

# Triangle Chapter Newsletter



*Joe and Betsy Parsons' Studebaker Golden Hawk See article section 15*

Car of The Month

**June 2022**

**Issue 06**

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# 1. Events Calendar

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

### Event: **General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA**

**Meeting Date:** June 16, 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 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 7:15pm: Business meeting

7:15pm to 8:00pm: Presentation – This month we are fortunate to have a member of Majestic Solutions staff bring us up to date on their auto finishing products and procedures\*

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

\* Our friends at MAJESTIC SOLUTIONS have graciously accepted our invitation come to the June 16, 2022 General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter AACA to update us on their Car Care Products, Accessories, Equipment & Training offerings.

As many of you know, Majestic Solutions is a North Carolina family owned and operated company. It was founded in the early 1990's by Murray A Todd Jr., who ran a very successful automotive tool sales company throughout North Carolina for over 40 years. They currently operate two supply stores, one in Raleigh and the other in Charlotte.

Majestic Solutions provided our membership a similar informative presentation a few years ago which was very well accepted. Please join us for this sure-to-be useful update on their product and service offerings.

Although this meeting will be accessible via our traditional Zoom link, we highly encourage our members, where possible, to take this opportunity to meet in person with fellow members, guests, as well as the folks from Majestic Solutions.

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## 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 Randy Robertson for Mike Hess**

Dan Fuccella and I were at the San Lee Car Show talking casually about the weather, great turnout and a brief discussion about Mike's recovery.

No sooner than we spoke his name, he ambles up. Quite frankly thought he looks well.

The Doc tells Mike to walk, so it might as well be at a car show!

Mike thought getting out for a few hours of judging would do him good.

Nice to see him continuing to mend!

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

By Randy N Robertson

1. Remember the location of our meeting has changes this month. See above and see you there.
2. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
3. I have plans for some forward progress on the 53' this month. The last few weekends I have made some organization changes in my shop in preparation for installation of the rear end.
4. Thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures and articles. Could use some more Parting Shots, Articles & Car of the Month suggestions.
5. Please contact me with anything you want published. [rnewr2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnewr2017@gmail.com)

## 4. Acknowledgements, Announcements & Thank You

**Be sure to ask for Autographs!**

**Our Car Show was featured in the June Issue of Walter Magazine.**

**Great photo of Dan Fuccella in the article.**

**Here is a link to the Article:**

<https://waltermagazine.com/community/raleighs-classic-cars-antique-automobiles/>

**As reported by Dean Tryon and Dan Fuccella**

Denny Oestreich was awarded for 2021 NC Region Web Master.

Trophies for our Car Show were built by Jim Gill – Thanks Jim.

Joe Parsons mentioned a 1930/31 Murry Ford Sedan for sale - \$10,000.

**As reported by Randy N Robertson**

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## 5. Worthy Car Events – Send me your submittals

**LOOKS LIKES JOHN DIPIETRO IS ROUNDING UP SUPPORT  
FOR THIS SATURDAY'S FESTIVAL AND CAR DISPLAY.**

**HEAD ON OUT IF YOU CAN!**

**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Pruitt Healthcare Community Festival & Antique Car Display – See June Newsletter – Look for report on this next month. A few attended and we put a sparkle in the eye of a few of most respected seniors!

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - Kars for Kids – See January to September Newsletters

**See section below for additional upcoming regional shows!**



## 6. Triangle Chapter Meeting Notes

As reported by Dean Tryon and Dan Fuccella

### AACA Meeting Notes 5/19/2022

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

1. May 21 – Cary **Wheels on Academy** show. Joe Parson organizing.
2. May 28 – **Piedmont Classis Chevy Car Show** – Wake County Speedway 8am-3pm. Hopefully our members will attend in appreciation of their support of our show.
3. June 11 – **Pruitt Health Festival** display – 11am-1pm. 513 East Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27608 (near Five Points). John DiPietro organizing (919-931-5306)
4. June 16, Chapter meeting, **Village Grill**, Honeycutt & Falls of Neuse Rds. (S of I-540), Raleigh. Program being developed by Dan.
5. Possible October display at **Oak View County Park** as part of their Heritage Days.
6. Dec 4 – Annual **Christmas party**. Jean Soehnlein organizing.

### Meeting Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was attended by 14 people in person at the Garner Golden Corral plus 3 on ZOOM. It was the first meeting for Ray Bader (new member) with an Avanti.
2. Membership 83 families (7 new members and 6 did not renew). The treasury is at **(redacted)**
3. No plans yet for a summer outing or ice cream social.
4. At the NC Region meeting, we were asked to host the 2023 NC Region meet. Our BOD to consider.
5. A review of our 4/30 Chapter show was the main discussion item. Dan tabulated info from members and added to it during the meeting. In summary:
  - a. Show was a success in spite of the challenges of the new location and many new volunteers in key assignments. A big THANKS to all who helped.
  - b. The show financials: **(redacted)**
  - c. Registrations: **71 cars registered. (46% authentic, 17% modifieds, 13% HPOF, 24% DPC)**

**Half of the cars at the show were Chapter members**
  - d. The list of suggestions for next years will be evaluated by next year's show committee.

## 7. Membership Efforts!

As reported by Dan Fuccella (repeating this **important** message from last month)

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.

**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!**

**Ken Powell is revising our Membership Application**



## 8. Wheels on Academy Car Show

Pictures by Randy N Robertson



*GTO at the show*

*Flatheads Forever*



*Oldsmobile*



*Nice Plymouth!*



*Linda would be stylin' behind the wheel*



*Camaro looking sharp!*

## 9. The San Lee Car Show!

Random Photos by Randy Robertson



*Ranchero is one of my Favorites*



*One Clean Ranchero!*



*Who is that Ford Guy!*



*This Ford is a Beauty - Home Restored*



*Flathead!*



*Sharp looking Driver*



## 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)

### Board of Directors

#### 2022-2023

George Ashley	919-268-5483	<a href="mailto:gashley1@nc.rr.com">gashley1@nc.rr.com</a>
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#### 2020-2022

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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

4513 Wood Valley Dr

Raleigh, N.C. 27613

Phone: 919-638-0756

Email: [kgp8888@gmail.com](mailto:kgp8888@gmail.com)

# 13. NC Region 2022 Calendar Below

## NC Region AACA 2022 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City		Notes
June 16 - 18	<b>Eastern Spring Nationals</b>	White Water Region	Beckley, WV	NAT	
August 6	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO	<i>tentative</i>
August 11 - 13	<b>Central Fall Nationals</b>	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 -	<b>Sentimental Tour</b>	Buzzards Breath	Gettysburg, PA	NAT	<i>(For 1928 - 1958)</i>
September 17	<b>NC Region Fall Meet</b>	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	Region	<i>also Fall of 2023, '25, &amp; '27</i>
September 18 -	<b>Reliability Tour</b>	Kyana Region	Shepherdsville, KY	NAT	<i>(For 1915 &amp; older)</i>
September 24	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
September 25 -	<b>Glidden Tour</b>	New Jersey Region	Princeton, NJ	NAT	<i>(For 1942 &amp; older)</i>
TBD	<b>NC Region Annual</b>			Region	
October 1	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mt. Olive, NC	U&T	
October 4 - 7	<b>Eastern Fall Nationals</b>	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 is print.

**Send me those tips!**

### **GENERAL TIPS**

If you replace the dishwasher, keep the utensil holder out of it that is used for silverware. They are perfect for cleaning bolts etc. in buckets of solvent or simple green or even to use in the sand blaster to hold the components being cleaned.

Try to keep your space clean and organized. things go better when you have room to work and clean space to do it.

Go out there and get busy. (I should take this advice to heart)

Change out old fluorescent and traditional bulbs for LEDs. You'll be amazed at the difference. Good light is key to a great working environment.

## 15. Greenbrier Concours de' ELEGANCE

As reported by Joe Parsons

### GREENBRIER CONCOURS de' ELEGANCE White Sulphur Spring W. VA.



**Winner of the Dorothy Draper award for *Most Elegant Interior***

- On May 6, Tom Pruett transported my Studebaker Golden Hawk to the famous Greenbrier Resort for their 5th Concours d' Elegance car show. The weather forecast was rain on Friday, Saturday and Sunday ..... not a good forecast for a car show.

The weekend began on Friday morning driving through the mountains in a dense fog and misty rain. The Hawk was prepared by taping all possible areas where rain would enter the car. This photo is at Tom's garage prior to leaving with it being covered on Thursday night in plastic.

(The *plastic was removed prior to towing*)



Prior to the show I goggled specialty car locations around the resort and found one called K 2 Motors. I asked the owner if I could park my Hawk in his garage Friday and Saturday. The owner agreed and said his garage was only a short distance from the Greenbrier Resort. I felt so relieved knowing my car would be inside during the weekend rain forecast.

We arrived at the garage around 1:00 PM Friday and it rained hard as we entered the parking lot. Tom unloaded the Hawk in the rain and the owner opened his garage to a wonderful clean area to store the car. Once the car was inside the owner and his wife both jumped in helping Tom and me wiping the rain off car. (My *brother and his wife joined us for the weekend and he too helped with cleaning the car*) The owner even allowed Tom to park his truck and trailer inside a secure gated parking area. On Friday night owner and guests attended a reception party at the resort. The reception was to be held outside by pool area but due to the continuing rain it was relocated inside. At one point we did manage to get a photo with the mountains background



After an enjoyable party we retired to our rooms and looked forward to visiting the resort and taking the famous BUNKER TOUR.

Saturday was an all-day rain spoiling the cocktails and cars display.

*Left to right:* Tom and Debbie Pruett, Betsy and Joe Parsons

The Greenbrier is best known for decadence and certain joie de vivre, but it also ranks high on the list of favorite destinations of historians and biographers. Known as America's Resort™, its history has paralleled our nation's history as far back as 1778. But some of those parallels remained clandestine until relatively recently.

Yes, there are secrets hidden just behind The Greenbrier's grand walls! We're talking real secrets, as in classified government ops that stayed secret until 1992 when a *Washington Post* journalist unearthed the truth.

The story of how the bunker was constructed and maintained is preserved behind the 25-ton steel and concrete blast doors that for decades remained hidden by a façade of Dorothy Draper wallpaper.

Astonishingly, the bunker was outfitted and prepared for activation at a moment's notice. Everything from food, clothing, medical care, and outside communications were kept at the ready from 1961 until 1992. There is a museum of artifacts leftover from the active site. The bunk rooms lined with metal framed bunk beds are a shocking departure from the luxurious suites 60-feet above. It's unsettling and amazing all at once.

**EXPOSED.** For more than 30 years, the bunker beneath the hotel remained the best-kept secret in West Virginia. That is until reporter Ted Gup broke the story to the world. Immediately the location was decommissioned, and over the next three years, the U.S. Government disentangled itself from The Greenbrier resort. (**HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE BUNKER TOUR**)

After a great dinner, we called it a day and looked forward to a busy Sunday concours with no rain in forecast.

Up early, Tom and I went to garage to pick up the Hawk and Tom's truck and trailer. Arriving at the resort we had to wait our turn to enter the grounds by class. Once on the grounds, I am in post war class with 10 cars. I was surprised to see 7 European cars in the class. Seems in the past concours a separate class for foreign cars. (2 BMW's, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes, Rolls Royce, & Goggomobil)



Class judging started around 10:00 am and I waited for judges to arrive at my car. I checked the competition being concerned with a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz and possibly the Romeo. (In this photo you can see a small yellow Goggomobil transporter painted as Coca-Cola delivery).

Judging completed, owners awaited the moment hoping for the blue or white ribbon to be placed on car.

The Alfa Romeo won blue ribbon and the Cadillac and BMW received the white ribbons. A little disappointed as I watched the winning cars parade around to receive their awards.



To my surprise after the class awards were completed, they called my Hawk for the Dorothy Draper award. I felt better knowing the award was for the entire field of 95 cars. The resort is famous with over 700 rooms and all the interior decorations walls, carpet, furniture and drapes etc. were designed by Dorothy Draper. She also worked for The Packard Motor Car Company on interior designs / fabrics for 1952 / 54 models



*Interior photos of the Hawk*



**Great Get away to the mountains.** If you are looking for a great experience in a resort, I highly recommend you consider a visit to the Greenbrier Resort. Secondly, very close to resort is the little town of Lewisburg a place with unique shopping and good dining.

## 16. The Parting Shot

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming!

*Flathead 6 Hudson*



**Till next month**

**Randy N Robertson**



**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!**