AACA TRIANGLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

October 2026



Al's 1970 Ford Country Sedan

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Triangle 2026 Events Calendar:

Event: General Meeting of the Triangle Chapter of the AACA

Meeting Date: **November 29th, 2026**

Meeting Location: The Local

1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, NC 27607

Future Meeting Dates: Holiday Party December 6th, Future 2027 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 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: – NB Center, the Grand Nationals and Zenith Award by Brian Wingler

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 November 29th– We need you to vote!

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

Another great show!

101 amazing cars

14 different clubs participated with Piedmont Classic Chevy having the largest club participation

2 Platinum - 4 Gold and 8 Silver sponsors

Terrific weather and an excellent venue.

Thank you to all who volunteered and made the show a success.

November 29th are elections. If you are interested in a position, contact Jim Gill. If you are asked to fill a position, please consider volunteering.

Our Holiday Party will close out this year on December 6th at the Stag Club.

Glenn

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RANTS
RANDY'S RANTS

By Randy N Robertson

- It's brisk today so we must all concede it's Fall
- Thanks to all for their continuing support!
- Don't forget to send in your dues to Ken Powell!
- Challenge of the month – **Show up for the meeting on November 29th-**
- **Yes, you get to vote twice this year!**

Please contact me with anything you want anything published. Rnewr2017@gmail.com

Triangle Chapter Event Schedule

November

29 Triangle Chapter monthly meeting - elections

December

6 Triangle Chapter Holiday Party – See Flyer attached

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

Greetings!

It is your favorite treasurer sending out a request for dues. **They are the same as last year $85** for the combined National $45/ Region $20/ Chapter $20. As always, you can write a combined check for $85. Of course, if you pay National online, deduct that from your payment. Please make payment to **Triangle Chapter AACA** and mail to me at

Ken Powell
4513 Wood Valley Dr
Raleigh, NC 27613

Please open your directory and let me know of any changes to your information. It helps if you use the form that I have attached below but if all is ok, you need not send the form back. Based on the amount of your check, I can figure out which dues you are paying. I am trying to make this as simple as possible for you.

The deadline is December 31st. As an incentive, we will have a drawing of those who have paid by December 31st, and the winner will receive reimbursement of their Chapter dues ($20).

Thanks for your continued support of AACA and I hope to see you at many of our events in 2027.

Dean Tryon reports that Bill Anderson of the Riviera Owners Association has reviewed and published a book review on Dean's latest book "**Beyond Fundamental Carburetion**" and his original "**Fundamental Carburetion**" in the Sept/Oct issue. See attached

Our Holiday party is December 6th – See attached flyer

Dinner will be catered by Piper's Tavern again, salmon, chicken cordon bleu, green beans, rolls and dessert.

We will also have an exciting trivia contest, the $20 edible gift exchange, and Toys For Tots collection.

Please RSVP to Ken Powell by November 29th, to finalize numbers for this event.

Ken will accept checks combining party and membership renewal payments.



Southeastern NC Chapter Show Mt Olive, NC

By Brian Wingler

The Southeastern NC Chapter held their annual show on September 26, 2026.

It was a beautiful, sunny day with temperatures in the upper 70's. Brian Wingler of the Triangle Chapter showed his 2000 BMW Z3.









Hershey 2026 by Brian Wingler

AACA Eastern Fall Nationals- Hershey, PA

The Triangle Chapter had a good number of members attend the annual Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA October 6-9, 2026.

If I try to list them all I am sure I will miss someone.

The weather was almost perfect all week.
Fernando & Josefina Lugo showed their 1956 Chevy Bel Air at the car show on Friday.









Triangle Chapter Meeting Minutes

AACA Triangle Meeting Notes – October 25, 2026

Action Items

1. Nov 6 – Ederville 100 Years of Progress Tractor Show
2. Nov 29 – Triangle Chapter Meeting
3. Dec 6 – Triangle Chapter Holiday Party at the Stag Club. More details are coming.

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. We had 19 Triangle members in attendance.

2. President Glenn Ott conveyed thanks to all the Triangle Chapter volunteers who worked at our car show on October 24, 2026.
We had a successful car show at Mojo's in Garner Towne Center. Here are some highlights.

There were 101 vehicles entering the show including 40 Modified and 30 Stock vehicles.
Great parking plan with 1.5 spaces per car. Good comments.
14 Sponsor's prizes were raffled.
Good car club turnouts, 31 members from Piedmont, 26 Triangle members' vehicles.
Donuts and coffee for participants.
The Model T demonstration went well; the T even started on compression.

Triangle members who were voted Award Winners were: Best Stock Vehicle - Russell Duncan, People's Choice - Dan Fuccella.
The new owner of MoJos, Ali, made a generous donation to our chapter.

The attendees at the meeting gave a round of applause to Glenn and Caryl Ott for their efforts leading the organizing and operation of the show.

3. Sponsors who donated cash and prizes for the show will receive "Thank you" letters.
4. Courtney Johnston is organizing a club visit to the Ederville 100 years of Progress event on November 7, 2026. Contact Courtney Johnston at 919-661-4946.
5. Dues for 2027 are due December 31, 2026. See the link at:
https://triangleaaca.org/images/PDF/2027duesrenewal.pdf
6. Our next meeting on November 29, 2026 will include election of officers for 2027. If you have an interest in being a Board member, Contact Jim Gill at (919-593-5860).
7. The Triangle Holiday Party will be held at the Stag Club on December 8. More information will be provided.
8. Several members have received notices that their vehicles are being considered for National recognition. These members will be providing pictures and descriptions of their vehicles to the AACA selection committee.
9. Members are reminded that 2027 membership dues and information need to be submitted before December 31, 2026. The membership form can be found at: https://triangleaaca.org/images/PDF/2027duesrenewal.pdf
10. The program for the evening was Mike Petersen's presentation on the Vocabulary of AACA Judging. We all learned something.
11. Denny Oestreich has free one day tickets for the GAA auction in Greensboro November 5-7, 2026. Contact Denny at 919-846-8163 or Email at 919-846-8163.

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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** (919-418-4229)
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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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 article on our October car show

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

That’s a wrap!



TIP or Question of THE MONTH



Now that works!



Pro Tip:

Keep those tires pumped up!

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

Send me those tips or questions

During our recent Triangle Chapter car show, Jim Gill's T showed a very flat tire. After the show I decided to help Jim with the compressor I had loaded in my truck.

When I say compressor, it is a "Junior" compressor at best. However, it was better than the can of "fix a flat" or "cigar lighter" style inflators offered up.

We pumped up quickly only to find the leak was noticeably faster. I tried bit of electrical tape around the stem to see if it would hold enough to get it on the trailer. Still leaking.

Jim was able to drive it on the trailer with skill and determination, averting a tire change in the parking lot.

A few days later Jim reported the cause of the leak was a cracked and dry rotted valve stem.

No lesson learned here, just another of those costs of this habit we all have.

Time flies and dry rot happens!



THE PARTING SHOT



Tom Hoffman's 1966 Chevy II Wagon
(wearing an OC Maryland Sweatshirt!)

ZOOM ZOOM

Till next month Randy N Robertson

Triangle Holiday Party!

When? Sunday, December 6th 5 pm to 8 pm

Where? The Stag Club 8001 Ray Rd., Raleigh, NC

How? RSVP by November 29th

What?



Hors d'oeuvres! Dinner! Dessert!
Trivia! Gift Exchange!
Toys For Tots Collection!

$30 per person
for dinner catered by
The Piper's Tavern

Send your check to:
(made payable to Triangle Chapter)
Ken Powell
4513 Wood Valley Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27613



Combustion
Where It Begins

at Random



by William C. "Bill" Anderson
P.E. #2238

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Put a bunch of air and a splash of gasoline into a container, close, shake, and insert a spark – combustion results. That is the essence of the internal combustion engine. If an automobile engine does not work, it is because one of these three ingredients is not right.

Over more than 100 years and billions of manhours, many have worked to perfect the mechanisms to reliably maximize combustion efficiency under widely varying conditions—temperature, humidity, and altitude. In the beginning of the 20th century, these mechanisms were crude, but they proved an internal combustion engine could propel an automobile, a truck, a boat and even an airplane.

Delivering a spark of sufficient intensity at the correct time to each engine cylinder was the easier problem to solve. By the 1920s, spark plugs, coils and distributors provided a relatively reliable solution. The far bigger challenge was the device that delivered the air and gas mixture—the carburetor. An internal combustion engine is an air pump. The carburetor is the device that measures and applies the correct amount of gasoline for the air flowing through it and into the engine.

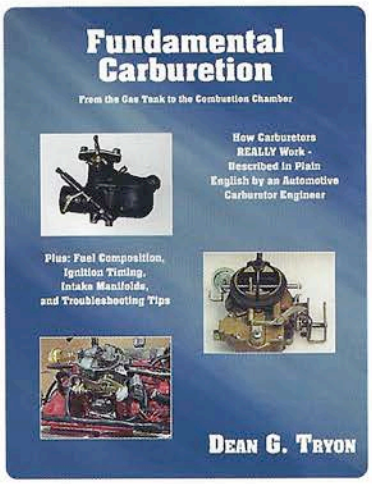
In the beginning, the carburetor was an updraft single barrel device. By the 1930s, the downdraft carburetor was the most common. Over the succeeding years, carburetors increased in size to two barrels and then four. Also, some engines were equipped with multiple carburetors of 1-, 2- and 4-barrel configurations. By the time our Rivieras appeared on the scene, the 4-barrel carburetor was the standard for luxury automobiles.

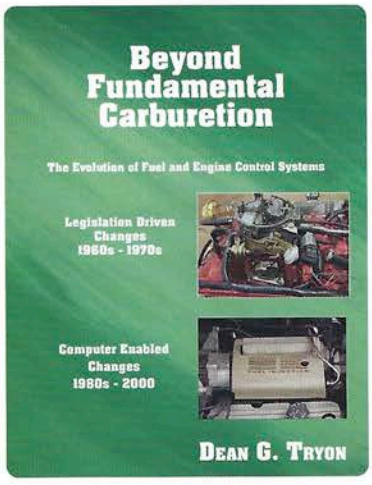
Collector owners are often befuddled when their car doesn't run or run properly. The primary reason is that they don't understand the basics of carburetion and ignition. Although there are many books and papers discussing these topics, they lack ease of understanding. In 2023, a book by Dean Tryon, *Fundamental Carburetion*, appeared that provided the basics of carburetion and ignition—understandable by the lay person.



Dean Tryon had a 40-year career with Rochester Products and Delphi Engine Management Systems that concentrated on the engineering of carburetors beginning in 1961. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He is also a car enthusiast who has restored and owns Buicks including: 1916, 1929, 1932 and 1959. He possesses a wealth of knowledge from engineering design to experience as a collector car enthusiast and an uncommon ability to explain complex matters.

When our Rivieras first arrived in 1963, a 4-barrel carburetor was standard and the federal government was beginning its efforts to control air emissions from automobiles by requiring positive crankcase ventilation. More regulations followed to control hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and oxygen. If getting a carburetor to do its job was difficult, these regulations added more problems for engineers, mechanics and car collectors. Over the 1970s and '80s, exhaust gas recirculation (EGR), air injection, evaporation control, and catalytic conversion complicated controlling air and gasoline mixing. But the 1980s also introduced computers (engine control module [ECM]) to control a myriad of engine functions including fuel, air, and ignition timing and more. First came electronic carburetors and then fuel injection which opened the door to much improved internal combustion engines—both economy and power was greatly improved. The last Riviera in 1999 had a computer-controlled, fuel-injected, supercharged engine.





All these changes have been addressed by Dean in a recently published book, *Beyond Fundamental Carburetion*. I heartily recommend both books for any car collector. Even if you have no interest in doing the work yourself, loan them to anyone working on your car. Go to www.fundmentalcarburetion.com to purchase.