

*The Bowtie Bulletin
Official Newsletter
Of The
Piedmont Classic Chevy Club*

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A Special Message From David Smith

Bob & Debra Grannan's 1969 Cutlass S Convertible

2025 is almost here, (as I am writing this before hand). I hope all had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a New Year. Our 2024 Christmas party was a big success at Carolina BBQ again this year. 85 members enjoyed BBQ chicken, fried chicken, beef tips, rice and of course yams. (my personal favorite). 45 members participated in the gift exchange. Some pretty great presents were exchanged. New Years Day will kick off the 2025 cruising events at Mojoes Grill in Garner from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Bring out your classic and start the year off right, weather permitting of course. The November meeting brought on the elections for club officers, the new officers for 2025 are President David Smith, Vice President John DeYoung, Treasurer Tom Doherty and Secretary Don King. Unfortunately Don King will not be able to fulfill the office of Secretary so I am looking for a member to fulfill the office of Secretary. We met with Hilltop Home for the year end donation on December 17, the donation was \$2000 and you would think it was a million from the employees present. To date Piedmont Classic Chevy Club has donated has donated \$125,000 to Hilltop. We are the #1 private contributor every year since 2014. Corporations and wealthy donors have made higher contributions as donations but those donations were for the use as corporate donations as ours are strictly for the children's benefit alone. I think this club has the biggest hearts of any club or organization I have ever been a part of. I would just like to thank you all for letting me to be a part of it all.

I wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

David M. Smith President of the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club



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Send your PCCC Dues payment to:

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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 **rclarry@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]



Standard Club T-Shirt with paid dues



Standard Name Badge



Pink Ladies V-Neck



Pink Ladies Name Badge

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Visit and donation to Hilltop Home for Children



Hilltop Home cares for 22 children who have major medical issues and severe/profound developmental disabilities that require specialized 24-hour care. The children who live there range in age from one year through eighteen years of age. PCCC took a tour of the facility, and saw the class rooms and the main room. At Hilltop Home, the children are offered the opportunity for education, play, and they also have interaction with the community.

Most all of the children need special needs and our club donations have helped also pay for some of those special beds for the children. It was easy to see that they treat each child with love and respect. I would encourage all members who have any questions about if our funds are going to the right place, to take a tour of Hilltop Home.

Visit their website at www.hilltophome.org for more information



Hilltop Home - Supporting and enriching the lives of children and their families.

I'm looking for your Stories

Submit a story about you, your family, describing 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, what you enjoy about PCCC.

A piece about your first classic car, including the make of the 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.

Stories about a special project 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.

NOTE—Please send either in the body of your email message or Microsoft Word (not a PDF) to my email. Any photos you accompany with your piece must be in JPG (JPEG) format. Please send any photos to my email below (not in a text message or in Messenger).

If any of the above ideas interest you, send your piece to me. I typically will post a couple of days before the end of each month. Contact me if you have any questions.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Dwight & Cathy Sauls
New Hill, NC*

*CLUB CRUISES * OUTINGS * SOCIAL EVENTS*

Spring Cherokee Rod Run, the dates are Thursday 04/24/25 (travel day) Friday 25th & Saturday 26th (show dates) Sunday 27th (Return home)

Plenty of time but Cherokee Rodders have highly recommended our hotel twice on their website so the Great Smokies Inn will fill up quickly.

Get your reservations made early and be sure to tell Kristy, Mandy, Carson, or Amy you are with the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club for preferred rates.

Dave Peedin
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January Member Birthdays

*David Smith
David Peedin
Larry Sweat
Jeff Grabowski
Terry MacAllister
Don Watts
Maria Preteroti
Jane Overman*

*Jane LeRue
Bill Clement
Scott Johnson
Ralph Recchie
Anne Thacher
Don Rose
Tim Oeltjenbruns*

All About Oil

Crude oil and petroleum fossil fuels are mixtures of hydrocarbons that formed from the remains of animals and plants (diatoms) that lived millions of years ago in a marine environment before dinosaurs existed. Over millions of years, the remains of these animals and plants were covered by layers of sand, silt, and rock. Heat and pressure from these layers turned the remains into what we now call crude oil or petroleum. The word *petroleum* means rock oil or oil from the earth.

The Chinese were among the first civilizations to refine oil. As early as the first century, the Chinese were refining crude oil for use as an energy source. In North America, the first oil well was drilled in 1858 by James Miller Williams in Oil Springs, Ontario, Canada. In the United States, the petroleum industry began in 1859 when Edwin Drake found oil near Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Oil is extracted from the reservoir by drilling a well and pumping it up the well. The process of oil drilling begins with a drill cutting through the earth, allowing air to be pumped downwards, and once the oil is hit, it rushes to the surface and can shoot dozens of meters out of the ground. Once recovered, oil is transported by pipeline, ship, rail, or truck to a refinery where it undergoes a complex process that produces petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel, jet-fuel, home-heating fuel, lubricating oil and asphalt along with petrochemicals that are used to make common products such as plastic, drugs, synthetic fiber, soap and paint. Approximately 71 percent of global oil consumption is used to produce fuel to power transportation systems.

Gasoline is the most-consumed petroleum product in the United States, making up about 45% of crude oil.

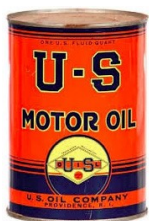
Distillate fuel oil is the second-most-consumed petroleum product in the United States. Distillate fuel oil includes diesel fuel and heating oil.

Hydrocarbon gas liquids (HGLs), the third-most-used category of petroleum in the United States, include propane, ethane and butane

Jet fuel is the fourth-most-used petroleum product in the United States. Jet fuel consumption averaged about 65 million gallons per day.

Oil is measured in barrels, which is equal to 42 US gallons.

The US has the 10th largest oil reserve in the world. Venezuela has the largest, with 298.35 billion barrels compared to the US' 33 billion barrels.



Petrochemicals (found in oil) helped produce the electronic device you are reading on right now.

Oil is used to create medicine, recreational sports items, and cosmetics.

Oil is also referred to as “Texas Tea” and “Black Gold.”



Classic Trivia—The El Morocco

The El Morocco was a customized full-size car produced by Ruben Allender based on the 1956 and 1957 Chevrolet. He originally chose the 1955 Bel Air as the basis for his project but work did not get underway until 1956, so the first-year El Morocco was based on 1956 Bel Air Sport Coupe and Convertible.



Looking for a name that sounded like "Eldorado," but not wanting to get into trouble from Cadillac, he chose "El Morocco," named after a popular Manhattan nightclub. Through some legal finagling he managed to get the name legalized, so all El Morocco's were registered as such, not as Chevrolets.



Allender bolted Eldorado-style fiberglass tailfins to the rear deck, while using side moldings lifted from the Eldorado. Up front, he modified the grille by removing the Chevy crest, but retained the "V" emblem on the hood. He also added massive "Dagmar" front bumper guards, giving the car a more massive look. Aftermarket "Sabre-Spoke" wheel covers aped the Caddy wheels. Allender sold approximately 20 1956 El Morocco's.



Each car sold for approximately \$1,000 more than an equivalent Bel Air.

For 1957, Allender offered a new El Morocco based on the 1957 Chevrolet Two-Ten Sport Coupe, Sport Sedan, and the Bel Air convertible. He removed the Chevy grille and replaced it with an aluminum egg-crate insert. "Chevrolet" script was replaced with an "EL MOROCCO" badges front and rear in block letters just over the "V." Out back, the '57 got metal Eldorado style rear fins welded to the rear quarters, as the workers had problems fitting the fiberglass units on the '56. Bright side "scoop" moldings at the rear quarter panels gave the car more than a passing resemblance to the \$13,000 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham which was the ultimate "dream car" for 1957. Allender managed to build approximately 16 El Morocco's for 1957, after which he gave up the effort.



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Stuff For Sale

5 keystone classic mags 4 mounted with tires
4yrs ago unilug [\$825]
Side panels for 57 Bel Air hardtop [\$375]
Dewalt combination sets new 18 volt in box
[\$210-225]
Contact [Jeff Grabowski](#) @ 281.814.8994

17x7 steel 6 lug wheels - OEM for 2007 - 2014
Silverado/Sierra/Tahoe Set of 4.
GM number AWUTX Steel wheels.
Will also fit 1999-2006 Pickups [\$60]
Contact [Pat Gaglione](#) @ 919.280.8350

Edelbrock AVS2 650 CFM Carburetor.
Driven less than 200 miles. [\$275]
Call [Ray Bader](#) @ 919-418-0977

1956 Oldsmobile 98, Canyon Green and Alcan
White, green interior, Chevy small block, auto
trans. New battery, starter, radiator, new front
brakes and more. Always gets attention. Have
service manual. Car in Fuquay Varina.
Asking [\$24500]
Contact [Julian Gandolfo](#) @ 954.520.0087

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

Items for 1970 Chevelle

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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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 front brakes; 1 wire alternator; dual exhaust; Gauges & Tach.

Asking [\$19500]

Contact [Denny Oestreich](mailto:Denny.Oestreich@919.846.8163) @ 919.846.8163

14x 8 aluminum slot wheels with 3" backspacing. Unilug, will fit Mopar, Ford, Chevy. Lug nuts and spacers go with them, great condition. [\$100 for the pair]
Contact [Don Torockio](mailto:Don.Torockio@Home) @ Home
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or Cell 412 445-0969

Fuel Tank for 1st Gen Camaro (painted black)
New sending unit already installed. [\$100]
Contact [Dave Peedin](mailto:Dave.Peedin@919.612.6998) @ 919.612.6998

350 turbo Hydramatic transmission great condition [\$300];
Set of Chevy Vortex SB heads, new valve job, w/ Howard springs [\$250]
Contact [Tim Howard](mailto:Tim.Howard@919.880.6673) @ 919.880.6673

Complete 1957 Chevrolet rear end housing third member axles and brakes ready to install.

3:36 open, not Posi traction.

Casting #3276899 was used in '57 to '64 passenger cars without posi traction.

[\$550] delivered, [\$500] you pick up
Contact [Dan Glover](mailto:Dan.Glover@919-656-0053) @ 919-656-0053

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

(4) 14 inch original wheels and tires off of 1951 Chevy. [\$100]
Contact [Scott Rose](mailto:Scott.Rose@919.768.2067) @ 919.768.2067

Original 1956 A arms and center shaft with all new bushings that have been professionally sandblasted and painted silver.
[\$125] for the set]
Contact [Rick Mangrum](mailto:Rick.Mangrum@919.255.8663) @ 919.255.8663

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

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