

Triangle Chapter Newsletter



Pretty Sure it's a Custom Lincoln?

September 2022

Issue 09

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1. Events Calendar

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

SEE MAP AND DIRECTIONS END OF NEWSLETTER

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: SUNDAY September 18, 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:

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

4:00pm to 4:30pm: Chapter Business meeting – Likely discussion will be Hosting the Regional car show

4:30pm to 4:45pm: Presentation – Overview of the Gilmore Museum in Michigan

4:45pm to 5:00pm: General Meeting wrap-up and adjournment

All committee members should be prepared to offer a brief progress report on their membership, structure and near-term goals.

Please refer to Emails send direct to committee volunteers from Dan Fuccella.

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 feel Fall is in the air.

This will be a good time to bring our toys out to a cars and coffee, cruise-in or a local car show. That is if it is not raining.

I was ready to take the Barracuda to the local cars and coffee this month. First time it has been out all year. But it started raining just when I was ready to go and then the rain stopped when the event would have been over.

I just replaced the breaker plate from a used dual point distributor I bought on the internet a couple years ago. It now runs better than I can ever remember. Mopar dual point distributors are rare and of course not cheap. Most people would say to just get a single point distributor which are easy to get and way cheaper and easier to set the point gap and dwell. But I wanted it to be correct. The dual points allow more dwell for a better spark at high RPM especially. Of course, setting dwell and point gap is not an issue with electronic ignition.

I want to thank Debbie and Tom Pruett for hosting the ice cream social. I had a fun time and it was nice to get out and talk with chapter members again. Tom has quite an eclectic and impressive collection that includes a big fire engine.

I attended one of Dean Tryon's sessions on carburetors. It was very educational and even when you think you know most everything about a topic, there is always new things to learn. Thank you, Dean.

AACA activities that I can think of to finish off the year are the NC Region Fall Meet in Spencer, the Chick-Fil-A cruise-in and the Holiday party. I hope to see some of you at these events.

Finally, I want to thank again Vice President Dan Fuccella for taking over the Presidents responsibilities in my absence.

Mike

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

By Randy N Robertson

1. Where did the summer go? See all at the September meeting. See you there!
2. Look over the upcoming events for the Triangle Chapter, the NC Region, and AACA National.
3. Quite frankly bummed that another month as come and gone with zero progress on the 53. Rest assured; I never give up...
4. Please note the Car of Month also has a link to a short video. A beauty of a car in Niagara Falls Canada. Must have been a Car show nearby, saw a sharp 50's truck, but too slow with the camara.
5. **CLICK ON LINK: (or right click & open hyperlink)**

https://www.dropbox.com/s/z31c00mqg5qfx6k/IMG_5335.GIF?dl=0
6. Thanks for the responses, suggestions, pictures and articles. Could use some more Parting Shots, Articles & Car of the Month suggestions.
7. Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

4. Acknowledgements, Announcements & Thank You

As reported by Courtney Johnston via Mike Sumrell

"On Sunday, Sept 18th, Yates Mill will resume their popular "Corn Grinding" weekends, where Miller William uses the 1750s water-powered grist mill to grind corn into delicious corn meal.

Courtney will be on hand as the Mill Attendant. His job is to show you the various power transfer systems that take the rotating energy of the one powered shaft, to power machinery in all 3 levels of the Mill.

Yates Mill County Park is at 4620 Lake Wheeler Rd, just outside the beltline and Tryon Road.

It's a nice ride and there are several ways to get there without driving on interstates.

On the 18th, the corn grinding tours run from 12:30-3:30 pm, so come sign up before they fill up.

It's really amazing and I'm sure you will enjoy William's and my presentations. Yates Mill is one of the earliest landmarks of Raleigh, and is a beautiful setting, so bring your camera.

You could attend this and then head over to the AACA meeting, or plan to attend another one of the events at Yates Mill Pond.

Looks like tours will be offered on the 3rd Saturday of September, October and November

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/parks-recreation-open-space/all-parks-trails/historic-yates-mill-county-park/historic-yates-mill-programs-events/historic-yates-mill-historic-mill-tours>

As reported by Riley Reiner

Triangle Chapter is participating with two demonstrations of the Take Apart T at the Region Fall Meet in Spencer.

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.

Riley tells me we can always use some extra help.

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

OR this late in the game please just show up!

UPDATE 09-12-2022

The show times are 12:00 noon and 2:00pm before awards are presented.

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

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.

Many thanks!

Andrea

Andrea Irby
919 815 1355

UPDATE PER ANDREA ON 09-11-22 –

The event is still a go and Andrea is excited and reports that the event is getting some Facebook publicity.

To make things a little easier, Andrea needs one more car.

Something with some capacity like a convertible or a 57 Chevy.

Time to step up if you can!

Support the Arts!

As reported by Wilson Fausel

I am also a member of the Horseless Carriage Replica Builders Group.

We are having our annual show of brass era replica vehicles at the Heritage & Harvest Days (formally Cotton Ginning Days)

Fri, Oct 7 – Sun, Oct 9
Dallas Park
1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy
Dallas, NC

The vehicle lineup is still open for this year but below are some of the vehicles exhibited in previous years:

1904 Oldsmobile Light Delivery
1910 REO Speed Wagon
1896 Riker Electric
1906 Ford Model N
1896 Ford Quadracycle
1901 - 1907 Curved Dash Oldsmobile (CDO)
1903 Columbia Electric

For additional information contact

Wilson Fausel
Cary, NC
919-417-0441

As reported by Dean Tryon

Bernie Bogden (former chapter member) is moving soon and has many parts he wishes to find a new home for.

Ideally, he would like to find someone that can take the whole lot and resell but he is open to suggestions.

The cars he has restored (and sold) include a 1952 Plymouth and a 1949 DeSoto woody wagon.

The NOS parts are mostly trim, decorative parts, chrome, bezels, lens, a steering wheel, and others.

If you are interested in helping Bernie with his parts, call him at **919-720-6791** or email at 1stsnackman@att.net .

As reported by Andrea Irby

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.

Prior to the end of the year, 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 Andrea Irby

THIS BREAKING NEWS JUST IN

I have just gotten another request for a car; my we are getting popular!

I am trying to flesh out the details to see if it is something that might interest a member.

It sounds fun, but it could be weird.

Basically, Theatre in the Park wants a 60s to 80s car for an upcoming production. The car would be there from sometime next week to October 16.

I am trying to find out if the car they want would be on display or actually moved on and off stage. If the latter, that could be tricky. Once I learn more I will be in touch.

They did say it doesn't have to be completely working, but headlights, tail lights, trunk need to work and it needs to be able to move in neutral- all of which makes me think they want it IN the production.

SO, I will have lots of questions for them. Will let you know what I find out.

As reported by Vice President Dan Fuccella

Committees – Committees – Committees

As you have probably heard, the Chapter has decided to place increased emphasis on instituting committees to increase member involvement and achieve Chapter our goals.

Why committees? How about:

1. Committees provide structure for setting goals and objectives.
2. Committees provide all our members the means to identify, and the opportunity to participate in Chapter activities.
3. Committees “force” us to make commitments and carry out tasks toward achieving our goals.
4. Finally, committees help draw in Chapter members who otherwise have difficulty finding a way to participate in and “belong to” our Chapter.

Below is a chart that was mainly generated from sign-ups at this summer’s Ice Cream Social. (Chart end of Newsletter)

I encourage Chapter members that did sign up on committees at the Ice Cream Social to invite additional members of our Chapter to join your committees. Likewise, I encourage those of you who did not have an opportunity to sign up to be on a committee to contact members of the listed committees to explore the possibility of joining one or more of them.

There are many Chapter members who are looking for a way to contribute their efforts to the Chapter.

The more involved our members are the more productive and enjoyable everyone’s experience will be.

So, let’s give it a go.

As reported by Ken Powell

Since Randy copied me and I think this touches on some of our membership retention issues, I'll butt in. I hope you don't mind.

So, from my point of view, the channel that is missing is one that leverages the group knowledge, particularly for the newcomer.

We don't seem to have a mechanism to ask a question (technical, club or external auto activity, or other) of the membership when we don't know who to ask.

As an example, since he is on this committee- at the ice cream social John asked me how we find out who has a mid-fifties T-Bird whom he can ask questions about his restoration. I knew there were some in the group and I found Dean who then sent John and me a list.

So, at one level this worked, but if Dean wasn't there and wasn't as prompt as he always is, it is a cumbersome approach.

I understand people not wanting to be buried in email, but do we need a forum on the chapter website? or at least loosen the "no group emails" that seems to remain in place.

To me it sends the message "don't bother me until we have a meeting". I don't think that is true, but I do think new members will be sensitive to this gap. Unlike us oldies, the young members we would like to attract are texters, and would also do email if needed. But that is a separate issue.

Another gripe from the membership chair- Everyone fills in the renewal form and doesn't pay attention to whether it is a home phone or cellphone so our records are a bit of a jumble, this makes communicating/ texting tough.

During renewal I will ask if they would accept texts from members and what phone number to use.

Given that the website may be a useful means to address some challenges, these committees are all pretty closely related. Just my thoughts. Best regards, Ken

FYI:

Andrea Irby, Dean Tryon and Randy Robertson all liked the idea of a help and communication forum.

A worthy goal.

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

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 – The Triangle Chapter is performing Take-A-Part T demonstrations. Please consider volunteering for this event or at least come out and cheer the gang on. Shows are 12 and 2.

Riley Reiner is spearheading the effort and is agreed to tow the car and carry three people. A minimum of eight are needed.

Also, the Triangle Chapter is presenting our bid for the Spring regional show in May 2023.

September 17th, 2022 - Kars for Kids

October 7th, 8th & 9th, 2022 – Heritage & Harvest Days in Dallas, NC (see announcements)

November ??, 2022 – I hear rumors of a Chick-Fil cruise in this year, at time of printing no details are available.

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 or August 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 IN TIME FOR THE UPCOMING RENEWAL SEASON.

8. Mike Petersen mixing with the Stars!

As reported by Mike Petersen

In addition to being an AACA Judging legend in his own rights, Mike Petersen had the opportunity mix it up with Rob Wolfe of **American Pickers**.

Mike chauffeured him in his 1955 Dodge to an Antique Festival in Apex

Pretty Cool!



Mike the Chauffeur 10-22-21

9. The Pierce Arrow Museum Buffalo NY

As reported by Randy N Robertson

Linda and I had the pleasure of briefly touring the Pierce Arrow Museum recently.

The Pierce Arrow Company got its start in the bicycle business, transitioned to automobiles and at one time was a major employer in the Greater Buffalo Area.

The museum has a fine collection of bicycles, automobiles of all makes, petroleum signage, vintage clothing and Buffalo area photography.

We could have spent considerably more time reading the history displayed, but time was short.

I invite you to explore the museum's website and please add this to your bucket list.

<https://www.pierce-arrow.com/>

It is a must see in Buffalo.





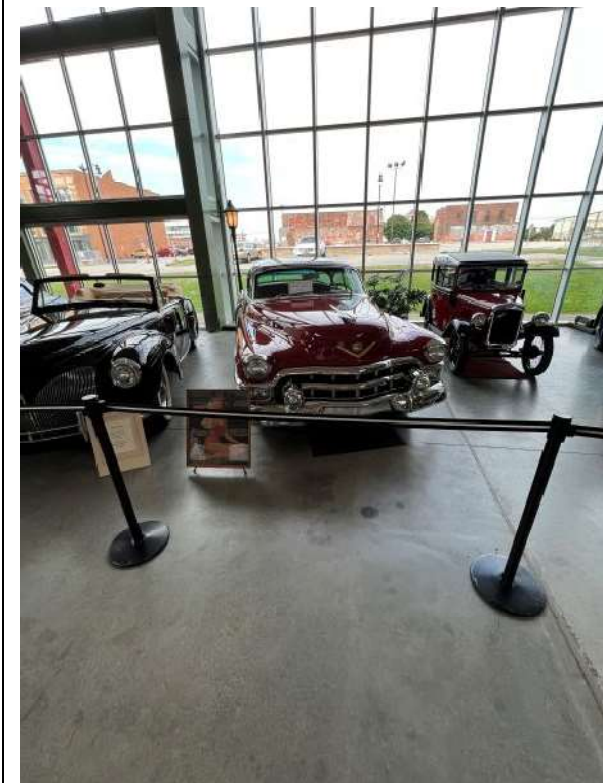




Note the Gas Station the background

The Gas Station is a Frank Lloyd Wright design and was never built.

This is newly constructed replica of the original design. It is a beauty!



1953 Caddy Coupe Deville

1940 Lincoln



1941 Ford Deluxe

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

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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
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13. NC Region 2022 Calendar Below

NC Region AACA 2022 Event Calendar

Date	Type Meet	Host	City		Notes
September 17	<i>NC Region Fall Meet</i>	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	<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 Mike Petersen

A spin-on oil filter can be difficult to remove if the oil filter wrench slips on the surface.

Installation of the spin-on oil filter usually requires a bit of a turn with an oil filter wrench which could slip or mar the surface of the filter.

I insert a piece of emery cloth between the oil filter wrench and the filter.

This adds enough “grip” to move the filter without resorting to more destructive removal techniques.

Thanks Mike!

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!



Pierce Arrow Museum – Buffalo NY

Zoom Zoom

Till next month

Randy N Robertson

Village Grill Directions



North



SHOP
DINE
EXPLORE

Village Grill Entrances

Underground
Parking Garage

Honeycutt Rd


Walton
Commons Rd

Falls of Neuse Rd
Traffic Light

To I-540



Village Grill Parking

- Underground Garage - elevator:
 - Enter on the Northeast side of Lafayette Village
 - Elevator is on your right of the ramp as you enter - Go up to 1st floor
 - Turn right and turn right again to go down long hall
 - Exit thru door at the end of the hall, Turn left and you will be at the rear door of V-G
 - (Small  on map)
- Underground Garage – stairs
 - After you enter the garage, continue straight to the opposite side
 - Stairs are marked
 - Exit top of the stairway and the Village Grill rear entrance is on you left
- Surface parking available around all of the village

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Saturday, September 17, 2022

at The Market of Wake Forest

Bigger, better, more awards, more fun!

Triangle Chapter, AACA
Raleigh, NC

September 10, 2022

Ashby Armistead
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Subject: Bid for Hosting the Spring 2023 NC Region Meet

Dear Mr. Armistead:

The Triangle Chapter, AACA herewith presents a bid to host the 2023 NC Region Spring Meet. The Chapter has been working on a concept that is hoped to stimulate a great deal of interest in the antique car hobby in general and AACA specifically. Our plan is to hold the Meet in conjunction with Cary, NC's "Wheels on Academy". Wheels on Academy is an automotive show held annually on South Academy Street in Cary's downtown district. It traditionally draws approximately 150 vehicles of all types and ages; but more importantly to us, it draws approximately 750 spectators of all backgrounds and ages.

Here is the plan:

1. Meet Location: Paved parking area adjacent to South Academy Street, with a 60-vehicle capacity, plus access to overflow parking on Academy Street as needed.
2. Date: Wheels on Academy is scheduled for May 20, 2023. We would be holding the NC Spring Meet on that same date. There is one known conflict with an AACA event scheduled for the northeast USA, but we have been cleared by AACA National to hold our event on that same date.
3. Time: The entrance closing time for Wheels on Academy is 9:00am; however, we have been granted a waiver to close the entrance time for our Meet at 10:00am, with time extension for extenuating circumstances.
4. Qualified Entrants: The Meet will abide by NC Region, AACA standards for vehicle qualification.
5. Trailer Parking: There will be access to sufficient trailer parking convenient to the show field.
6. Board Meeting Room: There are 4 meeting rooms of sufficient seating capacity available within 50 yards of the show field.

The Triangle Chapter, AACA respectfully requests the NC Region, AACA's consideration of our bid to host the 2023 NC Region Spring Meet on May 20, 2023 in the Town of Cary, NC.

Sincerely yours,

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