

*THE BOWTIE BULLETIN
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Special Message from Our PCCC President, David Smith

Happy New Year!! Here is to hoping that 2021 is a return to some sort of normalcy. I hope all are well and had a Merry Christmas and all the Holidays before and after. As we start the New Year, I would like to thank all of you for your support for me and the newly elected club officers. This year we have two new officers, Ray Bader was elected by the members to the office of Vice President and Natalie Hummel was elected Secretary. When we are able to have a club meeting we can welcome them to the Board. David Smith is staying on as President and Tom Doherty is staying on as Treasurer. I would like to thank Chris Peedin for 4 years as Vice President and Jane Overman for 4 years as Secretary, they did an outstanding job, Thank you both.

In other happenings the Club really came through again in 2020 for the Hilltop Home even though we had no Car Show.

Members were asked to contribute what they could and the club would match up to \$4000.00. Well, we made that goal and made a contribution of \$8000.00 to Hilltop. Also, the club made a \$200.00 donation to Angies for Thanksgiving. Her restaurant cooks and delivers free meals on Thanksgiving to the less fortunate in the Garner area.

Again in 2020 the Toys for Tots was a great event, the club had 27 cars attending and there were so many toys they had to go rent another truck to carry them. Thank you all for your generosity this past year, I believe this is the greatest club around and I am very proud to be a part of it. Even though there has not been a lot of events and shows this past year we have gained many new members. I don't have a full list (I believe Tom does) but I believe it is around 8 to 10 new members, Welcome to all. I am always available for questions and/or comments via email or phone.

Thank you and I hope we can all get together more this year.
Dave.

CLUB INFO

2021–2022 Club Officers

President - *David Smith*
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Vice President - *Ray Bader*
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Secretary - *Natalie Hummel*
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Treasurer - *Tom Doherty*
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Send your annual 2021 PCCC Dues payment to:

Tom Doherty
4008 Ridgebrook Bluffs; Raleigh, NC 27603

Make check out to PCCC
Annual dues are \$25

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

Kaye Brady

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

kbrady.southernclassic@hotmail.com

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

PCCC APPAREL

[Standard Club Shirt](#) [\$10] [Long Sleeve](#) [\$15]

[Royal Blue Polo Shirts](#)

Including standard embroidery [\$23]

[Pink Ladies V-Neck](#) [\$10]

[Hats](#)

Solid Kaki, Kaki with Black Brim, Kaki with Black Trim, Solid Black,
Gray/White [\$15]

[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
rclarry@aol.com
for complete ordering details

Welcome New Members

Clay & Lisa Barham
Zebulon, NC

Chris Bacchi
Durham, NC

Mark Herbert's 32 Roadster Build (Update)

Mark Herbert is waiting for the body, hopefully on the way. He's looking at different exhaust options, Sanderson under carriage adapters off the headers, or some black ceramic zoomies...outside frame... He's concerned about noise, so he's installing header collector mini muffs to help noise as a starting point...He's getting close to starting motor and doing temp ignition setup. *See the September 2020 Newsletter for earlier info.* More to come, stay tuned.



CELEBRATION!!!!

JANUARY PCCC BIRTHDAYS

*Don Watts
President Smith
Jane Overman
Davidson Peedin
Terry McAllister
Maria Preteroti
Larry Sweat
Jane LaRue
Cathy Hoffman
Bill Clement*

Getting To Know PCCC Members

Last year, Chris Peedin suggested an idea for members in the club to submit photos of themselves from the past, "Guess Who Feature." If any of you are interested, send me a photo from your past. I will post it in the newsletter for PCCC members to guess who you might be.

After you send me a photo from your past, you would then need to send me a story about you, to describe where you grew up, what schools, or college you may have attended, what your career was (or still is about) and something interesting about your car hobby. So, if you may find this to be an interesting feature, send me a photo of yourself when you were younger and along with a current photo of yourself. Send your story after.

The newsletter that will follow will then reveal who you are and your story posted. Look for this feature during the course of the year.

To submit photos and your story, send me an email at jhopp55@att.net

Jeff

PCCC Photography



Photos By
Dave Peedin
Keith Sansoucy
Jeff Hopp
David Smith

A Special Event—Submitted by PCCC Member Brent Roberts

PCCC was contacted for a volunteer with a classic truck to use for a photo op. It was special needs children with Santa.

I was quick to respond and so happy the day and event worked out. There were 5-6 families with special needs children and siblings that showed up for a special meeting with Santa. The background was at Walnut Hill Event Venue near Clayton.

Brent



PCCC First Cars

I learned to drive my Pop's '69 el Camino, but the first car that was truly mine was a '77 Pontiac Can Am. I had moved out into my own apartment when I was 16 and got a really good job working in a truck stop. I bought the Can Am brand new in March of 1978 which was the year that I graduated from high school. I bought it a couple of weeks before my 18th birthday and sold it when I was 24.



The Can Am came with a 6.6 Liter V8 (400 CI) with 200 horse power. It had a TH400 transmission and a "Safety Track" rear end. I remember a call out on the dash saying that it had "Radial Tuned Suspension". They were all white from the factory with the tri-tone stripes. It had a red interior with white bench seats. I had the white rally wheels when I bought it, but I switched to Cragars after a while.

They had planned to make 5000 of them, but stopped production when the mold for the rear spoiler was destroyed. The actual production number turned out to be 1377 as a result.

I really loved that car and I sold it while I was in grad school in Minnesota. I keep looking for one, thinking that maybe someday I'll be able to buy another. It was a unique looking car and I still love the lines.

Text and photos submitted by Bob Wagner

My first car was a 1963 Buick Special which I purchased at the age of 17. It had the aluminum block V8 (215 C.I., 160 hp), a three-on-the-tree, and about 56,000 miles. It was "well-used" by the time I bought it, so I learned a lot about auto mechanics, for example:

How to rebuild a carburetor, how to seal the windshield (water leaked on your feet when it rained), how to do exhaust system work, what a pair of jack stands and a creeper are for, how to remove the transmission and change a pilot bushing, and how to apply loads of Bondo to its aging body.

It still burned oil (rings and valve guides), leaked oil (rear main oil seal) and had many other endearing qualities, so many that my Dad wouldn't let me park in our driveway. I finally sold it for \$50 to a friend, whose brothers built a dirt ramp on the family farm and drove the car off it until it flipped on its roof. And there it stayed, a fitting end to an interesting car. At least with cars of that vintage we could fix them ourselves!

Text by Bill MacKrell

PCCC First Cars

My first car was a 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air, equipped with a 6 cylinder, 3 on the tree, I bought it after high school graduation in June 1962. Started working at Chevrolet Motor Division two weeks later.

My 2nd car was a 1963 Chev Corvair 6 cylinder, 4 on the floor.



Text and photos by Steve LaRue

My first car was a 1965 “Willow Green” Chevelle 300, a present from my grandmother in 1971. It had a 230 6 cyl motor, auto transmission, no radio, rubber flooring (no carpet), typical blown up top of rear seat and rear package tray and dog dish hubcaps. Unfortunately, I have no photos of the car but it was very similar to what shows in the photo below. It needed paint and body work. I attempted to fix the rust around the back window (no clue what I was doing) and had the car painted a dark green at a “Earl Scheib” store in NJ. Needless to say, the paint didn’t last long. After a couple of fender benders, I traded the Chevelle for a 1971 Cutlass.



Text and (borrowed photo) by Jeff Hopp

Business Associates - Friends Forever—By Steven LaRue

This is a story about two men, born in different areas of the United States who met for business and pleasure, and traveled on business for Chevrolet advertising photo shoots all over the US for many years. One was Myron E. Scott (Scottie – born 1907), and the other my father Omer D. LaRue (born 1911). You can find information about Myron Scott on Google. The only thing I found on my Dad on Google was the 1940 census, which had his name and my mother's name correct, but his age was wrong. Mr. Scott and my Dad's lives were entwined around the automotive industry, Chevrolet Advertising, and the Soap Box Derby between 1934 - 1972. Interesting fact, my Dad born in 1911, that was the same year Chevrolet Motor Division was born, which would be part of his life from his early 20s.

Dad grew up in Memphis Tennessee and moved to Detroit in 1934 to take a job with GM Photographic. His career grew as a photographer at GM where he prospered and retired after 42 years and 7 months. Dad over the years met many people at GM through photography, taking personnel group pictures, first time event pictures, arial shots of new GM or existing GM facilities, etc., at times photographed celebrities who were involved in Chevrolet advertising, and occasionally photographed weddings for Sr. Execs. I think it is safe for me to say my Dad was after a number of years considered to be GM's and Chevrolet's chief photographer. Scottie grew up in Ohio, and early in his career worked for the Dayton Daily News, before leaving to join Chevrolet as their artist, photographer and art director. It was during this time in June 1933 that Scottie photographed six boys racing wooden contraptions down Big Hill Road in Oakwood, Ohio. Scottie got the idea for the soap box derby, with the first full scale race run in 1934. By involving others in Ohio and other states, in 1935 the event attracted 330 participants from around the US, with a crowd of over 40,000 in attendance. After the 1935 derby at Burkhardt Hill, the race officially moved to Akron Ohio, and Chevrolet decided to sponsor the event nationally with Scottie in charge of the Akron Ohio race. Chevrolet continued to sponsor the event until 1972.

1935 is when my Dad and Scottie connected. My Dad became the official photographer of the American Soap Box Derby, with Scottie at the helm running the event. My Dad's official retirement award in 1972 was the gold watch that he was presented from GM after 42 years and 7 months, and a Soap Box Derby wheel reflecting 1934 – 1972 for all the years he photographed the derby, and while working as GM's chief photographer.

In 1937, Chevrolet hired Scottie as an assistant director for the Public Relations department, where he was responsible for photography of new cars, designing of press kits, graphics and special events. This was the other connection of Scottie and my Dad in taking many pictures for commercial advertising of Chevrolets. A combination of the Soap Box Derby and Chevrolet advertising and a very good friendship of husbands and wives cemented their friendship relationship for the rest of their lives.

With introduction of the Corvette in 1953, there was a naming contest for the new American Sports Car. The guidelines for the naming suggestions were the name had to begin with C and not be an animal. Scottie searched the C section of the dictionary and stopped at the definition of "corvette" – a speedy pursuit ship in the British navy. Scottie suggested "Corvette" the next day, and the decision makers loved and accepted it. Scottie was inducted into the Corvette Hall Fame in 1997.

My Dad as it happens had many firsts as mentioned earlier. As one assignment, my Dad took the picture of the first Corvette off the assembly line, which I think is another interesting connection between Scottie and my Dad. Scottie names the car, and my Dad takes the picture of the first Corvette off the assembly line. I'm sure Scottie was there for the ceremony, but he is not in the picture I have for that event. Scottie retired from Chevrolet in 1971, and my Dad as mentioned retired in 1972. Both my Dad and Scottie passed away in 1998, Scottie at age 91 and my Dad at age 87. They remained friends in retirement, and gathered together with their wives when opportunity presented itself. Scottie and his wife retired to Ohio, and my Dad and Mom retired to Florida.

Business Associates - Friends Forever—By Steven LaRue

My Dad took many, many, many pictures of cars every introduction year, but primarily for Chevrolet. Every year my Dad and Scottie traveled for Chevrolet advertising activity. All the pictures my Dad took were the property of GM Motor Division. However, if you are looking at GM automotive pictures between 1934 – 1972, there is a 50% chance my Dad took the photograph or had something to do with organizing the shot, including aerial shots of manufacturing plants. Dad often traveled to the GM Proving Grounds in Milford Michigan, or at the Technical Center in Warren Michigan. At the time, I worked at the Chevrolet Warren Plant, 2 miles down the road from the Tech Center.

I recall at age 12, accompanying my Dad on one aerial photo shoot for GM. The flight was to take photographs of a new assembly plant in Michigan, I think in Flint or Saginaw. What I remember most is my Dad being strapped in tightly, the back door open where he sat behind the pilot, and the plane tipping at an angle of about 60 degrees for the photographs. They made three passes before my Dad was satisfied with the shots he had gotten. We then proceeded to land. It was a thrill to fly, but the vision of my Dad strapped in and the door open is indelibly planted in my brain.

Note that some pictures below and parts of the story are from the “The Register-Herald” that I found through Google. Pictures include the boys in 1933, an aerial shot one year at the Soap Box Derby, two pictures of my Dad one with Soap Box Derby info in the background, Chevy photo shoot (Dad left, Scottie middle), first corvette with Scottie’s picture upper right corner, my Dad’s retirement award, two very special pictures my Dad took of Dinah Shore and Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, and the last picture my Dad (right) being congratulated on his retirement by then GM Chairman (1972) Richard C. Gerstenberg.



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PCCC PARTS & SWAP

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R-12 Freon for sale

12oz cans [**\$25ea**]

Contact **Mustang Mike** @ 516 557-9060

Chevelle Parts - Ford Model A Parts

Contact **Bill Aldridge** @ 919-523-4619

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**]; **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.

2004 2wd Toyota Tundra Crew Cab,

New tires, AC recently charged, New radiator, Leer

Camper shell [**\$5500**]

Contact **Eric Mangum** @ 612.210.4109

62 Impala S/S hubcaps.

Excellent condition (set of 4) [**\$250**];

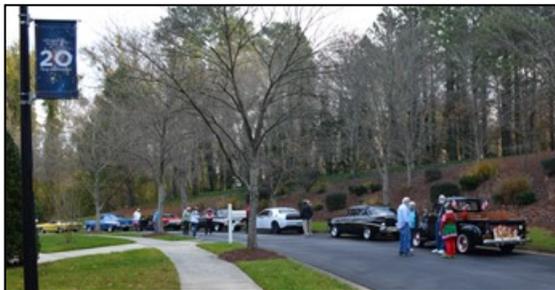
Contact **Barry Kitchener** @ 919-623-7287

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. [**\$4900**]

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

Out and About
PCCC Photography



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