

THE
BOWTIE BULLETIN
OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER



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A Special Message from Tom Doherty

Hi, everyone,

As we wind down another winter month, I bet many of you share my initial sentiments as I think “good riddance to you, February”. On the surface, it has so little to offer – the cold, the wind, the rain. The early sunsets. Those miserable spiky gumballs that fall from the trees, littering the yard & driveway. Shoot, I’m sure I found a way to blame February for Sarah’s dead battery and Amanda’s flat tire as I carried out the late-night fixes in a cold garage. Shortest month of the year...and fine by me.

But, like anything else, maybe February deserves a second look when we can be a little more objective. I mean, the days ARE getting longer each day, and we do get brief tastes of the warmer weather that’s just around the corner. If you’ve been fortunate enough to get your classic out during one of those stretches, I know you appreciated it – I sure did. We do get Valentine’s Day, and I wish nothing but the best for my family and fellow PCCC members who have celebrated February birthdays or anniversaries.

February also brings the Daytona 500 and baseball spring training – 2 events that embody the start of a whole new season in the sun. And, for much of the month of February, PCCC has been hard at work planning for both Good Guys and our own show. We’re coordinating logistics, taking responsibility, committing our cars, and paying bills now to ensure some fun & success down the road. So, maybe we should say that February is *our* start to another long season in the sun, too.

See you out there – soon!
Tom Doherty, PCCC Treasurer

2024 Club Officers

President - **David Smith**
dmsmith57@outlook.com

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crystalclean67@aol.com

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Treasurer - **Tom Doherty**
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CLUB INFO

Send your PCCC Dues payment to:

Tom Doherty
4008 Ridgebrook Bluffs;
Raleigh, NC 27603
Make check out to PCCC
Annual dues are \$40

PCCC Monthly Meetings are at **Carolina BBQ** located at **733 US-70 Garner 27529**.
Meetings are going to be **every 4th Monday at 7PM** (530 PM if you plan to eat)

PCCC APPAREL

Contact **Larry Lewis @ 919.215.3946** or
rlarry@aol.com
for complete ordering details and prices

Standard Club Shirt [\$10] Long Sleeve [\$15]

Polo Shirts [\$26]

Pink Ladies V-Neck [\$10]

Sport Tee's (Dri-Fit) Short Sleeve [\$14]; Long Sleeve [\$19]

Hats (All Styles) [\$18]

Ladies Jacket "Clique" (Blue Only) [\$56]

Ladies Jacket "Port Auth" (Blue or Black) [\$56]

Men's Jacket Traditional (Blue Only) [\$65]

Men's Jacket Hard Shell (Black Only) [\$70]

Magnetic Engraved Name Badges [\$12]



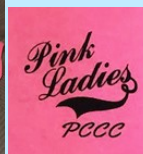
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T-Shirt
with paid dues



Standard Name Badge



Pink Ladies V-Neck



Pink Ladies Name Badge

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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)

For more INFO Contact David Smith 919-518-3779 dmsmith57@outlook.com

"Best of " Awards

Best 30's or Older
Best 40's
Best 50's
Best 60-64
Best 65-69
Best 70's
Best 80's
Best 90's

Awards presented by 3 pm

"PICK OF" SHOW AWARDS

Pink Ladies Pick of Show
Best Club Participation
Professional Touch Paint Pick of Show
Capital Auto Group Pick of the Show
GoodGuys Pick of the Show
Best Truck 75 & older

"Best of " Awards

Best Street Rod
Best Special Interest
Best Ford/ Mercury
Best Mopar
Best other GM
Best Tri Five
Best Chevy
Best Truck 76 to 99

Location: Mid-Way Baptist Church Raleigh, NC 6910 Fayetteville 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,

For details on being a Show Sponsor Contact Pat Smith 919-961-6233 psmith036@outlook.com

(Sorry no vehicles displayed newer than 1999)

No Pets, No Alcohol, No Loud Music,
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No BurnOuts, No Firearms



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From Jeff Hopp—Newsletter Publisher

I hope you all have been enjoying the monthly editions of The Bowtie Bulletin Newsletters. I've enjoyed capturing images of club members out and about at events I can attend and images that some members have sent me. I have also borrowed photos from club members Facebook Pages. I have also had fun doing research finding cool information for the trivia pieces.

We have had occasional pieces for the "Guess Who Feature." If any of you are interested, you send me a photo from your past. I will post it in the newsletter for PCCC members to guess who you might be.

For the following month and the big reveal, you would then need to send me a recent photo or photos along with 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. I've had several members participate, always fun to learn who we all are. You will also find a questionnaire in the newsletter that will assist the 'non-writers' to submit your story.

Dave Smith has also occasionally submitted How To Tech pieces for some editions. If anyone else wants to provide a tech piece or article, maybe a personal experience or repair that you may have encountered, always interesting.

I'd also like to challenge all of you to get involved with some car photography. As we all have cell phones (yes some can take some awesome photos) and some of us do have nice cameras, how about getting a nice photo of YOUR vehicle with an old abandoned building, or barn, or old gas station...or anything you feel would be a nice image of your car or truck. If you have something you would like to send to me, send along in email and where the image (or images) were taken and a brief story if you have one but no story required. Images and stories will be posted in future newsletters. So, dust off those cameras, gas up those classics (check your oil, coolant, tire pressure) and get out there. I'm looking forward to see what talent you all have. Your images will be featured each month.

If you are interested in sharing a piece about your first classic car, please send me an email with brand of car, a brief description of features (engine, trans, color, options), the year you got it, your age and a photo if you are lucky enough to still have one, along with any entertaining stories. If you do have a photo print, I'll be able to scan it. This feature will be in future newsletters.

Have you walked into a room and forgot why? Can't find your car keys, only to find them in your pocket? If you have something embarrassing you want to share, send me your story.

Please send and stories regarding projects on your car, which could include any special project any of you might have worked on recently, or plan to, document what has been done (with before and after photos if available), some ideas may include, engine rebuild, suspension replacement, engine compartment detailing, interior replacement, wiring harness replacement, or your hotrod build. If you have a photos of your project, send those along with your piece as well.

For the 'Parts For Sale' feature, please submit a brief description of cars for sale or parts (only)...NO PHOTOS, along with the price. The ad must include your name and phone number for you to be contacted with further details of your items. Please contact me if any items are sold to have the listing removed. This feature is for club members only.

NOTE—Please send in Microsoft Word (not a PDF) to my email. Any photos need to accompany your piece as JPG (JPEG) format. Please send any photos to my email below (not a text or Messenger).

Contact me if you have any questions, comments or feedback. Always welcome.

Jeff Hopp jhopp55@att.net 919.665.9318

Upcoming Events

Mr. Ed Lucas (our primary contact who arranged for PCCC to hold our first show at Midway Baptist Church) was the key player in connecting us with Mr. Tim Michaels, President of The Capital Auto Group as our Primary Sponsor for Hilltop Home for Children. Tim, Ed, and many others in his dealership group have a profound love for classic cars just as we do.

Our key point in this arrangement is that Capitol Auto Group is comprised of over 30 multi brand dealerships and since PCCC is an "Open" club, we can support their events with our array of American Classics.

Great fit for us as well as C.A.G.

They have committed to donate \$5,000 to our charity. Therefore in return we need to support their shows as best we possibly can in 2024.

Piedmont Classic Chevy Club in return for their generosity, will be supporting many of C.A.G.'s events going forward. Future events for the Capital Auto Group will be coming in 2024 at various dealerships.

Dave Peedin
919.612.6998

The Outer Banks Rod And Custom Festival

Tim Martin has initiated a block of 16 rooms at See Sea Motel in Kill Devil Hills, NC. Several of our members have been in the past and had a GREAT time. Last year, OBX boasted of over 900 Classics, Trucks, Hot Rods, Rat Rods, Street Rods, Full Blown Customs, Custom Car Haulers, you name it, it was there. **Show dates are Friday and Saturday May 3rd & 4th 2024.** If you would like to join us, call the hotel or a booking agency and lock in your room. The deadline for booking is March 5th. Don't wait, as about 10 of those rooms have already been taken.

Note : some are going down on Thursday 2nd for a 3 night stay and travel home on Sunday 5th.

Note: when you call for reservations, be sure to tell the receptionist you are with the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club and ask them for our special rate.

Some others will stage a meeting place and travel down early Friday 3rd. It's an easy 3 hour ride straight down US Hwy 64 East all the way to Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, and Kitty Hawk. Do some research on the internet and check out all the nice restaurants and things to do while there.

I will send more detailed travel information out in the coming weeks.

For reservations, you can call the hotel at 252-489-1574 between 9:00 am & 6:00 pm or call 888-215-6768 for booking agency

Check out See Sea Hotel on the internet and also click on the link below for more information about this event.

SPECIAL NOTE: THERE ARE NO TROPHIES OR AWARDS HANDED OUT. THIS IS A FESTIVAL. Also, there are a number of cruise in spots to go to so you don't stay in one place all day.

If you have any questions, call Tim Martin at: 919-210-9688 or Dave Peedin at : 919-612-6998

<https://obxrodandcustomfestival.com/>



March PCCC Member Birthdays

Bob Wagner

Steve LaRue

Eike Watkins

Dominick Caswell

Diane Rotunno

Jim Toups

John DeYoung

George Kavalak

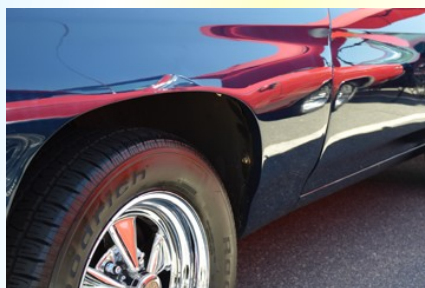
Denise Grady

John Gilliam

Danny Glover

Dwayne Hudson

Carol Keith



Photos By George Kavalak and Jeff Hopp

The Trivia Page— Early Transmission History

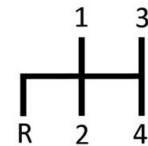
In the early days of motoring, cars were not affordable for everyone. Roads weren't suited for the high speeds that we drive at today, so cars simply weren't built to travel that fast.

The earliest automobiles offered only manual transmissions, which were similar in principle to today's stick-shift vehicles. These cars sported two forward gears and one reverse, coupled to the engine via a series of pedals. The driver used a clutch pedal and shift lever to select gears. The clutch pedal would disengage the motor input from the transmission, so that the gears are not forcibly turning as they mesh together. The shift lever aligned the appropriate gear with the motor input.

It was inconvenient to have to shift manually. Apparently, it also required a fair amount of force. This made shifting a distraction from the road, and made it unappealing for women to drive.

But as cars grew larger and traffic got worse, engineers began searching for a way to have the car "automatically" shift from one gear to another.

In 1921, the automatic transmission was invented by Alfred Horner, a Canadian steam engineer. He designed the transmission to use compressed air instead of hydraulic fluid, but it lacked the necessary power and never was commercially sold.



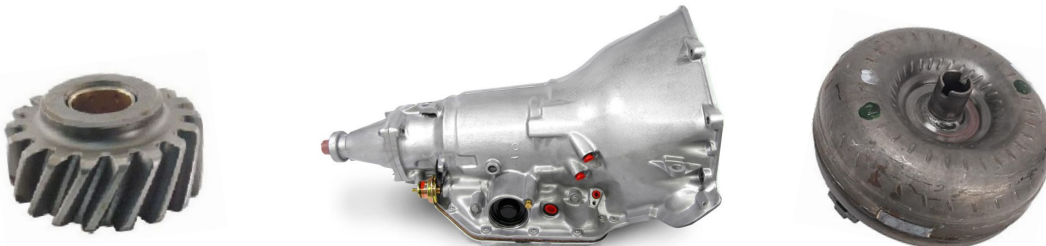
Later in the 1930's, General Motors developed the first hydraulic fluid automatic transmission, which was introduced in 1940 as the original "Hydra-Matic." In 1939 Cadillac and Oldsmobile became the first manufacturers to utilize a fully automatic transmission in a production vehicle.

There were no competitors until 1948, when Buick released their Dynaflo automatic that included a torque converter instead of a fluid coupling to multiply torque.



Through 1955, the Hydra-Matic went through constant upgrading by using the originally design. The Hydra-Matic was replaced with the "Jetaway" in the year 1956. The Jetaway, also known as the "Jet," was unsuccessful and was soon itself replaced in 1969 by the more successful Turbo Hydra-Matic. It was developed for rear-wheel-drive vehicles and had four forward speeds plus reverse.

BorgWarner joined the game in 1958 with a 3-speed. In 1966 GM introduced the first front-wheel-drive vehicle with an automatic transmission.



Contact Jeff Hopp to submit an
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Stuff For Sale

1957 Chevrolet 210 4Dr—Restored with Bel-Air Trim

Less than 300 miles; Chevrolet Polar White; 350 engine rebuilt;
Edelbrock Performer Intake with new Holly 600 Carb; Muncie 4-
Speed—Rebuilt; New Interior—CARS; New power steering and power
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14x 8 aluminum slot wheels with 3" backspacing. Unilug, will fit
Mopar, Ford, Chevy. Lug nuts and spacers go with them, great
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Brand new complete antenna assembly
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(4) 14 inch original wheels and tires
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Parts for 1968 Camaro—New right stuff big
brake 4 wheel disc brake conversion signature
series cost new \$2300, on back order sell for
[\$1800];
New fuel tank, fuller neck, hose, neck protector,
sleeve, retainer, strap bolts, sending unit. **[\$425]**;
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1968 Camaro rear differential (for rebuild) the
spider gears worn and you can't get slide pin out,
10 bolt **[\$100]**
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Yukon rear gear positraction 82" 28 spine
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Stuff For Sale

4 tires, Firestone FR 380 P205/75R14 M&S.
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4-Keystone classic mag wheels with tires (less than 2
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4-cragar true spoke mag wheels with older tires
[\$725]; [Qty-10] electric garage heaters [\$65 each]
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New sending unit already installed. [\$100]
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email at blueknight571968@gmail.com

Stock Hood for 1970 Camaro [\$50]
Contact [Dan Stalfire](mailto:Dan.Stalfire@214.629.0980) @ 214.629.0980

1936 Ford parts; 1973 Chevy truck parts;
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1st gen Camaro Parts; Cowl hood, trunk lid,
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