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Well, everyone...we're neck-deep in it now – the post-holiday doldrums. All of the decorations are down, all of those meaningful holiday get-togethers are over, and all that's left is shorter days and colder, wintry weather. If you're anything like me, those conditions can dampen your enthusiasm for working in the garage, or taking your classic out for a little exercise. Yep, at this point in the offseason, my fun cars become little more than obstacles to walk around or park under. Sometimes, I find myself lamenting all of the garage space I've donated to our hobby, or worrying about what filth is accumulating under the car covers. And I shudder to think of any electrical gremlins I'll have to deal with when it's finally time to saddle up and ride again.

But as far away as it might seem now – and it's snowing as I write this – we all know that we're about to turn the corner. Yep, the older we get, the faster those pages on the calendar turn! Before we know it, the sun will be burning higher & brighter, the days will be getting longer and we'll be right back out there doing what we love to do. The sight of glistening paint & chrome, the sounds of rumbling engines, the smells of cleaners, polishes & exhaust, and the fellowship of all your PCCC buddies – they're all coming soon to a venue near you. Whether you cruise, cruise-in, or show for dough, your time is coming! So let's all hang in there just a little longer and get those offseason projects done so we're ready for OUR time – CAR time!

Just thinking about it makes me look forward to getting together with the PCCC family to staff the biggest car show around, then turn right around a month later to host the BEST car show around.

See you soon, Tom Doherty PCCC Treasurer

CLUB INFO

2021–2022 Club Officers

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Annual dues are \$25

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

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Monthly lists will be posted on PCCC Webpage at
<https://piedmontccc.org/piedmont-events/kays-event-page>

Questions—contact Kaye at
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PCCC Monthly Meetings are at **Carolina BBQ** located at **733 US-70 Garner 27529**.
Meetings are going to be **every 4th Monday at 7PM** (6PM if you plan to eat)

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
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for complete ordering details

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Mike & Lesa Smith
Garner, NC*

*Glen & Caroline Smith
Angier, NC*

*Mitchell 'Clare' Grondalski
Clayton, NC*

*Jesse & Lou Moore
Clayton, NC*

***WELCOME BACK**
Joe & Diane Burgess
Pittsboro, NC*

*Michael & Joelle Simon
Willow Springs, NC*

PCCC Birthdays for February

Another Year Older!!!

Ron Schwitz

Ron Watkins

Beth Cooper

Floyd Barnes

Dave Newmann

Jo Clark

Bill Aldridge

Brandon LeSech

Don King

Darren Lloyd

Our Friend and Long Time PCCC Member—Al Brown

I first met Al in 1988 when I went to work at a smallish company in North Raleigh. Having been a “car guy” all my life I was happy to find out that he and Don Watts were also. Every so often Al would bring one of his creations to work. The one that sticks in my memory the most is the Jaguar XJ with the big orange bow tie decal in the back window. Yep, a 350 Chevy motor. Al was a master craftsman back then.

I lost touch with Al and Don when I went back to work for GE in 1990. Fast forward to 2004. I came to my first meeting at PCCC. Who do I sit next to? Yep you guessed it, Al. We reconnected almost immediately. In my opinion, Al was the ultimate car person! Plus, he would help anyone that asked.

Al was a passionate guy with many interests. In his younger years, he loved to water ski and participate in amateur boat races. He was a classic/muscle car guy who owned many classic cars and trucks over the years and whose favorite activity was tinkering in his garage. Al attended numerous car shows and cruise-ins. He enjoyed building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes and boats, including ¼ scale and a helicopter, not the easiest thing to fly. Deer hunting with either a rifle and/or bow& arrow were also a favorite pastime.

It was sad to watch his inability to enjoy life and his hobbies increase as his health and mobility faded. RIP Al, you’ll be missed.

Ray Bader



Transform Lives and Roll Out, by Brian LaRue

"Fifty years from now, when you're looking back at your life, don't you want to be able to say you had the guts to get in the car?" Sam Whitwicky-Transformers 2007.

I have been a lifelong fan of the Transformers. Ever since they "rolled out" across the TV screen, I was hooked. The toys were awesome, the story lines were (in my mind) amazing, and the characters like Optimus Prime and Bumblebee were cemented into my personal being because they weren't just heroes, they were characters that had a good message that surrounded them. It's a love that has stuck with me to this day. In fact, I still collect the toys and I am the lucky owner of 2 Bumblebee replica cars: the first from the movie *Dark of the Moon*; the second (my childhood favorite) a G1 1970 VW Bug.



The story I want to share starts back in June. I found out that a car show in Fayetteville, NC was going to have the only fan made replica of the Age of Extinction Optimus Prime on display. Being the fan that I am, my fiancé and I loaded our 8 and 10 year old kids into my 2012 Bee and we drove down to see him. My hopes were that I might get lucky enough to get a picture with the truck and maybe... just maybe I could sneak Bee in and get a picture of the two of them together. All of the above happened and I was actually able to get some pictures of Bee and Prime together - it was a total dream come true. I met Joe, the owner, and his family and several members of what they call "Team Prime." We exchanged contact info and an email or two after the event, all very cordial. Joe inquired if I might be interested in doing an event with him at some point, but no promise of anything solid.



Transform Lives and Roll Out, by Brian LaRue

Fast forward to October 27th, 2021. I was at school working when I received an email from Joe asking if Bee and I would be up for joining him in York, South Carolina for some Anti-Bullying Events (the core of what Joe does with Optimus), a Christmas Parade, and a Toy Drive. It was that moment when the quote at the beginning popped into my head and without really thinking, I said YES. I figured, if I died tomorrow I would want to go knowing I was able to fulfill my childhood fantasy of “Rolling Out” with Optimus Prime. (I’m not going to lie...saying that still makes me giddy.)



So plans were set and I made the trek south after a month straight of working on mods to Bee to make him a bit more screen accurate and to make him talk. Yes I said it: he talks. Not conversationally, but he can talk through his radio just like he does in the movies but controlled by me.

We met at the York City Fire Station where Optimus Prime was hiding out. I got a tour of the station and then when Joe arrived, the show was on - off to the first school, Hunter Road Elementary School. Sgt. King of the York Police Dept. was in the lead, followed by a fire truck, then Bee, then Prime and then another police vehicle. We rolled up to screaming kids, freaking out because Prime and Bee just showed up at their school on a chilly Wednesday out of the blue. Joe climbed out of Prime and went right into presentation mode. It's hard for me to describe how well he did this. His Anti-Bullying message is extremely well thought out, heartfelt, and powerful. It comes from a place of respect, understanding, and identification. Joe, much like many of us, was bullied as a kid. When it started happening to his own son, he decided to show him by example that it doesn't matter what people say, you can do anything if you try and if you persevere. That is how Prime came to be. The presentation lasted about 45 minutes and then he brought out a huge costumed Bumblebee and Prime for the students to take photos with. With the first one done, I got it. I understood what we were doing, what my place was, and why I was there.



Transform Lives and Roll Out, by Brian LaRue

Afterwards, we went back to the fire station to stage the second stop for the day. Around 11am, we headed out to Harold C Johnson Elementary School. Again, another great school, another wonderful group of students/teachers, and another fantastic delivery of a really amazing message.



Afterwards, the real adventure began. We had the afternoon off, so Joe tossed out the idea of just driving around and taking pictures of the cars around town and in front of some cool old buildings. So, I literally got to spend the next 4 hours just following Optimus Prime through the back roads of York, SC in Bumblebee...it was my childhood fantasy coming to life. We would stop at places, traffic would stop, and people would jump out of their cars in the middle of the road to take pictures. It was mind blowing. My mind is still just a little blown still thinking about it.

The rest of the trip was a series of equally phenomenal events and experiences. Thursday we had a stop at York Preparatory Academy where we were joined by Captain America (#ColoradoCaptain), Joe's family, and the rest of "Team Prime." From there we did a *Hero's of Hope* stop to visit Tristan, a four year old boy with Stage 4 Cancer and his family. Friday I was joined by my fiancé Julie (aka the most amazing woman on earth for letting me run off and do all of this) and our two youngest daughters Ivy and Virginia for the "York Greatest Show" Christmas Parade featuring Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Captain America, Ecto1, some very cool classic cars, tractors, fire engines, and loads of other great entertainment. If all of that awesomeness wasn't enough, we finished the week out Saturday by taking part in a toy drive to benefit PATH (People Attempting To Help) and the York Community.

I can honestly say that the experience as a whole was life changing and left me with the greatest sense of pride and accomplishment. Bee and the Transformers mean a lot to me and always have, but to see how much this whole trip meant to others was really touching and to see how much good one small group of Transformers fans can do in such a short time, has forever left me...well... ***Transformed!***



Automotive Accessories By, David Smith

The amount of automotive accessories available today are almost endless. Creativity and technology are continuously giving us new options for add-ons in our vehicles. In some cases they are going over the top.



While some of these items don't really belong in your classic collector, there are some things that every enthusiast should have. Keeping your classic car or truck all original is important if you want to maintain its value. Here's a list of the ten best accessories for your classic car or truck that require no modifications and minimum installation.

Every collector should have a [Fire Extinguisher](#) somewhere in their vehicle. It is not that uncommon for fires to start in older cars due to faulty wires, fuel system leaks or overheating engines.



Ever been stuck with a dead battery?

[The Micro-Start Jump Starter / Personal Power Supply kit.](#) This handy little device you will be able to give your car a jump without having to call roadside assistance. Not only can it jump your car or truck, but it can also power a smartphone, iPad, laptop computer or any other USB powered device.



A [Custom Car Horn](#) will take your horn to the next level. There are thousands of sounds to choose from, your own custom sounds or favorite songs, the [Big Bubba Programmable Car Horn](#) can upload any MP3 sound file and use that as your new car horn. Be sure to keep the original horn stored away in case you want to sell your car.

Automotive Accessories By, David Smith

Classic cars and trucks really never came with junk trays or anywhere to put your smartphone. [The Super Grip Dash Pad](#) can easily secure small items while you are driving. Of course if you slam on the brakes they may turn into projectiles so use with caution.

An oldie, but a goodie! [Curb Feelers](#) not only help to protect your rims from bumping the curb, but they add just that little extra flair that shows everyone you mean business when it comes to keeping your ride pristine.



Do you have an old woody wagon? Then you better have a [Hula Girl](#) on the dash as your co-pilot! If you have a classic surf mobile this is not an accessory, but more of an absolute necessity. She is a classic in her own right and can be a nice addition to any car from the golden era.

Forget the old school tire pressure gauges where the measuring stick comes out the end. Enter the 21st century with a [Digital Tire Gauge](#). It's super accurate, but you will really appreciate this device at night. The screen and nozzle both light up to make it super easy to use.



Why not capture your classic car cruising adventures with a [Dash Cam](#)! Record your trips down main street or at the local car show. Plus if there is ever an accident you will have some great evidence should you need it. It can also prove useful in court if johnny law ever gives you a wrongful ticket. You just might be able to use the video to prove them wrong.

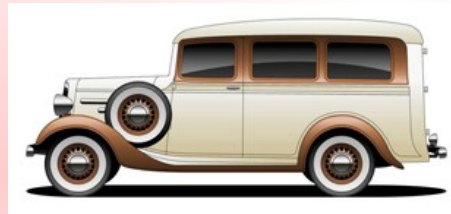
Classic Car Trivia—The Wagons

A **station wagon** is an automotive body-style variant of a sedan/saloon with its roof extended rearward over a shared passenger/cargo volume with access at the back via a third or fifth door (the liftgate or tailgate), instead of a trunk/boot lid. The body style transforms a standard three-box design into a two-box design — to include an A, B, and C-pillar, as well as a D-pillar. Station wagons can flexibly reconfigure their interior volume via fold-down rear seats to prioritize either passenger or cargo volume.



The first station wagons were built in around 1910, by independent manufacturers producing wooden custom bodies for the Ford Model T chassis. Station wagons were first known as a “Depot Hacks” because they were used to carry passengers and cargo after they got off of trains. The early design was based on a truck platform that did not contain doors. In 1923, Star, a division of Durant Motors, became the first car company to offer a station wagon assembled on its production line using a wooden wagon body shipped in from an outside supplier.

The first all-steel station wagon body was the 1935 Chevrolet Suburban. As part of the overall trend in the automotive industry, wooden bodies were superseded by all-steel bodies due to their strength, cost, and durability. By 1951, most station wagons were being produced with all-steel bodies.



Station wagons were initially considered commercial vehicles rather than consumer automobiles and the framing of the early station wagons was left unsheathed, due to the commercial nature of the vehicles. The commercial vehicle status was also reflected on those vehicles' registrations.



The modern design of a station wagon reached its peak in the 1960s. This decade saw the development of compact, mid-size and full-size wagons. After the gasoline crisis of the 1970s, the station wagon began to lose popularity. The minivan design was becoming more practical and muscle cars took center stage. As the 1980s approached, front-wheel drive cars became popular, and Sport Utility Vehicles became more popular. At this point in America, station wagon production was nearly obsolete.

Contact Jeff Hopp to submit an items for sale (**NO PHOTOS**) or change or delete existing ads at jhopp55@att.net

PCCC - FOR SALE

Contact the PCCC Member listed below for additional details

3" drop spindles for 72-87 C10 [\$150]
[4] 245/60R15 tires [\$200]
1.25" front sway bar [\$75]
2 bucket seats, electric with 3 point seat belts out of 2005 F150 [\$200]
Contact [Ron Watkins](mailto:Ron.Watkins@919.556.3759) @ 919.556.3759

Holley 12-801-1 electric fuel pump.
Brand new in box. [\$75]
Edelbrock 1403 carb. 500 cfm electric choke. [\$75]
Contact [Ray Bader](mailto:Ray.Bader@919.418.0977) @ 919.418.0977

Brand new complete antenna assembly for a 1955 Chevrolet (still in the package) [\$80] Contact [Tony Sica](mailto:Tony.Sica@516.443.5479) @ 516.443.5479

2004 2wd Toyota Tundra Crew Cab,
New tires, AC recently charged, New radiator,
Leer Camper shell [\$5500]
Contact [Eric Mangum](mailto:Eric.Mangum@612.210.4109) @ 612.210.4109

Distributor Restoration & Repair of classic car distributors. Contact [Jeff Stevens](mailto:Jeff.Stevens@carolina.distributor22@gmail.com) at carolina.distributor22@gmail.com or 919.495.1515

Stock Hood for 1970 Camaro [\$50]
1982 Camaro Z28, all original, matching numbers, needs mostly cosmetic work [\$5200]
Contact [Dan Stalfire](mailto:Dan.Stalfire@214.629.0980) @ 214.629.0980

62 Impala S/S hubcaps.
Excellent condition (set of 4) [\$250];
Contact [Barry Kitchener](mailto:Barry.Kitchener@919.623.7287) @ 919.623.7287

57 235, 63 230
Contact [Scott Rose](mailto:Scott.Rose@919.768.2067) @ 919.768.2067

(2) 215/65R15 redline silvertown on rally wheels, with trims an baby moon caps, multi vehicle bolt pattern [\$375]
Contact [Mark Herbert](mailto:Mark.Herbert@919-291-6844) @ 919-291-6844

1st gen Camaro Parts; Cowl hood, trunk lid, 4 core radiator, S/B Trance, Cross member, Sub frame, Sway bar, 4-8/15 Corvette BF Goodrich P255/60 R15
Contact [Bob Simpson](mailto:Bob.Simpson@919.745.0996) @ 919.745.0996

Front Eyebrow for Chevy Truck [FREE]
Right front fender molding for 68 Chevy Truck [\$20]
Contact [Keith Sansoucy](mailto:Keith.Sansoucy@919.740.9435) @ 919.740.9435

Chevelle Parts - Ford Model A Parts
Contact [Bill Aldridge](mailto:Bill.Aldridge@919-523-4619) @ 919-523-4619

1970-72 Chevelle Original Dash Pad [\$75]; 1970 Chevelle tail light lenses [\$40 for both]; 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]
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