Chapter's members, the Board is giving consideration to the following ideas summarized below.

As you will see much thought was put into this process and I ask for your thoughts/ideas to be submitted to **Mike Hess** (<u>mlhess68@yahoo.com</u> and not Dean) by the end of the year. We hope to implement a change (temporary or permanent) in time and place for our Chapter's January meeting.

#### Mike Hess

#### Summary:

- 1. Alternate between three or four locations so as to provide occasional proximity for some of our far-residing members. One of my concerns is that member might only attend meeting in locations close to them; thus, splitting our chapter up into subgroups.
- 2. Hold our meetings on weekends when commuter traffic is minimal, thus encouraging members to travel to less convenient locations. Here are some member suggestions:
  - a. Most folks preferred Sunday afternoons over Saturdays where chores and errands take precedence.
  - b. The Sunday afternoon meeting time would avoid heavy traffic and provide the members with an opportunity to drive one of their antique automobiles to less convenient locations.
  - c. For some, Sunday afternoon meetings would interfere with watching or participating in sports events. Several members are discouraged from attending weekday evening meetings due to heavy traffic delays.
- 3. Meeting location suggestions and action items:
  - a. Golden Corral (Many folks have liked the Golden Corral food selection and quantity and found the price acceptable):
    - 1. 3424 Capital Blvd, Raleigh (just north of I-440) (Many folks have liked the Golden Corral food selection and quantity and found the price acceptable).

Action Item: John DiPietro to check out this location.

2. 3551 Grenelle Street, Raleigh (near the US-401 – US-70 split in Garner)

Action Item: Chet Butcher to check out this location.

b. **D&S Cafeteria**, 1177 Buck Jones Rd, Raleigh (near the intersection of I-40 and I-440). Good food & prices. In the past they have encouraged car events, some drawing 100+ vehicles. We would have to contact them to determine if they would be amenable to group meetings of 43 to 53 people on Sunday afternoons. Close week nights @ 8pm

Action Item: Jim Gill to check out.

c. Village Grill, 8470 Honeycutt Rd, Raleigh (Lafayette Village, south of Wake Forest). Dean Tryon has had several positive experiences here. Check price.

#### Action Item: Chet Butcher to check out.

d. Casa Carbone, 6019 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh (Near the closed Golden Corral) Check prices.

#### Action Item: Ken Powell to check out.

- e. "Rent" space at a church or society hall and have a meal catered. Some folks were amenable to skipping a formal meal during the meeting, and just going somewhere for dessert of refreshments.
- f. Rent/Reserve a Park Shelter (e.g., Crabtree Lake, Bond Park, etc.) and bring dish to pass. Concerns: weather, rental fee.
- 4. Additional suggestions by the Board:
  - a. If Sunday gathering, hold the event from 2pm to 4pm.
  - b. Over the course of the year, rotate the gatherings through two or more locations dispersed across the expanse of the membership.
  - c. Hold at least two meetings in a row at any one location before changing location.
  - d. Conduct an informal survey at the 2021 Holiday Party regarding the new meeting concepts:
    - 1. Which day of the week and which week of the month is preferred? 2pm to 4pm was proposed by the Board for Sunday gatherings.
    - 2. What is an average event price acceptable per gathering??
    - If Sunday gatherings; should there be a formal meeting and/or presentation at the gathering?
    - 4. Zoom questions:
      - 1. Should we continue to include a Zoom option meeting? If not, when should we discontinue the Zoom option?
        - a. Zoom pros
          - 1. No travel option for members and presenters
        - b. Zoom cons:
          - 1. Lacks interpersonal opportunity between and with presenters.
          - 2. Requires a meeting place that is appropriately outfitted for Zoom display.
        - c. Alternative concept: Hold an in-person member event each month, and a Zoom meeting with presentation at a separate time?

# 5. Worthy Car Events - Send me your submittals

### From Dean Tyron:

Last year they had 160+ cars and using the shopping center was a great venue. I was there with 3 cars. It is in Wake Forest at Capital Blvd and old 98



# SAVE THE DATE! 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

# 6. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

No December meeting.

# 7. Time to Renew your Membership!

By Ken Powell

# Your Dues may be Overdue!

It's that time of year again- Just a reminder that your dues, if you haven't paid them, were due on December 31<sup>st</sup>. No worries, we continue to collect them and look forward to seeing you back at this year's events. Note that National not so gently reminds us that participation at events at all levels of the organization require you have your dues paid at the National level.

On that thought, some of you may have received reminders from National about paying your dues, even if you had already paid them. This is partly my fault, as they sent out that note without telling me to send them the "up to the minute" list of paid members. My apologies for any confusion. I will do better in the future. I send them the records electronically to make it easier for them to update their files, but even so, they are overwhelmed at this time of year. Your understanding is appreciated.

For those who have not yet done so, please complete and return the attached renewal form to **Ken Powell** at the address listed on the bottom of the form. (*This is a change!*) The renewal form is at the back of this Newsletter. I realize that these forms seem repetitive with their information requests, but I do update our records from these. Spouses and Addresses don't change that often but phone numbers and email addresses do. Your help is appreciated. Renewals are requested as soon as possible as they are overdue.

Dues remain the same at \$45 National, \$15 NC Region and \$10 Chapter. You can write one check for all three (\$70, payable to Triangle Chapter AACA) and I will pay National and Region for you. If you wish to pay your National dues directly, that is fine; send me a check for \$25 and I will take care of the Region and Chapter dues.

With the local temperature at 75 degrees on New Year's Day, the season seems to be here already! I look forward to seeing you at events throughout 2022. Ken

See the membership dues form at the end of this Newsletter

# 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.

# 8. Asheville Car Show Food Drive 12-11-2021

I often search for local car shows when traveling. (Me car shows and Linda Horse shows)
Covid put a damper on our travels, however recently we ventured out to Philly, Wilmington, Delaware & Asheville.

More on Philly & Wilmington in future newsletters.

Our main purpose in Asheville was to see the Christmas lights during the night at Biltmore, something we had never done. Certainly, would recommend this, the NC Arboretum & Grove Park Inn Gingerbread Competition.

Now on to the Car Show. We noticed a small advertisement for a Car Show sponsored by Advanced Auto Parts benefiting the Manna Food Bank.

Despite being a rainy morning we decided drive by and check it out. To our surprise there were several cars and an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

I found the stories of the folks I spoke to interesting enough to share and certainly worthwhile as the cause was to provide food for the needy.

This event was open to all types of vehicles similar to Coffee and Cars in Morrisville.

Daniel Humphrey with his 1972 Grand Prix and Chevy C-10 Van.

Daniel is restoring the Grand Prix in Memory of Jeff Roberts, tragically killed while drag racing as teenagers.





Craig Root's 2018 BMW I-8

John Chianese's 1955 Chevy 406 Truck - The Eagle in the bed is actually fabricated into the aluminum planks.





Manna Food Bank does an excellent job in Western North Carolina reaching out to those in need.

From Right to Left Sheridan Keeler and her gang, James Rarick II and donators Bryan Stewart and Hayden Stewart.

www.mannafoodbank.org

# 9.2022 Triangle Chapter Officers

#### Officers

President – Mike Hess (916-201-3973)

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Youth Coordinator - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)

Car Show Committee Chair – Open

# 10. 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 http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/
- 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 <a href="https://www.instagram.com/nc.regionaaca/">https://www.instagram.com/nc.regionaaca/</a>

# 11. Membership Dues Renewal Form



Email: kgp8888@gmail.com

## **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 Requ	ired for membership in Region	and Chapter organizations.
My National number is	·	
I have paid my 2022 dues directly to	o AACA National in Hershey.	
NORTH CAROLINA REGION AACA: Annual o	dues \$15	
I have paid my 2022 dues directly t	o the NC Region	
TRIANGLE CHAPTER: AACA: Annual dues \$	<u>10.</u>	
Make Checks payable to: TRIANGLE CHAPTER	AACA	
Note: Above dues can be combined o	on a single check and I will forw	ard to National and Region
Mail To: Ken Powell 4513 Wood Valley Dr Raleigh, N.C. 27613 Phone: 919-638-0756		

# 12. NC Region 2022 Calendar Below

10/17/2021	<u>N</u>	NC Region AACA 2022 Event Calendar	endar		By Adhy A.
Date	Type Meet	Hest	Giv		Notes
January 14 - 15	NC Region Winter Business Mtg.	NC Region	Rakigh, NC	Region	Judge's school
February 10 - 12	AACA National Convention	AACA National	Philadelphia, PA	NAT	
February 24 - 26	AACA Winter Nationals	Cape Canawaral Region	Melboume, FL	NAT	
March 5	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T	testative
March 10 - 12	Western Spring Nationals	AACA National	Las Vegas, NV	NAT	
March 20 - 26	Founders Tour	Deep South Region	Mobile, AL / Bibxi, MS	NAT	(for 1932 - 1997)
April 7 - 9	Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	
April 17 - 23	Central Divisional Tour	Gulf Coast Region	San Antonio to LaPorte, TX	NAT	(for 1997 & earlier)
April 21 - 23	Special Winter & Grand Nationals	Puerto Rico Region.	San Juan, Puerto Rico	NAT	
April 23	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Winston-Salem, NC	U&T	tentative
April 30	Chapter Meet	Triangle	Rakigh, NC	U&T	Sentative
May 7	NC Region Spring Med	New River Chapter	Jacksonville, NC	Region	
May 14	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Born, NC	U&T	
May 19 - 21	Annual Grand Nationals	Tidewater Region	Virginia Beach, VA	NAT	
May 21	Chapter Meet	Morehead	Morehead City	U&T	tentative
May 21	Region Meet	Alamance	Barlington, NC	IPO	Sentative
May 22 - 25	Eastern Divisional Tour	Flood City Region	Johnstown, PA	NAT	(for 1997 & earlier)
May 28	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Edon, NC	U&T	tentative
Junc 4	Chapter Meet	San-Loc	Sanford, NC	U&T	lentative
June 4	Region Meet	Mountaineer Region	Hat Rock, NC	IPO	testative
June 16 - 18	Eastern Spring Nationals	White Water Region	Beckley, WV	NAT	
June 18	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T	testative
August 6	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	sentative
August 11 - 13	Central Fall Nationals	Mississippi Valley Region	East Moline, IL	NAT	
August 13	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greenshoro, NC	U&T	
September 8 - 10	Fall Charlotte Autofair	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO	
September 10 - 16	Sentimental Tour	Buzzards Breath Region	Gettysburg, PA	NAT	(for 1928 - 1958)
September 17	Chapter Meet	Sandhills	Pinchurst, NC	U&T	Sestative
September 17	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	also Fall of 2023, '25, & '27
September 24	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	testative
September 25 - 30	Glidden Tour	New Jersey Region	Princeton, NJ	NAT	(for 1942 & older)
TBD	NC Region Annual Cruise-in			Region	
October 1	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mt. Olive, NC	U&T	
October 4 - 7	Eastern Full Nationals	Hershey Region	Hersbey, PA	NAT	

# 13. Tip of the Month



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

Here is another opportunity to get your name is print.

# Send me those tips!



When you need to avoid paint in holes or threads use OSHA ear plugs.

Bag of 100 fairly inexpensive and may be used over and over.

# 14. The Parting Shot

I certainly, cannot take credit for the words "Parting Shot", I have seen this in many publications and perhaps the most memorable was **Outside Magazine**. You guys remember Magazines, right?

I used to look forward to receiving this monthly & on the back cover shot was some the most beautiful scenery in the world.

So... the challenge to all members is send in your best shot of an Automobile in an outdoor setting.

This month is not an outside setting but a personal goal reminder that my "garage ornament" still needs work and longs for the **OUTSIDE** 



Till next month

Randy N Robertson