

The Bowtie Bulletin
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The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

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A Special Message From Tom Doherty

For the most part, our association with PCCC is based on fun, leisure and the rewarding sense of responsibility to keep America's automotive history alive in the public consciousness. Sure, there are business meetings to attend, bills to pay, and hard work to do for the club or toward our charitable causes - but that's all part of the commitment we've made as members.

Somewhere embedded within the fun, work, and commitments, though, are the bonds we form with other members. It's human nature. We travel together, meet up together, work together – and Lord knows – eat together! So this thing, this group, this club, has become a sort of a family to many of us. While that's a wonderful thing, it hurts that much more when we lose one of our own. We do our best to mourn, then honor, then celebrate their lives – while missing them the whole time. It's been a sad few days as we find ourselves mourning the loss of our beloved Chris Peedin, a long-time member, former Vice President, and immensely popular figure in the center of everything at endless PCCC gatherings. To know Chris was to love her, and to stand near her was to know what she thought.

I had the pleasure of serving on the PCCC Board with Chris some years ago, and it was clear that everything she said, did or wanted was for the benefit of the club and its members. Despite those noble intentions, I'll always remember her as the snarky wisegal that once "sold" my 1971 Corvette for \$3,000 at an indoor car show when I left it unattended. After the initial shock, confusion and fury of seeing a sold sign on the windshield upon my return, I slowly picked up on the whispers and distant snickering and figured out who was to blame. Funny thing is, I remember feeling flattered that I was chosen as the target of the practical joke by Chris and her posse of Pink Lady mischief-makers. Turns out a little short-term embarrassment was well worth the long-term laughs, acceptance and friendship.

And now you know why I still have a ridiculous homemade SOLD sign hanging in my garage all these years later. Hope to see you all on Sept. 7.

Tom Doherty, PCCC Treasurer

Long Time Member, Former Vice President, Pink Lady, Our Friend
Chris Peedin



A huge part of us (PCCC) is missing. As I write this I am truly saddened by the passing of one special lady.

Chris Peedin was more than special to many of us, if you never really sat and talked with Chris you had truly missed out on a great conversation. Chris was always there for anyone. She was my VP for 4 years and I really enjoyed our conversations before the meeting started.

Jeff Hopp once said at a show that he had more pictures of Chris and I than he did of Pat and I. Well that started the club kiddingly referring to her as my Club Wife.

Chris Brock Peedin was an angel on Earth and God now has a beautiful angel in Heaven. Chris was one of the strongest woman I ever met, Surviving multiple heart attacks and numerous surgeries and coming back strong every time. She fought this cancer as she did with all the strength she had but in the end God must have needed the right angel because he took the best one.

I will miss the times with her at shows meetings, etc. I will especially miss her smile and hugs. RIP Chris, your pain is over and your eternal life in Heaven has begun. We will always have memories of all the great times.

Our condolences to David, Brandon, Brittani and the entire families of the Brock's and the Peedin's.

David Smith, President Piedmont Classic Chevy Club



CLUB INFO

2025-2026 Club Officers

President - **David Smith**
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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

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

Hey Everyone, with school starting just around the corner the kids at Hilltop Home need supplies too.

They have setup a wish list through Amazon for things that are needed. Please take a minute to check it out. Go to **hilltophome.org**, click on **DONATIONS** and scroll down to **Amazon Wish List**. There are many items that are inexpensive and are much needed.

Most items are less than a car part. Thanks for taking a minute to check this out!

Pat Smith

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

The Vandora Masonic Lodge #745 held its annual show at the First Presbyterian Church in Garner. Of the 21 registered entrants 6 were PCCC members. 4 PCCC members won 4 of the 6 door prizes. Member. Mike Preiskorn won a trophy for best paint (56 Nomad). Hollywood showed up for a short visit.
Ron Fournier

Member Birthdays in September

Nancy Kitchener

Jim Ashley

Don Torockio

Ralph DeMichele

Linda DeMichele

Bob Simpson

Phil Farese

Dan Mangrum

Nan Mangrum

Bobby Robbins

Paul Strohmeier

Susan Kavalak

Debbie Pruett

PCCC Outings

Cruise to The Cherokee Fall Carshow—Oct 16-19

I spoke with Kristy at Great Smokie's Inn and she informed me we have 3 available rooms in our block.

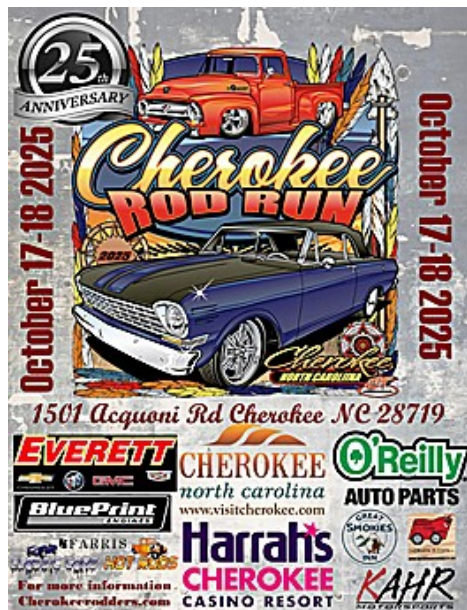
The rooms are \$89 plus tax for Thursday and \$119 plus tax for Friday and Saturday. There's a 48 hour cancellation option with no penalty.

If you think you would like to go you can call direct 828-497-2020 and tell them you are with the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club. She would like to have these rooms filled ASAP or released back to her so they can accept other reservations. Right now we have 14 rooms filled.

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

Thanks, Pat Smith

Stay Tuned for future details



We are planning on breakfast at Angie's in Garner.
The date we have in mind is September 13th at 9:30. I will need to know who would like to join us so I can give Angie a head count.

Thanks from your Social Committee.

Pat Smith, Cathy DeYoung and Debbie Archambault

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
or call at (910) 834-3224

Contact John Mann @ 919-757-5319

Some History of the Ford Falcon



The Ford Falcon was introduced by Henry Ford II on September 2, 1959, and the car was produced from 1960 to 1970. The car was initially conceived as a compact, fuel-efficient car designed to compete with other small cars, such as the Chevrolet Corvair, and the Chrysler Valiant. The Falcon was also offered as a suitable alternative to the Volkswagen Beetle. Station wagons were introduced in January 1960.



The initial Falcon models were basic and focused on economy, with a 144ci inline six-cylinder engine producing 90 horsepower. The Falcon saw the introduction of more powerful engine options over time, including a 170ci inline six, a 260ci V8, and eventually a 289ci and 302ci V8.

The Falcon-based Ranchero pickup truck, introduced in 1957, became a popular model and was eventually separated from the Falcon line. It continued to be a highly successful part of the Falcon line until 1966, when Ford began to market it separately from the rest of the Falcons. In 1967, the Ranchero rejoined the Ford Fairlane model format.

In 1961, the Econoline and Sedan Delivery models were added to the Falcon line. The Futura 2-Door Sedan was offered for the first time. Ford was stunned by the new sporty Corvair and introduced the Futura as a mid-year model as a "Monza" fighter.

The Sports Futura Sedan was introduced in February 1962. The Sports Futura had bucket seats with a center console and a Thunderbird style roof that was also used on the 63 Falcons. Factory air conditioning was offered for the first time on Falcons in 1962. Dealer installed AC units used for the first two years were still available. The special Squire trim was offered for the first time on the four door wagons. This new version of the wagon with its wood-like trim. A four speed manual transmission was offered in the new Sports Futura.



In 1963 a convertible model was introduced. The Falcons received a facelift in 1964. The "new" Falcons reflected the total performance image with their new styling. A more aggressive pony car style was used on the 64 Falcon models. There were no styling changes in 1965.

In 1966 there were 10 new Falcon models to choose from. Heading the list was a new Futura Sports Coupe. 1967, the Falcon used the same body introduced in 1966, with only a few minor changes.



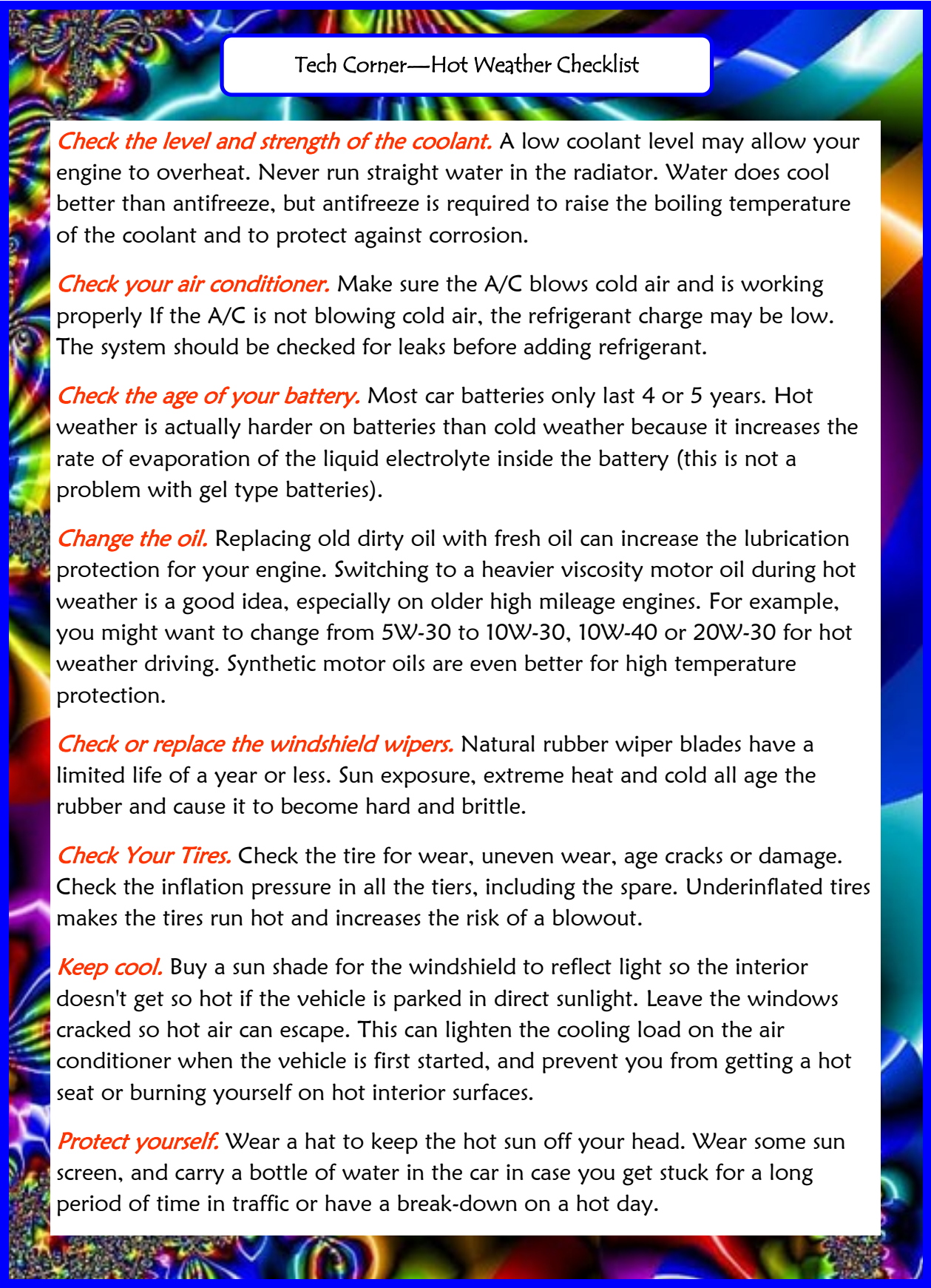
The 1968 Falcons used the same basic body style that was used for the two previous years. There were only minor changes to the trim.

The 1969 models continued to utilize the same basic body style that was used for the past three years (1966-1968). The 302 V-8 motor was now offered as an optional engine.

1970 marked the final year of production for the Ford Falcon in the United States. The demise of the Falcon was mainly due to the introduction of the Ford Maverick in 1969, and the Ford Pinto in 1971. With the introduction of these new models, Ford decided there was no longer a need for the Falcon.

The Ford Mustang which was introduced in 1964, was heavily influenced by the Falcon's design and performance potential.

The last US-produced Falcon was in 1970, while the Australian Falcon continued production until 2016.



Tech Corner—Hot Weather Checklist

Check the level and strength of the coolant. A low coolant level may allow your engine to overheat. Never run straight water in the radiator. Water does cool better than antifreeze, but antifreeze is required to raise the boiling temperature of the coolant and to protect against corrosion.

Check your air conditioner. Make sure the A/C blows cold air and is working properly. If the A/C is not blowing cold air, the refrigerant charge may be low. The system should be checked for leaks before adding refrigerant.

Check the age of your battery. Most car batteries only last 4 or 5 years. Hot weather is actually harder on batteries than cold weather because it increases the rate of evaporation of the liquid electrolyte inside the battery (this is not a problem with gel type batteries).

Change the oil. Replacing old dirty oil with fresh oil can increase the lubrication protection for your engine. Switching to a heavier viscosity motor oil during hot weather is a good idea, especially on older high mileage engines. For example, you might want to change from 5W-30 to 10W-30, 10W-40 or 20W-30 for hot weather driving. Synthetic motor oils are even better for high temperature protection.

Check or replace the windshield wipers. Natural rubber wiper blades have a limited life of a year or less. Sun exposure, extreme heat and cold all age the rubber and cause it to become hard and brittle.

Check Your Tires. Check the tire for wear, uneven wear, age cracks or damage. Check the inflation pressure in all the tires, including the spare. Underinflated tires makes the tires run hot and increases the risk of a blowout.

Keep cool. Buy a sun shade for the windshield to reflect light so the interior doesn't get so hot if the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight. Leave the windows cracked so hot air can escape. This can lighten the cooling load on the air conditioner when the vehicle is first started, and prevent you from getting a hot seat or burning yourself on hot interior surfaces.

Protect yourself. Wear a hat to keep the hot sun off your head. Wear some sun screen, and carry a bottle of water in the car in case you get stuck for a long period of time in traffic or have a break-down on a hot day.

Contact Jeff Hopp to submit 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)
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or Cell 412 445-0969

2014-2015 GMC Sierra INTELLILINK IO6
Navigation Radio UPGRADE.
Originally \$900.00. [**\$450.00**]
Contact [Rob Andersen](mailto:Rob.Andersen@919.749.1454) @ 919.749.1454

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**]
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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.

[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
L78.bbc@gmail.com

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Accel "day 2" big block chevy yellow super stock
universal spark plug wires. [\$40 new in box]

Edelbrock pro flow "fly eye" air filter assembly
[\$25 new in box]

Spectre "Super Stock Day 2 " dual snorkel air cleaner
assembly. Comes with piping that mounts to front of grille.
[\$100 new in box]

1968-1972 SS Chevelle tail pipes custom mandrel bent with
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Contact [Eric Balachowski](mailto:Eric.Balachowski@919.637.6924) @ 919.637.6924

Big Block Long Tube Headers
[\$75]

Contact [Ray Bader](mailto:Ray.Bader@919.418.0977) @
919.418.0977

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

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.
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](mailto:Rick.Mangrum@919.255.8663) @ 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](mailto:Jeff.Hopp@919.665.9318) @ 919-665-9318