



Spinning Wheels



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Steele Rubber Products welcomes the Old Salem Chapter

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www.AACA.org

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www.aaca.org/northcarolina

Old Salem Chapter:

www.http://local.aaca.org/northcarolina/oldsalem/

April Meeting – Olympic Restaurant – Kernersville

AACA's Old Salem Chapter will have their monthly meeting **Tuesday, April 15th** at the **Olympic Family Restaurant**. Olympic is located at **1541 W. Mountain St.** (Hwy 66) between Linville Rd. and Main St. in Kernersville (see map on page 5). Dinner will start at **6:30 PM** and the business meeting will begin at **7:30 PM**. Olympic Family Restaurant has a variety of good food at reasonable prices, a friendly staff, and a private meeting room. We have reservations at Olympic Restaurant each month through June. Don't forget to invite/bring your antique vehicle friend(s) and your antique vehicle with you!

Message from the President

Wow, our March Outing to Steele Rubber Products was great. The weather could have been better but the hospitality extended to the Old Salem Chapter by Matt Agosta and his staff was outstanding. Seeing the meticulous processes that they use to reproduce the thousands of various rubber items to their precise standards really makes one appreciate their business. Anytime you have a need for weatherstripping and/or any rubber products, I highly recommend that you check with Steele Rubber Products (online at <http://steelerubber.com> or tel: (800) 447-0849) for all your classic or vintage vehicle needs. No restoration is complete without the products Steele manufactures and even the best maintained original vehicle eventually needs new rubber products. Thanks to Matt Agosta and the whole staff of Steele Rubber Products for inviting the Old Salem Chapter to your facilities.

We really have exciting activities scheduled over the next few months for the Old Salem Chapter. This Saturday (12th) is the April Outing hosted by John and Ruth Ann Ronchetti, who have planned a tour through Stonefield Winery and Chinqua-Penn Plantation. The Old Salem Chapter will host the Kernersville Car Classic on May 3rd. May 30th is our cruise-in/display evening at Brighton Gardens. Lee and Pat Salley are hosting our June Outing where we'll tour some Amish stores, an old water wheel mill, Buck Shoals winery, Grandeur Cycle (an enterprise that builds custom motorcycles), and some good Italian eatin' in between. June also includes the AACA National Sentimental Tour which is based out of Burlington this year. It is filled now but there's still time to make plans for participating in the Thunder Road 50th Anniversary Celebration, an overnight (long weekend) tour hosted by the East Tennessee region of AACA. Several of the Old Salem members have already signed up for that! Gurney Yokeley has an idea for an Outing that he's putting together later this year too, but we still have some months left so step up to plate and let's see what you would like to do. Never forget that this is YOUR AACA family and YOU are the one who makes it what it is. We have wonderful family members and the best way to enjoy AACA is to volunteer whenever you can, do whatever you can, attend the meetings whenever you can, participate in the monthly Outings whenever you can, make AACA and the Old Salem Chapter your first choice in your antique vehicle activities, and share the fun and excitement with other old car and truck enthusiast. We truly miss you when you aren't with us!

Don't forget to let me know if you have any antique or classic auto related items or services that you need or want to sell and we'll list them for you for free in Spinning Wheels and on the Old Salem Chapter's web site. (Michael tells me that he's getting real close to having it updated with all our latest Old Salem Chapter information.) That's another serendipity of being a part of our AACA family.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Outing Saturday, and at the Olympic Family Restaurant next Tuesday evening (15th).

David

AACA Old Salem Chapter



Welcome to Stonefield
Cellars Winery



Welcome to Chinqua Penn
Plantation



Old Salem Members at '07
Kernersville Car Classic

Thought for the Month

"I don't like the income tax. Every time we talk about these taxes we get around to the idea of 'from each according to his capacity and to each according to his needs'. That's socialism. It's written into the Communist Manifesto. Maybe we ought to see that every person who gets a tax return receives a copy of the Communist Manifesto with it so he can see what's happening to him".
T. Coleman Andrews,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue, May 25, 1956

Car Events Schedule – Mark your Calendar!

- ❖ **April 12th: Old Salem Chapter April Outing to Chinqua-Penn Plantation (see article below & photos on left for details).**
- ❖ April 11th-12th: Farmington "FarmFest", Bluegrass music, food, Classic Cars, Vintage Tractors, vendors, clogging, jam sessions, children's area, craft show, & more.
- ❖ **April 15th: Old Salem Chapter meeting – 6:30 PM, Olympic Family Restaurant, 1541 W. Mountain Av., Kernersville. (See map on page 5.)**
- ❖ April 18th: Bethania Moravian Church Cruise-in, food door prizes, fun and fellowship, 6:00 PM until, Bethania, NC.
- ❖ **April 19th: AACA Catawba Valley Chapter Meet (show), Catawba, NC.**
- ❖ April 19th: Jefferson Church of Christ 8th Annual cruise-in from 11 AM—3 PM, free hot dogs, drinks, t-shirt, door prizes. (Rain date 20th), Rural Hall, NC.
- ❖ April 25th: Old Town Cruise Night, 5:30PM—until, Old Town Shopping Ctr, 3800 Reynolda Rd., Winston Salem, NC.
- ❖ April 26th: RCR Cruise-in, 9AM—3PM, sponsored by Classic Muscle of Modern Chevrolet, Richard Childress Racing Museum and Race Shop. (Rain Date 4/27), Welcome, NC.
- ❖ May 2nd: Tractor Supply Cruise-N, 6PM—until, Exit 118 off Hwy 52, Rural Hall, NC.
- ❖ **May 3rd: Kernersville Car Classic & Spring Folly. An Old Salem Chapter activity! Plan your schedule now to help with this event!**
- ❖ May 3rd: Appalachian Moonshine Rally, Elkin, NC. Starts at 12 Noon, sponsored by the Triad Austin Healey Club.
- ❖ **May 3rd: AACA Alamance Region's 37th Antique & Hot Rod car Show, Flea Mkt, & Car Corral. Downtown Burlington at the Railroad Depot.**
- ❖ **May 10th: Triad Classic Car Cruise-in, 4—8PM, Fire Mt. Restaurant, Kernersville.**
- ❖ **May 20th: Old Salem Chapter meeting – 6:30 PM, Olympic Family Restaurant, 1541 W. Mountain Av., Kernersville. (See map on page 5.)**

April Outing

By Ruth Ann Ronchetti - Old Salem Chapter Reporter

Our second monthly Outing will be this **Saturday, April 12th**. We will be visiting Stonefield Cellars Winery in Stokesdale and then on to Chinqua Penn Plantation in Reidsville. We will **meet in the west end of the parking lot in Walkertown at Hwy. 66 and 158** (Sheetz, Lowes Food, Wendy's, etc.) at **11:00 AM** ... We will then leave at 11:20 AM to go to **Stonefield Cellars Winery for a tour and wine tasting**. The wine tasting is \$5, which includes tasting ten of their fine wines and an etched logo glass. Stonefield Cellars just celebrated their 2nd anniversary and is owned by Natalie and Robert Wurz.

We will then continue to caravan to Reidsville where we will have lunch before going to **Chinqua Penn Plantation and Vineyards**. The home was built in the 1920's and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The plantation includes a 27 room English countryside mansion filled with elaborate furnishings from 30 countries, surrounded by 22 acres of beautiful gardens and historic landscape. The estate showcases the state's premier collection of eclectic decorative arts.

The Chinqua Penn Winery also offers wine tasting and includes samples of six Chinqua Penn wines and a commemorative wine glass. Wine is also sold by the glass or the bottle and can be enjoyed on the outdoor patio as well as inside the wine room. There is also an antiques shop on the premises and in celebration of the Spring Blooming Season, plants will also be offered for sale.

The group rate **ticket price is \$15 per person**, which includes both the house and the gardens tour and if **anyone needs assistance walking, there are golf carts available**.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday!

Personal Notes and Rumors

- ❖ Our sympathy goes to the family of **Bob McNeely** who passed away Sunday March 30th. Bob really loved the people in AACA and enjoyed playing with his antique vehicles. He was one of the founding members of the Old Salem Chapter and was active as long as his health permitted. Please keep his family and his special friend Betty, in your prayers at this time of loss in their life. The Old Salem Chapter will truly miss our member and friend.
- ❖ Our sympathy is also extended to **James and Alma Alley** on the loss of James's brother **Earnest Alley Jr.** who passed away Tuesday April 1st. Please keep James and Alma and their family in your prayers as they go through this time of sorrow.
- ❖ **Ann Bauguess** needs your prayers as she battles a major illness so please keep her on your prayer list.
- ❖ **Bill Giles** returned home last Friday afternoon (4/4) after 18 days in the hospital due to a stroke. Bill is in therapy and is improving a little at a time. Please keep Bill and (and Elaine) in your prayers.
- ❖ **Leo Baker** is continuing with his treatments and seems to feel pretty good most of the time. Please keep Leo (and Pat) in your prayer.
- ❖ **Bill Hutchins** is still in therapy and is slowly improving but some days are better than others. Please keep Bill (and Lee) in your prayers during his recovery.
- ❖ Happy Birthday to **Joe Fritts (April 23rd)**. Joe says he works so hard he feels like a bicycle,... **two** tired to stand alone! We hope you don't have to work too hard on your birthday and that it's the happiest birthday ever!
- ❖ Happy Birthday to **Ros Whedbee (April 23rd)**. Ros tells us that being an attorney he has noticed that those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end. We hope you have many more happy birthdays!
- ❖ Happy Birthday to **Elaine Giles (May 19th)**. Elaine says she dropped her car off at a repair shop the other day and when she went back to pick it up, the mechanic told her he couldn't repair her brakes, so he made the horn louder. We hope you have a wonderful birthday and every birthday wish comes true!
- ❖ **Duke Marley** is frantically working to complete the restoration of his MG-TF so it will be ready for its debut next month. I'm sure he could use a hand with some aspects of the assembly so give him a call if you can help.
- ❖ **If anyone has been left out or if you have any "news" or stories you would like to share, please let David or Jo Ann know!**

OUR FIRST 2008 MONTHLY OUTING

By Ruth Ann Ronchetti - Old Salem Chapter Reporter

Now that spring has finally arrived our Old Salem Chapter has started our season off with a bang. On Saturday, March 29 we had our first monthly outing with a group visit to **Steele Rubber Products in Denver, NC**. We met in Clemmons at 8:00 AM and then had a group drive on to Steele Rubber Products where we were greeted with friendly, smiling faces and a continental breakfast ... very nice! We were then given a detailed guided tour of their facilities.

Steele Rubber designs and manufactures quality rubber replacement parts such as weather stripping, gaskets, and many various other rubber products for classic and antique cars. The process begins by evaluating an old part that may have been sent to them for duplication. They thoroughly analyze and evaluate it noting all necessary specifications to create the mold. Production is then started from the raw rubber to the finished product, packaged and then shipped. Of course, it is a lot more complex than I've described but that is basically the long and short of it. We all found it to be very interesting.

At the end of our tour we were given "goodie bags" and a big thank you for visiting their facilities. After our visit we stopped for lunch together before going our separate ways. It was an enjoyable time out and we are very grateful for Jo Ann and David Hawks for taking the time to arrange our first monthly outing, and to the people at Steele Rubber Products for allowing us to tour their plant.



2008 AACA Southeastern Division National Spring Meet AutoFair at Lowe's Motor Speedway

By Ruth Ann Ronchetti - Old Salem Chapter Reporter

John and I attended our first National AACA Meet this past weekend at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord. The weather, as you may all know, was certainly not what anybody wanted ... rain, rain, and more rain. We arrived Thursday, April 3 late in the afternoon and picked up our registration packet at Embassy Suites. After that we went to the Speedway grounds where they had a tent set up for a barbecue/chicken dinner ... and of course, it rained. We had to sit with our feet up on the bottom of our chairs because there was so much water running from all the rain, but the Hornet's Nest Region really did a good job under the circumstances, even having heaters in the tent.



On Friday, we went to the track to check out the AutoFair. We lucked out with the rain while we were there, only cloudy, but the grounds on the outside where the vendors were set up was pretty muddy ... not a pretty sight. But we went inside the track to see all the cars and vendors in there. AMAZING ... cars for sale and vendors everywhere! There was no way we could see everything going on ... our feet, backs, and legs wore out ... so much walking! Never realized just how big that track really is and how steep that banking is on the track till you are up close and personal.

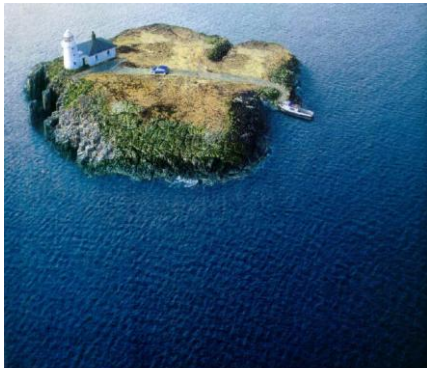
Saturday morning was "AACA day." When we registered to attend the meet John put on the form that we DIDN'T want to be judged but when we picked up the paperwork they had us down to be judged. Oh well, we figured since we are here, just go ahead and do it. Well we knew our car was not "judge worthy" shall we say and they confirmed what we already knew. But it was an experience and we met some nice people along the way.

Then on Saturday night, we attended AACA's dinner/awards banquet at the Embassy Suites Hotel ... very nice, great food, and it seemed like the awards went on forever. We didn't get any awards (which we already guessed) but I did come home with a beautiful geranium that was the centerpiece for our table ... not a total loss. All in all, we had a good time, but the weather sure did mess things up.

Old Salem Chapter Swap Meet

For Sale

'85 VW Golf 5 speed (\$350). There are only 5 actual miles on the car. Always taken care of and used only in 1st gear and reverse. Tires and brakes are authentic and have never been replaced. Buyer must come pick up the car. **MUST SEE** to appreciate!



Wanted

Dashboard Clock for 1949 Plymouth, must be in mint working condition. Call Bill @ (336) 764-9218 after 6:00 PM.

Wanted

Upper and lower radiator hoses for a 1964 Oldsmobile Cutlass, 330 engine w/o air. Call David @ (336) 924-4737

For Sale

Set of four, original Knock-off wheels for a 1966 Corvette. Good condition. Call David @ (336) 924-4737

For Sale

Bare SubFrame for '67-'74 Camaro, or '68-74 Nova. Call David @ (336) 924-4737

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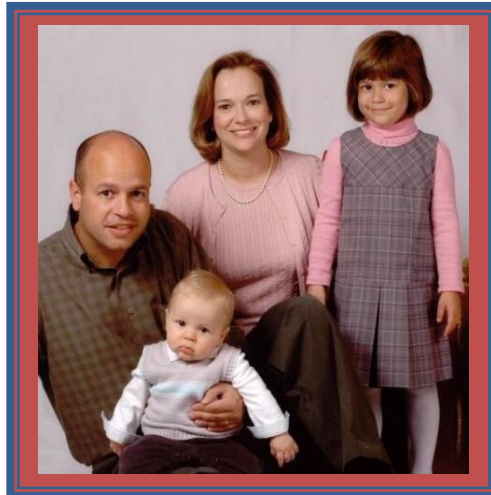
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OLD SALEM CHAPTER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

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"MATT & LAURIN EASTLING"

"MORGAN & RYAN"

Matt started liking cars when he had summer vacations at his Grandpa Eastling's up in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Cedar Lake is in the northwest corner of Indiana. Matt has a '31 Chrysler which belonged to his Grandfather and a '40 Ford Convertible which was his Uncle's. Matt says he still remembers the sound of the '40 Ford when his Uncle would take them on rides during their visits. The dual exhaust from a flathead Ford sounded pretty good! His Grandpa and Grandma would also take them on rides in the Chrysler. One of his strongest memories is of getting caught in the rain while riding around in the rumble seat of the Chrysler while his Grandma kept turning around to see if he was OK. He was wet but having a blast!

Matt always told my Uncle that he wanted to buy the Ford. When he finally got the chance, he didn't let it pass by. His Uncle was happy to sell it him since he knew he would take care of it and not chop it up or hot rod it. That was around 1996 or '97. Matt and Laurin were living in Winston-Salem at the time and they looked for a local AACA chapter to join. Matt found the Old Salem Chapter by talking to friends and soon they became members. Matt says "What a great bunch of folks, and a wealth of information on how to take care of my new old car". It wasn't long before he became Vice-President of the Chapter and Laurin became the Treasurer. Matt soon started the Chapter's newsletter called "Spinning Wheels." Matt soon became President of the Chapter and served about 3 or 4 years until about the time Morgan was born. During his tenure as President, the Chapter had the first car show in Kernersville, which we still have to this day (May 3rd this year). "With a five year old daughter (Morgan), a three year old business (Piedmont Auto Body), and a one year old son (Ryan), it has been tough to be as active in the club as we once were, says the Eastlings, "But as they get older we should be able to attend more and more events".

Currently Matt and his father (along with a lot of the guys from Piedmont Auto Body) are working on a 1963 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, #199 of #1800. The chrome is ready, the pot metal and stainless steel are ready and the body is almost ready for paint. Matt says, "When you're working on an 18 foot car, it takes awhile to get it straight for paint". Everyone is welcome to stop by the shop if you want to see it "in progress." He had the Eldo media blasted down to the metal and has worked his way back up. It's not a frame off job because they are really just looking for a real nice driver. The 390 motor really purrs and the transmission and brakes are unbelievably good. Hopefully you will see it on the street this summer, then it will go to an interior shop for the winter. Matt tells us "by next summer we should be cruising in complete style!"