

The Bowtie Bulletin
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The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club

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Bill Mitchell's 1969 Z-28 Camaro



A Special Message From John DeYoung

Fall has arrived. I know that with the cooler weather we are all enjoying our classic cars. I particularly enjoy this weather as working on my cars is a lot more enjoyable since I have no air conditioning in my shop.

I want to thank you all for the well wishes and encouraging words while I have been recovering from my shoulder replacement.

I am looking forward to the club being part of the Raleigh Christmas Parade again. I know that we all need to have our cars inspected to participate. In past years, this parade has brought such joy to the community and awareness of our club .

There are many Holiday parades and festivals I hope that as a club we are able to attend as many of these celebrations. I wish you all a Happy Holiday. Hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

John DeYoung

2025-2026 Club Officers

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dmsmith57@outlook.com
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fuzzy59@nc.rr.com
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rbfournier@hotmail.com
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tdoherty@mpcllp.com



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 [\$18]

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]

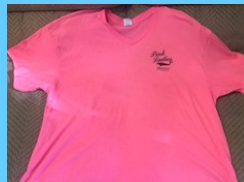
Magnetic Engraved Name Badges [\$12]



Standard Club T-Shirt with paid dues



Standard Name Badge



Pink Ladies V-Neck



Pink Ladies Name Badge

Hey Everyone, Much needed essentials are needed at Hilltop Home. 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

PCCC Member Photo Directory

The new photo 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.

Julian's Email — jcg2684@gmail.com

Member Birthdays in November

Max Cooper
Roger Marcotte
Katie Gaglione
Joe Burgess
Tony Sica
Kate Doherty

Carol Clifford
Maureen Bryngelson
Stan Williams
Cindy Aliff
Thomas Stacy



PCCC Outings, Cruises, Events

Our club Christmas Party is scheduled for **Sunday December 7, 2025 at 430PM**. Location is Carolina Barbecue, located at 733 US-70 Garner 27529.

We will be doing a gift exchange again. Anyone wanting to participate should bring a gift for a man, if you're a man, and for a woman if you're a woman. Gifts should be equal to \$15 minimum.

Debbie Archambault has made some adorable center piece, which she will again do a drawing at the end of the evening.

Send an email to Pat Smith at psmith036@outlook.com if you plan to attend so we can give Carolina Barbecue a headcount.

Always a fun time to get together.

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



1955 CHEVROLET HISTORY

For 1955, Chevrolet's full-size model received new styling that earned it the "Hot One" designation by enthusiasts. Unlike Ford and Plymouth, Chevrolet's styling was considered crisp and clean. Bel Airs came with features found on cars in the lower models ranges plus interior carpet, chrome headliner bands on hardtops, chrome spears on front fenders, stainless steel window moldings, and full wheel covers. Models were further distinguished by the Bel Air name script in gold lettering.



For 1955 Chevrolets gained a V8 engine option. The new 265 cu in (4,340 cc) V8 featured a modern, overhead valve high compression, long stroke design that was so good that it remained in production in various forms, for many decades.

The base V8 had a two-barrel carburetor and was rated at 162 hp (121 kW), and the "Power Pack" option featured a four-barrel carburetor and other upgrades yielding 180 bhp (130 kW). Later in the year, a "Super Power Pack" option added high-compression and a further 15 bhp (11 kW). "Idiot" lights replaced gauges for the generator and oil pressure.

Motor Trend magazine gave the Bel Air top marks for handling. Front legroom was 43.1". Brakes were 11" drums. Chevrolet boasted improved handling, which included longer, wider leaf springs riding outside the frame rails, diagonally mounted shocks and improved "Glide Ride" front suspension with coil springs, unequal length A-Arms and new "spherical ball joint geometry. Tubeless tires were standard.

The 1955 accessory book listed, wheel covers, wheel trim rings, backup lamps, locking gas cap, compass, cigarette lighter, nylon/plastic/fiber seat covers, outside rearview mirror, traffic light viewer, exterior shades for windshield and side windows, and electric shaver.



Chevrolet's costliest was the Nomad at \$2571. It was introduced as a last minute addition to the '55 passenger car line. The stiff price, water leak problems with the tailgate and lack of practicality, limited the production of just 8,386 Nomads. In 1954, a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air rolled down the Flint, Michigan assembly line as General Motors 50 Millionth car.

There were 16 Body Styles for the 1955 Chevrolet:

Bel Air Convertible
Bel Air 2 Door Sedan
Bel Air 4 Door Sedan
Bel Air Sport Coupe
Bel Air Beauville Wagon

210 Hardtop Coupe
210 Four Door Sedan
210 Two Door Sedan
Daisy 210 Club Coupe
210 Townsman Wagon
Bel Air Nomad

210 Handyman Wagon
150 Four Door Sedan
150 Two Door Sedan
150 Utility Sedan
150 Handyman Wagon

Tech Corner, Trunk Seal Installation By, David Smith

A worn-out trunk seal let's water into the gutter area around the seal and can rust out the groove around your trunk. Or even worse, let water into the trunk floor itself. The solution is easy: replace your old seal with a quality, easy to install trunk weather-strip. Time spent carefully following these instructions will help you achieve the "like new" results you're after.

General Hints 1. Take your time! Hurrying, especially when working with adhesives, can cause you to damage your seals. Regarding adhesives, I recommend 3M Black Super Weather-strip Adhesive. The black color is much more concealing. (ever see cars at cruise-ins with yellow around the seals? *Yuk*)
2. Check the seal you purchased and confirm that the seal you are about to install is for your year, make, and model car.
3. Confirm that the seal will fit into the groove around your trunk edge.
4. Make note of how your old seal is installed, and the direction the edge is facing. This step is very, very important to get a good seal.

Preparation Remove the old strip, in one piece if possible. Pull the rubber away from the channel, using a release agent to remove old glue if necessary. Clean and scrape the channel with a small wire brush, using masking tape to avoid scratching any surfaces.

Cleaning Clean the entire channel surface in the trunk edge. Remaining seal pieces or other debris can make the seal "stick out" further than it should, possibly causing the trunk lid to close harder than normal.

Direction Is Important Proper trunk seal function depends on correct installation. Do not use your old flattened strip as a guide. Before beginning, read the instructions entirely. The new seal does not need to match the old seal's profile exactly. But, it is VERY important that the upper seal edge faces the right direction! The upper seal lip should always face toward the OUTSIDE of the trunk. If the seal is installed backwards, it will fit the channel, but will not seal. Thus defeating the whole project.

Adhesive Bead Check your trunk lid alignment and then run a bead of adhesive inside the groove as you install the strip.

Install Weather-strip Start at the center above the lock cylinder and begin to insert your new weather-strip. Run a bead of adhesive inside the groove about 8 inches ahead of the seal as you work your way around the opening. Make sure both inside and outside edges of the seal are tight and sealed.

Finish Installing Once you work your way around the trunk, you will have an overlapping end. Carefully cut the ends squarely to match together, allowing a 1/4 inch to overlap. At this seam, apply adhesive to the trunk channel and a small amount to the ends of the strip. Hold the ends together for a moment and then insert. Close your trunk and open it, making sure no glue oozes out and shows. I always hold the key in the open position while closing the trunk so that it does not fully lock shut, remember you are just testing fit not seal at this point.

Wipe up any excess glue immediately.

Finally Let the adhesive fully dry before shutting your trunk lid. If you accidentally tear the weather-strip while installing it, Super Glue can be used to repair the tear.

Afterwards The trunk weather-strip will gradually form itself to the trunk lid. This usually takes about 1 week. Your trunk may close harder than usual until this forming is completed.

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

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" 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

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

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

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

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

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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 correct OE chrome tips. [\$150 gently used.]

Contact [Eric Balachowski](mailto:Eric.Balachowski@919.637.6924) @ 919.637.6924

4 early ('68 or before) plain marked "Mustang" full 15-inch wheel covers.

[\$5 each or another fair offer]

Contact [Stan Williams](mailto:Stan.Williams@919.675.9489) @ 919.675.9489

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



All Weather HTX2 tires (only), 245/75R17 off 2025 Jeep. Only 134 miles on 4 of the 5 tires. [\$750] for all 5.

Wheel Locks (5) and key for a 2021-2025 Jeep. [\$30]

Contact [Julian Gandolfo](mailto:Julian.Gandolfo@954.520.0087) @ 954.520.0087

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

Big Block Long Tube Headers [\$75]

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

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