

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

May 2025 Edition



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*A Special Message From Dave Smith*

*WOW it is May!!!!* Where did the time go? Good Guys turned out with perfect weather and PCCC pulled off another great event.

Next up is OBX (I can't make it this year as I will be recuperating.) After that it is our 35th annual Made in the USA show on May 24th at Mojos this year. Some members have asked why did we switch from the church to Mojos? Well the reason is that we had a vote to move the show back to Memorial day weekend, The church could not accommodate that weekend as that is the weekend that they hold graduation ceremonies for local schools. I think we should do good at the new venue and new weekend.

Remember this show is a "All hands on deck" event. As of this date we have almost all tasks signed up for work, with that said we still need about 8 Judges and someone to do the Emcee role. I am sure by the time of the show, all will be worked out.

Our May meeting as in all years previous will be held one week earlier than normal, that date would be May 19th. Please mark your calendars. I will send out an email reminding everyone.

Until we meet again. Thank you.

*David M Smith*  
*President Piedmont Classic Chevy Club*



**PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB**  
**35th "Made in the USA" Car Show**  
 May 24, 2025

Mojo's Grill  
Garner, NC



**PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB**  
**Made In The USA CAR SHOW**  
**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL May 24, 2025** Rain Date May 31st 2025

**Sponsored by:**

<https://mojosgrill.com/>

Fernando Lugo  
[professionaltouchpaintraleigh.com](http://professionaltouchpaintraleigh.com)

CHEVROLET  
 WAKE FOREST, NC

**SHOW OPEN TO ALL AMERICAN MAKES OR AMERICAN POWERED 1999 and OLDER ONLY**

Spectators Are Free

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 )

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
- MoJo's Grill 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: MoJos Grill 2468 Timber Dr Garner NC 27529

[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,

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

No Pets, No Alcohol, No Loud Music, No Glass Containers, No Burn Outs, No Firearms

LIABILITY STATEMENT The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club, Mojo's, City of Garner, Bismor Property Group and their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, servants and anyone else connected with the presentation of Piedmont Classic Chevy Car Show will not be responsible for any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any Entrant or Participant or spectator to person or property.

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[www.kerrlake-nc.com](http://www.kerrlake-nc.com)  
**October 17 - 18, 2025**  
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HENDERSON, NC

**PISTOL SAFETY ACADEMY**

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*Special Message from Pat Smith*

Thanks to everyone that has turned in Sponsorships, either from a contact and/or their personal donation. We haven't met our goal yet so please reach out to your friends, relatives and businesses you frequent and ask them to be a sponsor. With the number of members we have, only a handful of people (same ones yearly) have stepped up. I will be happy to accept cash or check at any event you see me, and will have sponsorship forms available. If every member donated \$50 we wouldn't have to go outside of the club for much, just sayin'. Sponsorships received after May 9<sup>th</sup> may not appear on the banner. That also stands true for anyone wanting plaque. See the form below and what I have included in attachments in my emails messages.

Pat Smith, Sponsorship Chairperson

2025 Show Sponsorship Form

# Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

Please Print Clearly

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

PCCC Car Show Sponsor Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If a paid by check please Enter Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Make Check out to PCCC.*

Sponsorships of \$100 and up will receive Show Picture Plaque

Does sponsor want a Plaque (circle answer) YES / NO (Not marked will be same as NO.)

Print Club Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

(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 Customer Receipt and give to sponsor

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUB INFO**

***2025-2026 Club Officers***

President - *David Smith*  
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Vice President - *John DeYoung*  
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Secretary - *Ron Fournier*  
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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 \$40***

**SPECIAL DATE on May 19th, prior to our car show at Carolina BBQ located at 733 US-70 Garner, NC 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

*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

*John & Janice Lopinto  
Holly Springs, NC*

*Roger & Laura McKinney  
Cary NC*

*Bert & Raeann Powell  
Garner, NC*

*Steve Ward  
Garner, NC*

*CLUB CRUISES \* OUTINGS \* SOCIAL EVENTS*



*Pik N Pig in Carthage, NC  
Sunday, May 18*

Email Pat Smith at [psmith036@outlook.com](mailto:psmith036@outlook.com)  
as she will need to provide a headcount.  
This event will be dependent on the weather  
and arrival time must be before 11AM



*PCCC Cookout on June 22, 2025 at White Deer Park,  
Sweetgum Pavilion at 100 PM in Garner, NC*

*Member Birthdays in May*

*JoAnn Hopp  
Alan DeCrane  
Tracy Morin  
Doug Parks*

*Jeff Hopp  
Cheryl McCarty  
Johnny Bagwell  
Jimmy Grady*

*Susan Shelton  
Tom Pruett  
Joe Pretoroti  
Kevin MacAllister*

## Who Does What In PCCC—2025

### President

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### Vice President

#### Club Correspondence

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[Club Dues]

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#### Club Sponsorship Sales

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#### Club Apparel

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### Parade Committee

TBD

### New Member Welcome

#### Chairman

Dave Peedin  
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### New Member Packages

Dave Peedin  
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### Club Social Coordinators

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### Carshows and Cruise-In

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### Club Historian

#### PCCC Webmaster

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#### Alan DeCrane

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### Club Email Distribution

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### Good Guys Carshow

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### Club Travel Coordinator

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### Wellness Committee

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*A Special Offer from PCCC Members John and Amy Mann*



We are offering a 25% discount for any car club members that want to stay at our Bed and Breakfast down in Southport, NC

Minimum of two nights (excluding holiday weekends), includes breakfast each day as well as happy hour in the evening one free drink, and a charcuterie board appetizer each day.

See our website at [carriagehouseinnsouthport.com](http://carriagehouseinnsouthport.com)

Contact John Mann @ 919-757-5319

## *What could be causing it?*

***Rough Idle***—Misadjusted carburetor, vacuum leak, worn / misadjusted breaker points, coil polarity wrong or fouled spark plugs.

***Lack of power***—Insufficient ignition advance, secondary butterfly on carburetor not opening, metering rods / power valve not functioning, restricted exhaust, starving for fuel.

***Pinging***—Excessive ignition lead, carbon-laden pistons and combustion chambers, lean mixture, high cylinder-head metal surface temperature / coolant, EGR not functioning, ignition timing scatter from worn distributor bushing.

***Hesitation***—Weak accelerator pump stroke, vacuum advance not functioning, idle mixture screws set wrong, vacuum leak, insufficient amount of base timing.

***Stalling***— Idle speed set too low, massive vacuum leak, idle circuit in carburetor blocked, EGR valve stuck open, choke tension when cold.

***Oil smoke on start up***—Worn valve guides / seals.

***Excessive oil consumption***—Wrong oil viscosity, oil diluted with gas, worn oil ring on piston, excessive cylinder bore wear / glaze, short trips / numerous cold starts.

Carburetor cleanliness is always important.

Always look at the spark plugs for wear and color. A clean center electrode with a blackened perimeter indicates excessive cold starts without enough driving time to clean the plug off.

A handheld pump could be an essential tool to check vacuum devices such as the distributor advance and choke pull-off.

Engine vacuum readings should be steady and increase as the rpm is raised from just off idle to approx. 2500 rpm. A needle that shakes violently is usually the result of a broken spring or a burnt valve.



## First Generation Ford Thunderbird



The **Ford Thunderbird** was manufactured by Ford Motor Company in the United States over eleven model generations from 1955 through 2005.



The Thunderbird began life in February 1953 in direct response to Chevrolet's new sports car, the Corvette, which was publicly unveiled in prototype form just a month before. Under rapid development, the Thunderbird went from idea to prototype in about a year, being unveiled to the public at the Detroit Auto Show on February 20, 1954. Like the Corvette, the Thunderbird had a two-seat coupe/convertible layout. Production of the Thunderbird began later on in 1954 on September 9 with the car beginning sales as a 1955 model on October 22, 1954.

5,000 names for the vehicle were suggested including Beaver, Detroit, Runabout, and Savile. The design objectives included a weight of 2,525 pounds, an Interceptor V-8 engine, a balanced weight distribution, acceleration better than the competition, and a top speed of more than 100 miles per hour. The Thunderbird came with a removable fiberglass top as standard equipment, with a fabric convertible top as a commonly specified option.



The car used existing chassis and suspension design and off-the-shelf Ford mechanical components. It was constructed using a body-on-frame technique using a version of the standard Ford design cut-down to a 102-inch wheelbase identical to the Corvette's. The engine was paired either with a Fordomatic automatic or manual overdrive transmissions, and the car featured four-way powered seats and pushbutton interior door handles. Other unique features were a telescoping steering wheel, a tachometer, power steering, power brakes, power windows, and air conditioning.

The 1956 Thunderbird shared the same body as the 1955 vehicle but there were a few changes that made the 1956 model unique. The most visible change is the location of the spare tire, designed as a "Continental kit", done so to give needed room in the small trunk. This put significantly more weight behind the rear wheels, adversely affecting the handling in sharp turns or swerves. Another addition were the wind wings on the windshield, allowing for better air circulation with the top up and the windows closed, as well as with the top down, where they deflected turbulence. Cowl vents were added on each fender. Also added were a different rear bumper configuration with the simplified exhausts routed out the sides of the rear bumper.



The Thunderbird was revised for 1957 with a reshaped front bumper, a larger grille and tailfins, different style tail lamps. The instrument panel was restyled using the instrument panel from full-sized 1956 Fords – with round gauges in a single pod, and an engine-turned insert dressing up the panel. The rear of the car was lengthened to allow the spare tire to be re-positioned back into the trunk. A 312 CID V-8 was rated at an increased 245 HP via the addition of a more aggressive camshaft and a larger 4-barrel carburetor. Other, more powerful versions of this V-8 were available, including one with two four-barrel Holley carburetors allowing 270 HP, and another with a Paxton VR supercharger rated at 300 HP.

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) Contact PCCC member for details

## Stuff For Sale

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

300 miles since restoration. Chevrolet Polar White; 350 engine rebuilt. Edelbrock Performer Intake with new Holly 600 Carb. Rebuilt Muncie 4-Speed; New Interior from CARS. New power steering and power front brakes. 1 wire alternator. Dual exhaust. Gauges & Tach. Asking **[\$13,000]**  
Contact [Denny Oestreich](mailto:Denny.Oestreich@919.846.8163) @ 919.846.8163

New pair of rear brake wheel cylinders. 15/16" bore fits 73-77 Malibu and many other 70s GM cars (not station wagons)  
**[\$20 for the pair]**

Contact [Pat Gaglione](mailto:Pat.Gaglione@919.280.8350) @ 919-280-8350

**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](mailto:Julian.Gandolfo@954.520.0087) @ 954.520.0087

14x 8 aluminum slot wheels with 3" backsacing. 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@919.557.0526)  
@ Home 919-557-0526  
or Cell 412 445-0969

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

Multiple GM distributors restored and tuned on a Sun Distributor machine. Aluminum and cast iron available, Ranging from \$165 to \$385 for a '62 corvette dual point. Others and HEI available upon request.

Contact [Jeff Stevens](mailto:Jeff.Stevens@L78.bbc@gmail.com) by email at  
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2014-2015 GMC Sierra Intellilink 106 GPS Navigation Module/Radio UPGRADE for complete GPS Navigation. It is a 8 Inch Screen and it replaces the original 8 inch NON-Navigation Module/Radio. It can literally be installed in about 15 minutes. It comes with the required GPS Antenna. Originally, it cost \$900.00. Asking **[\$500]**  
Contact [Rob Anderson](mailto:Rob.Anderson@919.749.1454) @ 919.749.1454

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

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

(4) 14 inch original wheels and tires off of 1951 Chevy. **[\$100]**  
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



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