

*THE BOWTIE BULLETIN  
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*Special Message from Our PCCC President*

*Greetings to all. I hope the Holidays were good for every one in the club and their families. I know I enjoyed seeing all that attended the Christmas Party at Angie's. We had great weather for the Oakwood Candlelight tour and for the cruise in on New Years Day at D&S Cafeteria, they had over 300 vehicles through out the day. The club had 24 cars attending the cruise. The food there was great. I got to show off my Christmas present and talk to a lot of new people, even got a new member who signed up right there.*

*Toys for Tots was another great attendance for PCCC there were over 30 of us attending. The chili was fantastic but the cars and people made it one of the most enjoyable Toys for Tots. Thanks to all that attended everything during a very busy and hectic time of the year. I am really looking forward to the upcoming cruise and show season I hope to see a lot of members this season at shows, cruises and meetings See ya.*

*Thanks, Dave*

**The February 2020 Business Meeting Is Scheduled on  
Monday, February 24, 2020**

**Advance Auto Store Support Center-University Building  
4709 Hargrove Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616**

## CLUB INFO

### 2019–2020 Club Officers

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For a complete listing of carshows and cruise in's  
Contact club member

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A Complete list will be posted on Facebook  
and will be sent by email

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Got an interesting project or story you would like to submit for future newsletters?  
Contact Jeff Hopp at [jhopp55@att.net](mailto:jhopp55@att.net)

## PCCC APPAREL

### Royal Blue Polo Shirts

Including standard embroidery [\$22]

### Hats

Solid Kaki, Kaki with Black Brim, Solid Black  
Style will be popular soft cover type and adjustable fit  
[\$15 ea]

### Club Jacket Royal Blue

Including standard embroidery [\$46]

### New 'Soft Shell Black Jacket

With lighter contrast collar [\$56]

### Magnetic Engraved Name Badges [\$10.70]



Contact *Larry Lewis* @ 919.215.3946 or  
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for complete ordering details

## *DORTON ARENA CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY*

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 the e-mail I sent or call or text me on my cell.

The Wake County Auto Dealers Assoc. really liked the display, it added that extra uummph they were looking for.

I had over 100 cars last year between the outside and inside displays.

This year the display will start Friday the 14th and the cars will remain until 3:00 Sunday afternoon. I will be taking cars through out the week Monday - Wednesday between 5-6 and on Thursday 1-6. For each participant there will be a free lunch voucher good for two of the 3 days and free passes will be given out to attend the New Car Expo each day.

This is always a great fundraiser (\$500) for our club!

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

The show times are as follows:

Friday 10 to 9

Saturday 9 to 9

Sunday 10 to 3

Those that attended last year had a great time and I know they are looking forward to it again.

***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 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.

I look forward to hearing from everyone.

I may be reached on my cell if you would rather call or text [919.616.0736](tel:919.616.0736). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Marshall Wheeler

*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!*

*Bill & Debbie Morgan*

*Fuquay-Varina, NC*



*Photography By, Jeff Hopp*



## *The 2020 New Year's Day Cruise In By, Denny Oestreich*

A new venue at the South Hills Mall for the traditional Raleigh New Year's Day Cruise-in drew over 600+ vehicles this year. The venue was the D&S Cafeteria at South Hills Mall and Plaza. The venue proved to be very successful with interesting vehicles parked all around the complex. Various clubs gathered to cruise in to the event together. There was a Volkswagen Club, a Mustang Club, a Chrysler Club and many individual cars and trucks. There were some super cars, such as a McLaren, many Corvettes, rat rods, modified cars, trucks and original cars. This was the biggest and best cruise-in event I have been to recently. I met the sponsor, (D&S Cafeteria Owner), and stopped to shake his hand and tell him how much I appreciated the event.

The show started about 9 am and went on until 3 pm. Some people stayed for the entire show to have long look at the cars while others cruised in for just short time. There were people who cruised in from Virginia. The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club was there for sure. I walked around and met several people I hadn't seen in a while. There were a lot of pickups. There was excellent engineering, restoration, paint and engine bays to see everywhere.

There were many "did you see" vehicles, such as; Did you see Dave Smith's 57? Did you see the '68 Dodge that looked like a fresh restoration, but the man said it was restored 20 years ago and his wife said "he just takes good care of it"? Did you see the hand built speedster? Did you see the truck with the extra high lift kit, (not for me because I am not allowed that high up off the ground). Did you see Don Cooper's VW mud flaps? Did you see George Bickel's re-restored 56 Ford? Did you see Floyd Barnes Nomad? There were many others.

Below are some of the pictures I took pictures and the folks I met.  
Do you recognize any of these vehicles or people?





*Meet PCCC President  
David Smith*



Did you guess Dave Smith? Well it is and I was born on January 11<sup>th</sup> 1953 in a small City in Illinois named Geneva. I was told that My mom said "what a treasure" and my Dad said "quick let's bury it." I am the middle child of 7, 4 sisters and 2 brothers, 1 brother and 1 sister are twins.

I grew up in a smaller city named Wheaton. I somehow managed to graduate High school 6 months early in January of 1971, when I turned eighteen on the 11<sup>th</sup> of that month I was given the notice that my draft number was 17....I was ready, a lot of my friends and my brother were already there (VN). So I went to the induction center but was told because of my bad knee and could not march they stamped me 4F so I did what any young man in the 70's did.... I became a musician and truck driver. For the next 48 years I played in two bands and drove coast to coast for a short time and local for a long time. My hobbies were cars, cars and oh yeah cars. That was instilled into me by my oddity and urge to take things apart to see if I could put them back together. My dad left us in 1958 so my mom worked 2 jobs and when I was 12 I went after school to my Uncle's Texaco station where he taught me a lot about cars.

I met the love of my life when I was 14. Her name was Pat Brent. We did not date as she was older than me and she was my older sisters' best friend. I married years after high school and had 2 children Roxi and Carlene, we divorced in 1987. Wow a free man, in June of 1988, Pat (Yes the girl I had a crush on at 14), Pat's best friend (my sister) Jane's husband, my mother and I met for dinner at the fish fry and went dancing and drinking. That night I kissed Pat for the first time, a kiss that



brought us together and in March of 1989 we were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A year and 2 months later we had a son Kevin.



### *Meet PCCC President—David Smith*



Enough mushy stuff, let's talk cars.... My first car was a 1967 Camaro SS/RS 350 Camaro 350 4 speed 3:73 posi with deluxe interior and loaded to the hilt for speed. Unfortunately, in August of 1971 I hit a telephone pole on the way home from a party. I totaled it and the police estimated I was traveling over 100 mph when I left the road. The only thing I remember is crossing the end of the road airborne. Until I saw 2 familiar faces, guess who, Pat Brent and my sister Jane. They found me after the crash.

I went against my upbringing and bought a 1963 Plymouth Belvedere F/X (Factory experimental). That was first of many Mopar's such as Road Runners and Ford Mustangs and a few 427 63 ½ Galaxies and other non-GM cars I have owned. At one point from 1968 to 1975 I had anywhere from 10 to 15 cars at once in different conditions. I have owned at least one make or model for each year from 1946 to 1987. When I was laid off from driving for IBM in 1992, I decided to open my own restoration business for 1955 to 1972 cars and trucks and specializing in 55 to 57 Chevys and 64 to 72 A bodies and 67 to 72 Camaros. I also sold 55 to 72 Chevy parts. That closed in 2001 when my partner decided that he wanted all the money and product and took everything and left me with the bills and unfinished projects. He sold everything while I was on vacation and he took off out of the country. That's when I went back to driving at Scholastic.



One last thing if you noticed in my confirmation picture you should note the vehicle behind me. I guess that was the beginning of my love for 57 Chevys. That was the only car I ever rode in with my grandfather.



## *LOCAL FEBRUARY CARSHOWS AND EVENTS*

### **February 1**

**RALEIGH NC** - Winter Volksfest at the NC State Fairgrounds 10am to 4pm. Expo building, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd. Raleigh NC.

### **February 13-16**

**RALEIGH NC** - NC International Auto Expo with classic car display in Dorton Arena. NC State Fairgrounds. <https://www.ncautoexpo.com/services>

### **February 14-15**

**GREENSBORO NC** - 18th Annual Shriners Drag Racing & Hot Rod EXPO. Greensboro Coliseum. Car Show, Swap Meet, Trade Show, and more. 336-447-4283 for info.

### **February 27-29**

**GREENSBORO NC** - GAA Classic Car Auction. 301 Norwalk St. Greensboro NC. 650 Cars, no reserve. 855-862-2257 for info

### **February 29**

**WILMINGTON NC** - Circle the Wagons at Waterline Brewing Company 12pm to 5pm. 721 Surry St. Wilmington NC. Vintage VW car show and swap meet.

## *CARS & COFFEE and CRUISE IN EVENTS*

### **February 1**

**CLAYTON NC - CARS & COFFEE** - 1st Saturdays 8am to 11am. 11407 US 70 business, Clayton NC at The Church at Clayton Crossings parking lot.

**WAKE FOREST NC - CARS & COFFEE** - 8am to 10am Sonic Drive In 12508 Capital Blvd. Wake Forest (Classics and coffee 1989 and older)

### **February 2**

**GARNER NC - CRUISE IN** - 1st Sundays year round at Hwy55 Burgers and Shakes 152 Bratton Dr. Garner NC starts at 2pm. Call 919-662-2199 for info

### **February 8**

**HOPE MILLS NC - CARS & COFFEE** - 9am to noon, Millstone Towne Centre 3351 S Peak Dr. Hope Mills NC.

**HOLLY SPRINGS NC - CARS & COFFEE** - 8am to 1pm 205 Thomas Mill Rd. Holly Springs. First event, Waffee Wagon will be there, come enjoy this new event.

### **February 22**

**RALEIGH NC - CARS & COFFEE** - 8:30am to 1pm, Cruisers League Cars and Coffee at 2840 E Millbrook Road Steak N Shake

### **February 23**

**CARY NC - RIDES & COFFEE** - 9am to noon, Detail Garage, 683-2 Cary Towne Blvd. Cary NC.



Contact Jeff Hopp to submit an ad  
or change or delete existing ads at  
jhopp55@att.net

### *PCCC PARTS & SWAP*

Contact the PCCC Member  
listed below for additional  
details

**Edelbrock 750 Performer Carb** - may need rebuild [\$60]

Contact [Ray Bader](#) @ 919-387-0479

**Original heater core & blower motor** for 1966/67 Chevelle. Perfect condition  
[\$200 for both.]; **Original heater core and blower motor for 1970-72**

**Chevelle** - perfect condition with Temp Control panel. [\$200]; **O.E. "Spread  
Bore" 4 Barrel intake** off of 1968 327 Corvette engine [\$75]

Contact [Dave Peedin](#) @ 919-612-6998.

62 Impala S/S hubcaps. Excellent condition (set of 4)  
[\$250];

Contact [Barry Kitchener](#) @ 919-623-7287

#### **Chevelle Parts - Ford Model A Parts**

Contact [Bill Aldridge](#) @ 919-523-4619

**Four brand new AC Delco 11" brake rotors** and a complete set  
of new brake pads available for C3 Corvettes  
[Asking \$125 for all] Contact [Dave Peedin](#) @ 919-612-6998.

**1988 Cougar LS**, white with deep blue interior; fuel injected  
3.8L V6, auto trans original owner, original paperwork  
available. Also has set of brand new Splash Guards with  
Cougar Logo and some spare Wheel Covers and Center  
Caps. [\$TBD]

Contact [Robert Andersen](#) @ 919-749-1454

Long Style Cast Iron Water Pump (for small block) [\$15]; Carter Fuel Pump [\$5];  
Cast Water Neck [\$10]; Chrome Water Neck [\$7]; 1970-72 Chevelle Original Dash  
Pad [\$75]; 1970 Chevelle tail light lenses [\$40 for both]; Crawler [\$10]; K&N 13x2  
Washable Air Filter [\$10]; 14x3 Air Filter [\$5]; 68-72 Chevelle Fuel Tank Door/  
License Plate Mount [\$10]; Original 1970 Chevelle Grill with Stainless Trim [\$75];  
"350" emblems (R&L) for 70 Chevelle [\$40]; Trunk Emblem for 70 Chevelle [\$30];  
Grill Emblem for 70 Chevelle [\$15] Contact [Jeff Hopp](#) @ 919-665-9318

## Classic Car Trivia—The Early Ford Thunderbird's



The Ford Thunderbird began life in February 1953 in direct response to Chevrolet's new sports car, the Corvette, which was publicly unveiled in prototype form just a month before. Under rapid development, the Thunderbird went from idea to prototype in about a year, being unveiled to the public at the Detroit Auto Show on February 20, 1954. Like the Corvette, the Thunderbird had a two-seat coupe/convertible layout. Production of the Thunderbird began later on in 1954 on September 9 with the car beginning sales as a 1955 model on October 22, 1954.

Ford was not in favor of a "sports car", the new car was designed as a "personal" car. Interesting, the names initially considered such as Beaver, Hep Cat and Wheelaway were all rejected in favor of the Thunderbird, a revered symbol of the Pacific Northwest native culture and one always seen at the top of the totem pole.



The Littlebird was the first model off the line 20 months after getting the green light to build it by Ford. It was a two-seater with a choice of convertible or hardtop powered by a 292 cid V8 (the Corvette at this time only had a 6 cylinder). The new T-Bird used a good number of regular Ford parts to hold costs down. They included headlights, taillights and instruments. The parts sharing also let Ford successfully use the 2,980-pound Thunderbird to rub off some of its sporty, glamorous image on the restyled regular Fords.

Although the 1955–57 Thunderbird was a success, Ford executives were concerned that the car's position as a two-seater limited its sales potential. As a result, the car was redesigned as a four-seater for 1958. For 1959, the car received a new grille and a newly optional, 350 horsepower, 430 cu in V8.

For 1960, the Thunderbird was given another new grille and other minor stylistic changes along with a newly optional manually operated sunroof for hardtop models. The Thunderbird was redesigned for 1961 with sleeker styling that gave the car a distinctively bullet-like appearance. The car was Indianapolis 500 pace car in 1961 and was featured prominently in US President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade.



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Info on later models will be featured in future Bowtie Bulletin Editions

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*Out and About with PCCC*



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