

The Official Newsletter of the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

THE BOWTIE BULLETIN

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Lee Caplan's 1955 Chevrolet 210

From The Prez - Ray Bader

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Well, here we are starting another year. Thanks to all of you, 2011 was a good one for our club. We had a successful car show despite poor weather. We weren't as lucky with the M.A.D.D. show and ended up cancelling due to the rotten weather.

Thanks to *Bobby Murray* we have a new meeting place. The Raleigh Parks and Recreation Administration changed their regulations, and we felt they were asking for too much personal information.

David Ward Jones, our new social director, has orchestrated some great events. The Oktoberfest and Christmas parties were huge successes. Thank you David.

We assisted in the planning of, and participated in the third annual Reunion Cruise In. It was one of many events at which we won the club participation award. The club is usually well represented wherever we go.

We had lots of fun participating in 5 parades. The crowds love our "old cars". I'm sure this year will bring even more fun activities.

We voted to extend our commitment to the *Hilltop Home* as our primary charity for another 3 years.

Marshall Wheeler will be asking us to participate at the new car dealers display at Dorton Arena in February, Please plan to attend. This gets us a major contribution to the social fund.

It's dues time again, if you haven't done so already, please send yours to *Keith Archambault*.

Thanks to the new owner of Grill 57, New Years Day is going to be an official cruise in complete with DJ, door prizes, and 50/50 raffle. It officially starts at 11:00, so c'mon out.

Here's to a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Next PCCC Business Meeting - January 23, 2012

CLUB INFO • NEWS • SOCIAL EVENTS

Club Apparel

Royal Blue Polyester Golf Shirts
(including standard embroidery) (\$25)

Royal Blue Cotton Golf Shirts
(including standard embroidery) (\$20)
Add (\$2) for 2XL and (\$3) for 3XL

Club Jacket Black or Royal Blue/Navy
(including standard embroidery) (\$44)
Add (\$3) for 2XL and (\$4) for 3XL
\$5 extra for embroidered name on shirt or jacket
\$10 for embroidered club logo on back

Magnetic Engraved Name Badges (\$6.50)

Contact **Barry Kitchener** @ 919.833.0882
or barrykit2000@yahoo.com
for complete ordering details

2011-2012 Club Officers

President - Ray Bader
raybader@earthlink.net

Vice President - Barry Kitchener
barrykit2000@yahoo.com

Secretary - Linda DeMichele
R57Chevy@nc.rr.com

Treasurer - Keith Archambault
karchambault@nc.rr.com

Need to pay your 2012 Club Dues ?

Send \$25 to PCCC Treasurer

Keith Archambault

1010 Acorn Court; Knightdale, NC

Scheduled PCCC Social Events

Stay tuned for upcoming events in 2012

Any Questions? Contact David Ward Jones at 919.571.3308 or daviddwjarchitect@nc.rr.com



Image submitted by Lee Caplan



The Bikers arrive at
Toys for Tots Event - Dec 2011
Image By Jeff Hopp

CARSHOWS & CRUISES

Select Carshows - Cruise Ins - Special Events

CRUISE-INS

JAN 1 - New Years Day Cruise In - [Raleigh](#) (At The Grill 57) - 11AM-6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

JAN 13-14 - 10th Annual Shriners Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo - [Greensboro](#) - 8AM-5PM

JAN 13-15 - 28th Annual 'Charlotte In January' Swap Meet & Collector Auction - [Charlotte](#) - 8AM-5PM

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF DETAILS AND LINKS FOR ALL
EVENTS**

**VISIT OUR PCCC WEBSITE AT www.piedmontccc.com
or contact David Matthews @ dmhotrod089@gmail.com**

NEW MEMBERS

*David & Pamela Mitan
1955 Bel Air Hard Top
Garner, NC*

*Pete & Kathy Caison
1969 Camaro RS Convertible
Clayton, NC*

*Wayne & Lois Bockmann
1972 Chevy Nova
1986 Corvette
Raleigh, NC*

*John & Margaret Nelson
1969 Chevelle SS
Cary, NC*

David Smith's TECHNICAL TID BITS

A not so funny thing happened the other day that had me puzzled. I was driving a friend's Nova because he said his steering seemed a bit "sloppy". As I turned the corner back to his house the steering wheel just turned but the car did not. I avoided the ditch and got the Nova to a stop, got out and found that the steering coupler (also known as the rag joint) had split in two pieces.

I'm sure a few of us, including myself, never even gives this piece of the suspension a second thought. The steering coupler is the piece that connects the steering column to the steering gear box, it is made of rubber and cast steel and after time does wear out. Changing it is a somewhat easy project that takes about a day to do.

The biggest part is removing the gear box so you can easily slide off the coupler. First remove the three bolts that go through the frame, unbolt the coupler and pull the gear box toward the front of the car. Once the gear box is tied back remove the two nuts that hold the coupler to the steering column. Slide the coupler off the shaft and you are ready to rebuild, or in Mike's case replace the whole coupler.

To rebuild the rag joint only you can get the pieces needed from any Advance Auto or Auto Zone for about \$7.00. Keep the old one for reference. If you need to replace the whole coupler you have to order a reproduction piece from Eckler's, Big Tony's or a parts place on line. We got one from Year One for \$49.00. All GM passenger cars use the same coupler, the trucks use a similar piece (The steering box on a pick up is on the outside of the frame as a passenger car is on the inside).

I went home that night and immediately checked mine and it is going to be replaced after the first of the year.

I hope you all have a Happy and safe New Year.

Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down.



Don Cooper's "Maggie"



CARS & PARTS CLUB SWAP

Edelbrock Performer Carb (600 CFM) (\$125); Edelbrock Performer Intake (2101) (\$75); Long Style Cast Iron Water Pump (for small block) (\$25); HEI Distributor (\$75); Carter Fuel Pump (\$15); 1970-72 Chevelle Original Dash Pad (\$75); 1970 Chevelle tail light lenses (\$40 for both); "350" emblems (R&L) for 70 Chevelle (\$40); Trunk Emblem for 70 Chevelle (\$30); Grill Emblem for 70 Chevelle (\$15); Rocker Panel Trim for 1970-72 Chevelle (\$100 for pair); Craftsman Compressor (needs some maint) (\$25); Shop Vac (\$20) *Jeff Hopp @ 919-467-9594*

1970-72 Chevelle 10 Bolt Rear End (\$100); Small Block Quadrajet manifold (\$40); Kenwood AM/FM Cass & CD Controller (\$100); Kenwood 6 CD Changer (\$50); Rebuilt TH350 with shift kit & 1900 stall converter. (\$450) *Ray Bader @ 919-387-0479*

Contact members listed for more details on items for sale as space will be limited.

Only cars or car related items for sale will be accepted for posting in the newsletter. Once items are sold contact **Jeff Hopp** at suncrest@nc.rr.com to have item removed or if changes are required.

Do you think you know Chevrolet Trivia?

When did the iconic
Chevrolet Bow Tie debut?



The \$750 Series H "Royal Mail" roadster, which debuted in 1914, was one of the first cars to sport the new emblem.

Answer from December 2011 Edition

What is the Firing Order of the Small Block
Chevrolet V8?

Answer in February 2012 Edition

December Trivia and Photo Winners - Rick Lewis, JoAnn Hopp, David Smith, Marshall Wheeler



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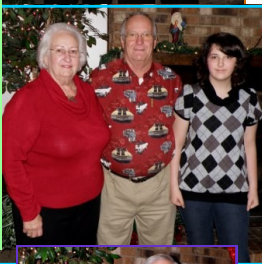
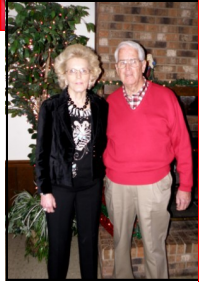
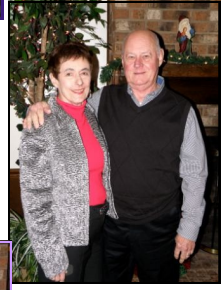
Guess the year, make
and who in the club
owns the car

Send your answers to
Jeff Hopp at
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Answer from Dec 2011 Edition
Rick Lewis' 1969 Camaro SS



PCCC CHRISTMAS DINNER



Photos by Jeff Hopp

OUT AND ABOUT WITH PCCC



PHOTOS BY
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Charles Pearce
Don Cooper
Lee Caplan
Ray Bader*

