

**THE BOWTIE BULLETIN**  
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**Special Message From Ray Bader**

Hard to believe it's April already. That means it's time again for GoodGuys. Along with many other shows, cruise ins and cars & coffees.

Thankfully the world seems to be returning to some form of normalcy, The last two cruise ins at Char Grill have been reminiscent of days of old with overflow attendance.

GoodGuys signup has had the quickest and best response I've seen in all previous years. Thank you. If this is going to be your first GoodGuys, you're in for a fun time and a chance to see some spectacular cars.

Going forward, next month is our own car show and a chance to do it all over again. Les Shelton will be sending out a Signup Genius for that soon after GoodGuys is over.

I'm looking forward to a great summer with lots of opportunities to meet new and reunite with old friends. See you at a car show.

Ray

## CLUB INFO

### 2021–2022 Club Officers

President - **David Smith**

dmsmith57@outlook.com

Vice President - **Ray Bader**

ray.bader@gmail.com

Secretary - **Natalie Hummel**

hummelcycle@gmail.com

Treasurer - **Tom Doherty**

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Send your 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**

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](mailto: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]**



Contact **Larry Lewis @ 919.215.3946 or**  
[\*\*rclarly@aol.com\*\*](mailto:rclarly@aol.com)  
for complete ordering details

*Ray Overman*

*August 20, 1951 - March 5, 2022.*



**Thanks to all PCCC members for your kind thoughts and prayers.**

I First met Ray in 1994. I told someone at the time he had too much mouth for me...he talked a LOT...LOL.

In time, those baby blues won me over and in no time, we could talk about anything.

Between us we have several children and a previous spouse. We had finally found each other and as fate would have it, his health started to fail. A little at first, a back surgery here, a heart stent there until he contracted sepsis in the left leg and almost passed 6 years ago. God said it wasn't his time, and we were blessed with 6 more years of miracles.

We shared another grandchild and even a great grandchild during that time. God was good to us.

We watched our children marry and others find true love as we had. We spent time with friends and family at cookouts, birthdays, holidays and even got to travel some.

Ray had a full life and said his only regret was that he couldn't dance with me again like we had done in the past.

Ray enjoyed being a part of PCCC and the friendship and love of cars shared by each of you.

Thank you all for being there for us both.

Jane Overman



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Ronnie Harrison  
Wake Forest, NC**

### *Getting To Know PCCC Members*

Last year, we started a series 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.

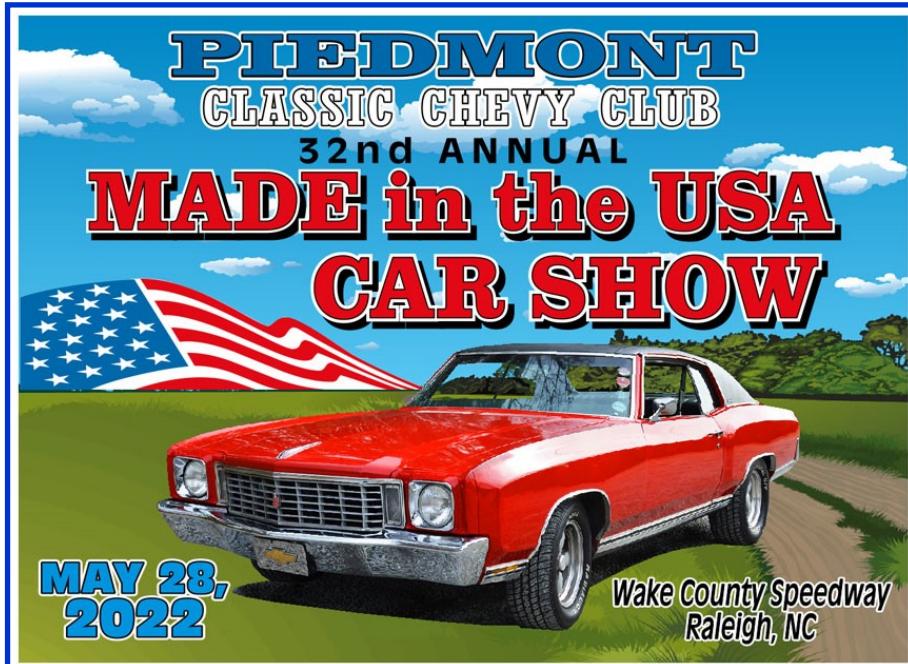
The newsletter that will follow will then reveal who you are and your story posted. Look for this feature during the course of the year.

To submit photos and your story, send me an email at [jhopp55@att.net](mailto:jhopp55@att.net)

## **PCCC Birthdays for April**

### *Another Year Older!!!*

Ray Bader  
Bill Ricker  
Marshall Wheeler  
Judy Simpson  
Brian LaRue  
Mary Gilliam  
Gary Williams



*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 USA**  
**In The CARSHOW**  
**May 28, 2022**

Celebrating 50 Years of the 1972 Chevrolet

Sponsored by: **CAPITAL** CHEVROLET

*Spectators Are Free*



SHOW OPEN TO ALL AMERICAN MAKES OR AMERICAN POWERED 1967 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 " Awards**

Best of Show Categories	Capital Chevrolet Pick of Show	PCCC Presidents Pick of Show
Best Chevy 1969 and Older	Best Other US Make	Best Engine
Best Chevy 1970-1997	Best Street Rod	Best Interior
Best Other GM Entries	Best Truck	Best Rat Rod
Best Ford/Mercury	Best Paint	Best Modified with American Power
Best Mopar	Club Participation	Pink Ladies Choice

Location: Wake County Speedway 2109 Simpkins Rd, Raleigh NC, 27603  
[piedmontccc.org](http://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)

No Pets No alcohol of any kind.  
 Smoking is only in designated parking lots.

**20th Annual**  
 Vance County Tourism  
 252-438-2222  
[vctourism.vancecounty.org](http://vctourism.vancecounty.org)  
[www.kerrlake-nc.com](http://www.kerrlake-nc.com)  
**October 14-15, 2022**  
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HENDERSON, NC

**Mojo's Grill**  
 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

Do you want Plaque? \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Questions Contact Pat Smith 919-961-6233 E-mail  
[psmith036@outlook.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## An Independent's Tale

Racing history rediscovered in a 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix

Story By, Ken Nagy



Just like other motorsports, NASCAR has its legends: Petty, Pearson, Allison, Earnhardt, Baker and Yarborough, to name but a few. But there are other drivers that many overlook. Today, they are called "start and parks," but it wasn't long ago when they were known as the independents: Guys you've likely never heard of, who were supported by local business, a few volunteer crew members and lots of heart. Rarely a threat to win, but still an intricate part of every contest, they were guys like Dick May, Jimmy Means, Cecil Gordon, Frank Warren, Henley Gray and William Leroy Tyner.

Better known as Roy, Tyner's racing career started on a bullring in Fayetteville, North Carolina, when he was in his early teens. He was often erroneously reported as a Lumbee Indian since his cars generally carried the profile of an Indian, or were scribed with The Flying Indian or The Wild Indian. Best described as a chassis man--one who intuitively knew what a car needed to go fast--Roy's trip into NASCAR lore began in 1957, at the age of 23.

During that first season, he finished in the top 10 twice in just 10 starts. In the four years that followed, Roy amassed nine top five finishes and 23 top 10s, but he never ran an entire season. From the '63 through '68 seasons, Roy collected just five more top fives and 42 top 10s--he even finished 10th in points at the conclusion of 1968 (he started 48 of the season's 49 races). Two things eluded him: wins and consistency, both a product of often second-rate equipment.

By the end of 1968, Roy had switched to a Pontiac GTO (a '66 with '67 sheet metal); he stuck with the marque when the '69 season opened at Georgia's Macon Raceway. What made this particularly unusual was that Roy showed up at the paved half-mile with a new Grand Prix-bodied chassis, rather than a smaller LeMans. Perhaps just as stunning was the car's red, white and blue paint scheme, with Pepsi's Carolina Bottlers as his backer. Yet Roy only started 21 of the season's 54 races and managed to finish just eight, his engine expiring eight times; his best finish was a 10th at Bristol in Tennessee.

## An Independent's Tale (Continued)

But perhaps more important to Roy than winning was his relationship with the Holy Angels Nursery, a hospital still located in Belmont, North Carolina, that specializes in treating children with severe mental and physical birth defects. Despite his minimal racing budget, Roy would always donate a portion of his winnings, regardless of his finishing position. His charity, perhaps, was what won him a spot on the cover of Stock Car Racing magazine's August 1969 edition. For 1970, Roy started eight races with his Pepsi Pontiac, managing to finish just three times before switching to Ford and Dodge for his last six starts in the NASCAR Grand National Series (as it was then known). The best his Pontiac could muster was an eighth. His Grand Prix was sold and later, unceremoniously, parked in a field in Delaware.

In all, Roy started 311 NASCAR races, and failed to win any of them. After he retired from racing, he opened an auto repair shop and eventually became the "show car" driver for one of Junior Johnson's Budweiser Chevrolets in the Eighties. Divorced and nearly forgotten, he died on February 23, 1989, under mysterious circumstances: a gunshot wound to the head while he was in his truck, which had been set ablaze.

History, however, often has a way of being rediscovered. A gentleman named Bill Tower happened upon a blue and gold 1969 Grand Prix carrying the number 66 in that Delaware field, purchased it, and eventually listed it for sale in a 1991 edition of Hemmings Motor News, catching the attention of Pontiac Grand Prix aficionado and restorer Keith Vrabec.



"There were only so many Pontiacs racing NASCAR in the late Sixties--and only one Grand Prix--and when we started to look past the blue and gold paint, a different picture developed. One thing led to another, and next thing I knew, I had Roy's car," recalled Keith. "I was able to get in touch with James Lee--one of his crew members--who was able to help confirm its identity, thanks in part to some strange build characteristics. Among them were the tilt column and power quarter windows. They called it Roy's Limousine."

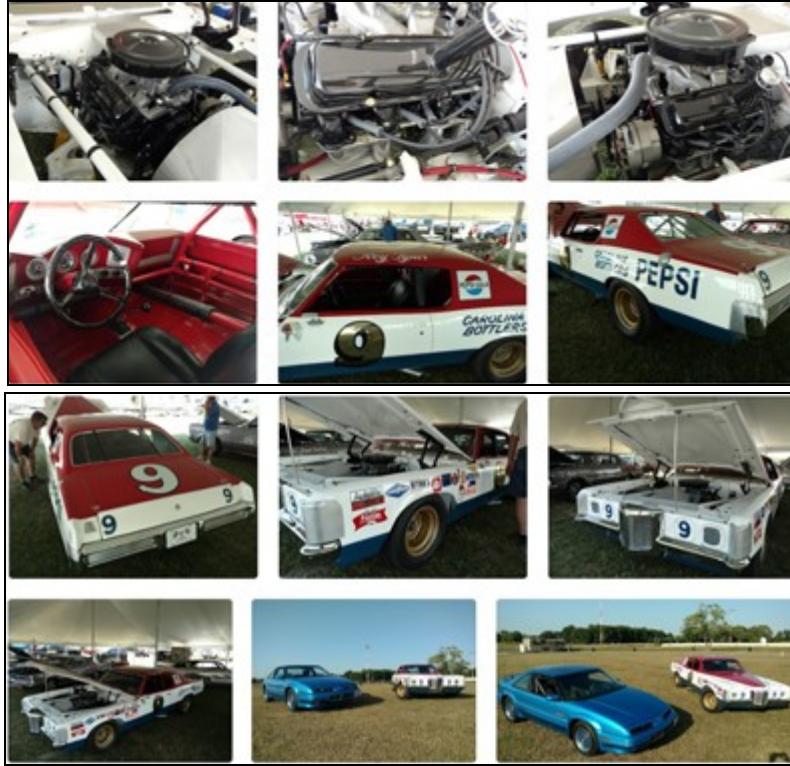
## An Independent's Tale (Continued)

In 2009, Keith sent Roy's Pontiac to Glenn Sedig of Vintage Mechanical Works in Sterling, Illinois. In less than a year, the car was completed to 1969 as-raced condition. Since completion, Keith has been invited to attend many vintage racing events with the Grand Prix. "It's a historic car on so many different levels, one that really deserved to be saved. It was perhaps the first car to ever carry Pepsi sponsorship in NASCAR."

Final Note: Corporate sponsorship in 1969 was still relatively unheard of. Keith said, "this is still the only car to ever start and finish a NASCAR Cup race on the same set of tires--I believe it was at Charlotte. And it was the only Grand Prix to ever run the circuit during this period."



(BELOW) Roy Tyner's 1969 NASCAR Grand Prix as seen at the 2018 Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk, OH. Restored and currently owned by Keith Vrabek. Also pictured in the gallery is a 1992 Richard Petty Edition Grand Prix, owned by Ken Nagy until 2018. Keith suggested a photo shoot since both cars had NASCAR connections.



## PCCC TECH CORNER - Bird Poop Prevention



### ***Park in a Garage***

This is the easiest way to stop bird poop from hitting your car. If you have the luxury of parking in a garage, then do so every time you can.

### ***Don't Park Under Trees***

This is the number one cause of bird droppings on your car. Birds like to hang out in trees, so it's no surprise they poop in them as well.



### ***Use A Car Cover***

Car covers will keep birds from going to the bathroom on your car. A beige, blue, or black cover will work best.

### ***Get A Plastic Predator Bird***

These predator birds are usually found in pet stores and often look like owls and falcons. They will help prevent birds from doing the deed on your car by scaring them away.

### ***Place Old CDs, Foil, or Mirrors Around Your Car***

Birds are primarily deterred by shiny objects, so placing old CDs or mirrors or also try using aluminum foil. They won't like the sound it makes when they land on it and will quickly leave for another spot.

### ***Move Bird Baths and Bird Feeders way from where cars are parked***

Feeders and birdbaths are particularly prone to birds roosting or pooping on cars. Relocate to another area if you can or move further away from here you park your cars.

### ***Place a Rubber Snake on the Car***

This is a more old-fashioned way of keeping birds from pooping on your car and it still works!



### ***Don't Park Under Electric Wires and Posts***

This is a common spot for birds to roost and perch.

### ***Cover and Protect Your Side Mirrors***

Birds may see their reflection and think it's another bird, so they poop on the mirror as a result. Buy covers made specifically for this purpose or try using an old t-shirt or plastic grocery bags to deter birds and protect your car mirrors.

## Classic Car Trivia - Unusual Chevrolet Facts



The man who gave Chevrolet its name (Louis Chevrolet) was only with the company for three years. You might say the breakup was caused by creative differences. Louis had a vision of making high-end cars while Durant wanted to focus on affordable vehicles.

When Chevy began shipping out the Vega in the 1970s they came up with the great space-saving idea of shipping the subcompact vertically instead of horizontally!

The original Chevy Camaro, which debuted in a run of 50 cars in 1967, was called Black Panther. In the charged political climate of the late 1960s, the company felt that it would be too confusing to the public and the Camaro moniker was adopted instead.

The first SUV on the market, way back in 1933 with the Chevrolet Suburban Carryall. A few years later the Suburban had removable seats and extra cargo and passenger space.

The Chevrolet Classic Six was one of the few models produced during Louis Chevrolet's time at the company. Designed to rival the Model T Ford the car was priced out of the range of most Americans. It did not sell well at all.

Two 1978 Chevrolet Corvettes were produced to celebrate the Corvette's 25th anniversary. Painted black and white, the car was used as a pace car in the Indy 500. The two colors were separated by a red stripe.

Chevrolet stopped producing civilian vehicles during WWII so they could help the war effort. Converting their plant allowed them to build T-17 Staghound armored scout cars as well as airplane engines and more.

The General Motors plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is the only one in the world producing Chevrolet Corvettes, and it has been that way since opening in 1981. Before that, Corvettes were built in St. Louis. But it was Flint, Michigan, where the first Corvettes rolled off the assembly line in June 1953.

The Chevelle was built in 10 different plants in two countries during its 10 year run. Surprisingly, the Chevelle shared a platform with both the Monte Carlo and the El Camino. There was a version of the Chevelle only available in Canada that had a slightly different grille and trim. It was called the Acadian Beaumont.

The car that would later become famous as the Chevy Nova was originally released as the Chevy II in 1962. Until the third generation came out in 1967, Nova was nothing more than the name of the model's top trim level.

Corvair is the 1st and only mass-produced American vehicle offering an air-cooled rear engine design, unibody construction, factory turbo-charging, and 4-wheel independent suspension.

Chevrolet pickup trucks began appearing on the road in 1918, but General Motors did not develop formal design and engineering of the vehicle until 1930.

The Chevrolet pickup's sister truck, the GMC, or "Jimmy," was originally produced to be the luxury version of the Chevrolet line, but as Chevys offered more options and appointments through the years, both trucks became almost identical except for the badge identification.

Contact Jeff Hopp to submit an items for sale (**NO PHOTOS**) or change or delete existing ads at [jhopp55@att.net](mailto: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](#) @ 919.556.3759

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

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

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

57 235, 63 230  
Contact [Scott Rose](#) @ 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](#) @ 919.745.0996

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

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

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

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

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

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**].  
Contact [Ken Hunter](#) @ 919.818.6881