

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



Tom Pruett's VW

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2024 Events Calendar:

Event: [General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of AACA](#)

Meeting Date: **October 27th, 2024**

Meeting Location: **The newly remodeled Backyard Bistro (we hope)**

1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607

Future Meeting Dates: 11/24/2024, 12-08-24

Most General Meetings of the Triangle Chapter are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Backyard Bistro. However, meeting dates may, on rare occasions, be moved to an alternate Sunday due to scheduling conflicts at the Backyard Bistro. **Please check your most current Triangle Chapter Newsletter, Website or Facebook for last minute changes.**

Event Schedule:

Arrive 2:00 to 2:30

Lunch/Dinner 2:30 to 3:30

Meeting and Presentation 3:30 to 5:00

Program—TBD

If it is nice drive your classic cars!

NC Region 2023 Calendar Events Planned – **See details below**

AACA National Events Calendar – [UPDATED LINK FOR 2024!](#)

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2024. The 2024 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Presidents Message

Hello fellow club members! As you all know our state was hit pretty hard from Miss Helene, particularly those on the western half of the state. We wish all of our fellow AACA members a safe return to normalcy after the completion of the recovery period. We here in the triangle dodged a bullet with minimal damage.

This final weekend in September is the Region 70th Anniversary Tour. Fortunately, this event was scheduled on our coastal area. The well planned event should be an joy for all for those that could participate. This was a come as you can, leave when you want event. As I mentioned last month this was to be my inaugural event for my HPOF vehicle. Still not running.

We did have a very successful first of the fall chapter meeting that was very well attended. We packed the Village Green meeting room, next person in would have been standing. We thank the Village crew for suppling our needs on such a short notice.

Tom and Debbie Pruett presented a very shortened slide show of the retracing of the original Route 66 from Chicago to LA. This historic route still has some original facilities still operating and others converted into history museums. Tom stated this was one of his most exciting trips he has taken. See Tom for details.

We have been assured that the Backyard Bistro will be open in time for our October meeting so we will see you there.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

1. My apologies for this late Newsletter. Since my "intermission" it seems I need a lesson in time management.
2. As I contemplate retirement I find myself busier than when working full time. Or perhaps I need to understand how to use the word "No". Who am I fooling...
3. Please remember to give back in any manner that suits you. Western Carolina is need of help on all fronts.
4. Also don't forget to help those in need as we approach the upcoming holidays. Other charities sometimes suffer during times of significant disaster relief.
5. Thanks to all for your contributions this last month
6. Please contact me with anything you want published. mewr2017@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inquiring minds want to know?

How did **Andrea** do in Gilmore?

Did **Dean** successfully find new homes for his excess tools?

Was **Dan** and **Jean's** participation in the NC Region Car Tour fun?

As reported by Andrea Irby

Please share with any Cadillac people you know. These are wonderful cars and his garage is amazing. All these wonderful items need new homes.

Many of you know that we lost our friend and founding member of our region Lowell Carlson earlier this year. Lowell was a strong supporter of the CCCA, the AACA, and the Cadillac LaSalle Club, and an avid Cadillac/LaSalle enthusiast.

I am assisting Lowell's family in finding new homes for his collection. In addition to the three cars listed below, Lowell had quite a number of spare parts; mostly '37-'41 Cadillac, and an eclectic collection of automobilia. Please contact me if you have interest in acquiring any of these. I will be happy to share more information, and can arrange for you to see/drive the cars.

As reported by Randy N Robertson

Linda and I are always on the lookout for two things on our hopefully increasing travel schedule. On a recent trip to Montreal and Quebec City we found both.

Linda's can always sniff out a horse close by. I unfortunately was unable to get my camera out on two occasions to capture the Cadillac convertibles that are part of a private tour service in Montreal.

If your ever there here is the link: [Throwback Tours | Private Montréal Tours in a Convertible Cadillac](#)



WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

December 8th—Triangle Chapter annual Christmas party

January 17-18th, 2025—NC Region Meeting in Raleigh

See section attached below for additional upcoming regional shows! **Updated 2024 Schedule**
Stay tuned for 2025 schedule



Throw back Photos



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

AACA Meeting Notes – 9/22/2024

Action Items

1. Chapter officers are selected in October and voted on in Nov. If you are interested, contact Jim Gill (919-593-5860)
2. 12/8/2024 – Annual Christmas party. Jean Soehnlein and Marilee Sanderson.
3. 1/17-18/2025 – NC Region meeting in Raleigh.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Our meeting at the Village Grill was well attended with 45 attending. Hopefully, the Backyard Bistro will be open next month. Dan is following.
2. New members attending included Marisa Dietsche (moved to N Raleigh from Dubai – 38 Buick), Nathon Swanson (VW) and Dave Parker (32 Dodge). One guest with Ted Brooks was Beth Eakes.
3. Jim Gill reported on the Region meeting:
 - a. Membership is up recently to 1045 (mostly due to the Wilmington and Triangle Chapters)
 - b. The annual region meeting will be 1/17-18/2025 in Raleigh. The cost is just \$20.
 - c. We have an opportunity for an additional Region Board member for our chapter along with Denny Oestreich. Call Jim if interested.
 - d. New Bern will host the Region Spring show.
4. Ken Powell reported our treasury is at \$3300 with 95 families – the highest in many years
5. Denny Oestreich has prepared the 2024 Members Guide with updates and changes coming soon to be pasted into your book.
6. Possible display at Woodlawn Terrace next year – Dan is following.
7. Our spring show needs a new location next year. Joe Parsons has a possibility. Other thoughts?
8. Hershey – many members are going including Jim Aldrich, Tom Pruett, Dean & Les Tryon.
9. Dan and Jean Fuccella are attending the Region Tour this week. We will expect a full report.
10. Dean and Ted Books are preparing the next in the series of Carburetor Basic presentations. It covers engine controls from the 1960s thru 1999 and might be 2 sessions at the AACA Annual meeting next Feb in Charlotte. Stay tuned.
11. Denny Oestreich received a 2023 website award from the Region.
12. The program was a presentation on a Route 66 tour by Debbie and Tom Pruett. This tour is for modern cars and organized by Two Lane America (Austin Coop). It traveled from Chicago to LA in 13 days with well-organized stops along the way. Thirteen cars and 34 people participated. Very interesting.

2024 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – Jim Gill – (919-363-2616)
Vice President - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)
Secretary/Treasurer – Ken Powell (919-638-0756)
Region News Correspondent – Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)
Ex-Officio – Mike Hess (916-201-3973)



Board of Directors

2024 -2025

Ray Bader 919-418-0977
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Glenn Ott 609-658-8322

2023 -2024

Jim Aldrich 919-676-1230
Tom Pruett 919-422-4761
Brian Wingler 919-362-9303

Committee Chairs

Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)
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Car Show Committee Chair – Helen DiPietro (919-649-1719)

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

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

[Helen DiPietro and Andrea Irby are updating our Triangle Facebook page.](#)

[Please have a look, "Like" the page and give them suggestions or information for the pages.](#)

Triangle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TriangleChapterAACA>

Instagram Accounts

NC Region Instagram Account <https://www.instagram.com/nc.regionaaca/>



Did you know?

A month after the Ford Motor Company

was established, the first Ford Car, a two-cylinder, eight-horsepower Model A. It was assembled at a plant on Mack Ave in Detroit. Only few cars were assembled daily. The parts, supplied from other companies, were assembled by hand



Corrections to this article are welcomed

(the price of correction is an article about your first car)

NC REGIONAL 2024 CALENDAR

Last Update 1/21/2024					
Date	Type Meet	Host	City/State		Notes
October 8 - 11	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey PA	NAT	
October 19	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC	U&T	Alt: Oct. 12 th — depends on city
October 23 - 26	AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals	North Alabama Region	Huntsville, AL	NAT	
Cancelled	AACA Winter Nationals	East Tennessee Region		NAT	
Rescheduled to 2025	AACA Western Spring Nationals	Tucson Region	Tucson, AZ	NAT	New Date: April 10-12, 2025
For Updates/Cancellations Contact: loals@ecrr.com		Text/Call: 910.622.0294			

TIP or Question of THE MONTH



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

Send me those tips or questions

This picture show storage for various grinders and the spindle to hold the various wheels.

Now that works!



Pro Tip: Adapt this rack for modern day Oscillating tools and their blades. I just recently purchased one for the personal tool kit. Boy that thing sure has made it self useful.

THE PARTING SHOT

Keep those OUTDOOR pictures coming!

The Manna Food Bank in Asheville facility in Asheville was completely wiped out. They do a lot of good.



PICTURE IS FROM DECEMBER 2021 AND THE ASSOCIATED CAR SHOW WAS FEATURED IN A PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

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Till next month Randy N Robertson