



AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



March 2026

Brian Wingler's
'66 Mustang

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

Event: CHILI COOKOFF & 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: TBD

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?

You start you by coming to our April 26th meeting!

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

First, congratulations to the Chili Cook-off winners. Then, THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make the event a success.

Next month is going to be busy, with Charlotte April 9-11, our Glenaire Display Sunday April 19, and meeting at The Local on April 26th.

Then, May 2 is the NC Region Spring Meet.

Keep one eye on the weather and the other on our Triangle Chapter 2026 Events Calendar to participate in all our activities. (There are several new plans currently being developed, so stay tuned for further announcements.)

Planning has already begun for our October 24th show in Garner. I need help with ideas for sponsors: from Platinum to individual donations, monetary support or product donations, including "local" sponsors. (Although I know the businesses in Garner Towne Square, I am not familiar with the area beyond the parking lot.)

Please forward any suggestions to me at triangleaacapres@gmail.com.

Your help being part of the team distributing our sponsor package will also be appreciated. A strong sponsor program will increase the support we can provide to the show's beneficiary, **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- Please keep Helen DiPietro in your thoughts as she recovers from recent surgery.
- Looks like March is going our way with a blast of cool air. Come on Spring lets get in the game!
- Well it's baseball season. I attended the Durham Bulls Fan Fest last night with my Grandsons. Looking for the Bulls Home Opener on Tuesday! Grab a game between car shows. Looking forward to your contributions. Thanks to all for their continuing support!
- Challenge of the month – Send Helen a card!

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

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

Date

Event

March

26-28 AACA Winter Nationals - Lake Allatoona Region - Cartersville, GA

April

9-11 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals - Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC

11 Fun In The Sun - Northern Wake Tech Campus

19 Glenaire Retirement Community display, Cary, NC- **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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



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

A **special election** was held at the Chili Cook-off on March 22, 2026 to fill the 2026-2027 vacant Board of Directors seat . **Ray Bader** was unanimously elected.

Sunday April 19th is confirmed for our Glenaire Display date. We will have our own restricted access parking area at 4000 Glenaire Circle. The display will begin at 1 pm, so cars should arrive starting about noon. Limited trailer parking will be available on the upper level of the parking garage

Afternoon refreshments will be available. This event will wrap up at 4 pm.

Because refreshments are being provided, we must advise Glenaire of the number of attendees.

Therefore, please advise triangleaacapres@gmail.com how many people will be attending with your car, and if you need to use the parking garage for trailer parking, by April 8th.

Please note, this event is scheduled for **Sunday April 19, 2026**, **NOT** the date indicated on the Triangle Chapter Events Calendar. Date is corrected in this issue of your newsletter.

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 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.

Hope to see you at Wheels!

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

Beware of Scam Emails

This email is circulating and is SPAM. Never click on these types of emails.

THIS IS SPAM! Although this message had my name on it, it had a false email address. The body of the message was:

I need you to get me some gift vouchers (cards) for a charitable cause on behalf of Triangle Chapter of the AACA

IF YOU RECIEVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE LIKE THIS REQUESTING YOU SEND GIFT CARDS,
DO NOT RESPOND. DO NOT SEND GIFT CARDS.

Glenn

PS - **Dean here**. If you suspect that an email might be spam, click on the little down pointing arrow or upside down caret. It will show you the exact email of the sender and you will easily see a spam message with a crazy address.

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 large, 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 payable via cash or check day of show". A green rounded rectangle with the word "REGISTER" in white is centered below the text. At the bottom, three cars are shown: a dark sports car, a light blue classic car, and a silver classic car. Below the cars is a white box containing the address "300 PRESTONWOOD PARKWAY, CARY, NC 27513". At the bottom center is the same monogram logo as at the top.

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



Register and support Joe. Use the links above.

The Chili Cookoff

By Marilee Sanderson with Photos by Randy N Robertson and Brian Wingler

We finally remembered the reward winners this year:

Best Chili - **Zoe Carmichael**

Hottest Chili - **Ken Powell**

Best cornbread - **Peggy Barnes**

Best dessert - **Cecillia Townsend**

Brenda Gerken was a big help even though she wasn't there. She had all the little sample cups numbered for us. The cute gifts were made by her too.

Glenn and Caryl had all the supplies we needed.

Randy, Ted , and Cheryl led all the other helpers to make it another successful Chili Cook-off.

Marilee

Many thanks to all who helped make this another yearly success!

Enjoy the photos

Randy N Robertson



Zoe Carmichael - Best Chili



Ken Powell - Hottest Chili

The Chili Cookoff

By Randy N Robertson and Marilee Sanderson



Peggy Barnes
Best
Cornbread

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Cecilia
Townsend
Best Dessert

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Pink Elephant Surprise Visit ^



The Kid's Table ^



Their all good! ^



Fun for all

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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)
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 919-605-5825
Les Tryon 919-215-7588
Bob Gahr 440-867-4722

2026-2027

Jim Aldrich 919-676-3131
Ray Bader 919-418-0977
Keith Townsend 919-481-9072

Triangle Chapter Administrators

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Facebook Administrator: **Position Open Please volunteer**
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Holiday Party Trivia Contest Creator: **Glenn Ott** 609-658-8322
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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 reports on this years Car shows and Events

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

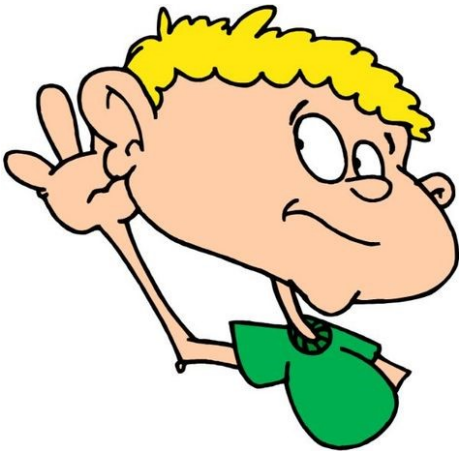
By Haggerty

I just finished reading an online article from Haggerty about **Spring Cleaning** the garage.

See this link to the full article

https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/5-spring-cleaning-tips-from-my-garage-to-yours/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_WeekendRoad-Trip&hashed_email=df5de94e335cc48fef8b17c249f4dc77b3b135c7e42124138f8e3c8757e77da8&dtm_em=df5de94e335cc48fef8b17c249f4dc77b3b135c7e42124138f8e3c8757e77da8

Now that works!



To entice you to reading it here are a few tips borrowed from the article:

Beware of the organization trap

Be honest, are you actually gonna get to that?

Think forward

Take out the trash

Create homes, not spots

It's a good read as most articles are in Haggerty!

Pro Tip:

Never pass up a good and quick read to improve on our quirks' and habits!

THE PARTING SHOT



Let's all follow Courtney to the cultural event!

Photo by Randy N Robertson

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson