

The Bowtie Bulletin

*Official Newsletter Of
The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club*

Summer 2025 Edition

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A Special Message From Ron Fournier

Many celebrations of national anniversaries have occurred in the past couple months. On Memorial Day there was a celebration honoring the USA Armed Forces on the National Mall. PBS public television covered it; it was a very traditional and elegant program, and it was noted that this is the 250th anniversary of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. In June, President Trump held a parade commemorating the 250th birthday of the Army. And of course, the Fourth of July was celebrated everywhere with parades, picnics, and fireworks. Next year, being the 250th birthday of our nation, celebrating far more extensive than usual will likely occur.

I remember very little of the bicentennial year of celebrating our nation's birth in 1976. My first-born arrived 3 weeks prior to all the special events on July 4th. We were exhausted from trying to figure out parenting and rereading all the guidebooks to understand why this kid wasn't doing what he was supposed to do! At night I put a lot of seat time in the rocking chair with a stack of John Denver albums on the stereo. This was about all that would calm this guy down and get him through the colic stage. One of the few things I remember about that year is that we got a lot of commemorative bicentennial coins. Still have a bunch of them. I'm looking forward to enjoying the 250th anniversary next year and hope to bank some lasting memories. I thank God for America, and for the blessings we enjoy as Americans. I hope we all continue to drive our USA-made vehicles and have good times with family and friends.

CLUB INFO

2025-2026 Club Officers

President - **David Smith**

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Vice President - **John DeYoung**

fuzzy59@nc.rr.com

Secretary - **Ron Fournier**

rbfournier@hotmail.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 \$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]



Standard Club T-Shirt with paid dues



Standard Name Badge



Pink Ladies V-Neck



Pink Ladies Name Badge

Our Club Donation to Hilltop Home For Children



PCCC delivered our summer contribution to Hilltop Home for Children today! They were very pleased with the \$15,000 donation amount! We will be giving an additional check of a bit less in December for Christmas!! Hoping more members can attend for the December donation!!

Thanks to everyone that made this possible!

Pat Smith

Hilltop Home is a private, nonprofit, Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) with a capacity to support 22 children who have severe to profound developmental disabilities and are medically fragile. We provide a comprehensive habilitative program that includes individualized medical, therapeutic, and developmental/educational services in an intimate, homelike residential setting. The program is designed to assist children with multiple disabilities and medical fragility to reach their fullest potential.

<https://hilltophome.org/>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Wayne Collins
Apex, NC*

*WELCOME BACK !
Andrew & Shari Odins
Wake Forest, NC*

*Richard & Cindy Aliff
Zebulon, NC*

*J.R & Danielle Guzman
Holly Springs, NC*

*Chris & Julie Thomas
Raleigh, NC*



The New Member Photo Directory



Thanks to the efforts of PCCC Members Julian Gandolfo, Karen Callaghan and Jeff Hopp, we now have a new member directory, with photos of members and their cars. A great idea to be able to see who the members are. Julian is also an active member of Fuquay Cruisers Car Club, where they also had a similar member photo directory.

The new directory will be emailed out to PCCC Membership periodically as new members join and new photos are submitted.

Tom Doherty will also continue to send out the Member Directory in Excel Format.

Submit any changes or edits for your info to Julian Gandolfo.

New photos for the directory can be sent to Julian Gandolfo or Jeff Hopp.

Julian's Email — jcg2684@gmail.com

Jeff's Email - jhopp55@att.net

Member Birthdays in July & August

*Janie Sweat
Suzi Wagner
Diane Burgess
Paul Barber
Mike Roth
Barb McGloin
John Martin
Mark Wheeler*

*Rick Mangrum
Sue Newmann
Cheryl Hoffman
Pierre Morin
Mary Farese
Pat Smith
Chrissy Hunter
Bob Grannan*

*Scott Rose
Larry Schadle
Curt Lee
Peggy Barnes
Brian Anzak
Karen Callaghan
Betty Bunn
Lorraine Balachowski*

PCCC Outings—Cruise to The Cherokee Fall Carshow—Oct 16-19



Here is the list of folks that registered for the Spring show in Cherokee that have confirmed their motel reservations with me as of yesterday, July 10th. If your name is here you do not need to call the motel as your reservation was transferred from Spring Booking. If you see your name and I did not reach you, please let me know if you intend on going.

If in fact you need to cancel your reservation please call the motel Monday through Thursday as they are extremely busy Friday through Sunday. You can cancel up to 24 hours of check in, but please try to be a little more considerate if possible.

Please let me know if you have to cancel as someone else might like your room. I believe there are only 2 available rooms in our block.

As of now, the following members are confirmed:

Davie & Pat Smith
Dan & Nan Mangrum
Keith & Debbie Archambault
Ray Bader
Robert Clark
Ted & Carol Keith
Steve & Jane LaRue
Dave Peedin
Robert & Judy Simpson
Dan & Jodi Stalfire
Larry & Janie Sweat
Bob & Suzi Wagner
Ron & Elke Watkins



Call 828-497-2020 for cancellation at above stated times.

I am filling in for Dave Peedin at this time as his plate is full taking care of our sweet friend Chris, Keep her and family in your prayers!

Thanks, Pat Smith

Stay Tuned for travel details

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

Contact John Mann @ 919-757-5319

All About Car Batteries

Early Car's electrical systems were limited and did not have batteries, they were started with a crank, the lights were gas-powered, the horn was a bell, and indicators were by hand.

1859 – The lead-acid battery was invented by French physicist Gaston Planté and is the oldest type of rechargeable battery.

1918 – The Hudson Motor Car Company was the first to use a standardized battery.

1920 – Batteries became widely used when the starter motor was invented.

1950 – The first starting and charging systems were of 6-volt design and had 6 V batteries until the mid-1950s.

1972 – The sealed battery invented (no more topping up with distilled water required).

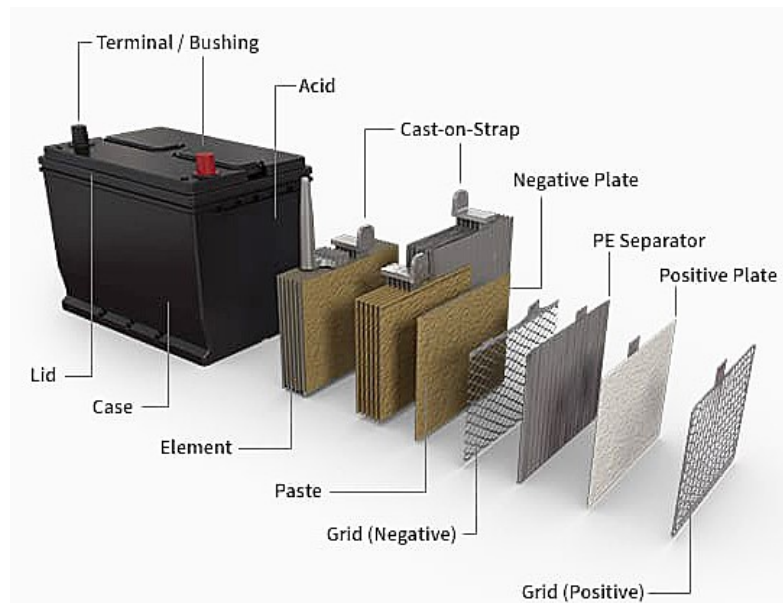
1990 – A 42V electrical system standard was proposed.

Each cell of a lead-acid battery consists of alternate plates of lead (*cathode*) and lead coated with lead dioxide (*anode*) immersed in an *electrolyte* of a sulfuric acid solution. This causes a chemical reaction that releases electrons, allowing them to flow through conductors to produce electricity.

Batteries are made up of six galvanic cells in a series circuit. Each cell provides 2.1 volts for a total of 12.6 volts at full charge. A car battery is made of a thick plastic case, lead-based positive and negative internal plates, plate separators, lead terminals and electrolytes.

As the battery discharges, the acid of the electrolyte reacts with the materials of the plates, changing lead dioxide to lead sulfate. When the battery is recharged, the chemical reaction is reversed: the lead sulfate reforms into lead dioxide. With the plates restored to their original condition, the process may be repeated.

Starting discharges only 3-5 % of the battery's capacity.



Some Interesting Trivia, Submitted By Bob Wagner

What "A" term refers to the rate at which velocity changes over time, and the direction in which that change is acting? In terms of cars, it is used to refer to the act of increasing speed.

Answer: Acceleration

In 1968, Elliot Handler came up with what brand of toy cars as a competition to Matchbox? They are a two-word brand that starts with "H", modeled as highly modified and fantastical, as opposed to realistic car toys.

Answer: Hot Wheels

In May 2003, the fastest known speeding ticket in U.S. history was handed out, with a Swedish sports car allegedly going 242 MPH in a 75 MPH zone. Fittingly, in what state did this occur? I suppose everything's bigger, and everything's faster there.

Answer: Texas

In the U.S., the metal part of a car that covers the engine is called a hood; in the UK, this part goes by the name of what piece of headgear?

Answer: Bonnet

What action film starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox saw a striped, yellow 2007 Chevrolet Camaro turn into a heroic fighting machine?

Answer: Transformers

In 1992, what car manufacturer released its Ultralite, low-emission model that was rated at 88 miles per gallon, but had performed at up to 100 miles per gallon?

Answer: General Motors

Often made of vinyl, what lingerie-related name is given to the black cover that is often used to protect the hood and front bumper of a car or other vehicle?

Answer: Bra

What is the name of the black sports car, equipped with a talking artificial intelligence, driven by David Hasselhoff's character on the TV series "Knight Rider?"

Answer: Kitt

The LaSabre, Enclave, and Reatta vehicle models were produced under which GM luxury brand?

Answer: Buick

The 1967 Indy 500 was paced by a convertible version of which sporty Chevy car that had only just hit the road the year before?

Answer: Camaro

The four strokes of a gasoline engine are intake, compression, combustion, and what "E" stroke also known as "outlet?"

Answer: Exhaust

The Sierra, Acadia, Yukon, and Savana are all brands under which division of General Motors?

Answer: GMC

In 1966, what car builder (played by Matt Damon in the film "Ford v. Ferrari") was tasked with redesigning Ford's Mustang GT40 in order for Ford to beat Ferrari at Le Mans that year?

Answer: Carroll Shelby

Contact Jeff Hopp to submit an items for sale
(NO PHOTOS) or change or delete existing ads at
jhopp55@att.net Contact PCCC member for details

Stuff For Sale

Classic 55-57 Chevrolet Used Parts

1957 a set of 4door hardtop doors stripped and metal
patched \$100

55-57 2Door Hardtop glass w/frames all 4 pieces \$50

55-57 2 Door hardtop windshield \$50

56-57 4 Door Hardtop rear window \$25

55-57 Many pieces of stainless trim \$10-\$30/piece

Ask about other 55-57 parts

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]**

Dynacorn battery tray for 68-72 Chevelle, also
fits Monte Carlo. **[FREE]**

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

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@919.557.0526)

@ Home 919-557-0526

or Cell 412 445-0969

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

Complete 1957 Chevrolet rear end housing third
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open, not Posi traction. Casting #3276899 was used
in '57 to '64 passenger cars without posi traction.

[\$550] delivered, **[\$500]** you pick up.

[4] Cragar uni lug wheels for sale, 2 are 15 X 6, and
2 are 15 X 8. with all lug nuts. **[\$500.00 for all]**

Contact [Dan Glover](mailto:Dan.Glover@919.656.0053) @ 919-656-0053

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

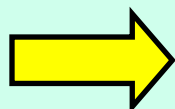
Multiple GM distributors restored and tuned
on a Sun Distributor machine. Aluminum and
cast iron available, Ranging from \$165 to
\$385 for a '62 corvette dual point. Others
and HEI available upon request.

Contact [Jeff Stevens](mailto:Jeff.Stevens@L78.bbc@gmail.com) by email at

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YOUR AD HERE

Daily, Weekly and Monthly Rates Available



Big Block Long Tube Headers [**\$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

2014-2015 GMC Sierra INTELLILINK IO6 Navigation Radio UPGRADE.

This is a stand alone Computer Module that is exactly like the one that comes installed with the GMC Sierra's that have no navigation software or GPS Antenna Installed from the factory. It's a plug & play installation. It interfaces with the existing 8 inch Screen installed in your truck. Your Computer Screen will have all the same Apps! The difference is once this is installed your Navigation App will actually work. It literally can be installed in about 15 minutes with little mechanical ability. Originally \$900.00. I'm selling it for [**\$450.00**]

Contact [Rob Andersen](#) @ 919.749.1454

Original 1956 A arms and center shaft with all new bushings that have been professionally sandblasted and painted silver. [**\$125**] for the set.

Over 50 items for 1970 Roadrunner, interior parts, bucket seats, dash and numerous other items.

1969 Camaro interior parts, new interior door panels, recovered bucket seats in gray suede.

Contact [Rick Mangrum](#) @ 919.255.8663 for details and prices.

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**]
Contact [Jeff Hopp](#) @ 919-665-9318

350 turbo Hydramatic transmission great condition [**\$300**]; Set of Chevy Vortex SB heads, new valve job, w/ Howard springs [**\$250**]

Contact [Tim Howard](#) @ 919.880.6673

Did Someone Say FOOD???

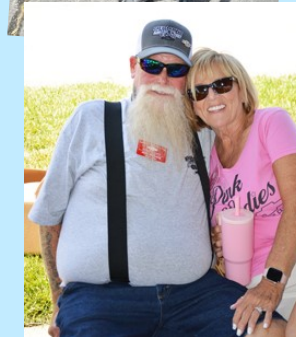


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Out & About PCCC Photography



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