

Triangle Chapter AACA Meeting Notes – Feb. 22, 2026 Meeting

Notes by Dean Tryon

Action Items

1. 3/22 – Chili Cookoff. See below.
2. Our full 2026 calendar has been set up by Glenn Ott and a copy has been emailed to all members today.
3. 10/24 – Our annual car show, same location as last year (Mojo's in Garner)

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. New members Dave and Ann Marie Conklin attended their first meeting. Welcome.
2. We had 32 members attend for dinner and 7 more for the meeting.
3. Chili-Cookoff – Sunday 3/22 at the same location as last year, South Hills Mall, 1201 Buck Jones Rd in Cary, NC (near I-440 and Walnut St.) Meet at 2 PM, bring your favorite chili, cornbread or a dessert. Let Glenn (919-658-8322) know your plans though. We need help with volunteers to tabulate the voting, set up and take down tables and chairs.
4. Courtney Johnston is heading up the chapter tours planning this year. Your ideas are appreciated. The initial list is attached to this email along with 2 sheets on Fort Macon Living History March 7-8.
5. Discussion started to see if we could do a show at Dix Park in Raleigh. Stay tuned.
6. Discussion in process to have car displays at retirement homes in the area.
7. Ray Bader offered to fill a vacancy on our Board.
8. Tom Pruett talked briefly about the AACA annual meeting in Chantilly.
9. The NC Region meeting in Jan. in Raleigh had presentations by Mike Petersen and Dean Tryon. Randy Robertson and Denny Oestreich received awards for their newsletters and websites.
10. Denny also reported on several items in the NC Region Board meeting:
 - a. \$500 donated to the AACA library
 - b. \$100 to the Blue Ridge Community College (see page 23 of the Nov/Dec AACA magazine)
 - c. 622 region newsletters sent out
 - d. 1072 region members currently
 - e. Nominations requested for the NC Region Circle of Honor award. Each region nominates a person who has done an outstanding job supporting the chapter or region over many years. Our Board makes the selection for our chapter. Send nominations to Glenn Ott by 8/1.
11. Placards are available from Glenn for your dash ID.
12. The discussion of what day of the week to meet and/or tour indicated some interest in activities during the week but most prefer the weekends.
13. Brian Wingler is doing the NC Region input from our chapter. Give him ideas.
14. Dan Fuccella thanked the chapter for their support after Jean passed away last month.

15. Tom Pruett is doing our meeting programs. Give him ideas also.

February Program

Mike Petersen gave us a unique tour around the US using 1950s postcards with background music of the time and narration. He has a large collection of cards from that era and all have 1950s Dodges in them.