



AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



January 2026

Fernando Lugo
Starting off in style
01-01-2026



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: **January 25th, 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: Decisions-Consequences by Dean Tryon—Purchasing my first antique car

Welcoming Guests and New Members.

If it is nice Please drive your classic cars!

Your first opportunity to meet my challenge of attending all the meetings in 2026 is coming up soon. See you on January 25th.

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

President's Message January 2026

Happy New Year! 2026 is starting fast with our NC Region Annual Membership Meeting held on the 16th and 17th, our Board Meeting scheduled for the 24th, our first meeting of the year at The Local on January 25th, and the National Convention in Chantilly, VA on Feb 5th to 7th. And the rest of the year is looking to be filled with monthly chapter meetings, shows, displays, tours, and special events. Specific dates and details will be distributed soon.

I would like to say thank you the members who have retired from various leadership positions for their service, and also thank those who have stepped up to carry on organizing our Triangle Chapter.

We still need help to fill our Facebook Administrator and Social Committee Chairperson positions. If you are interested in helping with either of these positions, please contact me.

If you are asked to help, please give the opportunity serious consideration.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- Happy New Year!
- When I started this newsletter the January thaw was right on schedule, as I finish the 2nd winter storm warning of the year is fast approaching. Hurry they are almost out of milk and eggs!
- I guess I should stop talking about progress on the '53, it stood still in December.....
- Another great month of contributions. Thanks to all for their continuing support!
- Challenge of the month – Support someone in need, give a kind word, be positive.

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

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

Triangle Chapter AACA Calendar

08-14-2025

Date	Event	Hotel Reg.	Car Regis.
Jan 2026			
1/16-17	NC Region Annual meeting		
	Triangle Board meeting		
01-25-26	Triangle monthly meeting		
12-06-26	Triangle - Holiday Party		



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



With Sadness and compassion we announce

Hello Fellow Triangle Chapter Members and Followers,

Earlier this week, Jean Fuccella, long-time member of the Triangle Chapter and wife of Dan Fuccella, succumbed to cancer, peacefully and surrounded by her immediate family. Many of us know little about Jean's interesting and inspiring life outside of our antique automobile club.

I suggest you visit here: [website](#) to learn more about Jean and her path through life.

All are welcome to attend Jean's funeral service which will be held at the Church she was instrumental in founding.

Date: Friday, January 23, 2025

Location: Mother Teresa Catholic Church, 1125 Mother Teresa Drive, Cary 27519

Schedule:

2:00pm: Memorial Rosery (pre-Mass prayer session)

2:30pm: Memorial Mass

3:45pm: On-site installation of Jean's cremation urn and reception

Additional Information from Dan regarding Jean

Dear Friends,

We thank you for your condolences and offers of support upon Jean's passing this week. It gives us comfort to know that you are there for us. At the risk of overwhelming you with Jean's story, I invite you to learn more about our special lady by visiting:

[Jean Louise \(Nixdorf\) Fuccella Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information](#) and pressing the "Obituary & Service" button.

Mojo's Grill New Years Day Cruise In

By Randy N Robertson

Mojo's Grill New Year's Day Cruise is a show I look forward to.

Although this is just my second year attending, it has become one of my favorite ways to start the year.

The weather was nothing but agreeable for January with just the right amount of briskness.

I saw several of the Triangle Chapter members meandering about. Fernando Lugo and Ray Bader drove their cars.

Please enjoy the pictures I took. Hope to see you next year @ the show.



Mojo's Grill New Years Day Cruise In



TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Member Action Items to consider:

1. Our next regular meeting is Sunday 1/25/2026 at "The Local". 2:00PM to meet, 2:30 to eat, and 3:30 meeting.
2. Dec. 7 - Christmas Party at the Stag Club, 8001 Ray Rd in Raleigh.
3. Jan 16-17, 2026 – NC Region Annual meeting, Double Tree hotel, 2806 Highwoods Blvd, Raleigh (near Capital & I-440). See your NC Region Newsletter for a Registration form and Details. This is an event to attend for meeting other NC Region members and attend an AACA Judging Class and the NC Region Business meeting.
4. 2026 AACA Annual Convention will return to the Westfields Marriott at Washington Dulles, in Chantilly, VA, February 5-7. See your AACA Magazine for AACA.org for registration details.

Triangle Meeting Agenda Items:

1. A small group of 26 attended.
2. Club Elections for offices were held. The following people were elected.

President: 2026 Glenn Ott

Vice President: 2026 Tom Pruett

Treasurer: 2026 Ken Powell

Region News Correspondent: 2026 Brian Wingler

Ex-Officio: 2026 Jim Gill

Executive Board Class of 2025-2026

Ted Brooks, Les Tryon, Bob Gahr

Executive Board Class of 2026-2027

Keith Townsend, Jim Aldrich, Helen DiPietro

Triangle Chapter Administrators/Volunteers

Awards: 2026 Glenn Ott

Chapter Car Show Committee Chair: 2026 Helen DiPietro

Newsletter Editor: 2026 Randy Robertson

Youth Coordinator: 2026 Dan Fuccella

Triangle Chapter Webmaster: 2026 Denny Oestreich

Facebook Administrator: 2025 Helen DiPietro, 2026 (Position Open)

TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Social: Marilee Sanderson, Brenda Gerken 2025, 2026 (Position Open)

Editor, Triangle Chapter Members Guide: 2026 Caryl Ott

Holiday Party Trivia Contest Creator: 2026 Glenn Ott

Notice Email Distribution: 2026 Dean Tryon

Membership Meeting Minutes Recorder: 2026 Dean Tryon

NC Region BOD: 2026 Denny Oestreich

Chapter Events Coordinator: 2026 Courtney Johnston

3. Ken Powell reported via Glenn Ott that a donation of \$5000 from our car show profit was sent to Manna Food Bank of NC.
4. Some dash plaques were not included on car show award plaques handed out at our car show. These dash plaques will be mailed out to show entrants by Denny Oestreich.
5. Car Show awards plaques not given out to Triangle Club members were available for pickup at the meeting. The award plaques will also be available for pickup at future Triangle Chapter meetings and events. Also, you may contact President Glenn Ott to claim your plaque.
6. Among the presentations at the NC Region Annual Meet on June 16, 2026 will be a presentation by Mike Peterson "CJE – What is a point. On June 17, Dean Tryon will present the video "GM Futurliner – Restoration".
7. The meeting program was presented by Tom Pruett on his visit to Las Vegas to attend the SEMA exhibition of highly modified vehicles.

2025 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – **Glenn Ott** (609-658-8322)
Vice President - **Tom Pruett** (919-422-4761)
Secretary/Treasurer – **Ken Powell** (919-638-0756)
Region News Correspondent – **Brian Wingler** (919-362-9303)
Ex-Officio – **Jim Gill** (916-363-2616)



Board of Directors

2025-2026

Ted Brooks 919-418-0977
Les Tryon 919-649-1719
Bob Gahr 440-867-4722

2025-2026

Jim Aldrich 919-676-3131
Keith Townsend 919-481-9072
Helen DiPietro 919-649-1719

Triangle Chapter Administrators

Awards: **Glenn Ott** 609-658-8322
Chapter Car Show Committee Chair: **Helen DiPietro** 919-649-1719
Newsletter Editor: **Randy N Robertson** 919-422-9487
Youth Coordinator: **Dan Fuccella** 919-349-5911
Triangle Chapter Webmaster: **Denny Oestreich** 919-846-8163
Facebook Administrator: **Helen DiPietro** 919-649-1719 & **Andrea Irby** 919-815-1355 (**Position Open**)
Social: Marilee Sanderson 919-467-9999, **Brenda Gerken** 919-362-4814 (**Position Open**)
Triangle Chapter Members Guide Editor : **Caryl Ott** 919-528-1528
Holiday Party Trivia Contest Creator: **Glenn Ott** 609-658-8322
Notice Email Distribution: **Dean Tryon** 919-562-4660
Membership Meeting Minutes Recorder: **Dean Tryon** 919-562-4660
NC Region BOD: **Denny Oestreich** 919-846-8163
Chapter Events Coordinator: **Courtney Johnston** 919-931-4337

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 history of Triangle Chapter events

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

Facebook Pages

Helen DiPietro is updating our Triangle Facebook page with Andrea Irby filling in as requested

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

PENDING NC REGION UPDATE

TIP or Question of THE MONTH



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

Send me those tips or questions

By Randy N Robertson

Perhaps its time to organize the holiday decorations and all those other things you've meaning to tidy up.

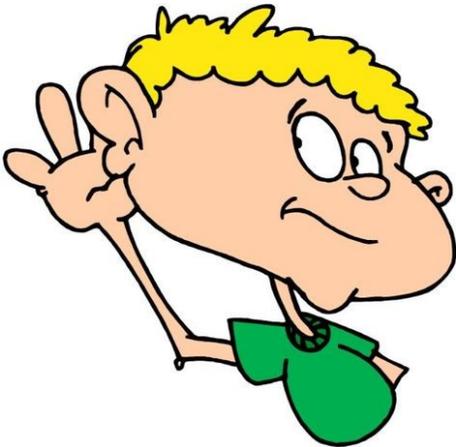
Start by donate those items you didn't use this year.

Sort and label the balance into plastic tubs

Put up on the shelves so the labels are facing out for easy access.

Now wasn't the easy!

Now that works!



Pro Tip:

Put a date on those labels so you know next year if its time to donate!



THE PARTING SHOT



Best Rear View

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Till next month Randy N Robertson

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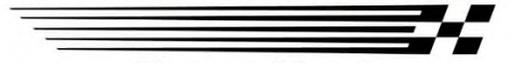
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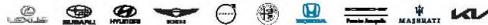
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