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Special Message From David Smith

March? Where did the winter go? Who cares and goodbye. I hope all is well with everyone. This winter has not been bad though, we had nice weather for almost all of our planned outings (and some not planned). All of the first Saturdays were pleasant, the Christmas party and the parade were tolerable and fun and other events were OK also. For those who have not heard our meetings are back to the 4th Monday of every month. They are held at Carolina BBQ on 70 in Garner, great food and great place to meet. Coming up in the next few meetings we will be going over some very important subjects such as Good Guys in April, our carshow in May as well as some parades that are coming up. And who doesn't love a parade?

The cruise ins are starting up again so get those classics shined up and ready to roll. We have many trips planned for this spring and summer which also will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

On a sadder note we have had some members/friends who passed away in the past couple of months, we should keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Mike Whitaker, Tony Glidden, Junior Bossie, Hector Lerena and Al Brown. Memorials were held for Mike, Tony, Junior and Hector. A memorial for Al is being planned for May. I hope to see you all sometime either at shows, cruises or meetings. Stay safe.

CLUB INFO

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Send your PCCC Dues payment to:

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

Questions—contact Kaye at
kbrady.southernclassic@hotmail.com

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]



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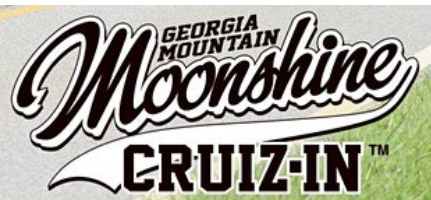
PCCC Birthdays for March

Another Year Older!!!

Elke Watkins
Carol Keith
Steve LaRue
John DeYoung
Robert Wagner
Denise Grady
Roger Feldbusch
Dominic Caswell
Jim Toups
George Kavalak
Danny Glover
John Gilliam
Dwayne Hudson Jr



Spring & Summer Cruise Trips



2211 Tony Ingle Parkway, Dalton, GA 30720

July 27-30, 2022 Dalton, Georgia

I have already booked reservations at: Country Inn & Suites which is directly across the street from the Dalton Convention Center. Plenty of hotels and restaurants very near the venue. I will announce the details at our Feb meeting. I will wait a little longer to register my car since those car registrations (\$50) are non refundable.

Dave Peedin



I will announce this at our next meeting as well. This gentleman (Mike) made a presentation at one of our meetings a couple of years ago when we were at the Advance Auto building.

Dave Peedin

PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

Made In The USA

May 28, 2022 CAR SHOW

Sponsored by:



CHEVROLET

Celebrating 50 Years of the 1972 Chevrolet

Spectators Are Free



SHOW OPEN TO ALL AMERICAN MAKES OR AMERICAN POWERED 1907 AND OLDER ONLY

SHOW PROCEEDS: Raleigh's Hilltop Home for Children
 Photo Plaques to first 150 Entries - Door Prizes - Music - 50/50 - Food
 Registration: 8 am to 12 noon or until full \$20 (No pre-registration - no rain date)

Awards presented by 3 pm

Best of Show Categories
 Best Chevy 1969 and Older
 Best Chevy 1970-1997
 Best Other GM Entries
 Best Ford/Mercury
 Best Mopar

"Best of " Awards
Capital Chevrolet Pick of Show
 Best Other US Make
 Best Street Rod
 Best Truck
 Best Paint
 Club Participation

PCCC Presidents Pick of Show
 Best Engine
 Best Interior
 Best Rat Rod
 Best Modified with American Power
 Pink Ladies Choice

Location: Wake County Speedway 2109 Simpkins Rd, Raleigh NC, 27603
 piedmontccc.org Or visit our Facebook fan page at <https://www.facebook.com/piedmontccc>

Help us help the children sign up to be a PCCC Car Show Sponsor for more information,
 SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS ON BEING A SHOW SPONSOR
 (Sorry no vehicles displayed newer than 1997)

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vtourism@vancecounty.org
www.kerlake-nc.com
October 14-15, 2022
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HENDERSON, NC

Join us the First Saturday
 each month for a Cruise in for
 Cars Friends and Music.

 2468 Timber Dr.
 Garner, NC 27529
 919-662-1115

This is not registration for Car show. Show Registration will be day of Show.

Help Us help the Children at Hilltop Home of Raleigh Become a Sponsor of the May 28, 2022 Piedmont Classic Chevy Club Car Show

Please Print Clearly

Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Proceeds of the PCCC Car Show are donated to Hilltop Home for Children
 2820 Kidd Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

PCCC Car Show Sponsor Donation \$ _____
If a paid by check please Enter Check # _____
 Sponsorships of \$100 and up will receive Show Picture Plaque
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Any Questions Contact Pat Smith 919-961-6233 E-mail
psmith036@outlook.com

Forward Payment and this Sponsorship Form to:
 Pat Smith 27 Cattle Farm Drive Raleigh NC 27603

Donation Receipt: Tear off at line below for and Keep for you records.

To: _____
 (Business Name or Owners Name or both)
 The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club thanks you for your support & generous donation
 of \$ _____

Accepted by PCCC Member Name _____ Date _____

PCCC member signature _____

Anniversary Surprise By Steve Larue

Our 57th Anniversary to Florida trip was marked by grace, yes this is a God story. It is also a technical story, a challenge that when we embarked on our trip, we could not have anticipated. For those who want to hear about the technical quickly, check Google "C5 Corvette Harmonic Balance Issue."

Jane and I bought a very nice looking, low mileage (less than 27K) 1999 Corvette for this year's trip to Florida (and future trips). It has plenty of storage for golf clubs and all our luggage. 3 days before our departure, I heard what I thought were squeaky belts (Air & Serpentine). I sought to get them changed, and was successful at getting the work done. During the process of putting on the new serpentine belt, the first one had tiny grooves and spun off the tensioner when the engine was revved. A newer serpentine belt with deeper grooves was procured and solved that problem.

Ok READY! or so I thought. We made the 600-mile trip over 2 days, stopping in Savannah for an overnight break. As we were arriving at our condo unit the next day, Jane heard a little noise. I explained I thought it was the new serpentine belt wearing in. We parked, unloaded the car, then I went outside under the hood to check it out. Two grooves of the serpentine belt were off the harmonic balancer, and 2 grooves off the tensioner. I got out a few tools I had, then suddenly two condo attendants were asking if I needed help. Together we put the tensioner belt back on. When I started the car, the same two grooves spun off.

I asked where the closest good repair shop was, and they responded Pep Boys up the road 3 miles, in Celebration Station. It was already late at night, so I called them for an appointment the next day. We took the car in and they arranged transportation for us to an Avis Rent a Car that we had contacted the night before.

Nervously the Corvette was left multiple nights as the issue was being researched and diagnosed. The entire time while I was worrying, Jane was saying have faith. God got us to Florida without a breakdown, and it will get fixed. When I went in to talk to the attendant, he introduced himself. His name was pronounced "Hey-SOOS", which is spelled Jesus in Spanish. Hmmm, interesting? He said, "we'll find the problem and fix it." Anyway, I was thinking a new tensioner was needed. They called and I got the good news/bad news story. Tensioner was fine, but the harmonic balancer needed to be replaced and it would cost \$1309 to fix. Ouch!!!!!!

Obviously, I said do the work, which they did, and we in the end made a peaceful drive home. The rental car served us well, and we did do everything we were wanting to do. One item was our 50yr anniversary visit to Magic Kingdom. We were there with our first 3 young girls in November 1971. Disney World opened in October 1971, and we were there 6 weeks later. Oh, what memories, they came flooding back with a tear in the eye.

God story: To this moment I cannot tell you how we made it to Florida without someone watching over us. The serpentine belt spinning off where we had the belts change in NC, that was a symptom. The squeak in Florida was the Harmonic Balance that had just started to rub on the Timing Chain cover. The damage that could have been done was significant BUT we were OK. THANK HEAVEN!!!

I've enclosed 2 pictures of my Harmonic Balancer. The separated parts on front side view should be flush with each other. Backside view shows some shine on the edge where it had started to rub against the timing chain cover. Mine is off by about 3/8 of an inch, the outer part moving toward the engine. **For you C5 & C6 Vette Owners, check your Harmonic Balance for this not-so common issue. It might also apply to any LS1 engine in other models.**





Classic Car Trivia *The Plymouth Duster*



The Valiant was a compact car. To give it a sportier look and feel, \$15million was spent on making a semi-fastback two-door coupe that became the Plymouth Duster. The 1970 model years came with a Valiant badging, but post that the Duster was simply a standalone car. The Duster also shared its A-body platform with the Dodge Dart and the first two generations of the Barracuda.

Pitted against the likes of the slightly smaller Ford Maverick and the AMC Hornet, the Duster also managed to complete well with the slightly larger Chevrolet Nova. Of course, while the Maverick and the Nova also came in four-door versions, the Plymouth Duster was a two-door coupe for all of its short if impactful life. The Duster was also marketed as an alternative to the original Volkswagen Beetle, as well as the new class of domestic subcompact cars such as the Chevrolet Vega.

As the '70s went on, gasoline prices soared and engine outputs plummeted. Even so, the Duster continued to offer V-8 power and muscle car decor such as hood scoops, stripes, and wild colors with names like "sassy grass" and "lemon twist." Famous drag racers Tom "The Mongoose" McEwen and Mopar's Sox & Martin duo campaigned Dusters to enhance the model's image. One engine that separated the Duster from the Valiant was the availability of the vaunted 5.5L 340 cid V8, better known as the "Duster 340". Duster 340s got their own dashboards with round gauges and 150 MPH speedos - basically the exact dash that was previously in the 1967-1969 A-body Barracuda.



In 1971, The Duster dropped its "Valiant" designation this year, being known simply as "Duster". Dusters received a new grille this year, but all else remained the same. Dodge now had a version of the Duster called the Demon, which was based (naturally) on the Dart. The 'Twister' was also introduced in '71. Dodge had a version of the Duster called the Demon, which was based (naturally) on the Dart. The Demon 340 effectively replaced the Dart Swinger 340.

In 1972, Dusters received new taillights, they were longer than 70 and 71 taillights. The "Twister" package was still available, from 71. All engines were rated at net horsepower this year, resulting on horsepower decreases across the board for all engines.

Dusters received their first (and only) minor restyling in 1973, with an all new nose and new tail treatment. Dusters could have a fold-down "convertible" rear seat, greatly enhancing cargo space. Dusters with this option were subsequently known as "Space Duster's".



In 1974, the Duster got a new larger rear bumper but all else the body stayed the same as 73. The 340 was no longer available, being replaced with a 360 cid V8 (also spelling the end of the "Twister" model). The 360 wasn't nearly as popular as the Duster 340,

In 1975, Dusters received a new grille mirroring the Valiant's. Some Dusters started requiring unleaded gas this year, depending on where in the U.S. it was sold.

In 1976, The Duster was visually unchanged for its final year, but it nonetheless had some other various changes, not the least of which being the slow-selling 360 V8 was no longer available - the 318 V8 was now the top engine option. A new "Silver Duster" appearance package was available, which was (naturally) silver in color. Another interesting new package was the "Feather Duster", which was available only as a Slant Six, and employed various weight-saving techniques such as aluminum inner hood and trunk bracings and bumper brackets.

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

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

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

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

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

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Brand new in box. [\$75]
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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

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Parts for 1968 Camaro—New Hurst dual gate automatic shifter [Paid \$650, selling for \$550]; Used Griffin aluminum high flow radiator [\$150]; New right stuff big brake 4 wheel disc brake conversion signature series cost new \$2300, on back order sell for [\$2000]; New fuel tank, fuller neck, hose, neck protector, sleeve, retainer, strap bolts, sending unit. [\$425]; Fuel tank straps [\$100].
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