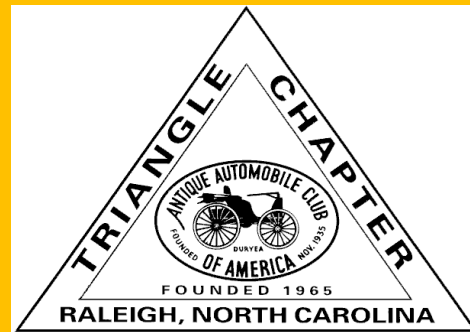




AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



August 2026



Ted Brooks new 1969
Pontiac Le Mans

(with a little help from his
friends)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

Welcoming Guests and New Members.

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of the AACA

Meeting Date: **September 27th, 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: To be determined

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 September 27th meeting. It's an important planning meeting for our car show.

NC Region 2026 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

Our inaugural Dix Park Display included 28 cars, had a lot of support for other local car clubs, was well attended by spectators, and had trolls and sunflowers nearby. Dix Park was glad we organized the event, and would like us to return next year. Maybe this could be the location for our 2027 Chapter Show?

The 2026 car show registration form is included in this month's newsletter. Postmark it by October 3rd to take advantage of our \$15 Early Bird registration rate, or register up to show day for \$25. Make copies and pass them out to car lovers in other clubs – tell them how successful the show was last year and how we are looking forward to another great day on October 24th.

Sponsorship packages are available for you to present to local vendors this month. Hard copies are available at meetings, or when we can make arrangements to meet. Let's all take the opportunity to build a successful financial campaign to support future chapter activities and this year's show beneficiary, The Foodbank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, by getting your favorite shop or vendor to donate. Financial donations, or material donations for door prizes, are appreciated.

The Bulls game was July 18th. Next month is the Ice Cream Social hosted by Debbie and Tom Pruett and our Primrose School Cruise-in, as well as several AACA Chapter, Divisional and National events. Keep cool by opening those wing windows wide if you don't have a/c.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- Where did the summer go? Fall Ball and Fall Fishing and Fall Cars Shows here we come!
- Our Car Show is October 24th. Have you volunteered?

Can't mention this too many times! It time to get serious about our car show.

Put your name on the line!

- Thanks to all for their continuing support!
- Challenge of the month – Be extra kind. Schools back in sessions watch for the Kids!

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

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

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
- 19 Wake Forest Community Partners @ Market of Wake Forest 12217 Capital Blvd. 9-3
- 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
- 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
- 06-12-2027 Tom Pruett's Charity Cruise for 2027 - Plan ahead

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Triangle Chapter member Jack Agayoff passed away two years ago. His wife, Beth, wanted to offer two of his vehicles for sale to Triangle members first. Have a look at the attached document describing the vehicles. If you want information about these vehicles or to see them you may call Denny Oestreich at 919-846-8163. I will make arrangements to look at the vehicles. Regards Denny
(see attachment this Newsletter)

See attached flyer for changes to the New River Chapter car show on October 3rd.

Randy N Robertson reports: For those who missed my New Zealand presentation

Shout out to the Southern Kiwi Regional Early V-8 Club (Planes, Cars and Horses of New Zealand)

Click [here](#) for link to Power Point Presentation



Triangle Chapter's First Annual Summer Picnic

Organized and reported by Courtney Johnston

The Triangle Chapter held their first annual summer picnic on August 2, 2026, at Crowder County Park, Apex. All forecasts for that Sunday afternoon were for rain and T-boomers. We had rented the largest shelter at Crowder, Heron shelter, so we were going to stay dry either way. Willie, as host vehicle, arrived early and backed into a space in the parking lot where he would be easily seen by our people as they drove in, so they knew they were in the right place. Other classics in attendance were Brian bringing his faithful Ranger and Ray bringing his Avanti. Dean & Les slid in stealthily in their silent E-Caddie. Good thing they ordered that car in Wolfpack Red or they would have probably run over a dozen people by now. Dan surprised me by showing up with a car other than his jeep. Didn't know he had another car.

When Glenn arrived, he looked skyward and said in a most authoritative voice, "There will be No Rain from 2 until 4," and so it was. By Presidential Decree we had no rain from 2-4 and had a great time. As people wandered in, they would join a group of friends and soon there were conversations going on everywhere. This was the main benefit of the gathering. It gave everyone a chance to get together without being tied to our cars like at a show. Everyone was having a good time and was in no hurry to eat their lunches. Finally, we sat down and enjoyed the lunches we had brought. Denny showed up midway through the picnic. Said he smelled food and just followed his nose and it led him right to us. Denny was right and was soon enjoying a hamburger, potato salad, deviled eggs, vegetables and a cold drink. We take good care of our own.

A couple of people brought food to share that deserve an Honorable Mention. First is Keith & Cecilia's carrot cake. *I'm told* it was delicious. Don't know, as Catie ate her piece & mine too. Second was Catie's deviled eggs, delicious and her dad's favorite. Lastly, a tray of cupcakes was passed around to everyone. Nobody left hungry.

At 4:01 the bottom dropped out and it rained hard for 15 minutes. The rain was so hard it was bouncing 6 inches off the pavement. We stayed snug & dry under Heron shelter. After the rain stopped, our members stayed a while longer, then headed home.

The 16 members attending were: Glenn & Caryl Ott, Dean & Les Tryon, Keith & Cecilia Townsend, Wilson & Becky Fausel, Jim Gill, Ray Bader, Dan Fuccella, Denny Oestreich, Brian Wingler and the Johnstons: Courtney, Catie & Carl.

I believe the picnic was a success, and I sincerely hope we make this summer picnic part of our annual schedule and tradition. Heron shelter at Crowder Park was more than adequate for our needs. It can accommodate a group 4 times larger than what we had this year. I suggest we return to Heron at Crowder next year. I learned in securing Heron this year that if we want a Saturday date, or a date in May or June, we need to make our reservations in January or February of the new year. If someone knows of a better site, I encourage them to recon and photograph it and submit their recommendation to the Board. As long as we get together, it doesn't matter where.

Triangle Chapter's First Annual Summer Picnic



50th Anniversary General Greene Show

Story and photos by Brian Wingler

The General Greene AACA Chapter held their 50th anniversary car show at the Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market in Greensboro, NC on August 8, 2026.

Triangle Chapter members Jim Gill, Denny Oestreich (57 Chevrolet Bel Air), and Brian Wingler (88 Ford Ranger Pickup) attended.

Over 60 vehicles were registered including Originals, DPC, AACA Class, and modifieds.



The Road Trip!!!

Written by Ted Brooks with photos by Ted Brooks

Elwood: It's 106 miles to Chicago, we got a full tank of gas, half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark... and we're wearing sunglasses.

Jake: Hit it.

The Blues Brothers (movie), 1980

Okay, so neither Bob nor I smoke, we don't wear sunglasses after dark, and we're not heading to Chicago. But we've got a full tank of gas and we're headed to Jersey, so hit it!

This story is about our recently purchased 1969 Pontiac Le Mans. The story behind the car isn't quite as unusual as the story behind Dean Tryon's Pontiac woodie station wagon, but it's close. But that's another story. This story is about how antique car friends come together to help each other out when they're in a tough spot.

I saw this Le Mans was advertised for sale in New Jersey with a story I found to be a bit hard to believe. (I've been fooled before, you know.) But, our daughter in law's uncle Wayne and his very knowledgeable car guy friend Albert lived not too far from the seller. I asked them to check it out for me. They did, and they told me it was the real deal. Based on that, Cheryl and I went to see the car in person and found it to be as described. We made a "handshake deal" on the car.

Okay, next problem: a) getting the money to the seller, and b) getting the car home. The car was sitting on 25 year old tires and had a slight oil leak, so driving it 400+ miles home was out of the question. The seller begged me not to put the car on an open trailer. As I thought about it, I agreed.

We came back home from our road trip, and I started checking into things. By the end of the week, I had booked a well-known classic/exotic car transport company to pick up the car in an enclosed tractor-trailer rig within 2-3 weeks. The transporter would give us 2-3 days' notice before picking up the car. We'd drive back up to NJ, give the seller a cashier's check, and do the paperwork. We'd stick around until the car was loaded, then a quick drive back to NC before the truck got here. Great plan.

Or so I thought.



About a week and a half after booking, I got a text from the seller. A family friend was selling their house, and they now had a closing date. They wanted to store their stuff in his garage. He needed to know when the transporter was picking up the Pontiac, so he could accommodate them as he'd promised.

Okay, no problem. I called the transporter company the next morning to confirm they could pick up the car within the promised timeframe.

Okay, problem. I guess they forgot that their trucks would all be getting ready to head to Pebble Beach, California shortly after I booked the transport. So, the transport wasn't going to happen in the promised timeframe after all.

Okay, now I've got a real problem. What to do???

As the Beatles once sang – I get by with a little help from my friends.

Thinking about who I knew who had an enclosed trailer, I called Riley Reiner. I explained my situation. He said I could use his trailer, but his truck wasn't available – his son had it on an out-of-state vacation towing his own travel trailer.

The Road Trip!!!

Written by Ted Brooks with photos by Ted Brooks

Then, I called Bob Gault. I knew Bob had all kinds of experience with hauling all kinds of cars. He agreed to tow Riley's trailer. After confirming Riley's trailer was big enough for the Le Mans on Thursday, Bob and I went to Riley's house to pick up the trailer Friday morning.

Bob got the trailer to his house and gave it the once-over Friday afternoon. Cheryl and I had dinner with Bob and Ann Saturday evening. I spent the night at Bob's house. Bob and I hit the road for New Jersey at 4:15 AM Sunday morning.

Bob's plan was pretty simple. The trip to NJ required going through Baltimore and Washington, DC on I-95. (This is a route I hate when driving a car – never mind the thought of towing a car trailer.) Bob wanted to pick up the car Sunday shortly after lunch, and be well south of DC by Sunday night, thereby avoiding Monday morning rush hour in DC. Ambitious, but do-able - as long as nothing went wrong.

The trip up – we sailed up the road. The weather was perfect and the traffic cooperated. It was a perfect trip. Well, almost. When we took off, Bob told me the trailer brakes were kind of on the weak side. By the time we got to Maryland, we had no trailer brakes at all. Okay, that's a problem.

While stopped at a Maryland rest area, Bob inspected the trailer. Despite Riley's careful storage of the trailer in his huge garage, its 7 pin wiring connector had deteriorated. The electric brakes simply weren't getting enough "juice" to work. Given

the care Riley had taken of the trailer, the deterioration didn't make any sense, but at least we'd found the cause of the problem.

Bob was undeterred. New plan: pick up the car and get out of there ASAP. Don't mention the problem to the seller. Then, go to the nearest auto parts store and get another connector.

So, that's what we did. I knew there was an Advance Auto not far from the seller's house. As Bob drove, I Googled the directions. They had exactly one 7 pin connector on the shelf. With a few tools we'd brought (and an impromptu purchase of a wire cutter), Bob installed the new connector in the Advance Auto parking lot.

We now had trailer brakes – hooray!



So, all we have to do now is head south. It was an easy trip up, but as we got into Maryland, we hit traffic. Then we hit rain. Then we hit rain and traffic. Or, is that traffic and rain? Either way...

Cheryl had stayed home so she could monitor our progress and find a motel with good trailer parking when we needed it. She found us a suitable place in Fredericksburg, VA. Dinner, check into the motel, and a decent night's sleep. When we woke up Monday morning, we were well clear of the D.C. traffic and the overnight rain had finally stopped. We headed south towards NC. Later that morning, we unloaded the Le Mans at our house and took the trailer back to Riley's house. It was a bit of an adventure, but with a happy ending.

So, this story is only partly about our new purchase. It's really about having car guy (and car girl) friends you can depend on when you need it. A very big "thank you" goes out to both Riley and Bob for helping me out in a tough situation. Also, a big "thank you" goes out to Wayne and Albert; their inspection of the car gave us the confidence that it wouldn't be a wasted trip to see the car in person.

Our Annual Ice Cream Social

By Brian Wingler with photos by Brian Wingler and Randy N Robertson

The August 16 chapter meeting consisted of the annual ice cream social hosted by Tom & Debbie Pruett at their home.

There was a large turnout of Triangle Chapter members and non- member guests. Tom had a number of his cars out for display as well as others in attendance who drove their collector vehicles. Most chose to drive something more modern with air conditioning as it was extremely hot and humid.

There was all the ice cream and goodies everyone cared to consume and the fellowship was good.



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Our Annual Car Show October 24th

It is 49 days to the show. What are you doing? It's not too late!

Be on the look out for updates in each newsletter, email blasts from Dean, Facebook and our website as we head to the big date.

Please attend our next meeting on September 20th to see where you can help!

Thanks to our early volunteers

Ted Brooks

Dan Fuccella

Glenn Ott

Randy N Robertson

Dan Fuccella

[Click](#) on link to see list of opportunities attached to this Newsletter



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

AACA Meeting Notes – July 26, 2026

Action Items

1. Aug 2 – Chapter picnic – see below
2. Aug 8 – General Green Chapter show in Greensboro.
3. Aug 16 – Tom Pruett's Ice Cream Social, 3520 Carpenter Pond Rd - Please RSVP to Tom
4. Sept 12 – NC Region show at Spencer.
5. Oct. 24 – Our annual car show, same location as last year (Mojo's in Garner)

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. We had 20 members in attendance. It was good to see new members Greg and Gina Palazzo as well as long time members Floyd and Peggy Barnes. We also had special guest Bill Cox who came to tell us about a tour he is organizing. More on that below.
 - 1a. Peggy Barnes mentioned they had moved and asked to make a note of their new address in your directory. They now reside at **211 Windsor Wynd Pl**. The rest of the address and contact information remain the same.
2. Glen reported on his visit to the Polk House in Raleigh to let the 18 young girls in the program experience an antique car up close. All were delighted. Riley Reiner has done this in previous years.
3. A new, possible show venue was tried in July – Dix Park. There were 27 cars displayed including that of an antique owner who came to check it out. He then registered for the Chapter show with two cars. It was a pretty hot day, but it looks like a good venue for the future and feedback was that Dix Park was happy with the show too.
4. Courtney Johnston has set up a chapter picnic on **8/2. This coming weekend!!** The location is Crowder Park (Cary-Apex area – Ten-Ten & Holly Springs Rds.), and bring your own food/ beverages. We have the Heron Pavilion from 8am-8pm so come when you like, but the plan is to meet from 2-5pm. The Heron is plenty large enough for us, rain or shine.
If the weather is good, consider driving your antique.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

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6. Our Oct 24 show at MoJo's needs volunteers to both chair and support various activities. Contact Glenn. We need more sponsors (in Garner area especially) if you know of businesses who might be interested. No judging, but will have a People's Choice awards for various classes as well as door prizes.

6a. We need your support for the Chapter show to spread the workload. Some needs are day of show and some are mostly ahead of time-

Sponsors!!!	Setup	Registration	Parking	Judging
Hospitality	Raffle	Take-A-Part-T	Awards	Cleanup

Much to do. Every little bit helps. Thanks. Glenn Ott 609-658-8322 gott976@gmail.com

7. It was a good night out with the Durham Bulls on 7/18. They got off to a good lead in the first, but ended up losing. The post game fireworks were very impressive from our very comfortable front row seats. Thanks to Courtney for organizing.

8. Bill Cox came to tell us about a new tour he is planning for June 5-7, 2028. It is a Special Tour of muscle cars originating in Winston Salem. It includes cars from 1959-79. He has a tentative plan for stops including Old Salem and Petty Enterprises. A Cruise-In is planned for the day before and open to all.

9. Tom Pruett is looking for program ideas. All of us must have something of interest in your past to share.

10. The Ice Cream social is August 16th hosted by Tom and Debbie Pruett. Please RSVP and indicate whether you are bringing toppings or dessert.

Tom Pruett 919-422-4761 tomjpruett@gmail.com

11. Looking for volunteers to do a "drive by" on August 3rd at Primrose pre-school. We have done this in the past and it is VERY well received by the kids.

12. Tom Pruett provided a great summary of the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville Ga. This was one of the excursion trips he was on at the Winter Nationals meet. Exhibits change monthly and their collection and access to cars of private owners was impressive. Approximately 90 cars were on display.

Ken Powell taking notes for Dean this month.

2026 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

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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 well organized Triangle chapter history back to 2013

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 05-22-2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Meet</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>City/State</u>
September 9 - 14	AACA Founders Tour (1932 - 2001)	Historic VA Peninsula Region	Williamsburg, VA
September 12	NC Region Fall Meet	Furnitureland	Spencer, NC
September 20 - 26	AACA Revival AAA Glidden Tour	AACA National Headquarters	Dover, DE
September 26	Chapter Meet	Southeastern NC	Mount Olive, NC
October 3	Chapter Meet	New River	Jacksonville, NC
October 6 - 9	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey Region	Hershey, PA
October 17	Chapter Meet	Morehead City	Morehead City, NC
October 24	Chapter Meet	Triangle Chapter	Garner, NC

For Cancellations /
Changes

Contact: Zach Simons
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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

Without further ado, here come Mike Petersen

I have long been concerned about soiling my vehicle carpets or developing a wear pattern from years of use in my AACA "Original" and show vehicles.

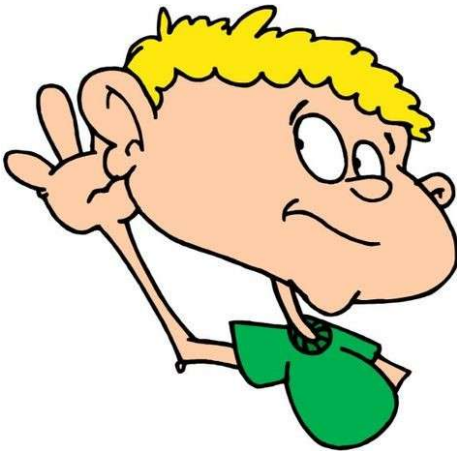
One solution is to buy aftermarket mats for use when not at an event. These can be bulky and a nuisance to swap in and out at a car show. I have used towels on the carpet but they tend to bunch up and occasionally need to be laundered.

I found a better solution when my vinyl office chair protector mat eventually cracked from the weight of the office chair and needed to be replaced. The cracked mat had quite a bit of usable real estate remaining that was not cracked. I cut pieces from the usable area and put these pieces on top of my vehicle carpet. The mat I use (Staples Office Chair Mat, clear, vinyl, 46" x 60", item 20234-cc) has "nubs" for gripping the carpet and a smooth side for my feet. It is easily cut with metal shears. Since this material cannot be bent I cut a piece for the floor and a piece for the footwell (be sure to cut the footwell piece so it does not interfere with the foot pedals). These pieces can be easily removed and installed. The pieces stack like pieces of cardboard, are easily stored under a lawn chair or cooler at an event, and are easy to clean.

In my home office the mat is held in place by the legs of the desk. If I did not do this the mat would "walk around" from the motion of the roller desk chair. The legs of the desk leave deep dents in the mat. However, be of good cheer. If the dent area is not cracked it can be "put back to normal" with a heat gun or a hair dryer. The chair mat vinyl has a memory and will return to its original shape using this technique. As always, if you are going to use a kitchen tool or household appliance in your automotive project be sure to start your project only after your significant other has left for shopping plus 5 minutes of "come back" time.



Now that works!



Pro Tip:

Enough said. Thank you
Mike

THE PARTING SHOT



ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson