



AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



May 2025



Jim Gill's Ford Galaxy

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2025 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: **May 25th, 2025**

Meeting Location: **The Local (formally Backyard Bistro)**

1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607

Future Meeting Dates: Future 2025 dates to be announced

Most General Meetings of the Triangle Chapter are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at The Local. However, meeting dates may, on rare occasions, be moved to an alternate Sunday due to scheduling conflicts at The Local.

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 2:30-3:45

Meeting and Presentation 3:45 to 5:00

Presentation: "Miracle at Beaverdam" The restoration of a GM Furturliner

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Dean Tryon was a part of this team and will introduce it and answer questions.

Welcoming Guests and New Members.

If it is nice Please drive your classic cars!



NC Region 2025 Calendar Events Planned – **See details below**

AACA National Events Calendar – UPDATED LINK FOR 2025!

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2025. The 2025 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

President's Message

By Glenn Ott

Unfortunately, our May 3rd show was canceled due to circumstances beyond our control.

However, the Board of Directors, Officers, and several members are working to find another venue to hold our Chapter show later this year.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard on this event. I look forward our Chapter hosting a successful show.

Included in this newsletter is a Triangle Chapter Schedule dated 5/15/2025. A few dates have been updated, but a column has been added labeled "Car Regis". One thing I would like to do as President is get more members together at shows and activities.

If we can get an idea of who is attending an event, and distribute that information to the members attending, maybe we can group our cars together at the show, or know who is at the convention to meet at lunch or attend a specific seminar. Organizing before a show, to be able to display our cars as a group together, would increase our exposure to other clubs and the public, and build comradery among members.

Memorial Day is Monday May 26th. Thank you to all who have served.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

1. It's been a busy month for your editor, with the balance of 2025 and early 2026 already planned so please allow extra time when sending in your articles and pictures.
2. I plan to take my grandson to the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club show on May 24th in Garner. Hope to see some of our members there.
3. Another great month of contributions. Thanks to all for their continuing support!
4. Hope to see you all for our next meeting on May 25th, at **The Local**. Go Canes!

Please contact me with anything you want published. rnewr2017@gmail.com

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

5-12-2025

Date	Event	Hotel Reg.	Car Regis.
May			
5/3	Triangle Chapter Car Show at Brier Creek Cancelled		
5/3	Coastal Plains Chapter show - Washington, NC		
5/10	NC Region Spring Show - First Capital & Moorehead Chapters - New Bern, NC		
5/17	Alamance Region Annual meet - Burlington, NC		
5/17	Wheels on Academy - Cary, NC		
5/17	Dan photo shoot with Keisha's son in the late afternoon		
5/24	Piedmont Chevy show		
5/25	Triangle monthly meeting		
5/31	CCCC Car Show 10-3 Lee Main Campus, 1105 Kelly Drive, Sanford		
June			
6/6-7	Raleigh Classic Car Auction		
6/7	San-Lee Chapter show - Sanford, NC		
6/7	Specialty Car Show Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, NC		
6/14	Tom Pruett Cruise-In		
6/14	Three Rivers Chapter show - Eden, NC		
6/19-21	Eastern Spring Nationals - Whitewater Region, Beckley, WV		
6/21	Carolina Family Estate Planning Cars and Coffee - Cary, NC		
6/22	Triangle monthly meeting		
6/28	Old Salem Chapter Show - Kernersville, NC		
July			
TBD	Triangle Chapter road tour TBD		
7/19	Carolina Overlook Retirement Community Display (Date to be confirmed)		
7/24-26	Central Spring Grand Nationals, Dayton, OH		
7/27	Triangle monthly meeting		
August			
8/2	Zoosland Region Annual meet - Asheboro, NC		
8/3	Triangle monthly meeting - Ice Cream Social		
8/9	General Greene Chapter show - Greensboro, NC		
TBD	Triangle Chapter road tour TBD		

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September			
TBD	Kars for Kids		
9/13	NC Region Fall Meet - Furnitureland Chapter - Spencer, NC		
9/18-20	Hornets Nest Auto Fest - Charlette, NC		
9/20	Morehead City Chapter show - Morehead City, NC		
9/27	Southeastern Chapter show - Mount Olive, NC		
9/28	Triangle monthly meeting		
October			
10/7-10	AACA Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA		
10/18	New River Chapter show -Jacksonville, NC		
10/18	Show, Shine, Shag and Dine - Henderson, NC		
10/26	Triangle monthly meeting - nominations for Nov elections		
TBD	Henderson-Oxford Airport Military History Show		
November			
11/6-8	GAA Classic Cars Auction		
11/7-9	Ederville Steam Power Show (Carthage, NC)		
11/23	Triangle monthly meeting - elections		
December			
12/7	Triangle monthly meeting - Christmas party		
Jan 2026			
1/16-17	NC Region Annual meeting		
	Triangle Board meeting		
	Triangle monthly meeting		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Courtney Johnston

I'm taking auto restoration classes at CCCC. They have been very good to me.

They are having their car show on May 31st on main campus in Sanford.

I would like to invite the Triangle Chapter to join Harlow and me at this event. It's an easy run down US 1.

See flyer attached

As reported by Dan Fuccella-

April's Presentation is rescheduled for our May Meeting.

Presentation: "Miracle at Beaverdam" The restoration of a GM Furturliner

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Update from Dan Fuccella

Dan and John DiPietro are meeting with Five Points this coming Tuesday for a possible Cruise in.

Stay tuned!

Five Points is still very much interested in a cruise in

Welcome New Members:

Rudy & Elleen Socey.

Hollywood here we come!

By Randy N Robertson

Well it seems the **Hollywood bug** is catching in our club!

First U-Tube shot a feature about Zoe Carmichael & The Triangle club during our last general meeting.

Glenn Ott reported:

Attached are some pictures from last month's meeting when the video crew from California came with **Zoe Carmichael** to film part of a documentary about her automotive experience leading to her new career.

Triangle Chapter supported Zoe through the scholarship program during her studies, and she graduated from McPherson College with a degree in Automotive Restoration.

While the film crew was here, they also filmed several cars and members. When the **production** is complete we will publish the YouTube link to the video.

Glenn Ott's Corvette



Photographer getting a close up



Dan Fuccella talks with the crew



Denny Oestreich talks with Zoe Carmichael

Hollywood here we come!

By Randy N Robertson

Breaking news from Dean Tryon!

Here are photos from our 5/15 photo session with John and Nancy Sammon, our neighbors who are professional filmmakers. Their business is in Dubai (20 employees) and in 2020, they have started a US based business also.

This 90 min presentation took all day for set up, filming, retakes for our mistakes, rain, thunder, coughing, lunch break, etc. He took 2 Terabytes of info on 2 cameras (1 focused on the screen and one on speaker and screen). It will take John weeks to edit it all.

Interesting day. Using a car in the background was their suggestion. Fortunately our covered deck kept it all dry.

Dean Tryon—Take 1



Dean Tryon—John Sammon—Take 5



I just can't keep smiling :) Take 25 Dean Tryon—Nancy Sammon

NC Region Meet New Bern

Reports by Dan Fuccella with images by Dan Fuccella and Glenn Ott

See Denny's as always great article on the our Website

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, six attentive young car enthusiasts participated in a Youth Judging training session at the North Carolina Region Spring Meet in New Bern, NC, where they learned the basics of vehicle judging through a hands-on review of selected owner's vehicles.

Dan teaches another group of our next generation >>>>>



And the winner is Sam Ramos's 1965 Mustang



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Woodland Terrace Car Display 2025

Images by Denny Oestreich and Glenn Ott



WORTHY CAR EVENTS—SEND ME YOUR SUBMITTALS

May 24th, 2025- Piedmont Classic Chevy Club show– Mojo's Grill in Garner—8am to Noon

May 31st, 2025– Central Carolina Community College Car Show at the main campus in Sanford

June 14th—Classic Car Cruise-In—3520 Carpenter Pond Rd, Durham, NC

June 21st– Cars & Coffee– Carolina Family Estate Planning-201 Commonwealth Ct Cary NC - 9-11am

August 3, 2025– Triangle Chapter Ice Cream Social—2 to 4 pm



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

AACA Meeting Notes – April 27, 2025 Meeting

Action Items

1. May 10 – NC Region Meet, New Bern, NC
2. May 25 – Next meeting at The Local, meet at 2pm
3. May 31 – Car show at Sanford Community College (Courtney Johnston)
4. June 14 – Cruise In at Tom & Debbie Pruett's (See attached info)
5. Aug 3 – Ice Cream Social – Tom & Debbie Pruett's (See attached info)

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. New member Greg Lipscomb attended along with recent new member Kem Ahlers.
2. A good group of over 40 attended our annual chili-cookoff in a unique location.
3. Mike Petersen now has 400 judging point – a major accomplishment.
4. Our display at Woodlawn Terrace in Cary had 13 cars and was well received by residents. List of attendees is attached.
5. Denny Oestreich reminded us to check out our chapter website for info and photos. <https://triangleaaca.org/>
6. Several members received awards at NC Region Spring show:
 - Class ORG – Original - 2000 Dodge Neon ES, Mike Petersen, Raleigh, NC
 - Class ORG - Repeat Senior Original - 1988 Ford Ranger, Brian C. Wingler, Apex, NC
 - Class DPC - 1950 Willys-Overland Jeep, Dan Fuccella, Cary, NC
 - Class 22B - Repeat Preservation 1938 Chevrolet Truck, Glen B. Andrews, Franklinton, NC
 - Class 17A - First Junior 1923 Stutz Bearcat Brian White, Apex, NC
 - Class 18A - First Junior 1924 Buick 35, Wilson E. Fausel, Cary, NC
 - Class 22I - Second Junior 1944 Dodge WC-51 J, Courtney Johnston, Apex, NC
 - Class 32 - Repeat Preservation 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Fernando Lugo, Youngsville, NC
 - Class 34A - Second Junior 1966 Ford Mustang Beth Eakes, Fuquay Varina, NC
 - Class 36M - Repeat Preservation 1997 Chevrolet Camaro Z28, Thomas Pruett, Durham, NC
7. The program was changed to accommodate a film crew from Calif. who is doing a short video on Zoe Carmichael. She has completed her program at McPherson College in Kansas with a Bachelor Degree in automotive restoration. The film crew had 3 people and 2 cameras focused on part of our meeting, Zoe, interviews with members and the old cars in the parking lot.

Zoe is back home in the Raleigh area and has set up a program to teach young ladies the basics of car maintenance with a great reception so far.
8. Our next meeting will be May 25 at The Local. The program will be a 35 min. video "Miracle at Beaverdam" - the story of the restoration of one of the 12 GM Futurliner vehicles by a group of volunteers in Michigan. The people side of this project is equally interesting.

2025 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – Glenn Ott	(609-658-8322)
Vice President - Dan Fuccella	(919-349-5911)
Secretary/Treasurer – Ken Powell	(919-638-0756)
Region News Correspondent – Denny Oestreich	(919-846-8163)
Ex-Officio – Jim Gill	(916-363-2616)

Board of Directors

2024 -2025

Ray Bader	919-418-0977
Helen DiPietro	919-649-1719
Jim Aldrich	919-676-3131

2025 -2026

Bob Gahr	440-867-4722
Tom Pruett	919-422-4761
Brian Wingle	919-362-9303

Committee Chairs

Awards - Jim Gill - (919-363-2616)

Newsletter Editor – Randy N Robertson (919-422-9487)

Facebook Editors—Helen DiPietro (919-649-1719) & Andrea Irby (919-815-1355)

Webmaster - Denny Oestreich (919-846-8163)

Youth Coordinator - Dan Fuccella (919-349-5911)

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/>

Be sure to check out Denny's report on the NC Region Spring Meet in New Bern

NC Region Website: <http://www.ncregionaaca.com/region/>

Facebook Pages

Helen DiPietro and Andrea Irby are updating our Triangle Facebook page.

Please check out Helen's posts! She has the latest info on Shows, Cruise-Ins & history tid-bits. Nice!

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

Instagram Accounts

Helen is updating the Instagram page. Check it out!

<https://www.instagram.com/triangleaaca/>

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



NC REGIONAL 2025 CALENDAR

Updated 01/21/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Meet</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/State</u>	
January 17 - 18	NC Region Annual Membership Mtg	NC Region	Raleigh, NC	REG
February 6 - 8	AACA Annual Convention	AACA National	Charlotte, NC	NAT
March 1	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T
April 3 - 5	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT
TBD	Chapter Meet	Old Salem	Winston Salem, NC	U&T
May 1 - 3	AACA Western Spring Nationals	Tucson Region	Tucson, AZ	NAT
May 2	AACA Grand Nationals	Tucson Region	Tucson, AZ	NAT
May 3	Chapter Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	U&T
May 3	Chapter Meet	Triangle	Cary, NC	U&T
May 10	NC Region Spring Meet	First Cap / Mhead City	New Bern, NC	REG
May 17	Region Meet	Alamance Region	Burlington, NC	IPO
June 1 - 7	Vintage Tour (Pre-1932)	Buzzard's Breath Reg	Pennsylvania	NAT
June 7	Chapter Meet	San-Lee Chapter	Sanford, NC	U&T
June 14	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Eden, NC	U&T
June 19 - 21	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Whitewater Region	West Virginia	NAT
July 2 - 5	AACA Central Spring Nationals	Crossroads Am Region	Auburn, Indiana	NAT
July 24 - 26	AACA Grand Nationals /Zenith	AACA National	Dayton, Ohio	NAT
August 2	Region Meet	Zooland	Asheboro, NC	IPO
August 9	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T
August 12 - 15	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour	Maine Region	Maine	NAT
September 7 - 12	Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre 1943)	VMCCA	Owensboro, KY	NAT
September 13	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	REG +
September 18 - 20	Hornets Nest Auto Fest	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	IPO
September 20	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC	U&T
September 27	Chapter Meet	Southeastern	Mount Olive, NC	U&T
October 7 - 10	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey PA	NAT
October 18	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T
October 18 - 22	AACA Central Divisional Tour	Texas DFW Region	San Antonio, TX	NAT
October 23 - 25	AACA Central Fall Nationals	Gulf Coast Region	Galveston, TX	NAT

For Cancellations/ Changes Contact: David Lineback delineback@gmail.com

(336) 414-8529

TIP or Question of THE MONTH

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

Send me those tips or questions

As reported by Randy N Robertson & the internet

Haven't you tripped over your jack stands long enough?

Build a simple [storage rack](#) and get them off the floor.

If you have a lightweight floor jack, add mounting hooks under the holder.

Screw a 2-in. PVC coupler to the side of the rack and a 2-in. cap on the wall near the floor for the handle.

Now that works!



Pro Tip:

Be sure to secure the bracket to the studs or a backer plate that spans the studs



THE PARTING SHOT

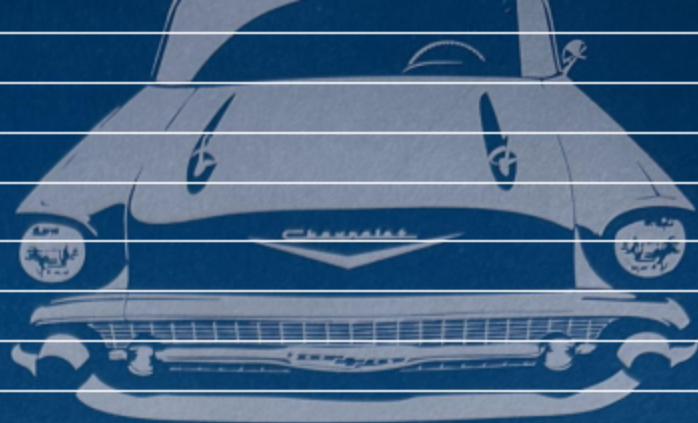


Chet Butcher 1950 Ford Tudor Custom

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson

8th ANNUAL CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW



Start Your Engines!

✓ Free vehicle registration

(Registration will be on the same day of the event located at the registration tent)

✓ Donations gladly accepted

(Support the CCCC Automotive Restoration and Motorcycle Mechanics programs)

✓ Door prizes for registered vehicles

✓ Food trucks

✓ Trophies awarded



DATE: Saturday, May 31, 2025
(rain or shine)

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lee Main Campus
Courtyard, by Welcome Center
1105 Kelly Drive, Sanford, NC

For more information, email:

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SATURDAY - JUNE 14TH, 2025

9A.M. UNTIL...?

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY - JUNE 15TH

PERFORMANCE CARS *RACE CARS*
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RAT RODS *AND* HOT RODS
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DURHAM, NC 27703

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR
PARTICIPATING CARS

FOOD TRUCK ON SITE

INFO@EVERGREENCLASSICSUSA.COM

As reported by Dan Fuccella

Attention Fellow Triangle Chapter members and guests. Here is an informal gathering in Cary you might wish to attend.

Event: Cars & Coffee

Location: Carolina Family Estate Planning, 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100, Cary, NC 27511

Date: June 21, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Host Contact: Angel Preston, Community Engagement & Events Specialist, (919) 443-3035, a.preston@carolinafep.com

Description: Carolina Family Estate Planning is treating car owners to **free specialty coffee from Unhinged Coffee** and **Duck Donuts** as a thank-you for bringing our rides out. They would love to have our Triangle crew join them - it'll be a fun, laid-back morning with great cars, good coffee, and even better company!

Here's the registration link if you're interested (feel free to share!): [Sign up Link](#) . They only have **30 spots**, so please sign up soon!

Also, please send me an email if you intend to attend: danielfuccella@gmail.com . If we have sufficient interest within the Triangle Chapter, we will try to set the event as a stop on an informal cruise-in.