

THE BOWTIE BULLETIN
The Official Newsletter Of the
PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB
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Gary & Ann Byerly's Dodge Charger

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As I write this, we're in the final stretch of the holiday season. All the shopping has been done, the gifts have been exchanged, company has departed (which may be a good thing!), menorahs are extinguished, Christmas trees are withered, and it'll probably be another 11 months before the sweet sounds of Burl Ives and Bing Crosby fill my house again. Like many of us, I'll miss a lot of things about the holidays – especially the way they slow us down just enough to take time out for reflection, fellowship and tradition. We all cherish memories of the past, gather 'round with loved ones, and do many of the things we've always done in these last several weeks of the year. If it weren't for the holidays, when *would* we make time for those things?

If you think about it, though, car people get our own unique time extension to enjoy some of the best things about the holidays. Sure, we may have traded the twinkling lights for the pop of polished chrome or glistening paint, replaced the classics of Gene Autry and Andy Williams with the sound of American horsepower, and swapped the scents of fresh pine and homemade cookies for whiffs of gasoline and exhaust...but the underlying sentiment is the same. As members of PCCC, we have endless opportunities for reflection, fellowship and tradition all year long. Let's all be mindful – and thankful – that that's not something that fades away just because the calendar flips to January.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2026, everyone!
Tom Doherty, PCCC Treasurer

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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 **Ann Byerly** @ **919.302.0165** or for
complete ordering details and prices send her
an email at **nanably5@yahoo.com**

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

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Photos by, Jeff Hopp

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 at jcg2684@gmail.com

If you would like a photo taken of you and your car for the photo directory, send a message to Jeff Hopp at jhopp55@att.net

Member Birthdays in January

President Smith	Jane LaRue
Davidson	Bill Clement
Larry Sweat	Scott Johnson
Jeff Grabowski	Ralph Recchie
Terry MacAllister	Anne Thacher
Don Watts	Donald Rose
Maria Preteroti	Tim Oeltjenbruns
Jane Overman	



Photos By Dave Smith, Gary Byerly & Dominick Caswell

A Special Offer from PCCC Members John and Amy Mann



THE CARRIAGE HOUSE INN
SOUTHPORT, NC

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

Tech Corner—Spark Plugs

A little History

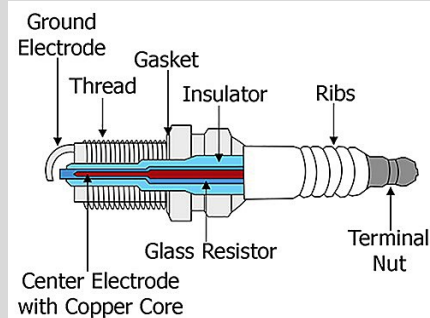
Before the spark plug came into use, manufacturers relied on other sources, such as car batteries, to generate ignition. However, tapping car batteries seriously depleted power and in some cases caused fires. Spark plug history traces from early, unpatented ideas by **Edmond Berger** (1839) to the first commercially viable system by **Etienne Lenoir** in the 1860s. The first modern, patented spark plug was developed by **Robert Bosch** 1902.

Spark Plug Function

Spark plugs ignite the air-fuel mixture in your car's engine cylinders by creating a precisely timed electrical spark, causing a controlled explosion that drives the pistons, generates power and is crucial for starting the engine, acceleration, and overall smooth operation, converting fuel energy into the motion.

Spark Plug Components

Metal shell for installation, a **ceramic insulator** protecting the **center electrode** (delivering high voltage) from the grounded **shell**, with a small **gap** to the **ground electrode** where the spark jumps to ignite the air-fuel mix, sealed by a **gasket**.



Spark Plug Maintenance

Cool Down & Prep: Let the engine cool, disconnect the battery, and clean around the plug to prevent debris from falling in.

Remove: Use a spark plug socket to carefully remove one plug at a time.

Inspect: Look for dark carbon (carbon fouling), oil, or burned/rounded electrodes; replace if damaged.

Clean (If needed): Gently use sandpaper or a wire brush on threads; use carb cleaner for stubborn deposits.

Gap: Use a feeler gauge to set the gap to manufacturer spec (check your manual).

Reinstall: Screw in by hand, then gently tighten with a wrench (don't overtighten).

Best to replace if necessary



Classic Trivia—The Tucker 48

This “Car of Tomorrow” was the vision of Preston Thomas Tucker (1903-1956) of Ypsilanti, Michigan. 51 Tucker’s were built, of which 47 survive now (and many are on display to the public)

The fastback sedan was styled by Alex S. Tremulis. The car was put together by chief mechanic John Eddie Offutt, who had worked with Tucker and Harry Miller at Indy. Offutt’s cars won twice at Indy.

The car is called the Tucker ’48 (for its model year). It was only called the “Tucker Torpedo” as it was being designed and promoted. Therefore, no Tucker Torpedo’s were ever built. The “Talisman” was a planned sportier version of the Tucker ’48.

The Tucker ’48 was designed in Michigan and built in Chicago in a vast factory that is now the site of the “Ford City Mall” on Cicero Avenue.

The Tucker ’48 pioneered automotive features and ideas that became standard later. Some innovations that were abandoned were Magnesium wheels, disc brakes, fuel injection, self-sealing tubeless tires, and a direct-drive torque converter transmission were all evaluated or tested, but were dropped on the final prototype due to cost, engineering complexity, and lack of time to develop.

The Tucker 48's famous center headlight, nicknamed the "Cyclops Eye," was a revolutionary safety feature that swiveled with the front wheels to illuminate curves as the car turned. It remained off when driving straight but would switch on and turn with the wheel when the driver turned it more than 10 degrees.

Engine is H-6 (horizontally opposed), OHV, 335 ci (4.50 x 3.50 in. bore x stroke), 7.0:1. compression ratio, 166 bhp, 372 lbs/ft torque. 6-volt positive ground electrical system.

4-wheel independent Torsilastic suspension.

4-speed manual, electronic pre-select transmission.

Pop-out safety glass windshield. Padded dash and doors. The upper doors are cut into the roof line.

Dimensions: 128" wheelbase, 219" overall length, 60" height, 79" width, 4200 pounds.

Performance: 0-60 in 10 seconds, est. top speed 120 mph.

Original (projected) Price: \$2450. Current value: from about \$1,000,000 on up (Tucker #1043 sold at a Barrett Jackson auction for \$2,915,000).

Preston Tucker also worked with the legendary Harry Miller on Indianapolis 500 race cars during the 1930s.

The “Tucker Turret,” Tucker’s turret gun, was evaluated by the U.S. Army. Tucker’s prototype combat car, an armored personnel carrier, was rejected because it went too fast.

The “Carioca” was a sports car planned to be built in Brazil. Preston Tucker was working on the Carioca project when he died.



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

Front wheel disc brake set-up, rotors,
calipers, power booster, double master
cylinder. Parts came off my 1971 Olds

Cutlass [**FREE**]

Contact [Ted Korab](mailto:Ted.Korab@919.616.0427) @ 919.616.0427

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.

Parts 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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Out & About PCCC Photography



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