



AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



April 2026

Jim Gill's 1963
Ford Galaxie Convertible
[Here's to the land yachts](#)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: **April 26th, 2026**

Meeting Location: **The Local**

1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607

Future Meeting Dates: Future 2026 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: "Decision and Consequences"

One decision. One car. A lifetime of consequences. Ever look back at a single moment in your life and realize it changed your whole future? Like many of us, it starts with a simple story (buying an antique car in our case) as a hobby. But as years pass, you realize that one decision did so much more than put a classic car on the road. Whether you are restoring a vintage Pontiac or building a career, it is a reminder that our passions do not just fill out time, they define our lives.

Join us at the meeting to see how that decision affected the Tryon's but more importantly, how events like this affected your life. Les Tryon will share their story.

Welcoming Guests and New Members.

If it is nice Please drive your classic cars!

How are you doing on my challenge to attend all meetings in 2026?

See you on April 26th, make the rest of the year count!

NC Region 2025 Calendar Events Planned –

See details below

AACA National Events Calendar – **UPDATED LINK FOR 2026!**

The AACA National Shows are scheduled for 2026. The 2026 events are listed on the AACA Website at:

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

President's Message

By Glenn Ott

I know we have published our annual schedule summarizing dates for meetings, AACA and other shows, special activities like Polk House, and favorites like the Chili Cook-off and Ice Cream Social, but there is more to come!

We will have a Dix Park display July 11th.

Preliminary plans are being discussed for a picnic and **Bulls baseball game**. Stay tuned for details.

Following up on last month's message, October 24th may seem like it is a long way off, but car show letters are being written, sponsors need to be contacted, door prizes need to be acquired, and show details need to be prepared. I am currently looking for volunteers more familiar with the Garner area who can help make a list of potential sponsors and help me contact them.

I am also seeking a volunteer for Chief Judge now, so we can finalize plans in advance of the busy months ahead.

Please send me an email indicating you are interested.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- Did I hear that we might attend a baseball game? Count me in let's make this happen
- Go Canes!
- Lack of rain good for construction & car shows. Bad for Earth. Warming up today. Yeah!
- Thanks to all for their continuing support!
- Challenge of the month – Attend this Sunday's meeting!

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

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

Date

Event

April

26 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

May

2 NC Region Spring Meet - Coastal Plains Chapter - Washington, NC

9 First Capital Chapter Show - New Bern, NC

16 Alamance Region Annual Meet - Burlington, NC

16 Wheels on Academy - Cary, NC

23 Piedmont Chevy show

28-30 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals - Shannock Valley Region - Indiana, PA

31 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

June

6 San-Lee Chapter Show - Sanford, NC

11-13 AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals - Volunteer Region - Oak Ridge, TN

13 Tom Pruett Charity Cruise-in

25 Polk House - History on Wheels

28 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

Need those April showers for those May flowers!



Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

July

- TBD Tour to TBD
- 26 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

August

- 5-8 Southeastern Divisional Tour - NC Region Little Detroit Chapter - Flat Rock, NC
- 8 General Greene Chapter Show - Greensboro, NC
- TBD Primrose Schools Drive through, West Cary
- 16 Triangle Chapter Ice Cream Social
- 19-22 AACA Grand Nationals / Zenith - Allentown, PA
- 27-29 Corvettes at Carlisle - Carlisle, PA

September

- 9-14 Founders Tour - Historic VA Peninsula Region - Williamsburg, VA
- 12 NC Region Fall Meet - Furnitureland Chapter - Spencer, NC
- TBD Falls River Retirement Community Car Display
- TBD Wake Forest Community Partners @ Market of Wake Forest 12217 Capital Blvd.
- 20-26 Revival Glidden Tour - Dover, DE
- 27 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

October

- 3 New River Chapter Show - Jacksonville, NC
- 6-9 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA
- 10 CCCC Car Show - Lee Main Campus, 1105 Kelly Drive, Sanford, NC
- 16-17 Show, Shine, Shag and Dine - Henderson, NC
- 17 Morehead City Chapter Show - Morehead City, NC
- 24 Triangle Chapter Show - Garner, NC
- 25 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

November

- TBD Carolina Overlook Friends and Family Day Car Display - Clayton, NC
- TBD Capital Oaks
- 29 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting - elections

December

- 6 Triangle Chapter Holiday Party

January 2027

- NC Region Annual Meeting - Raleigh, NC
- 23 Triangle Chapter Board Meeting
- 24 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtney Johnston needs a little help

Harlow needed major surgery last year for fuel delivery & ignition problems.

She sat in her mechanic's lot for 6 months in the hot Carolina sun.

As a result, her glass has bubbled and the rubber pads covering her running boards have deteriorated.

Does anyone know where I can get Harlow's glass replaced?

Are there replacement rubber running board covers available or is there a spray-on option?

All help is appreciated.



Harlow Pinehurst 2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the **NC Region AACA, The Old Salem Chapter of AACA, and the Kernersville Auto Museum**, we are thrilled to invite you and your chapter members to a special commemorative event celebrating one of the most legendary chapters in automotive history: **The 1908 Great Race**.

Join us as we step back in time to honor the spirit of the auto pioneers who trekked from New York to Paris. Whether you're a fan of the Thomas Flyer or just love the grit of early 20th-century motoring, this is an afternoon you won't want to miss. Tickets are available at \$25 each and are a donation to support the Kernersville Auto Museum.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 2-4 pm at the Kernersville Auto Museum at [204 Holly Tree Dr.](#) and Old Winston Road in Kernersville.

The NC Region AACA has always been the heartbeat of auto preservation and education in NC, and having regional leadership present would make the celebration truly special. We encourage you to share this invitation, flyer, and press release with ticket info with your local members.

We look forward to seeing you in Kernersville for a once in a lifetime trip down memory lane as spectators in the 1908 Great Race.

Best regards,

David Lineback, President, NC Region AACA

I wanted to share this upcoming event with you. The City of Cary is hosting a car show that is **FREE** to enter and includes trophies.

I have attended in the past, and the city always does an excellent job organizing it.

Best regards,

Ron Tanciar

(FYI Ron has previously provided some excellent photos for our newsletter)

[Wheels on Academy](#) will be returning to Town Hall Campus on May 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This annual car show is open to all makes, models, and years of vehicles including trucks and EVs. We have an exciting update for 2026: registration for the car show is now **free!**

Registration is open online now and available through May 2. Registering online by May 2 will get you a dash plaque and event towel when you arrive. Day-of registration will be available as space permits. All registered vehicles will be in consideration for our Top 30 awards (judged by decade) and Best in Show.

Please note that participants are not able to leave until 2 p.m. for the safety of our pedestrian spectators. You can learn more about participating and registering at carync.gov/wheels.

We are looking forward to a fun day of connecting over cars, touch-a-truck, live music, and food!

You're welcome to reach out to me with any questions. If you need assistance with the registration process, please call (919) 469-4000.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello All,

As you may or may not know, Mike Morgan the **NC Region treasurer**, resigned last week because he is in the process of moving to Colorado.

I will be searching for his replacement. Let me know if any of you or someone in your chapter is interested in the position.

I also mail out the NC Region newsletter to our membership. If you have a member who is not receiving the newsletter, or if their address has changed, please let me know.

In the meantime, I will be acting as the interim treasurer until the position is filled.

Please send any checks or correspondence to:

Lorrie Oaks

[326 Covil Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403](mailto:loaks4@gmail.com)

My phone number to call or text is: **910-622-0294**

Email address is: **loaks4@gmail.com**

I look forward to serving as the NC Region treasurer during this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please see attached brochure from David Parker with information on Great Smoky Mountains Region and Little Detroit Chapter of AACA's apple country tour on August 5, 2026.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Parsons has extended an invitation to the Prestonwood Country Club invitation car show. This is the show's second year. Mike Petersen won best in show last year.



The poster features a black background with green and white checkered borders at the top and bottom. At the top center is a white monogram logo. Below it, the text reads "Prestonwood Country Club" in a serif font, followed by "INVITATIONAL CAR SHOW" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left of "CAR SHOW" is a white starburst icon. Below the title, the words "ANTIQUE CLASSIC EXOTIC" are spaced out. The date and time "SATURDAY, JUNE 6 9:00 AM-1:00 PM" are centered, with "7:00-8:30 AM Registration • 12:45 PM Awards" below it. A registration fee of "\$30 Registration" is listed, followed by a list of inclusions: "includes 1 Car Entry, Coffee & Pastries, DJ, Dash Plaques, and 1 Meal from the PCC Patio Grille", with the note "payable via cash or check day of show". A green rounded rectangle contains the word "REGISTER" in white. Below this are three images of cars: a dark sports car, a light blue classic car, and a silver classic car. At the bottom, a white box contains the address "300 PRESTONWOOD PARKWAY, CARY, NC 27513". A second starburst icon is on the right side of the poster.

<https://www.prestonwood.com/the-car-show>



Register and support Joe. Use the links above.

AACA Charlotte National Meet

From the front lines with Brian Wingler

AACA National Meet- Charlotte

The Hornets Nest Region put on their usual fine National Meet at the Charlotte Motor Speedway April 9-11, 2026.

The Triangle Chapter was well- represented at the Saturday car show with both show cars and judging.

Several of our judges reached new milestones in judging credits at this show. Judges included Jim Aldrich (75 credits), Dan Fuccella (Youth Judging), John and Brenda Gerken, Mike Petersen (425 credits), and Brian Wingler (25 credits).

Triangle members showing cars included:

Beth Eakes (1966 Mustang- First Junior)*** Wilson Faucel (1924 Buick- Senior)*** Dan Fuccella (1950 Willys- DPC)

Jim Gill (1925 Model T- DPC) *** Fernando Lugo (1956 Bel Air- Senior) *** Mike Petersen (2001 Durango- Senior Original)

Tom Pruett (1994 Corvette- First Preservation) *** Brian Wingler (2000 BMW Z3- Senior)

Very productive day for the Triangle members showing cars.

The Hornets Nest did something new this year by moving the AACA car show inside the speedway in the garage area; the AACA cars received a great deal more attention from Autofair attendees this year with the new location.



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Glenaire Retirement Display

By Brian Wingler

On Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2026, the Triangle Chapter participated in an antique car display for the residents of Glenaire Retirement Community in Cary, NC.

Seventeen members and two guests displayed 12 vehicles for the enjoyment of all involved.



Courtney's Wild Adventure Rides!

Courtney Johnston, our Event Coordinator, sure has some adventures suggested for the year. These all seem exciting. I plan to attend as many as I can.

Review the schedule and let Courtney know your interest level. 919-941-4337

AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER SUGGESTED TOURS for 2026

Suggested Tours

Aversboro Battlefield : precursor to Bentonville, less developed site, no museum, about 50 miles via I-40 E

Confederate Ironclad CSS Neuse, Kinston 90 miles via US 70E

Duke Gardens, Durham, about 35 miles via I-40

Duke Homestead, Durham, about 35 miles via I-40 & I-885

Yates Mill Tour and possible car show Lake Wheeler Rd, Raleigh,

Ederville Tractor Show, Carthage, 55 miles via US 1-S

Picnic at Lake Jordan, 20 miles via US 64 W

WWII US Army presentation of vehicle, uniforms, equipment & weapons,

Fire Department tour of antique engines

Garage Crawl of member's garages

Non-AACA shows

AACA EVENTS and Car Shows

April: AACA Nationals Charlotte, 130 miles via US 64E & I-85 S

May: CCCC Auto Restoration Car Show, Sanford, 50 miles via US-1S

June: AACA San/Lee Show : Sanford 40 miles vis US-1S

August: AACA Zooland show & possible trip to NC Zoo , 75 miles via US-64

Events Without our Classic cars:

NC Museum of Natural Science and Old Capitol, downtown Raleigh

NC Museum of Art, Raleigh

Durham Bulls Game, Durham– Randy N Robertson likes this! Make it happen Courtney!

NC State Arboretum, off Hillsboro St, Raleigh

NC State Baseball Game and tour of the Bell Tower, Raleigh

Reenactment at Ft Branch, Oak City, 110 mi. US-64E, actual Confederate fort

TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

AACA Meeting Notes – March 22, 2026 Chili-Cookoff Meeting

Action Items

- 4/26 – Next chapter meeting at The Local
- 4/19 – Car display at the Glenaire retirement home in Cary.
- 10/24 – Our annual car show, same location as last year (Mojo's in Garner)

Meeting Agenda Items:

We had 40 members attend our annual chili-cookoff. Again this was one of our best meetings each year for not only the variety of food but the location allowing great social interactions.

Chili was supplied by Cheryl Brooks, Marilee Sanderson, Beth Eakes, Zoe Carmichael, Brian Wingler, Ray Bader, Ken Powell, Dave Parker and Les Tryon. Corn bread was supplied by Anne-Marie Conklin, Dan Fuccella, and Cheryl Nelson-Anderson. Desserts were supplied by Becky Faucel, Mary Butcher, Cecilia Townsend, Sue Harley, Merry Oestreich, Barbara Senich and Jim Gill. Thanks to Ted Brooks, Courtney Johnston, Merilee Sanderson and Randy Robertson (and others for sure) for set up and clean up.

The winners were Zoe Carmichael (best), Ken Powell (hottest), Peggy Barns (cornbread) and Cecilia Townsend (desert).

First time new members include Josh Hines (Dunkins family) and Roger Crawford. Guests included Courtney Johnston's brother Scott and son Carl and Zoe's friend Keith Myatt.

Ken Powell distributed our annual Members Guide. They will be available at the next meeting if you did not get it this month. Thanks to Carol and Glenn Ott and Denny Oestreich for preparing them.

Denny Oestreich reported on updates to the website and several events listed above. He also has 10 free tickets for the Greensboro auction 4/9-11.

Ray Bader offered to fill a vacancy on our Board and he was officially voted in.

House for sale - Floyd and Peggy Barns are moving to a retirement home in Fuquay Varina. Therefore, their ideal antique car home and garages are for sale near Fuquay. It features a 9 acre lot, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2800 sq ft house, 3 out buildings, a 2 post lift,, paint booth, a 2 car workshop (heated and cooled with air compressor and 3 tanks), storage for 20 cars, etc, etc. Call them at 919-557-0401

Joe Parsons is involved with a car show at Prestonwood Country Club on 6/6. It is by invitation only but all AACA members are invited. This event typically has over 100 cars present.

Tom Pruett is doing our meeting programs. Give him your ideas.

2026 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – **Glenn Ott** (609-658-8322)
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Secretary/Treasurer – **Ken Powell** (919-638-0756)
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2025-2026

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2026-2027

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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 Jim Gills' 100 year Vehicle Award

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

Facebook Pages

For the latest updates please check out our Facebook page

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

Instagram Accounts

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

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



NC REGIONAL 2026 CALENDAR

NC Region AACA 2026 Event Calendar

Dates Received from Chapters as of 01-18-2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Meet</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/State</u>		<u>Notes</u>
January 16 - 17	NC Region Annual Membership Mtg	NC Region	Raleigh, NC	REG	Judges School
February 5 - 7	AACA Annual Convention	AACA National	Chantilly, VA	NAT	
March 7	Chapter Meet	Cape Fear	Wilmington, NC	U&T	
March 19 - 21	AACA Special Nationals	AACA National	Puerto Rico	NAT	
March 26 - 28	AACA Winter Nationals	Lake Allatoona Region	Cartersville, GA	NAT	
April 9 - 11	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region	Charlotte, NC	NAT	
April 23 - 25	AACA Western Spring Nationals	Las Vegas Region	Las Vegas, NV	NAT	
April 23 - 25	AACA Grand Nationals	Las Vegas Region	Las Vegas, NV	NAT	
May 2	Region Meet	Coastal Plains	Washington, NC	REG	
May 9	Chapter Meet	First Capital	New Bern, NC	U&T	
May 16	Region Meet	Alamance Region	Burlington, NC	IPO	
May 28 - 30	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Shannock Valley Region	Indiana, PA	NAT	
June 6	Chapter Meet	San-Lee	Sanford, NC	U&T	
June 11 - 13	AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals	Volunteer Region	Oak Ridge, TN	NAT	
June 13	Chapter Meet	Three Rivers	Eden, NC	U&T	
June 15 - 19	AACA Sentimental Tour	Pontiac/Oakland Region	Mechanicsburg, PA	NAT	
July 23 - 25	AACA Central Spring Nationals		Green Bay, WI	NAT	
August 8	Chapter Meet	General Greene	Greensboro, NC	U&T	
August 19 - 22	AACA Grand Nationals / Zenith	AACA National	Allentown, PA	NAT	
September 9 - 14	AACA Founders Tour (1932 - 2001)	Historic VA Peninsula Region	Williamsburg, VA	NAT	
September 12	Region Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC	REG	
September 20 - 26	AACA Revival AAA Glidden Tour	AACA National	Dover, DE	NAT	
September 26	Chapter Meet	Southeastern NC	Mount Olive, NC	U&T	
October 3	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC	U&T	
October 6 - 9	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey, PA	NAT	
October 17	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC	U&T	

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

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TIP or Question of THE MONTH



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

Send me those tips or questions

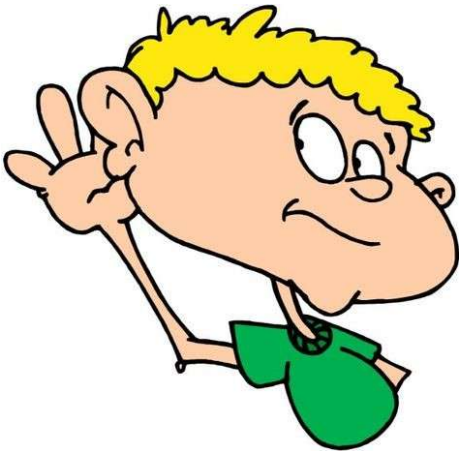
Throwback from the archives (May 2025)

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



Whose Plymouth is this?

Bob Gahr took the photo at the 2022 Chick Fil A Display

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson