

The Official Newsletter of  
The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

## *THE BOWTIE BULLETIN*

February 2013



Don Cooper with Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane

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### Greetings from the PCCC VP

Welcome PCCC members to 2013. Please say hello to your new Board:

David Smith- President  
Barry Kitchener - Vice President  
Tom Doherty - Treasurer  
Jim Toups, Carol Keith - Secretaries

This year has started off with great fanfare; there were over a dozen cars at the rescheduled New Year's Day Cruise-in at Grill 57. We followed that up as the only car club in the Governor's Inaugural parade where 15 cars participated including Don Cooper's 57 Bel Air convertible that the "Gov" rode in. Great recognition for the best car club in the state of North Carolina. We followed that up by 24 members meeting at the Farmer's market restaurant for lunch afterwards. A great day was had by all.

Our next big scheduled event will be the Dorton Arena exhibit February 15 - 17. Please be sure to let Marshall Wheeler know if you will be attending.

We have the best club because we have the best members.  
Please participate however and whenever you can; shows, cruise-ins, social events and meetings.

*Barry Kitchener*

*Next Scheduled Meeting - Monday February 25, 2013*

**CLUB INFO • NEWS • SOCIAL EVENTS**

**PCCC 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 [\$7.50]**

Contact **Barry Kitchener** @ 919.833.0882  
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for complete ordering details

**2013 -2014 Club Officers**

President - David Smith

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Treasurer - Tom Doherty

[tdoherty@mpcllp.com](mailto:tdoherty@mpcllp.com)

***It's Time To Pay Your 2013 Club Dues  
Send your payment to:***

*Tom Doherty*

*4008 Ridgebrook Bluffs*

*Raleigh, NC 27603*

**Scheduled PCCC Social Events**

***Stay tuned for upcoming events in 2013***

Any Questions or Suggestions?

Contact **David Ward Jones** at 919.971.4615 or [daviddwjarchitect@nc.rr.com](mailto:daviddwjarchitect@nc.rr.com)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

***Danny & Linda Bowling***

71 & 76 Corvettes

86 Camaro IROC

75 El Camino; 56 Buick

69 Buick Riviera 70 Buick GS

66 Thunderbird

***Oxford, NC***

***Jim & Pat Beedenbender***

56 Chevrolet Bel Air

***Raleigh, NC***

## CARSHOWS & CRUISES

Feb 1 - 2 - *11th Annual Shriners Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo* - Greensboro - 8AM-5PM  
Feb 15 -17 - *International Auto Expo / Dorton Arena Classic Car Display* - Raleigh - 10AM-5PM

1st Fri - *Southern Roast Coffee Shoppe Cruise-In* - Holly Springs - 6PM-9PM  
1st Sat - *Zaxby's Cruise In* - US 70 E, Clayton - 3PM-9PM  
1st Sat - *Cars & Coffee at Waverly Place* - Cary 8AM-1130AM  
2nd Sat - *Char-Grill* - Atlantic Ave, Raleigh - 2PM-9PM  
3rd Sat - *Grill 57* - US 401 S, Raleigh - 2PM-9PM  
3rd Sat - *Goldston Cruise In* - Goldston - 4PM-Until  
4th Sat - *Sonic Drive In* - NC 96 - Zebulon - 3PM-9PM  
3rd Fri - *Andy's Creedmoor/Butner Cruise In* - NC 56 W (at Food Lion Parking Lot) Creedmoor - 4PM -Until  
4th Fri - *Chick-Fil-A / Goodberry's Cruise In* - Roxboro Rd, Durham - 4PM-9PM  
4th Sun - *Chevy's Ale House* NC 55 & US 1 - Apex - 3PM-8PM

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND LINKS  
VISIT OUR NEW PCCC FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE AT

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pcc.club/>  
or contact David Matthews @ [dmhotrod089@gmail.com](mailto:dmhotrod089@gmail.com)

WHILE THE PCCC WEBSITE IS STILL ACTIVE, YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE SAME AT  
[www.piedmontccc.com](http://www.piedmontccc.com)

## DORTON ARENA DISPLAY - FEB 15 - FEB 17, 2013

Hello my fellow car nuts,

I want to give everyone a heads up. I am putting on the classic car display again this year and would like to get a tentative head count of those who would like to attend. Please respond to this e-mail or call me on my cell. Please let me know because I had to turn away a few cars last year and do not want to have to do that this year if possible, so if I do not get a response from you I will not save a spot.

I had 78 cars last year and everyone had a great time and the Wake County Auto Dealers Assoc. really liked the display, it added that extra uummph they were looking for.

For those who attend I will need the cars in the Dorton Arena between 1:00 and 5:00 Friday and the cars will remain until 3:00 Sunday afternoon. For each participant there will be a free lunch voucher good for either Saturday or Sunday and free passes will be given out to attend the New Car Expo.

Dorton Arena will be locked each night and security will be there throughout the night.

Please make sure your vehicles have **1/4 a tank of gas or less.**

If you know of anyone who would like to attend this year that was unaware /unavailable last year please pass my info along.

I will have parking outside in the grass in front of Dorton Arena for those who would like to drive a car to the Arena Saturday or Sunday and put it on display for the day.

Those that attended last year had a great time and I know they are looking forward to it again. I look forward to hearing from everyone. I may be reached on my cell if you would rather call **919.616.0736** or by email [marshallwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:marshallwheeler@gmail.com)

Please let me know if you have any questions - *Marshall Wheeler*

**OUT AND ABOUT AT THE PARADE**

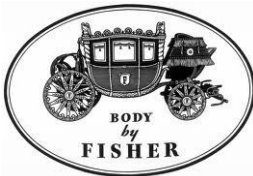


*Photos by Tom Doherty, David Smith & Jeff Hopp*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### *The Fisher Body Company*

All of the current Fisher companies trace their beginnings to a horse-drawn carriage shop in Norwalk, Ohio in the late 1800's. The shop was owned and operated by Alfred J. Fisher's grandfather and it was where A.J.'s father and uncles learned their trade.



In 1904 and 1905, two of the brothers came to Detroit, Michigan to work in the first "horseless carriage" body shops. In 1908 they decided to go into business for themselves as the Fisher Body Company.

In the early years of the company, the Fisher Brothers had to develop new body designs because the "horseless carriage" bodies did not have the strength to withstand the vibrations of the new motorcars. By 1913, the Fisher Body Company had the capacity to produce 100,000 cars per year and customers included: Ford, Krit, Chalmers, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Studebaker. Part of the reason for their success was the development of interchangeable wooden body parts that did not have to be hand-fitted, as was the case in the construction of carriages. This required the design of new precision woodworking tools.



In 1916 the Company became the Fisher Body Corporation. Its capacity was now 370,000 bodies per year and its customers included Abbot, Buick, Cadillac, Chalmers, Chandler, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Churchfield, Elmore, EMF, Ford, Herreshoff, Hudson, Krit, Oldsmobile, Packard, Regal, and Studebaker.



The rest of the seven Fisher brothers, including our Chairman's father, came to Detroit and joined their brothers at various times as they came of age. From its beginning in the "horseless carriage shop" in Norwalk, Ohio, to its sale in 1919 and 1926 to General Motors, the Fisher Body Company

was built by the Fisher brothers into one of the World's largest manufacturing companies. The company owned 160,000 acres of timberland and used more wood, carpet, tacks, and thread than any other manufacturer in the world. It had more than forty plants and employed more than 100,000 people, and pioneered many improvements in tooling and automobile design including closed all-weather bodies.



In 1947, with the help and encouragement of their father, they started a new business. They began to manufacture metal stampings at a plant located in Ferndale, Michigan. The business was called Alrowa Metal Products from the names of the three brothers (*AL-fred, RO-bert, WA-Iter*). Early customers included Cadillac, Detroit Transmission, Chevrolet, Inland, Fisher Body, Ford and Chrysler. Among the products made at that time were transmission components, ash trays, outside trim parts, brake bands, and metal fasteners. During the Korean War, the company made parts for rocket launchers.

On January 19, 1972, the last of the original Fisher brothers died. The seven brothers left a legacy that will long be remembered. They donated millions of dollars to schools, churches, and other charitable causes, founded orphanages, nursing and old-age homes, and were active in directing those endeavors.

## PCCC PARTS SWAP

Long Style Cast Iron Water Pump (for small block) [\$25]; HEI Distributor [\$75]; Carter Fuel Pump [\$15]; Cast Water Neck [\$15]; Chrome Water Neck [\$10]; 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]; K&N 13x2 Washable Air Filter [\$10]; 14x3 Air Filter [\$5]; 68-72 Chevelle Fuel Tank Door/License Plate Mount [\$10]; NEW Low-high pitch horn set w/ mounting kit [\$50]; Set of Chrome Lug Nuts/Washers for Cragar (7/16x20) [\$25]; Set of [4] Lug Nut Locks with key [\$10]

**Jeff Hopp** @ 919-467-9594

1972 Monte Carlo Custom (replaced the SS model in 72) 402 cu TH400 power windows, Power door locks, Power trunk, A/C, Tilt, Gauges, Bucket seats, floor shift, Compass, AM/FM stereo, rear defogger. All factory options. 115000 miles, 90% original. [**Will take no less than \$17000.00**] **David Smith** @ 919-662-8587

Small Block Quadrajets manifold [\$40]; Kenwood AM/FM Cass & CD Controller [\$100]; Kenwood 6 CD Changer [\$50]; 1970-1972 12 Bolt Posi Carrier [\$125]; Small Block Thumper Roller Cam [\$125]; Small Block Edelbrock Intake [\$75]; ZZ4 Alum 58cc Heads with Comp Beehive Valve Springs and titanium retainers [\$400]; Small Block Chevy 383 Short Block (needs a piston replaced, cyl wall not scored) [\$400]; Edelbrock 750 Performer Carb - may need rebuild [\$85] **Ray Bader** @ 919-387-0479

Contact club members listed for more details . Also view our PCCC Facebook Page for more items.



*The "Advance Design" Series  
Chevy Trucks sold from 1947-1955*

*What years were the Monte Carlo  
produced?*

*Answer from the Jan 2013 Edition*

*Answer in the March 2013 Edition*

*January 2013 Edition Trivia and Photo Winners  
Barry Kitchener, David Smith, Ralph DeMichele, David Matthews*

**GUESS THE YEAR & MAKE**



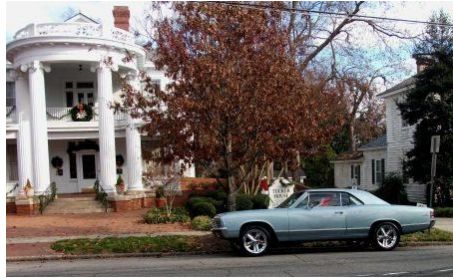
Send your answers to Jeff Hopp at  
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**FROM JAN 2013**



*Al Brown's Monte Carlo*

**OUT AND ABOUT WITH PCCC**



**Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour  
and The Raleigh Holiday Parades**



*Photos by  
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