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### **From "Our Pres", Ron Thomas**

Last month in this space I spoke about the joy of "cruisin" and the camaraderie of club outings. We just had another fine example today in the cruise to Selma. We started out with 19 cars from the Mc Donald's in Garner. That many super nice old Chevy's and a couple of neat Street Rods really is an impressive site to see. And to top it off you know your having a great day when a 57 Corvette picks up the pack and joins in along the way. I got a kick out of Sarah and George Bliss too. They brought both family classics but I loved 17 year old Sarah driving that 57 especially.

We finally arrive in Selma....just couldn't get Karl Neal to pick up the pace a bit. Ain't he a character, one year he's racing and the next he wont go over 50 mph. But it didn't break!!! Do you suppose he's getting older and wiser or just older?

Then some wise guy wants to thank Denny Oestreich for bringing a 57 on a trailer.....he thought it was a parts car in case someone broke.....a jokester huh?

We start parking and the 57 Corvette, owned by George and Patti Gillenwater of Raleigh parks with us and a 59 Corvette owned by Mike and Jane Worsham of Raleigh also joins us as we are parking. We were glad to have them with us and even more pleased as they both joined the club.

We also ran into some familiar faces such as Johnny and Donna Ellis of Clayton. They just recently traded a Corvette for a 56 Belair Sport Coupe and also joined the club. We have been working on Johnny for a few years now and with 3 or 4 of us at him all at one time and with a "new 56" how could anyone resist. Welcome aboard to all three of our new members.

I also had the pleasure of running into a long time member of the club who hasn't been very active in the last year or so. I am delighted to tell you Rich and Donna O'Neal are still with the club and we look forward to seeing them at club functions. Rich as most of you will recall was a club officer a couple of years back and has been in the club longer than most of us. Some of our "regulars", members who seem to attend everything were missing this trip. Most just simply due to conflicts, one my good friend Floyd Barnes is home being cared for by wife Peggy after Prostrate surgery. I'm happy to report he's doing well and we will likely see him back in form by our car show. It was unusual to see both the Barnes and Charlie Kaleel among the missing. A rare day indeed.

It was nice to see other old friends and members and to spend the day shootin the breeze with club members and folks we know from other clubs. We had a terrific outing, which everyone enjoyed, blessed by good weather. We decided to can some of it, take it home and bring it out on May 22. By the way we finished the day with 24 cars when I add the new members cars to the total.

Hope to see all of you at the club dinner at Applebee's in Garner on the 26th.

# **“WELCOME NEW MEMBERS”**

By: JoAnn Hopp

## **Larry and Kathy Schadle**

### **“The Social Corner”**

By: Tom Camilliere

1. Applebees night out, social meeting, in Garner on April 26, at 1165 Hwy 70 near Timber Dr. Dinner at 7:00 drinks before. Don't forget 15% of our purchase will go to our club charity. We will have 4 free 25-dollar gifts certificates to give away. BRING your CLASSIC. See you all there
2. Pig-Picken June 26, Saturday night, at Pullen Park, same place as last year, bring your classic, special gift to be given away to people that bring there classic. Eat at about 6; 30, cost 10 \$ per person, we will have an up-graded menu. I need to know if you are coming on this one. Please look for the sign up sheet at the meeting.
3. CHILI cook off October 23, yes another Saturday night. So far we have 3 cooks signed up to cook chili, they feel they can beat Brian hands down. Also, we need people to bring corn bread and desserts!!!! Let me know what you can bring. Will Charlie take up the challenge by Brian!!!!
4. WE are planning a cruise to the Plantation on August 22, more info to come
5. Finally, if you see a good place for the club to go, please let me know,

**Be Safe and Happy cruising**

## “Car Widow Talk”

# Car Buying & Selling Process Can Be Emotional

By: Amy O'Donnell

Mike went to the car show in Charlotte in early April. He wasn't going to shop (yeah, right!), just to see the cars and hang out with other car people. Then I got the phone call. He'd found a great car, a 30-year-old Corvette roadster that would need a lot of restoration work. He was running it past me to see what I thought, perhaps about having this car be an early birthday gift for a milestone birthday that is more than a year away! Being the good car wife, I told him that whatever he decided would be fine with me. I could hear the excitement in his voice. But in the end, the deal did not take place due to the inability to work out an agreeable way for the money and the car to get from point A to point B. After being so excited about that car, I could tell that he was disappointed that the deal did not come to fruition. There will be other cars, and I expect him to play the “milestone birthday gift” card again at any time. He said he dreams about that Corvette roadster every night. No, Mike did not get the name of the seller, although I'm sure he was disappointed too after thinking he had a live one on the hook. If only.....

My first car selling experience was in 1987 when I was selling my 1974 Ford Maverick. It was a reliable car, low miles, no heater, no AC, and lots of rust. And it also had a Spark-O-Matic FM converter. It ran well, had 65K miles on it, and it got me from point A to point B. I was asking \$400 for it. I advertised it at work on the bulletin board. The first person who came and looked at it spent about 10 minutes telling me that the car was overpriced, that the doors were ready to fall off, and that it was basically a piece of caca. I was very attached to that car and hated the idea of selling it, especially to someone who obviously would not appreciate it. So I told him to leave then and there. I ended up selling it to the next looker, who bought it for his daughter to drive back and forth to the local technical college. It made me feel good to sell it to someone who would appreciate it.

The car that replaced my Maverick was the first new car I ever owned, a 1987 Buick Somerset. It was dark red; power everything, AC, really a nice car. Quite a step up from “Mavis”. When we went to pick it up, I was so physically sick over having just signed up for 5 years of car payments that I could not even drive it home. So much for the emotional high of car buying. Incidentally, I had the exact same experience in 1992 when I bought my Honda Accord.

Mike used to have 1977 Impala Coupe which he had purchased brand new. It was red and had a cool rear window that had “corners” in it. It was a great car, and his intention was to keep it and have it be a classic car one day. He loved that car. It had personalized plates that said “77 CHEV”. In 1984, he got a new job that came with a company car, so we had to find a place to store the Impala, which now had 120K miles on it and major transmission and carburetor problems. After storing it in a barn for a couple of northern Ohio winters and struggling to get it running in the spring, he decided to sell it. We advertised it in the paper, and it was sold for the asking price the next day before he got home from work. Mike still talks about that car, how he feels so cheated that he did not get to see it just one more time. For a brief moment, he even wanted to call the people and ask for it back! He said he felt like Mary Beth Whitehead (*from the famous “Baby M” surrogacy / adoption case*).

And the doozy of all car deals is the Ford Granada that Mike sold to his brother back in the 70's for \$500. His brother never paid him for it, but he did take the time to insure it. The car was damaged in a hailstorm 6 months later for which his brother collected \$2300. He continued to drive the hail-dented car for several more years, and never paid Mike a dime. Talk about getting emotional! Ahhhh, the joys of doing business with family!

Do you have an unusual car buying or selling experience to share? Email it to [amy081@aol.com](mailto:amy081@aol.com) and we will include it in an upcoming **Car Widow Talk** column.

## “2004 PCCC Car Show News”

By: Jeff Hopp

Car Show preparations are progressing nicely. May 22 is getting close and the car show committee has been busy getting everything ready. Bobby Murray Chevrolet will be bringing a couple of new vehicles and a crate engine to the show for display. Several vendors have agreed to come out to our show to display various products. We're also setting up a shuttle service to take some folks to the mall for a little shopping during the show. Our flyer for the car show has been widely distributed at some of the spring cruises and car shows and information about our show has been posted at various sites on the web. We want to also remind club members to bring your cars to the show to display. We're asking that club members donate something for the door prizes that will be given out during the festivities. More volunteers are needed for various tasks to help the show to be a success. Please take a look at the list below and contact one of the car show committee members if you would like to volunteer to help out. See your Club Pocket Guide for contact info.

**Car show Chairperson** – Jeff Hopp

**Door Prizes** – Charles Bailey

**Classification** – Dick Beach / Linwood Johnson

**Registration** – Denny Oestreich

**Judging** – Floyd Barnes / Linwood Johnson

**Photos** – Keith Archambault / Josh Condit

**Sponsorship Sales** – Charlie Kaleel

**Parking** – Michael O'Donnell

**Other activities/Games** – Frank Wells / Michael Mansour

## “Vendor Praises”

by: Don Mende

One of the reasons I originally joined The PCCC was to establish contacts with other car people. I think our newsletter is a great place for us to share contact info concerning our experiences with vendors as they perform work on our cars. I'll start. I recently had my 57's frame sand blasted and powder coated by Top Coat Inc. here in Raleigh. The young man who owns Top Coat is Mark Younce and I can't brag on his service enough. As you know powder coating requires an oven to bake the finish on at over 400 degrees. Top Coat's oven is large enough to drive a car into and they have a wide variety of colors available. They also provide wet paint services for items that can't be powder coated. Top Coat is a first class operation and I highly recommend them. Their Raleigh number is 919-787-0302. If you get a chance, stop in and see their operation, it's impressive.

If you've had a good experience with a vendor please send me a write up and share it with your fellow members.

## **“Web Sites of Interest”**

By: Don Mende

If you know of a web site that would be of interest to our membership let Don know so we can add it to this section.

### **[www.wakeforestclassiccars.com](http://www.wakeforestclassiccars.com)**

Scott Brown PCCC member - Consignment sales of classic cars

### **[www.spencersclassicchevys.com](http://www.spencersclassicchevys.com)**

Local NC parts supplier – parts out lots of old Chevy cars

### **[www.hotrodhotline.com](http://www.hotrodhotline.com)**

Neat web site, lots of links, check it out, free email newsletter

### **<http://www.camarolegends.com/30th/schedule.htm>**

## **“Upcoming Events, Shows and Cruises”**

By: David Mathews

David is the coordinating editor of this column so if you know of an upcoming show or If you need any information on any of these shows call David Mathews at 919-469-9653

For more information go to **[www.usamotorevents.com](http://www.usamotorevents.com)**

Also **[www.dalearnhardtinc.com](http://www.dalearnhardtinc.com)** for their events schedule

## **“LOCAL CRUZ’INS”**

By: David Mathews

## **“CLASSIFIEDS”**

Classifieds are free of charge with members given preference as space permits

### **CARS FOR SALE**

1987 Buick Regal T-Type, Blue on blue, aluminum stock wheels, OD trans., need motor rebuild  
Call Bruce Richardson 834-7282 after 6: PM anytime on weekends

## **PARTS FOR SALE**

Chrome upper & lower A-Arms w/bushings & ball joints for 67-69 Camaro \$625  
Call David Mathews at 919-469-9653

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1955 Chevy Rear End, original 3.55 non posi, very good condition, sandblasted and painted, new seals, all new brake parts, complete drum to drum. 1955 Chevy original front spindles complete with attached drums, all new bearings, springs, and brake shoes. very good condition. Best offer, Contact Gary (919) 676-2765

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Set 60's 327 valve covers \$10  
Hurst Competition Plus Shifter-no rods \$15  
Mallory 70's super coil-square style \$20  
SBC Chrome timing chain cover & Pointer \$25  
SBC Standard timing chain cover \$3  
Exhaust header reducers \$5  
Moroso windage tray -no studs-new \$10  
Set GM windage tray studs-new \$15  
Chrome 14" air cleaner-new \$15  
Chrome 14" air cleaner used \$5  
Carb spacer adapter good \$3  
1979 chevy 250 six cyl distributor & wires-good \$10  
hurst super boot for 4 speed -goo \$15  
compete set of wheels from 1991 chevy Silverado pickup \$115  
trim rings, center caps chrome, lug nuts -exc cond.  
Sliding rear window for 1979 chevy pickup-new \$50  
A1C glo gauge 5" tach w/shift light-new \$100  
4-P185/70/r13 on rims general P2000 blackwall tires\$ 100  
exc all season tire 1,000 miles on tires  
4-p225/75/r15 sears guardsman all season whitewalls \$100  
exc condition 600 miles on tires  
2-BF Goodrich all terrain T/A-KO tires \$25  
LT285/75/R16 good  
Haynes repair manual 1979 chevy pickup \$5  
Haynes repair manual 1988-1998 chevy pickup \$5

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## **PARTS NEEDED**

Looking for 69-72 Chevy nova front end parts and driver side door  
Call Bruce Richardson 834-7282 after 6: PM anytime on weekends