

# The Official Newsletter of the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

## *THE BOWTIE BULLETIN*

April 2012

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*Wes Hilliard's 1962 Impala*

### *Greetings from Club VP - Barry Kitchener*

Spring has arrived and the car show and cruise season is in full bloom. (see listings elsewhere in the Newsletter). The Autofest was a rousing success for the club. We spoke with several potential new members, handed out many flyers promoting our upcoming Car Show Memorial Day Weekend, and had lots of fun. Thank you to **Les Shelton** for doing a great job organizing the booth attendee list, and Thank you to **Wes Hilliard** for bringing his original '62 Impala Super Sport to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> year. The club members brought 14 cars and the social fund is now \$200 richer. The club also did itself proud at the Raleigh St. Patty's Day Parade with 10 cars. Several club members made the trip to Myrtle Beach for the annual Run to the Sun Car Show.

**Craig Merrill** is this year's new Sponsorship Chair for our Memorial Day show. Having chaired it for the last 2 years I personally know what is involved. It is now time to approach your friends, neighbors relatives, and local business and ask for their support. A sponsorship is only \$50 and they receive a beautiful plaque recognizing their contribution and also recognition the day of the show and on all show material next year. And it is 100% tax deductible. The sponsor money is a major part of the financial success of our show, and how much we donate to **Hilltop Home**. Working together we can make it a great success.

Hope to see you at our next meeting as well as the many cruises and shows.

Barry

*Next PCCC Business Meeting - April 23, 2012*

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*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

*2012 Club Officers*

President - Ray Bader

*raybader@earthlink.net*

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*barrykit2000@yahoo.com*

Secretary - David Smith

*dsmith@nc.rr.com*

Treasurer - Keith Archambault

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*It's time to pay your  
2012 Club Dues*

*Send \$25 to PCCC Treasurer*

*Keith Archambault*

*1010 Acorn Court; Knightdale, NC 27545*

*Scheduled PCCC Social Events*

*Fish Fry - Sunday April 29 - Hosted by Linwood & Mavis Johnson @ 200PM*

*Bubba Burger Outing - Sunday June 24 - Location To Be Announced @ 200PM*

*BBQ - Sunday August 19 - Fairview Community Center @ 200PM*

*Oktoberfest - Saturday October 6 - Fairview Community Center @ 600PM*

*Christmas Banquet - Saturday December 1 - Fairview Community Center @ 630PM*

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

*A MESSAGE FROM CLUB HISTORIAN - LES SHELTON*

*I have recently succeeded Robert Copeland as the Club Historian. I must tell you that Robert has done a great job of pulling together the history of PCCC. Robert has but together binders for most the 32 years of the club with pictures and events. When the Club Cars Shows got to be big Robert created a separate binders for those shows too. So when you see Robert please thank him for all his great work.*

*If I am going to keep up what Robert has started, Please let me know If you attend any shows, events or cruise ins and if you win awards or trophies.*

*If you could send me a email with any pictures and note on who was there, It would be a great help.*

## CARSHOWS & CRUISES

### Select Carshows - Cruise Ins - Special Events

#### SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

April 15 - *5th Annual Apex Auto Zone Carshow* - Apex - 8AM-3PM

April 21 - *Knightdale Car & Truck Show* - Knightdale - 8AM-3PM

April 28 - *Custom Rod and Antique Carshow* - Hickory - 8AM-5PM

April 28 - *24th Annual Dogwood Festival* - Mebane - 8AM-5PM

April 28 - *15th Annual Fun in the Sun Carshow* - Raleigh - 8AM-3PM

1st Sat - *Char-Grill* - Atlantic Ave, Raleigh - 2PM-9PM

2nd Sat - *Zaxby's Cruise In* - US 70 E, Clayton - 3PM-9PM

3rd Sat - *Grill 57* - US 401 S, Garner - 2PM-9PM

3rd Sat - *Goldston Cruise In* - Goldston - 4PM-Until

4th Sat - *Sonic Drive In* - NC 96 - Zebulon - 3PM-9PM

4th Sat - *Andy's Cruise In* - US 301 S, Four Oaks - 2PM - Until

3rd Fri - *Andy's Creedmoor/Butner Cruise In* - NC 56 W (at Food Lion Parking Lot) Creedmoor - 4PM

4th Fri - *Chick-Fil-A / Goodberry's Cruise In* - Roxboro Rd, Durham - 4PM-9PM

April 20-22 - *8th Annual Rims On The River Vintage Car, Hotrod and Motorcycle Show* - Wilmington

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

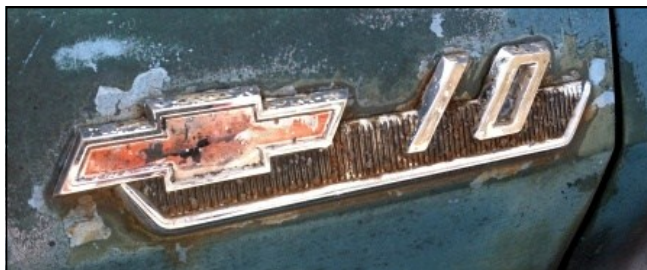
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or contact David Matthews @ [dmhotrod089@gmail.com](mailto:dmhotrod089@gmail.com)



*Charles Pearce's Dash*

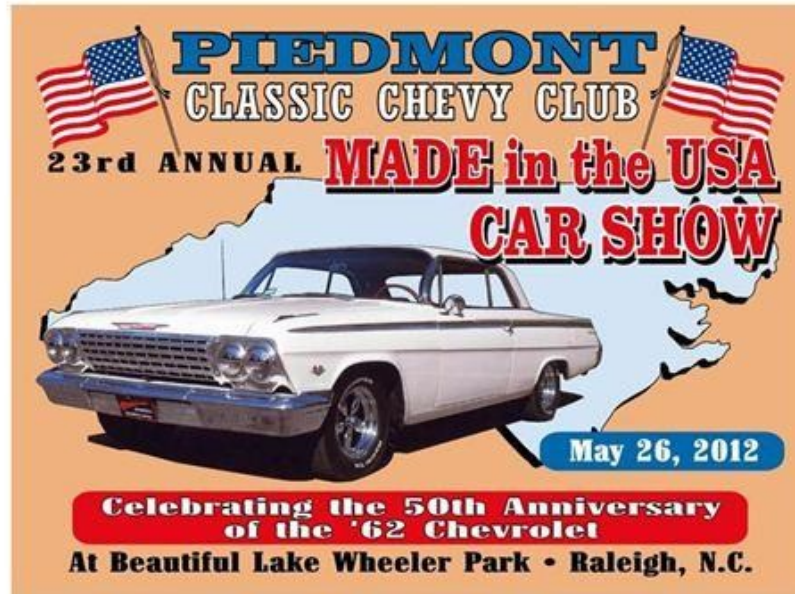


*Don Cooper's  
Dash*



*Images by Lee Caplan*

## OUR 23rd ANNUAL MADE IN THE USA CARSHOW



*Sponsored by: Bobby Murray Chevrolet*



Open Show to All US Makes 1989 or Older

Proceeds from the car show to benefit: Raleigh's "Hilltop Home" for children

Photo Plaques & a US Flag to the First 200 Entries – Music - 50/50 - Food

### "Best of "Awards"

Best Chevy	Best Paint	Best Interior
Best Other GM	Best Engine Compartment	Best Other US Makes
Best Ford	Best Club Participation	Best Special Interest
Best Mopar	Best Street Rod	Best Truck

Bobby Murray's personal "Pick of the Show " Award

On May 26, 2012 our club will put on our 23rd Annual Classic Car Show. Our car show has grown into one of the best local shows in North Carolina because of our club member's participation the day of the event and in planning sessions. It takes a hell of a lot of effort to put on a car show for 150 - 200 classic cars but we've done it successfully for 22 years and I look forward to this being our best ever.

The big question is why do we put on a car show? Why go to all this trouble and work? Good questions and the answer seems to be in our hearts rather than about our classic car hobby. While classic cars are the entertainment at our car show the end result of being able to help handicapped children have a better life is the real return. Having a better life for some of these children is simply a matter of being able to breath because someone bought them another bottle of oxygen or a wheelchair or clean water for a bath or a roof over their heads, all things that you provide by putting on a car show.

So on behalf of the children at The Hill Top Home for Children "A Big Thank You" in advance for helping The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club have a successful car show. It couldn't be done without you so have fun at the show, meet new people, and know that your efforts go to a good place.

Makes your heart feel better doesn't it.

*Don Mende*

## FEATURE ARTICLE - By Jim Toups

### A Visit to the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee Florida

After watching “Mecum Muscle Car and More” auctions for years on cable, my wife Gail and I finally decided to actually attend one in person. So, we took the old ‘Vette down to Kissimmee, Florida last month to take in the action first hand. We were there from January 25<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, missing the first and last days of the auction due to travel. But those four days were unbelievable. There were well over 2300 cars up for sale. While most were classic “muscle cars” familiar to all PCCC members, there were also numerous fully restored antique cars, a large selection of trucks (including a *restored* army deuce and a half), hot rods and rat rods, classic wooden boats, motorcycles, memorabilia and souvenirs too! There were over 200 Corvettes alone, and I lost count of the Chevelles, Novas, Camaros and ‘57s! It was like the biggest car show I’ve ever been to, and every car was for sale! We’d attend the auction itself in the morning, then tour the next day’s car display area, then back to the auction for the evening. What an experience! You can get details about upcoming auctions on Mecum’s website.



A 1937 Cord  
812 SC  
Phaeton (which  
didn't sell with  
at \$200,000)

### DO YOU KNOW *YOUR* PLATES?



### It All Started With - By David Smith

Picture this... January 1968, 15 years old living on a farm in Northern Indiana with a DRIVERS LICENSE. (yes it was legal). My Grandfather and I went down to Sheffield Chevrolet/Pontiac in Munster Indiana, he was there to trade in his 65 Catalina on a smaller car. He settled on a 1968 Firebird OHC and as the salesman and my grandfather were discussing the deal, I was left to wander the showroom. A little Blue Camaro caught my eye on the showroom floor, it was a 1967 SS/RS ordered in August 1967 by a Marine who would be home from "the country" in October. When he arrived home at the end of Sept he could no longer drive a stick shift. So that is where the car sat. After talking my grandfather into co-signing we drove out, He with a Firebird and me with a 46 mile 67 RS SS Camaro with a 350ci, 4 speed 373 posi deluxe interior console, tach and gauges, Marina Blue with black vinyl top. 3 years later in August of 1971 I hit a telephone poll at 110 mph coming home from my friends party (now she is my wife, the friend not the car...)



## FEATURE ARTICLE - By Don Mende

### How I became a US Navy Photographer

In 1962, I enlisted in the Naval Reserves in high school in Roanoke, VA.

During my two years in the reserves in Roanoke I attained a third class machinist rating working on the trucks at the reserve center. After High School I was 18 years old and in 1964 I was sent to Japan to report aboard The USS Independence (Indy) aircraft carrier as she steamed to



Viet Nam to start my two years of active duty.

After reporting aboard The Indy I was escorted to my bunk and work areas by a lifer Chief Machinist. I had never seen anything as



scary as the Indy engines and the equipment I was going to be working on in my life. Steam jumping out from all over the place, massive moving parts, people that were absolutely filthy with grease and oil, and sleeping quarters that I was sure was way under the water line. A big difference than the clean little trucks at the reserve center. I remember telling the

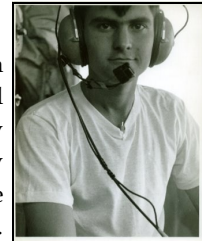
Chief that my Mom wouldn't like me to work down here and maybe I should do something else. The old Chief just laughed and said maybe I should go to the personnel office in the morning and tell them about my Mom's concerns and see if they had something else her son could do. So that's what I did.



The personnel officer asked me what the hell I wanted. I told him my Mom didn't want me working in the bottom of an Aircraft Carrier. He laughed and said "OK what else does your Mom want you to do in this man's Navy?" Out of my mouth I said I was a damn good photographer even though I had never taken a picture in my life. He laughed real loud and said that the photographers rank is never open but just for giggles he would check.

He couldn't believe it but there was one opening in the photo lab. He told me to go see Chief Snyder who was in charge of the photo lab to see if I was a good enough photographer to transfer to the Photo Lab.

I met with Chief Snyder and told him my sad story. After much laughing he handed me a roll of black and white 35mm film and told me to go to the dark room, develop the film then makes 8x10 prints to show him my skills. I had never been in a dark room in my life and it took me numerous tries to simply figure out the multiple door entry system. Once inside and after my eyes had adjusted to the darkness and red lights I saw 2 people, Randy Beck and Dale White, both photographers.



They asked me what I was doing in the dark room and I told them my story and that Chief Snyder gave me this roll of film to do something with but I had no idea what the hell he was talking about. They laughed their butts off and then decided that they liked me enough to play a trick on Chief Snyder, they processed that roll of film for me, made great 8x10 prints, and then put me on the dryer drum to dry the prints. As the prints came out of the dryer drum Chief Snyder came over, he looked them over and said "Mende your transfer is immediately approved". I had to lose my 3rd class crow and become a green stripe airman, but I was the happiest new Airman photographer on the Indy.

For the next two years I did regular Photo work on the flight deck, TV monitoring in the tower, special projects and some freelance work for the officers. It was a fantastic experience and set my future professional photography career on its way. Randy and Dale, they're still close friends and to this day, they saved my life.

## CARS & PARTS CLUB SWAP

Looking for plain stock wheel to use as a spare for a 1967 Camaro; tire is optional.

*Jay Shealy @ 919-605-0017*

Edelbrock Performer Carb (600 CFM) (\$125); 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); 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) *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*

2002 Chevy Avalanche 4 X 4; 5.3 L V-8, 17" aluminum wheels, 6-way power bucket seats, Sunroof, automatic climate control, roof luggage carrier, fog lamps, towing package and add-on XM Radio. (\$5900) *John Monroe @ 919-810-3021*

Contact club members listed for more details on items for sale.  
 Only cars or car related items for sale will be accepted for posting in the newsletter.  
**POSTINGS FOR MEMBERS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### Do you think you know Chevrolet Trivia?

*The first engine used by Chevrolet in 1911, displaced 299 ci.*

*How much horsepower did it produce?*

**40HP**

*Answer from March 2012 Edition*

*Only two options were available on the 1953 Corvette.*

*What were the options?*

*Answer in May 2012 Edition*

### March Trivia and Photo Winners - David Smith



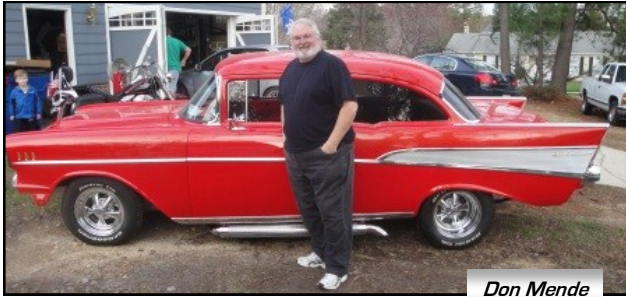
**Guess the year, make and who in the club owns the car**

Send your answers to Jeff Hopp at [suncrest@nc.rr.com](mailto:suncrest@nc.rr.com)



*Jeff Hopp's 1970 Chevelle*

*OUT AND ABOUT WITH PCCC*



*Don Mende*



*Wes Hilliard's 62 Impala at the Autofest*



*Linwood Johnson*



*Dave Peedin*



*David W. Jones & Ron Schwitz*



*Don Cooper*



*Don Winstead*



*Larry Schadle*



*Ray Bader*



*Don Cooper's New '57 Chevy*



*Ron Schwitz*

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