

# THE "BOWTIE BULLETIN" August 2006 Issue

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### From "The Pres", Don Mende



I know It's hard to see Don Cooper's face in this picture of him leading the recent parade that Raleigh had on the re-opening of the downtown Fayetteville Street, but believe me Don is grinning from ear to ear. Also riding with Don is his better half Dot and their Granddaughter Gina, what a memory they're creating for her. The other folks are just The Mayor of Raleigh John Meeker and his wife Anne. Over 20,000 folks attended the parade, it was massive. The PCCC had 21 cars in the parade, I'm sure everyone had a great time, Barb and I sure did riding with Ron & Jan Thomas in their 55 Chevy Convertible, (I got to get me a convertible). Many thanks to everyone that participated in the parade. There are pictures of all of your cars on our web site.

**BIG PCCC PARTY** at Sanderling beach this month, Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, don't forget, call Tom and make sure your on the list @ 847-4333 or cell # 612-2551. Bring the kids and your classic, there's a great swimming beach, lots of dedicated parking for your ride, a couple of boats will be there for wet rides, and some great cooking going on, this is one social not to be missed and the price is right, it's FREE. Come and make some new friends, hope to see everyone there.

## Social Corner

By Tom Camilliere

**Additional dates to mark in your calendar.**

1. 8/20/06, Sanderling Beach, Sunday afternoon. Hot dogs and Bubba Burgers, eat at 4:00 at shelter #5, same as last year. Free event, you just bring a side dish or dessert and a drink. Remember to bring your swimming trunks!
2. 10/21/06, Fairview Center, Your Specialty Dish Dinner, White Elephant Sale, eat at 6:30, Saturday Night. We still need COOKS to prepare their specialty dishes. Please sign up now! All others bring a side dish or dessert and a drink. FREE EVENT!!!
3. 12/02/06, Christmas Party at the Fairview Center. PIG BAR-B-QUE, eat at 6:30. Everyone bring a side dish or a dessert and a drink. FREE EVENT!!! Also bring a \$10 - \$15 dollar present for the gift exchange.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR THE EVENTS YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. THE SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AT THE MEETINGS. THIS WORKED GREAT LAST YEAR, SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND SIGN UP.

**HAPPY CRUZIN AND BE SAFE**

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A **BIG** PCCC Welcome to our newest members:

**Zeb and Pat Winslow**

**Ted and Carole Keith**

**Joe and Anastasia Fontana**

## **All in A Day's Work**

After every flight, Quantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Quanta's pilots and the solutions recorded by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Quantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = The solution and action taken by mechanics.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

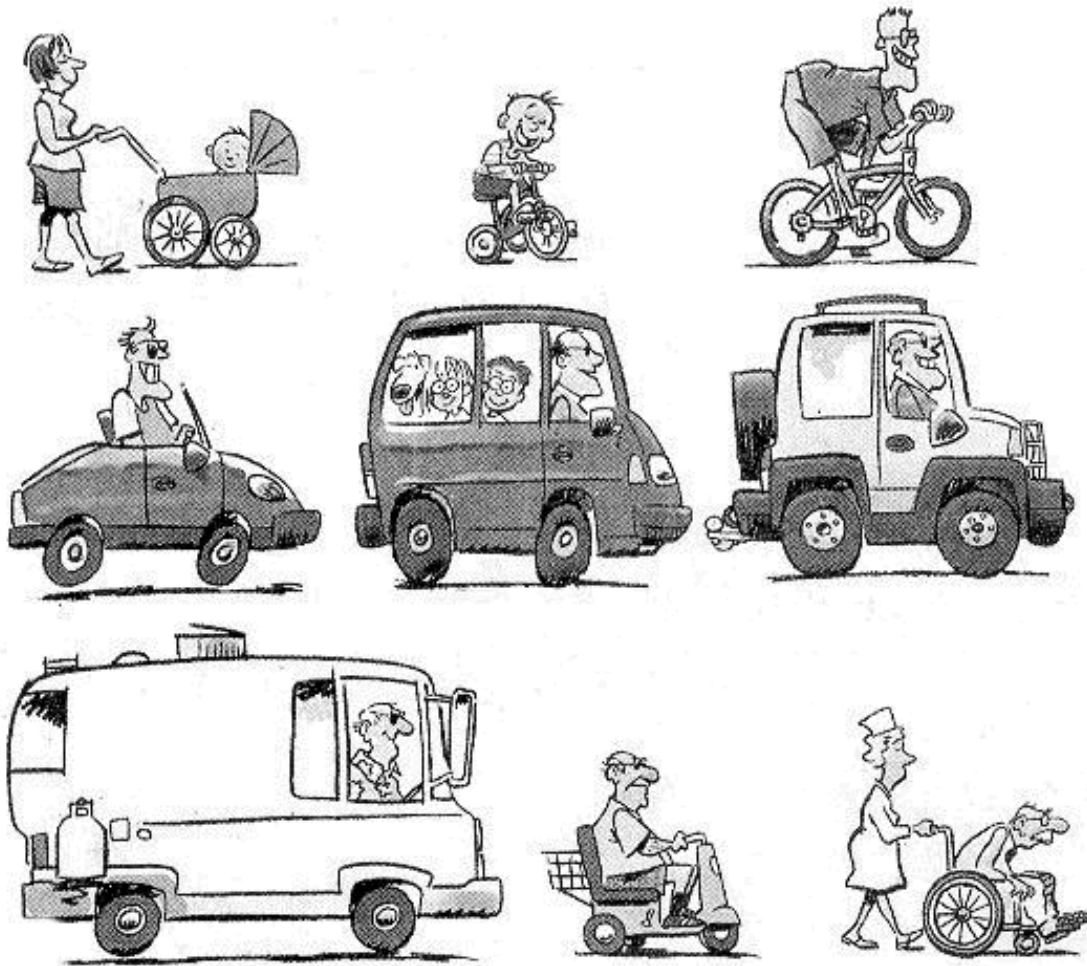
P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget

# The Wheels of Life



**Business meeting August 28<sup>th</sup>, please plan on being there if you can.**