



AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



May 2026



57' Chevy seen
recently in Santa Monica

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

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

Meeting Date: **May 31st, 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: Shout out to the Southern Kiwi Regional Early V-8 Club - Planes, Cars and Horses of New Zealand

Join **Randy N Robertson** as he chronicles his and **Linda's** trip to New Zealand. Enjoy the pictures and narrative including some very original cars & memorabilia.

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 May 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

Parking space is still available for you to be part of our Dix Park Display July 11th, and a few seats remain for the July 18th Bull's baseball game. Come out to find all the trolls, or for the crack of a bat hitting a home run.

There are many National, Region and Chapter events on our schedule during the next few weeks.

They include the Eastern Spring Nationals in Pennsylvania, Central Carolina Community College's show May 30th, our meeting at The Local May 31st,

The San-Lee Chapter show in Sanford, and Tom Pruett's Charity Cruise-in June 13th.

So many opportunities to get together, drive and show our cars with the unofficial start of summer next week.

On Memorial Day, remember those who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- I am excited about our upcoming baseball game on July 18th.
- Go Canes!
- Seems it always rains Memorial Day weekend. Hope all can still find a little time for a cookout & sometime outdoors.
- 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

May

- 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

- 11 Dix Park Display– **Those Trolls are cool!**
- 18 Durham Bulls Baseball Game—**Yeah!**
- 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 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please refer to April 2026 issue for any of **Courtney Johnston's** cultural events suggestions

July 11th is our **Dix Park Display**, in the parking lot adjacent to the Adams Building on Blair Drive. Registered participants should arrive between 8 and 9:30 am with the display from 10 am to 2 pm.

The display is limited to 50 cars, so please return the attached flyer with registration information completed quickly to secure your space. We will be opening registration to the Buick Club also, so sign up soon if you are interested.

There will be food available to purchase (either at a nearby newly renovated concession stand or food truck), and newly completed restrooms (or portable toilets if the project isn't quite finished). (And to continue with this theme), the Adams Building at 101 Blair Drive may or may not still be standing depending on the status of demolition work - but use that address in your GPS to locate the adjacent Blair Drive display parking lot anyway. Dix Park has indicated they will provide some signage within the park to this event.

Limited trailer parking will be available in the gravel parking lot on Hunt Drive. Trailered cars should arrive around 8 am to minimize congestion.

Our event will be posted on the Dix Park Summer programs/events website under [Events List | Dix Park](#), but questions and registration forms should be addressed to triangleaacapres@gmail.com.

Glenn



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 main 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" in a smaller font below. 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.

NC Region Spring Meet

As reported by Brian Wingler

NC Region Spring Meet

The Coastal Plains Chapter hosted the NC Region Spring Meet on the Waterfront in Washington, NC 05/02/2026.

The weather was less than cooperative but North Carolina needed the rain. It put on damper on the number of vehicles displayed but there were still 24 really nice vehicles put on display in spite of the rain.

Included from the Triangle Chapter were Chet and Mary Butcher (1950 Ford), Dan Fuccella (1950 Willys), Fernando and Josefina Lugo (1956 Chevy Bel Air), Denny Oestreich (1957 Chevy Bel Air), and Brian Wingler (1988 Ford Ranger).

Glenn Ott, Denny Oestreich, and Dan Fuccella also participated in the NC Region Board of Directors meeting.

Thanks to the Coastal Plains Chapter for braving the weather to put on this event.



NC Region Spring Meet



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First Capital Chapter Show

From Star reporter Brian Wingler

First Capital Chapter Spring Show

The First Capital Chapter hosted their Spring show in New Bern 05/09/2026.

This is a nice show venue and they always have a good turnout, this year well over 200 cars.

Brian Wingler (2000 BMW Z3) attended from the Triangle Chapter.



First Capital Chapter Show



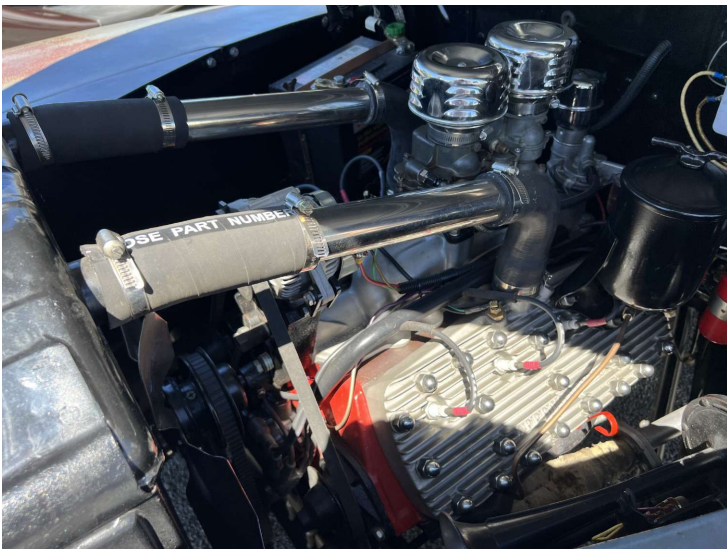
Planes, Cars and Horses of New Zealand

Shout out to the Southern Kiwi Regional Early V-8 Club

Be sure to join me on **Sunday May 31st** for look into the wonderful cars and craftsmen of New Zealand!



Randy N Robertson with members of the **Southern Kiwi Regional Early V-8 Club**



Look for online link to the May 31st presentation in the June issue

TRIANGLE CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

ACA Meeting Notes – April 26, 2026

Action Items

1. May 28-30 – ACA Nationals in Indiana, PA
2. May 30 – CCCC Auto Show, Sanford 10-2 (Courtney Johnston) Central Carolina Comm College
3. May 31 – Next chapter meeting at The Local
4. June 6 – Prestonwood Country Club car show (Joe Parson) 300 Prestonwood Pkwy, Cary
5. June 13 – Tom Pruett's Annual Charity Cruise-In, 3520 Carpenter Pond Rd (flyer attached)
6. July 11 – Display at Dix Park, Raleigh, 10-2
7. Aug 16 – Tom Pruett's Ice Cream Social, 3520 Carpenter Pond Rd (flyer attached)
8. 10/24 – Our annual car show, same location as last year (Mojo's in Garner)

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. We had 30 members in attendance. First time new members included Russel Duncan (40 Ford) and a guest.
2. Ken Powell distributed our annual Members Guide.
3. Glenaire was a successful display with 14 cars last week.
4. A new venue will be tried in July – Dix Park. Display only, no charge, possibly with other clubs
5. Courtney is working on a possible picnic this summer and a Durham Bulls game.
6. Out Oct 24 show at Mojo's needs volunteers to both chair and support various activities.
7. Denny Oestreich took tons of 57 Chev parts to the Charlotte show recently and got rid of much. The dump also got some of it but the important thing is that they are out of his garage.
8. Jim Gill shared his latest project of repurposing old trophies from members to support Dan Fuccella and his Youth Judging activities.
9. Tom Pruett is doing his charity cruise-in on 6/13. No charge but a donation is appreciated. He raised \$2400 last year
10. The program was an interesting short story by Les and Dean Tryon called Decisions and Consequences. It evolved from a very short story written for Randy and our newsletter last year.

2026 TRIANGLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers

President – **Glenn Ott** (609-658-8322)
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Board of Directors

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 NC Region Spring Meet

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/>



TIP or Question of THE MONTH

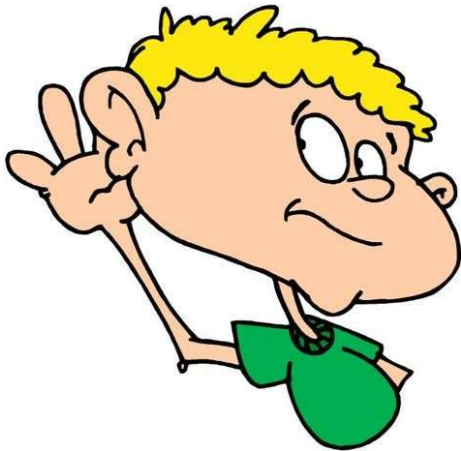
We can all use a little help around the garage or shop!

Send me those tips or questions

Which workbench is better neat and tidy or organized chaos?



Now that works!



Pro Tip:

Be sure to buy another one of the tools you can't find. Before long you'll have 3!

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For me it's Chaos. Let me know your thoughts!

THE PARTING SHOT



Denny Ostreich's 57 Chevy

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson