

Triangle Chapter News



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1. Triangle Events Calendar

March 17 - Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh

April 16 – NC Region Cruise-in Hillsborough, NC

April 21 - Dinner Meeting 6 pm at Golden Corral, Raleigh

May 7 – Triangle Chapter Car Display – Oak View Historic Park, Raleigh, NC. See the Flyer attached or at: <http://ncregionaaca.com/triangle/images/PDF/2016%20flyer%20pp5.pdf>

2. Triangle Newsletters & Webpages

If you have trouble printing the newsletter, a PDF copy is on our Web page at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/triangle/>.

The NC Region and AACA National events list for your planning is at:

<http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

If you do not have Email a newsletter will be mailed to you. If you prefer a printed copy mailed, let us know.

3. Triangle President's Random Thoughts

Riley Reiner

The Chapter had a very successful Chili Cook-off March 6, 2016. Ten pots of chili were entered into competition. Great participation from all of the cooks, guaranteed something good to eat even if chili is not your cup of tea. Desserts and breads abounded for the sweet tooth. Thanks goes out to Jean Soehnlein for organizing the event, shopping for supplies and

setting up. Thanks again to Bob Safrit for getting us scheduled with the Stag Club. At the end of every event, the loyal volunteers cleaned the tables, kitchen and helped Bob set the tables for the next event. I apologize to anyone missed but I want to thank Beth Agayoff, Carol Ashley, Marci Allen, Jeanette Gage, Merry Oestreich, Sandra Reiner and Bob Safrit.

Dan Fuccella used his magic to show movies posted on the internet from the AACA library. The feature film after the program was the story of the Futurliner by GM. While the Tryons were not able to attend, Dean restored the carburetors for the GM Futurliner.

The next program will be Thursday evening, March 17 at the Golden Coral on Glenwood. Marv Gage will do a presentation on the Franklin Automobile Company, Franklin Club activities, and the Franklin Museum at the Gilmore.

Start thinking about our club meet at Historic Oak View on May 7th. Reduced registration cost, plaques for all attending, AACA membership not required, shortened meet day, Best of Show and Participants' Choice trophies and a food truck will make this meet different. It will return us to the early days of AACA. Tell your friends with 1991 and earlier cars to come. Next year our chapter will host a Region Spring Meet if all goes well and our bid is accepted at this year's spring meet in Goldsboro on April 29th.

We are still working on an afternoon spring tour in the northeast part of Wake County and southern Franklin County. Information will be coming soon.

Enjoy the beautiful spring days and opportunities to drive your car. See you down the road.

4. Triangle Chapter March 2016 Meeting

The Triangle Chapter January meeting:

When: Thursday evening March 17, 2016.

Where: Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue

What: Regular meeting

Time: *Dinner starts at 6 PM; Meeting will start at 7:00 PM: Program: Starts at 7:30*

Program: Marv Gage has graciously volunteered to give an informal presentation on the Franklin Automobile with its unusual air cooled engine. He will also discuss the H.H. Franklin Club, with its spectacular Annual Trek in Cazenovia, NY, and the Gilmore Car Museum near Kalamazoo, Michigan in which Marv played an instrumental role. With his lengthy history with Franklins, Marv's presentation is sure to be both entertaining and informative. Please join us!

Thank you,

Dan Fuccella, VP

5. Chili Cook-Off - March 6, 2016

Jean Soehnlein



There were 35 members and 10 crock-pots of chili at our annual Chili Cook-off on March 6. That is a lot of chili per person. Thanks to Jean Soehnlein for planning the event. Although Jean was a bit worried about not having enough commitments for Chili one week before the event, chapter members came through with more than enough chili, cornbread and desserts for everyone.

Before the chili lunch we had a social hour with soft drinks, snacks and discussion to catch up on activities. Jim Aldrich provided some videos of early car performance and

manufacturing while the lunch was being organized. Jean and several other members set up the tables and buffet lines.

Lunch was served and everyone had an opportunity to try all the chilis, corn bread, and



desserts. After several trips to the buffet table members cast their ballots in the traditional chamber pot for the best lunches. Prizes were awarded by member votes. The prize for the Best Chili was awarded to Sybol Daniel; the Hottest Chili was awarded to Rob Cooke, the best cornbread was awarded to Peggy Barnes; and the best dessert, in a close contest, was awarded to Marci Allen for her cherry dessert. The prizes were packaged in gift bags painted by Jean.

There were five antique vehicles driven to Chili Cook-off this year: Jean Soehnlén-1989 Mercedes, Annie Goldman-1989 Chevy Suburban, Jack Agayoff-1958 Ford Galaxie Retractable. Pat Allen-1954 Packard, and Bob Cooke-1969 Oldsmobile 98 convertible.

This year we did not work on trophies after lunch as we will not be awarding trophies at our car show. Instead Dan Fuccella showed old car videos of driving in New York in the 1920s and a video about the history of the GM Futurliner.



Many thanks to Bob Safrit for hosting us at the Stag Club and to Jean Soehnlein and the volunteers for the set up and clean up. Volunteers were Beth Agayoff, Carol Ashley, Marci Allen, Jeanette Gage, Merry Oestreich, and Sandra Reiner. Special thanks to everyone who prepared and provided the Chili, cornbread and deserts.

6. NC Region Cruise-in

Denny Oestreich

Reminder: The second annual NC Region Cruise-in is scheduled for Saturday April 16, 2016. The 2016 NC Region Cruise-in is set for Hillsborough, N.C, (124 Antique Street). Antique cars as well as modern cars... all are welcome, but you are encouraged to get out and drive your pride and joy. The travel distance to Hillsborough is 29.1 miles from the Golden Corral in Raleigh (our regular meeting place). Last year we caravanned to Kinston. I followed behind Chad and Demi Goldman in their 1941 Packard. We made great time. It would be fun to caravan to Hillsborough this year. There will be trailer parking if you want to trailer your antique to Hillsborough and drive around Hillsborough in your antique vehicle. The sites to see include: Ayr Mount Colonial Estate, the Occoneechee Speedway, and many shops around Historic Hillsborough. **Also on the same day is The Fourth Annual Hillsborough Craft Show. This is a juried show offering original art and quality handcrafted items of 40 NC artisans. Adding to the fun will be wonderful live music!** So mark the calendar and enjoy this burst of Spring in our vibrant downtown! See more detail on the NC Region Website at: <http://ncregionaaca.com/region/>. For more details call NC Region VP Bill Cox at 919-971-3382.



7. Triangle Chapter February 18 Meeting Minutes

Action Items and Upcoming Events:

1. Members Guide - Jean Soehnlein is getting ready to update the annual Member's Guide for 2016. For convenience and safety while members are on tours, it would be helpful to have everyone's cell phone number included in the Guide. This is in case there is a need for a "Search and Rescue". Please send Marv Gage (Mkgage@aol.com) your cell phone number. If the number already included in the guide is your cell number, let him know. Check last year's Guide also for any other changes. Thank you!
2. Chili-Cookoff – 3/6 - Please sign up for the Chili Cook-off on March 6 at the Stag Club, 8001 Ray Road. Social time at 1:00 and start eating at 1:30. We will not be painting Memory Boxes nor working on trophies. Instead we will all enjoy some really great car related film clips. There is a long list of them on www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm. Check them out! The funniest I've seen so far is "Driving in New York City in 1928". It is only 4 minutes long. The majority are very short and there are some slightly longer. Please let Jean Soehnlein know if you are planning to bring a pot of chili, cornbread, and/or dessert. There will be prizes for the Best Chili and one for the Hottest Chili. Prizes will also be awarded for Best Cornbread and Best Homemade Dessert. Her number is [919 847-4832](tel:9198474832) or moosemail@bellsouth.net.

General discussion:

1. Riley Reiner opened the meeting and introduced new members Bob and Brenda Cooke with a 69. Olds 98 convertible.
2. The Annual AACA meeting in Philadelphia was attended by Riley, Denny & Merry Oestreich and Mike Petersen. Denny received an award for the NC Webmaster. Former members Anne and Dan Russell were also there.
3. Marv Gage reported that membership is at 88 families and the treasury is in great shape at \$8,500.
4. Riley reported that the board decided to have a different spring show this year on May 7. Will be a throw back to the old days where we had a "gathering" of old cars for the fun on it. No judging, no awards, (dash plaques only) a food truck for lunches and one take Apart T demo. There could be 2 trophies for best of show and people's choice for example. The location will be the same – Oak View County Park on Poole Rd.
5. In 2017, we are considering doing the Region Spring Meet but at a new location that is under consideration. The Farmers Market will not work as previously discussed.
6. A spring tour to the Franklinton area is being planned and a fall tour is being considered.
7. Annie Goldman is Notary Public and handles titles for local dealer so might be able to help if you have questions. (919-986-0782)
8. The program was done by ladies of the club who have attended the fall Hershey Meet and each had a different perspective on what they like to do around the area. Hershey is the largest 3 day swap meet in the country plus a 1 day car show with 1500-2000 cars.
 - a. Les Tryon talked about their group of 4 women who do their own thing Wed thru Friday each year. Most are interested in decorative painting and they have an

annual route to visit various craft places in the Amish area east of Lancaster. They get back to the hotel in Mountville for wine time, dinner together with the guys and tolerate endless conversation by the guys about their purchases, etc. This group is Sue Harley, Sandra Reiner and friends from VA – Clarice Allen. They then attend the Sat show with their husbands.

- b. Becky Aldrich joins Jim and long time friends in a group that stays on the swap meet field from Mon thru Sunday. Some of the group stay in motorhomes at the site, Jim and Becky stay in a hotel across the street. Shopping for period clothing and accessories is one of their objectives and Jim often finds another “must-have” car.
 - c. Sandra Reiner has been coming to Hershey for 42 of their 45 years of marriage - back when the field was all mud and the kids we toddlers More recently she is part of Les’s group above.
 - d. Jean and Mike Soehnlein have attended in the past with Mike’s Ford pickup.
 - e. Annie Goldman has a totally different perspective. She has a 1989 HPOF Chev Suburban that she drives daily and brought to Hershey to show and judge. Annie aslso works on her truck herself and judges.
 - f. So the moral of these interesting experiences is that no matter how you see the old car hobby, there are many ways you can enjoy “Hershey”.
9. Dan Fuccella showed the video of the WRAL Tarheel Traveler that highlighted Dan and Jean’s travels around the country in his 1950 Willy Jeepster. See the link below to see it again. It was originally aired on 2/17/16

<http://www.wral.com/news/local/video/15382647/>

8. 2016 AACA Awards – Philiadelpia, PA

Denny Oestreich

In December of 2015 I was notified that I had been awarded a Webmaster Award for the NC Region Website. I was invited to AACA 80th Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony On Feb 12-13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Philadelphia. After reviewing the registration form Merry and I decided to participate in as many of the activities and events as possible. So we sent in our application and planned the trip. We decided to fly to Philadelphia instead of driving. The event was very enjoyable. I will list the highlights of what we did and what we saw.



1. Travel by Plane direct flight. 2 hours. Better for me than driving up I95.
2. Taxi from airport to Sheraton hotel. Still up I95, 30 minutes. Fastest way to get there.
3. Philadelphia was COLD in Feb. Arrived at 5:30 PM too late for early registration.
4. Checked into Sheraton Downtown. Room on the 14th floor. Nice room and great view.
5. Dinner at Hotel. Too cold to go out to local restaurants.
6. Registration on Friday morning. Badges tickets for events etc. Lots of people.
7. Eight Seminars attended: Titles/Topic and one thing I learned.

Friday

- a. Electroplating – Rick Smith of R&D Finishing (Used to be part of Tri-City Plating) in Tennessee gave a great talk about re-plating/refinishing pot metal and stainless. Multiple layers of Copper plating, silver solder, hand sanding, dremmel, chrome plating, and lots of buffing are the keys to pot metal restoration. Mr. Smith prefers you “work a couple extra hours at what you do to earn money and send him the money rather than trying to prepare the item yourself”.



- b. Collector Car Auctions – Megan Boyd of Mecum Auctions discussed registering your car for an auction, negotiating auction costs, registering to bid and methods of bidding. Mecum matches sellers with the best auction and advertises your vehicle. There are costs to register, sell (8%) and to buy (8%). Be sure your title is correct.
- c. The Appraisers TV Show – Panel discussion with the producer and stars of the show. They have fun testing cars. One of the stars works at the AACA Museum.
- d. AACA Library. Major collections of donated automotive literature. Every AACA member can get 90 minutes of research from the library staff for **free**.
- e. Webmasters Forum – AACA is recommending all Regions and Chapters move to new Word Press Web Formats. This will be a challenge.
- f. Restoration Expert – Tom Zitkus discussed a high quality restoration of a 1956 Chrysler Convertible. He stressed being very protective of restored parts. He uses lots of tape and cover finished parts.

Saturday

- a. National Judging School. Similar to NC Region Judging Schools. I received another judging chit. AACA has no point deductions for over restoration.
- b. Restoration Experiences – G. Wayne Miller lead an open forum on various topics on restorations.
8. General Membership Meeting. The AACA Board of Directors and Officers as well as the AACA staff were introduced and general business reports were reviewed. Upcoming events and the hosting Regions were introduced. The nearby National Show in New Bern, NC on August 11-13, 2016 was promoted.
9. Presidents Dinner. Merry and I attended the President’s dinner in place of Riley Reiner. It was an interesting event. Many regions made donations of \$50 to \$5000 dollars to the various arms of the AACA including the scholarship program, the Library, the Museum and the AACA general fund.



10. Trade Show. A large area in the Hotel meeting area was devoted to the AACA Trade Show. Many vendors had booths to advertise their products including collector car insurance companies, restoration shops, parts suppliers, and the AACA merchandize store. Also on display were six extremely well restored vehicles including 3 1935 vehicles that were 80 years old. Also on display was the 2016 Raffle Corvette, which I am hoping to win.
11. The Awards Banquet - On Saturday evening awards were presented in three different categories: AACA Judged vehicles, Scholarships; and Publications.
 - 87 of the Top 245 AACA Judged vehicles nominated were given awards.
 - There are six national college scholarships that were given out.
 - Multiple Master Editor Awards Newsletter and Webmaster Awards presented.

When I picked my Master Editor Award I opened it immediately and put it on the table. Then I noticed that the other award winners were not opening their awards. Later I learned that most of the winners have won awards previously and “being delighted was evidence you were a rookie and not cool”.

12. Merry attended two seminars specifically for the ladies. She enjoyed meeting many new people at the event. She also took the bus tour of Philadelphia stopping at interesting places in the city. The weather was cold and her decision to walk a mile back to the hotel from the Market was a long windy teeth chattering walk at 10 degrees F.

We met many interesting people and got reacquainted with car people from all over we had known from other car club events. There were four members from the Triangle Region at the event: Riley Reiner, Mike Peterson, Merry and me. We also met Dan and Ann Russel who were there with friends from their new Region. In the evening we had opportunity to meet a lot of AACA members at the AACA and Haggerty Hospitality rooms. Our plane trip back from Philadelphia was uneventful, no bumps. Attending was fun, but expensive. We enjoyed the weekend.



9. 2016 Local Car Show Spring Season

The 2016 car show season is here and you probably have a number of car shows on the calendar already. You have many choices depending on your goals for this year. Here are some nearby AACA and other car show events you should plan to attend.

AACA Events

- April 9, 2016 SE Divisional Spring Meet, Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC
- April 16, 2016 NC Region Cruise-in, Burlington
- April 30, 2016 NC Region Spring Meet, Goldsboro, NC
- May 7, 2016 Triangle Chapter Meet, Oak View Historic Park, Raleigh, NC

June 4, 2016 San Lee Chapter meet Sanford, NC
See the NC Region Web site for details. <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

Other 2016 local Shows:

- March 11-13 Raleigh Collectors Autofest, NC State Fair grounds
- April 14-17 Good Guys, NC State Fair Grounds
- April 23 Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance
- May 21 Cary's 5th Annual Car Show. Downtown Cary 9 a.m. - 2 p.m
- May 28 Piedmont Classic Chevy Club memorial Day show. Lake Wheeler
- June 11 Wake Forest Car Show

10. Ben Trades Cars



Ben Johnson recently sold his 1919 model T and purchased a 1931 Chevrolet. He has been showing the Model T for several years. You most often saw him at local Raleigh area shows in Cary, Oak View, Chick-fil-A, and Yates Mill. He drove the Model T from his home in Raleigh to all the shows. He often demonstrated how to crank start a Model T to delighted spectators. His Model-T always started on the first crank.

Ben decided it was time to sell the Model-T and update to vehicle with an electric starter. He was able to sell the Model T easily and purchased another antique vehicle at the Raleigh Auction. He purchased a 1931 Chevrolet Independence Sport Roadster. The Roadster features a six cylinder engine, an electric starter, convertible top and a rumble seat. The Sport Roadster features side curtains and a convertible top. The yellow and brown color scheme was a great combination for 1931.

Ben is getting to know the Chevrolet and fixing a few things that will bring the car up to his standards. Make sure you stop to see Ben and his new car at the next car show. He may demonstrate for you the modern electric starting method invented by Mr. Kettering.



Ben Johnson's '31 Chevrolet

11. Cape Fear Chapter Meet March 5, 2016

Riley Reiner and Anne Goldman



Four triangle members participated in the Cape Fear Chapter Car show in Wilmington, NC on March 5. They had a terrific turnout of 196 entries in their show with some entries parked in their overflow area. Riley and Sandra Reiner trailered their 1925 Model T and made an overnight trip. Chet Butcher made a day trip cross country to the show in his 1950 Ford, down on I40 back on SR421. Annie Goldman also made a day trip in her 1989 HPOF Chevy Suburban. Annie received her HPOF award and both Riley and Chet won first place in their classes.

The Best of Show went to Annie Goldman's 1989 Suburban

1956 Pontiac Safari for the first AACA show of the year. Congratulations to all four Triangle winners.

The Cape Fear show was an open show held at a shopping center. They had AACA judging categories as well as classes for hot rods, street rods and modified cars. Annie Goldman took 50 great pictures of the many of the cars. Four pictures of the Triangle Chapter cars are shown. To see all of Annie's pictures you can go to our Website.



Riley Reiner's Prize



Chet Butcher's 1950 Ford



Warren Daniel's 1956 Pontiac Safari
Best of Show

12. Who Do You Contact at the Triangle Chapter?

If you have comments questions, or ideas about Triangle Chapter activities you can contact one of the people below.

Officers

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Directors Class of 2017

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