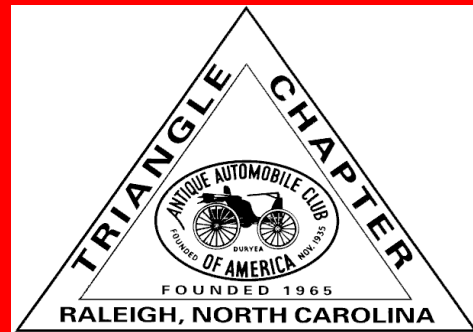




AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



July

2026



Wayne Collins's

67 Pontiac Tempest.
This guy is everywhere!

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of the AACA

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

Event: **Tom & Debbie Pruett's Annual Ice Cream Social**

Meeting Date: **August 16th, 2026**

Meeting Location: **Pruett Home**

3520 Carpenter Pond Road, Durham, NC 27703 (near Brier Creek– Hwy 98-Hwy 70– Leesville Rd)

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:

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Please RSVP at with your attendance and if you are bringing a goodie.

Don't forget your containers for leftovers!

TOMJPRUETT@gmail.com

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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 July 26th, make the rest of the year count!

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

- The end of summer is just around the corner, so is our Car Show. Have you volunteered?
- Despite the heat I enjoyed the Bulls game. Thanks Courtney, let's do it again!
- Happy 250th Birthday United States of America! **and the rockets red flare....that our flag was still there**
- Can't mention this too many times! It's 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 thankful for the rain despite its inconveniences.

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

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

August

- 2 Triangle Chapter Family Picnic— Chowder Park
- 5-8 Southeastern Divisional Tour - NC Region Little Detroit Chapter - Flat Rock, NC
- 8 General G18reene 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
- 06-12-2027 Tom Pruett's Charity Cruise for 2027 - Plan ahead

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As reported by Dan Fuccella

Long time active member of the Triangle Chapter will be conducting the Youth Judging sessions at the General Greene show on August 8th. Brian mobile number is 919-418-4229

Look for reports the Zooland Region Car show & Crowder Park Picnic in the August newsletter



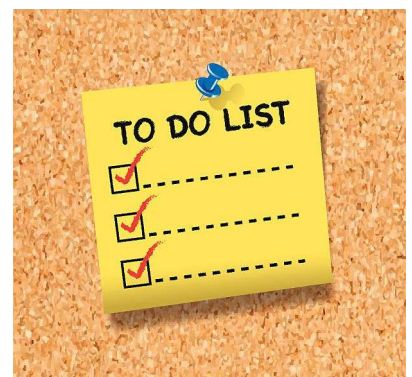
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Randy N Robertson reports: For those who missed my New Zealand presentation

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



Dix Park Display

Reported by Brian Wingler with Photos by Brian Wingler and George Senich

The Triangle Chapter hosted a car display in cooperation with the City of Raleigh Parks personnel at Dix Park in Raleigh on July 11, 2026.

Participation was opened to other local car clubs as well. The Ramblin Rebels, The Buick Club, and The Piedmont Chevy Club were represented and a number of unaffiliated car owners.

A total of 27 car owners brought out their collector vehicles in the heat which were viewed by a good number of general public park attenders.

The park's Sunflowers and giant Trolls displays were other draws to the event.

Nine Triangle Chapter members displayed their vehicles including:

Cheryl Anderson- 1956 Thunderbird

Ray Bader- 1954 Studebaker

Beth Eakes- 1966 Mustang

Dan Fuccella- 1950 Willys Station Wagon

Bob Gahr- 1965 Corvair Corsa

Andrea Irby- 1966 Mustang

Glenn Ott- 1963 Corvette

Bill Werner- 1977 Cougar

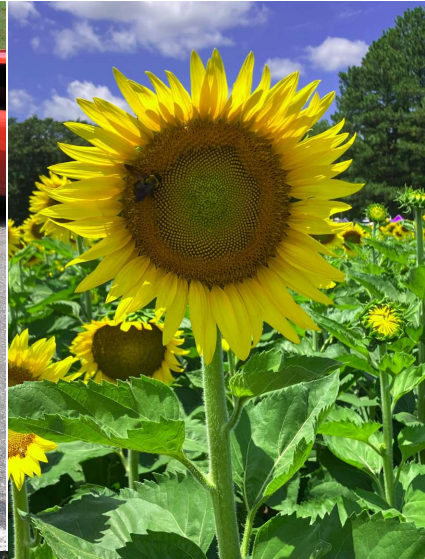
Brian Wingler- 1968 Mustang

Several other Triangle Chapter members attended to help us sweat in the 90+ degree heat.



Dix Park Display

Photos by Brian Wingler and George Senich



Dix Park Display

Photos by Brian Wingler and George Senich



The Durham Bulls

As reported by Courtney Johnston with Photos by Courtney Johnston and Randy N Robertson

An Evening with the BULLS

Fourteen Triangle Chapter members and their families journeyed to Durham on Saturday evening, July 18th, to watch the Durham Bulls play baseball versus the Charlotte Knights.

Those attending were: Glenn & Caryl Ott, Dan Fuccella, Helen & John di Pietro, Ken & Peggy Powell, Randy & Linda Robertson, Andrea Irby and Courtney, Catie & Carl Johnston with Catie's Beau Archie.

The weather, with T-storms forecast, turned out fine. Warm at first, but as the sun went down so did the temperature, with a nice breeze. We had secured our own seating area just outside the center field wall. We enjoyed built-in tables with chairs that swiveled and plenty of legroom. Best seating I've had in any stadium.

As our group assembled, it wasn't long before trips to the food concessions were in order. The Bar BQ sandwich was the group favorite by far.

The game started well, then the Bulls were hammered for 4 runs in an early inning, and the Bulls never regained the lead. The Bulls played hard and it was a close game.

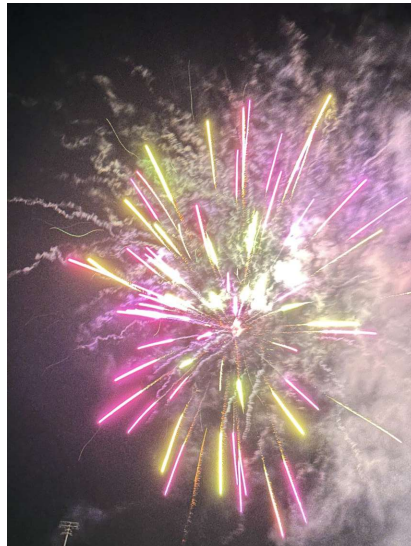
Long bolts of lightning streaked in the distance, adding extra excitement to the 8th and 9th innings, as the Bulls were trying hard to rally, eventually losing by 1 run. The T-storms went South of Bulls stadium, so we were able to enjoy the Bulls awesome post-game fireworks display.

These fireworks are better than most municipal July 4th displays. Rockets bursting into bright colors or booming like artillery. We had front-row seats to this amazing display.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and got home safely.



The Durham Bulls



2026 AACA Nationals Green Bay Wisconsin

By Mike Petersen with photos by Mike Petersen

At the 2026 AACA Nationals in Green Bay, Wisconsin there was a program on Thursday and Friday evening. Not all AACA Nationals have a program for Thursday and Friday evenings. When programs are offered they are very enjoyable.

The Thursday evening program was a "Welcome Party" with hors d'oeuvres and music. Everyone was encouraged to wear their favorite sports team gear.

In the picture is Rick Lay, AACA Director and Vice President of National Awards, wearing a baseball jersey from his college. Jeri and I are wearing our Purdue outfits.

I am wearing my John Purdue Club "Gold Coat" (I have had this coat for 45 years – it seems to have shrunk over the years), official Purdue tie, and a hat that flashes the block "P" on and off in two different colors. I now look like the alumni that I made fun of when I was a student.

The Friday evening program was an "Ice Cream Social" with a very professional presentation by the Oneida Dancers. The Oneida Indian Nation is headquartered in Verona, New York with one tribe in Wisconsin and two tribes in Ontario, Canada.

The presentation included a history of the Oneida Nation and explanations of their costumes and the dances that they performed. It was a great and memorable experience. Some of my pictures of the dancers are blurred because I did not use a flash so as not to disturb the presentation. The dancer in the orange costume was performing a butterfly dance. The costume had the colors of a butterfly.

These dancers perform throughout the US and Canada.



Our Annual Car Show October 24th

Time is now. Be there Now!

It's time to step up. Have you volunteered? Last years show was a success because of you!

We will adding information in each newsletter, email blasts from Dean, Facebook and our website as we head to the big date.

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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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>
August 5 - 8 August 8	AACA Southeastern Chapter Meet	Great Smoky Mountain General Greene	Flat Rock, NC Greensboro, NC
August 19 - 22	AACA Grand Nation-	AACA National Head-	Allentown, PA
September 9 - 14 September 12	AACA Founders Tour NC Region Fall Meet	Historic VA Peninsula Furnitureland	Williamsburg, VA Spencer, NC
September 20 - 26 September 26 October 3	AACA Revival AAA Chapter Meet Chapter Meet AACA Eastern Fall Na-	AACA National Head- Southeastern NC New River	Dover, DE Mount Olive, NC Jacksonville, NC
October 6 - 9 October 17	nationals Chapter Meet	Hershey Region Morehead City	Hershey, PA Morehead City, NC
October 24	Chapter Meet	Triangle Chapter	Garner, NC

For Cancellations / Contact: Zach Simons (252) 626-0286



TIP or Question of THE MONTH



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

Send me those tips or questions

Continuing my advice on organization. (granted I still need some), I recently came across this article in the Journal of Light Construction.

With no reservations this could have been written about me.

Please click on the link and enjoy the article

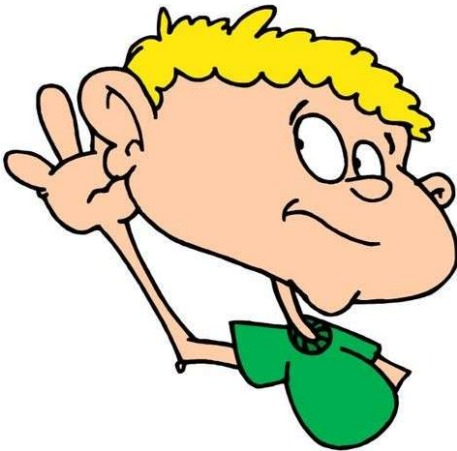
<https://www.jlconline.com/backfill/the-battle-with-stuff/>

Now that works!

As you enjoy this newsletter I am currently going about ridding myself of excess materials in multiple storage locations.

Also recently received some sage advice from Bill, a guy I have breakfast with on Fridays.

He has narrowed down to two large warehouse/storage locations "Lowe's and Home Depot"



Pro Tip:

Donate it, give it, keep it
from the landfill!

THE PARTING SHOT



Pontiac Safari—1956? - Whose is it?

Beautiful Car

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson