



The Official Newsletter of  
The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club  
***THE BOWTIE BULLETIN***  
December 2013



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David Mitan's 1955 Chevrolet

*Greetings from Our PCCC VP*

2013 was a busy successful year for PCCC. We saw our membership grow by quite a few members. Car guys and gals are realizing we are the best club in the area. We saw the return of our website, and our Facebook page continues to be very popular. We had one of the most successful car shows in the history of our club, and made a record contribution of \$6000 to our charity Hilltop Home. (One more check to follow)

As the year comes to a close, December will be a busy month for Family, Friends, and Piedmont Classic Chevy Club. There are many, many activities crammed into two weekends.

*December 7<sup>th</sup>*

Marines and Ray Price Toys for Tots Cruise (Bring an unwrapped new Toy)  
Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour  
Apex Christmas Parade  
PCCC Annual Christmas Party (Fairview Center)

*December 14<sup>th</sup>*

Cary Christmas Parade  
Clayton Christmas Parade

**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

**Barry Kitchener  
Vice-President**

***NO DECEMBER MEETING - Next Scheduled Meeting - January 27, 2014***

*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**  
or **barrykit2000@yahoo.com**  
for complete ordering details

**2013-2014 Club Officers**

President - David Smith

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Vice President - Barry Kitchener

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Secretaries - Jim Toups & Carol Keith

*jtoups@nc.rr.com*

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Treasurer - Tom Doherty

*tdoherty@mpcllp.com*

*Send your 2014 club dues payment to:*

***Tom Doherty***

***4008 Ridgebrook Bluffs***

***Raleigh, NC 27603***

**Club T-Shirts are coming soon**

Send Barry Kitchener your shirt size. The first shirt is free to all members.  
Any additional shirts will be approximately \$10

**Upcoming 2013 PCCC Social Events**

***Saturday - December 7***

***PCCC Christmas Banquet***

***Fairview Community Center on NC 1010 - 6PM***

Any Questions or Suggestions?

Contact **David Ward Jones** at 919.971.4615 or **daviddwjarchitect@nc.rr.com**

***PINK LADIES SPRING FLING***

PCCC has officially embraced all women associated with our car club to be named "**The Pink Ladies**". We will be hosting our very own 1st event soon--(stay tuned for the exact date--possibly **March 8th, 2014**).

This eventful evening will be similar to our Octoberfest which is a blast, but ours will be **Pink Lady** style! We would love for all the **Pink Ladies** to be involved and share your ideas to make this occasion **fun** and **memorable**. We will have an informal meeting during our Christmas Party December 7th to exchange ideas and contact information.

PCCC men--please pass along this information to your lady. Lets have a Rock'n Good Time!

**LOCAL CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-INS**

- 1st Sat - *Zaxby's Cruise In* - US 70 E, Clayton - 3PM
- 1st Sat - *Cars & Coffee at Waverly Place* - Cary 8AM
- 1st Sat - *Hot Nights - Hot Cars Cruise-In* - Pilot Mountain - 3PM
- 1st Sun - *Back In The Day Café* - Cary - 11AM
- 2nd Sat - *Char-Grill* - Atlantic Ave, Raleigh - 2PM
- 3rd Sat - *Grill 57* - US 401 S, Raleigh - 2PM
- 3rd Sat - *Goldston Cruise In* - Goldston - 4PM
- 4th Sat - *Sonic Drive In* - NC 96 - Zebulon - 3PM
- 4th Sat - *Lone Star Restaurant Cruise-In* - Knightdale - 11AM
- 3rd Fri - *Andy's Creedmoor/Butner Cruise In* - NC 56 W (at Food Lion Parking Lot) Creedmoor - 4PM
- 3rd Fri - *Ledo's Pizza Cruise-In* - Southern Pines - 5PM
- 4th Fri - *Chick-Fil-A / Goodberry's Cruise In* - Roxboro Rd, Durham - 4PM
- 4th Sun - *Chevy's Ale House* NC 55 & US 1 - Apex - 3PM

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS  
IN NORTH CAROLINA VISIT OUR  
PCCC FACEBOOK FAN PAGE AND OUR NEW PCCC WEBSITE**

[www.facebook.com/piedmontccc/events](http://www.facebook.com/piedmontccc/events)

<http://piedmontccc.org/>

**Also check the following website that David is updating  
with classic car events**

<http://www.carshowfinder.org>

**Or contact David Matthews @ [matthewsdavid1955@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsdavid1955@gmail.com)**



Photo by Kate Doherty

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*Dyrke & Sarah Maricle*

*Clayton, NC*



Photo by Kate Doherty

**WELCOME BACK**

*Debbie Bland*

*1936 Plymouth Convertible*

*Raleigh, NC*

*David & Pam Mitan*

*1955 Chevrolet Bel Air*

*Garner, NC*

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So you are tired of paying someone to fix you car all the time?

Here are some do it yourself tips.

**DAVE SMITH's TECHNICAL TIDBITS**

Start with the easiest repairs first. Don't dive right into rebuilding your transmission. You'll gain confidence, learn how to use tools, and begin to understand how everything fits together on your car.

Here are some great repairs for novice shade tree mechanics, in order of difficulty:

Change Wiper Blades  
Replace Air Filter  
Replace Headlight  
Replace Battery  
Replace Spark Plugs  
Change Oil  
Replace Belts



If you're undertaking a repair that's not on this list and you're just getting started, at least make sure it's a repair that doesn't require you to lie on your back, deep underneath your car.

If you do have to jack up your car to get underneath it, under no circumstances should you use the flimsy jack that came with the car. And never, ever get under your car, unless it's supported by approved jack stands. (Unless, of course, you have a lift in your garage.) Finally, when you're getting started, try to avoid repairs that involve contorting yourself into an uncomfortable position, which can make a repair vastly more difficult, like under dash items for example.

Try to avoid repairs or service work where the consequences of a mishap are great. For example, don't try to replace your brake master cylinder or fuel line on your first repair. You could end up crashing into a fuel tanker. Or worse still, you might even wreck your engine.

Before you start ripping apart your car, go out and get a set of tools, including:

A complete set of **socket wrenches**, including swivel sockets with extensions of various lengths and angle accessories, a complete set of **open end and box wrenches**, the usual **screwdrivers, pliers** -- and especially, a good set of **vise grips**.

Whatever special tools are necessary for the job you're contemplating. For example, a special tool is necessary to remove the oil filter, and another for the spark plugs. And in both cases, there are different sizes of tools. So take a look first and find out what you'll need.

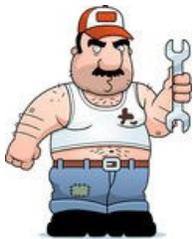
No matter what tools you buy, you still won't have all the tools you'll need. So, a final piece of advice is to start your repair early. That way, the parts store will still be open when you head down there looking for that special, Fiat metric xenon fog lamp wrench.??? Ok I am losing it now...

## DAVE SMITH'S TECHNICAL TIDBITS

Do some homework before you plunge into a repair. It just might save you a migraine later. Buy the manufacturer's shop manual for your vehicle, and read up on the repair.

Here's one true story of why its important to do your homework:

When I first got involved in car repair, I once contemplated a job, and took a quick look at the service manual. It had only six steps. I decided to go for it. So, I went out and bought the parts. When I looked at the manual more closely, I noticed that step 1 said, "remove engine." No kidding, it was replacing the oil pan gasket on a 396 Camaro. You can not get to it with the engine in the car. So, read the manual!



The best way to learn is to work with someone who knows what he or she is doing. If you're undertaking a repair you've never even seen done before, it's reasonably likely that you'll screw it up -- or, at best, you'll do it the hard way. Our advice? Operate on the same principle that medical schools use: see one, do one, teach one.

It happens. You got your old serpentine belt off, the new one on...and your car runs backwards. Don't be shy about calling your regular mechanic. Our advice is to 'fess up immediately. Tell him you screwed up your repair and need a question or two answered. If he's a nice guy, he'll take pity on you and answer a question or two.

Don't take advantage of your mechanic, however. Remember that he's probably extremely busy trying to pay off his new, 24-foot cabin cruiser.

A final word of advice. If you really screw up, and have to take your car to your mechanic, don't try to cover it up. Confess. He can tell immediately when a customer has tried to hide a repair gone awry. Everyone makes mistakes, strips bolts, and blows parts up. It happens. It may take a few years, but eventually, you'll even laugh about it.



After you're done with your repair, it's possible you'll be left with used coolant, motor oil, brake fluid, or other toxic materials. You'll need to dispose of it safely -- and by that, I don't mean dumping it on your neighbor's award-winning Rose bushes.

Most all auto parts stores have a disposal tank for oil and antifreeze among other waste. In many states, retailers are required to accept used motor oil, coolant, and other fluids -- but not the container you bring them in with, I keep the empty 5 quart oil containers to fill with the next oil changes dirty stuff. To find out where to take waste in your town, call your local auto parts store.

*Til next time well, you all know what I mean.*

**PCCC PARTS & SWAP**

Long Style Cast Iron Water Pump (for small block) [\$25]; 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]; 5 Gal Shop Vac [\$20]; K&N 13x2 Washable Air Filter [\$10]; 14x3 Air Filter [\$5]; 68-72 Chevelle Fuel Tank Door/License Plate Mount [\$10]; Set of Chrome Lug Nuts/Washers for Cragar (7/16x20) [\$25]; Set of [4] Lug Nut Locks with key [\$10]; Original 1970 Chevelle Grill and Stainless Trim [\$75] **Jeff Hopp** @ 919-467-9594

1957 Diecast and Model Collection [ *Call Dave for details* ] **David Smith** @ 919-518-3779

Small Block Quadrajets manifold [\$40]; Kenwood AM/FM Cass & CD Controller [\$100]; Kenwood 6 CD Changer [\$50]; 1970-1972 12 Bolt Posi Carrier [\$125]; Edelbrock 750 Performer Carb - may need rebuild [\$85]; **Ray Bader** @ 919-387-0479

Set of 4 BF Goodrich G-Force 255 50 R17 tires (Only 1500 miles) [\$550] **Keith Archambault** @ 919-217-9882

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Richard Ulrich



David Matthews



**TRIVIA**



Ray Bader



Dave Peedin

*The Chevrolet Citation replaced the Nova in 1980*

*"Batwing Fins" and "Cat's Eye" taillights referred to what year Chevrolet?*

*Answer from the November 2013 Edition*

*Answer in the January 2014 Edition*

*October 2013 Edition Trivia and Photo Winners  
David Smith, David Matthews, Tena Crook, Tom Doherty*



Send your answers to Jeff Hopp at [jhopp55@att.net](mailto:jhopp55@att.net)

**FROM NOV 2013**



Todd & Tena Crook's  
1946 Chevy 3100

*OUT AND ABOUT WITH PCCC*



**Photos By**  
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