

Jeff & JoAnn's 1970 Chevelle Malibu

# A Greeting from Our PCCC Vice-President

Hello Everyone. I hope you all have had a great adventurous summer--so far.

An updated report on the Dairy Queen Duke Children's Network Cruise-in on New Bern Ave back on July 27, for every \$1.00 for blizzards sold, money was donated to this charity and they set a new company record of \$21,187.57. Thanks to all that supported this event.

Several of us were able to enjoy an evening watching the Durham Bulls play on Sunday August 13--a big thanks to Barry for arranging this. The weather was PERFECT--lower temps and humidity plus a very nice breeze. Unfortunately the Bulls lost 4-2 but it was a good game!!

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer--that doesn't stop PCCC from still having fun. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy our outings with cooler weather soon. There are several cruise-ins and car shows going on from the mountains to the coast.

David Peedin has another ROAD TOUR planned for September 9th to a very nice multiple private collection--traveling to Clinton NC. More information in this newsletter. Thanks to Ron Schwitz for the contact.

Until next time--Thanks Chris Peedin

Next Scheduled Business Meeting — Monday Sept 25, 2017 \*\*NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION\*\* VFW Post 7383 522 Reedy Creek Road Cary, NC 27513

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If any PCCC Member has an interesting project or story you would like to submit for future newsletters, contact Jeff Hopp at jhopp55@att.net

## PCCC Apparel

Royal Blue Polo Shirts Including standard embroidery [\$22]

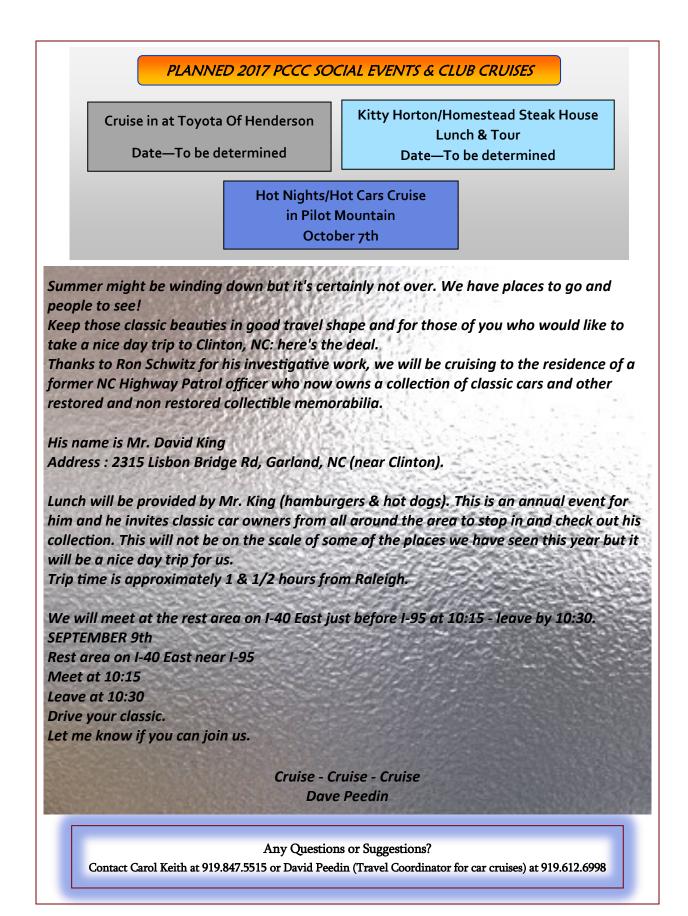
Hats Solid Kaki, Kaki with Black Brim, Solid Black Style will be popular soft cover type and adjustable fit [\$11 ea]

> Club Jacket Royal Blue Including standard embroidery [\$46]

<u>New 'Soft Shell Black Jacket</u> With lighter contrast collar [\$56]

Magnetic Engraved Name Badges [\$10.70]

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## David Smith's Technical Tidbits

Tips and tricks to help you stay on top in the constant struggle to keep vintage muscle on the road.

Not all the subjects and methods covered here are necessarily restoration in the concourscorrect, exactly-as-the-factory-meant-it sort of way. You don't build your cars that way, so why should I tell you how to reproduce a factory chalk mark or where to find date-coded glass? This is more into making stuff look good and run better so it can pound the street or car show/cruise in.. Considering that our cars usually start out rough and that we're typically over-eager to drive them, we might be considered experts of a sort on what we like to refer to as "practical" restoration techniques. We're also experts on having lots of cars in pieces, for what that's worth. Actually, we've focused on things that have worked well for us in the recent past, and most of it is stuff we wish we'd known about sooner.

### Polish Old Glass

You probably already know how annoying it is to try to see out of an old, sand-blasted windshield, but have you ever noticed how much better cars look from the outside with fresh glass? Check it out at the next car show. Of course, new glass is usually an option, as it's available for even obscure old stuff these days, but it's not cheap. Instead, try to polish your existing glass. I've seen it done with fine body-shop compounds. Eastwood actually offers a kit with the proper polish and an arbor and buffing wheel for a drill motor. It won't eliminate anything you can catch a fingernail on, but it will get rid of small scratches, acid-rain spots, and hazing.

### Save Stainless Trim

The older a car is, the more bright trim it's likely to have. That might have contributed to its sharpness when it was new, but now much of that trim is likely dinged, dented, and scratched. Like lots of old car parts, new stainless trim is available for many popular '50s, '60s, and '70s cars, with more applications turning up all the time, but don't expect bargain pricing. So before spending the bucks, investigate the possibility of repairing your old stuff. Stainless steel is very workable; it can be reshaped and refinished to look like new with the right techniques. Granted, those techniques require skill, but if you're adept with tools and have some patience, you can probably make your stuff look better. If not, maybe someone with skills can assist. Do some research it is amazing what you can learn off the internet.

## Hand-Paint Dash Details

Lots of old interior trim bits can be refurbished at home with simple tools and finishing products, but what separates the hacks from the heroes lies in the fine details. Take my instrument cluster from the Camaro for example. It could have been sprayed with some aluminum silver and reinstalled, but instead, I masked off the perimeter, coated it with Dull Aluminum paint, then came back with a paint marker (available at most auto parts stores) and carefully touched in the raised lettering around the Headlight, and wiper switch. Again half the fun of doing things yourself is the learning process.

## David Smith's Technical Tidbits

### **Renew Faded Lenses**

Another detail item that can have a big impact on a car's appearance is the condition of the lenses. Parking and tail lenses tend to get dull with age, and now that '80s cars are a couple of decades old, the early plastic composite headlights are commonly clouded. Again, between the aftermarket and the OEs, lots of new stuff is available, but you might be surprised how much hazing and how many fine scratches can be eliminated with polishing. You can experiment with body-shop compounds here, pros advise starting with the least-aggressive stuff and moving up as needed, but Eastwood offers a kit for this as well. If you're dealing with heavily clouded plastic and are willing to take chances, we're told fine-grit wet/dry sanding followed by polishing can be very effective. Be very careful polishing brake and turn signal lenses as the older they are the more brittle they can be. Proceed at your own risk. If they are too bad buy new or find better used ones.

#### **Use Factory Assembly Specs**

We all know how to turn a wrench, and most of us are convinced we know how to take apart and reassemble our cars blindfolded, but do you really know everything you should? Unless a factory assembly manual was used for techniques, procedures, and specifications, you probably don't. For example, the sub frame on an early Camaro is pretty easy to bolt up, but did you know there are alignment holes in the floor pan to help square it up? Misaligned sub frames, either from improper installation or worn-out bushings, are the source of much body-panel-gap frustration. Most factory manuals are either reprinted or sitting in an auction on eBay right now, or borrow a friends copy. That way you can see what the guys who built your car the first time had to say about it.

#### **Lube Door Seals**

This one is simple but might save you some aggravation. The original door seals on many cars are coated or even impregnated with silicone when manufactured to help prevent them from binding and squeaking. If you've replaced yours with repro stuff, the new seals may not have this feature. If the seals seem to be "grabbing" the painted surfaces they mate with and/or squeaking, try a light spray of silicone from an aerosol. A quick call to the tech line of your seal manufacturer is advisable to make sure there will be no detrimental effects, though. Soft Seal or Steele Rubber will help even if you are not using their seals.

#### **Brighten Lamp Housings**

Dull, uneven lighting makes a car look dilapidated. (That means junk-like.) Correcting the situation can be simple. Pull off the offending lamp assembly, and take it apart; chances are, the inside is weathered from faulty seals. After freshening the lenses as prescribed in tip No. 2, clean out the flakes of old paint or silvering, and treat any rust, then mask off the socket and lay down some bright, yet flat, silver or white paint. If the lens is of the clear, parking-light variety, install new amber bulbs. Finally, screw the lens to the housing using a fresh set of gaskets. The difference with the lights on will be surprisingly dramatic.

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283 cu in engine, block casting 3896948 (1967 283 195 HP 2 bolt main) 2barrel carb has stamping: T0329GA [\$300] Contact <u>Ted Korab</u> @ 973-420-2804 or 919-616-0427

GM 350 Engine, 3970010/VO421TAG, Compression check good except for one cyl at 80 PSI. Assembled short block with balancer, water pump, alum timing cover One main cap loose for bearing inspection showed normal wear. **[\$300]** Edelbrock 1406/0513 carb, Performer intake, heads, pan, flexplate **[\$200]** 1979 Lincoln turbine alloy wheels with caps in very good condition, 5X5/5 lug pattern, **[\$200]** 14" Ford wheels, 5X4.5 lug pattern, **[\$20 each]** 1978 Lincoln 460 heads in good condition, 41K miles, **[\$50]** 1978 Lincoln 460 spread bore intake, **[\$20]** Lincoln Motorcraft 4 bbl carb **[\$80]** 460 Exhaust manifolds, **[\$50]** 

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The first generation Camaro was largely based on the Chevy II Nova. Pre-production, GM considered producing a station wagon version of the Camaro. GM called the Camaro "The Panther" while in development. In fact, the Camaro was very close to being calling the Panther. Despite folklore about the name, Camaro is not the French word for "friend". The French word for "friend" is "ami." The word "Camaro" means absolutely nothing. 1967 Camaros had 13" wheels. It was the Camaro that introduced the world to the wildly popular Chevy 350. Between the RS, SS, and Z/28 packages, original Camaro buyers had 80 different factory options to choose from. Chevy dealership owner Don Yenko started modifying the Camaro SS in 1967. He wanted bigger engines, upgraded suspensions, and upgraded axles. Yenko used a Central Office Production Order - and his own dealership service staff - to build the first COPO Camaros. The Z/28 moniker came from a special performance package with a 302 engine. The order code sounded "bitchin", so it was turned into a trim level. Classíc Car The first 50 ZL1s were delivered with an undersized carburetor that caused it to Trívía miss performance marks. The idea of a Camaro station wagon was introduced again in the 70s. GM drew inspiration for the 2nd generation Camaro from the classic Ferrari. Which domestic During the 1970s, fuel shortages and emissions laws nearly killed the Camaro. GM cars were had to downsize engines, thus tanking performance. The International Race of Champions used only Camaros from 1975-1989. This is introduced in where the IROC-Z came from. 1970? The Camaro has the second most Indianapolis 500 pace car runs at eight times. The Camaro has appeared in well over 2,500 movies and shows. Trivia answer will appear in The October 2017 Edition

Trivia from the August 2017 Edition

