

THE BOWTIE BULLETIN
The Official Newsletter Of the
PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

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*Ron & Eileen Fournier's
1965 Corvair 500*

A Special Message from Tom Doherty

At one point or another, we've all heard that old saying: "if you're doing something you love, you'll never work a day in your life." While I certainly don't want to ignite a debate over THAT – we've all dragged ourselves out of bed on days we'd rather sleep in, gone places we'd rather have skipped, and sacrificed time with loved ones in the name of commerce and prosperity – there just might be a shred of truth in there somewhere.

This time of year is unquestionably the silly season of the classic car calendar, with multiple shows everywhere, every weekend (I count TWELVE on our calendar for Saturday!). In the midst of all these meet ups, cruise-ins and shows, though, there are two weekends where the PCCC world pivots just a bit and the membership is called into service.

Twice each season, we're asked to roll up our sleeves and pitch in for the greater good of the classic car world – once at Good Guys in April, and again at our own show in May. In both cases, I'd say we turn out admirably and do great work year after year. Those shows just couldn't happen the way they do without the manpower, experience, and organization we bring to the table.

Whether you've been at those shows before daylight, during the sunshine of the day, or cleaning up at the conclusion, you know it can be hard work. But it's also fun. I mean really fun. We get to know and interact with other PCCC members in ways we typically don't, make snap decisions in a million different situations, and take some credit for the success of the show. And out of that usually comes a litany of fun memories and ridiculous stories that can entertain for years.

I had a blast working that early morning shift on Day 1 of Good Guys, and hope you've enjoyed any chance you've had to work with other club members. Let's keep the party going at our own show on May 23 - hope to see you all out there!

See you soon, Tom Doherty, PCCC Treasurer

CLUB INFO

2026 Club Officers

President - *David Smith*
dmsmith57@outlook.com

Vice President - *John DeYoung*
fuzzy59@nc.rr.com

Secretary - *Ron Fournier*
rbfournier@hotmail.com

Treasurer - *Tom Doherty*
tdoherty@mpcllp.com

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 *Ann Byerly* @ **919.302.0165** or for complete ordering details and prices send her an email at pcccapparel@gmail.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

It's Showtime !!

PIEDMONT CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

Made In The USA CAR SHOW Rain Date
36th ANNUAL May 23, 2026 May 30th 2026



<https://mojosgrill.com/>

Sponsored by:



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 200 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
Club President's Pick of Show
MoJo's Grill Pick of the Show
Capital Chevrolet 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](https://www.facebook.com/piedmontccc) 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, Brixmor 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.

EAST COAST drag times
HALF WAY TO REUNION
Vance County Tourism
252-438-2222
vctourism@vancecounty.org
www.kerrlake-nc.com
October 16 -17, 2026
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HENDERSON, NC

PISTOL SAFETY ACADEMY

WWW.EASTWAKEONCEALCARRY.COM WENDELL, NC

2026 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 _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerry & Kelli Dancy
Raleigh, NC

Robert & Renee Souza
Raleigh, NC

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

A SPECIAL OFFER FROM JOHN & 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

The PCCC 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

Member Birthdays in May

JoAnn Hopp
Johnny Bagwell
Jimmy Grady
Susan Shelton
Jeff Hopp
Tom Pruett

Joe Pretoroti
Cheryl McCarty
Alan Decrane
Shari Odins
Kevin MacAllister

CLUB CRUISES * OUTINGS * SOCIAL EVENTS

Hiawassee Rod Run is back in Hiawassee, Ga, scheduled for June 18, 19 & 20, 2026. I have checked with the Lake Chetuge Lodge to get our special rates for those dates.

Most rooms are : one King or two Queen beds

The rates: Thursday 06/18 \$95 + tax

For lake view \$105 + tax

Friday and Saturday 06/19 & 20 \$165 + tax For lake view \$185 + tax

Check out on Sunday 06/21

Night stay for standard rooms \$425 + tax

3 night stay for lake view rooms \$475 + tax



For the above rates, we must block or guarantee a minimum of 10 rooms.

As with about everything else today, these rates have increased a good bit. So I really need a good handle on how many is interested so I can get the rooms locked in while they are available. I need your feedback as soon as possible for those who are interested in this trip.

Hiawassee is a beautiful place and those of us who have been before have many fond memories. Will discuss in more details at our next meeting.

Lake Chetuge Lodge is located at 653 Highway 76 Hiawassee, GA

Website—hiawasseerodrun.com

Dave Peedin

Since White Deer Park is under construction we have decided to change the early summer outing to a cruise to **Pik N Pig** in Carthage on June 14th.

Anyone interested in going I will need a headcount no later than our car show on May 23rd. It's always a fun outing!

194 Gilliam McConnell Rd, Carthage, NC 28327

Send your response to Pat Smith at psmith036@outlook.com



Also we would like to know if anyone would be interested in attending a Durham Bulls game this year. We did this several years ago and it was fun. If interested we will see what a group rate for tickets are and what dates are available! Please let us know so we can proceed from there.

Email Pat Smith at psmith036@outlook.com

THE BIG BLOCKS

The Chevrolet "Big Block" is a term for a series of large displacement V8 engines that were developed in the USA during the 1950s to the early 1970s. As American automobiles grew in size and weight following the Second World War, the engines powering them had to keep pace. Chevrolet had introduced its popular small block V8 in 1955, but needed something larger to power its medium duty trucks and the heavier cars that were on the drawing board.



The first version of the "Big Block" V8 Chevrolet engine, known as the W-series, was introduced in 1958. The W-series engine was made of cast iron. Chevrolet designed this engine for use in passenger cars and light trucks. This engine had an overhead valve design with offset valves and uniquely scalloped rocker covers, giving it a distinctive appearance. The W-series was produced from 1958 to 1965. The first iteration of the W-series engine was the 1958 "Turbo-Thrust" 348-cubic-inch (5.7 L), originally intended for use in Chevrolet trucks but also introduced in the larger, heavier 1958 passenger car line.

This engine was superseded by the 409-cubic-inch as Chevrolet's top performing engine in 1961 and went out of production for cars at the end of that year. It was produced through 1964 for use in large Chevrolet trucks. The 409-cubic-inch (6.7 L) version was Chevrolet's top regular production engine from 1961 to 1965, with a choice of single or dual four-barrel carburetors.

A special 427 cubic inches (7.00 L) version of the 409 engine was used in the 1963 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe, ordered under Chevrolet Regular Production Option. The 396-cubic-inch (6.5 L) V8 was introduced in the 1965 Corvette and in the Z16 Chevelle as the L37 option.



Introduced in 1970, the 402-cubic-inch (6.6 L) was a 396-cubic-inch bored out by 0.030 in (0.76 mm). Despite the fact that it was 6 cubic inches (98 cc) larger, Chevrolet continued marketing it under the popular "396" label in the smaller cars while at the same time labeling it "Turbo-Jet 400" in the full-size cars. The 402 label was used in light pickup trucks.

The Big-Block was expanded again, for 1970, to 453.96 cubic inches. It has been suggested that the LS6 was substantially underrated from the factory, which was somewhat common practice by the American car makers, and that the engine actually produced well over 500 horsepower.



The 502—with a 501.28-cubic-inch (8.2 L) total displacement—had a bore of 4.466", with a stroke of 4.00", and a cast iron 4-bolt main block. GMC offered it in their Performance Parts catalog, available as multiple crate motors.

Chevrolet began offering a newly developed 572-cubic-inch (9.4 L) in 1998, designated ZZ620/620 Deluxe, capable of running on 92 octane pump gasoline for street applications. Another version of the same engine is available as a high compression variant, codenamed ZZ572/720R Deluxe, generating a minimum of 720 hp on high-octane i.e. race-gas.

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 4 door hardtop doors stripped and metal
patched \$100

55-57 2 Door 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

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

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

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

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]

Contact [Jeff Hopp](mailto:Jeff.Hopp@919-665-9318) @ 919-665-9318

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

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

Stuff For Sale

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1966 Malibu wagon, factory 396 factory four speed.
Ordered with heavy duty trailer package. Appraised at
\$55,000 Best reasonable offer.
20 foot Feather lite car trailer [\$8,000 obo]
Contact [David Smith](#) for details @ 919.518.3779

Big Block Long Tube Headers
[\$75]
Contact [Ray Bader](#) @
919.418.0977

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

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](#)
@ Home 919-557-0526
or Cell 412 445-0969

All Weather HTX2 tires (only), 245/75R17
off 2025 Jeep. Only 134 miles on 4 of the 5 tires.
[\$600] or best offer for all 5.
Wheel Locks (5) and key for a 2021-2025 Jeep. [\$30]
Contact [Julian Gandolfo](#) @ 954.520.0087

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.

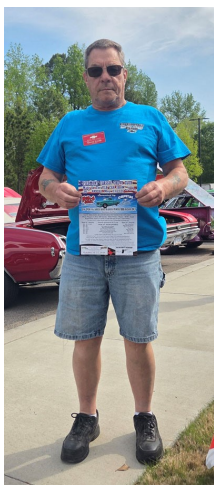
4 early ('68 or before) plain marked
"Mustang" full 15-inch wheel covers.
[\$5 each or another fair offer]
Contact [Stan Williams](#) @ 919.675.9489

Out & About PCCC Photography



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David M. Smith
Jeff Hopp*

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