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“WELCOME NEW MEMBERS”

By: JoAnn Hopp – Membership Chairman

Rich and Lana Walz
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From “Our Pres”, Ron Thomas

Well, the time has come to step aside and make way for our new club officers to take the wheel.

I wondered how I would feel when the time came. I have mixed emotions as you might imagine. On the one hand I am pleased to be free of the responsibilities and on the other I am reluctant to relinquish control. What will happen to my pet projects etc? How crazy is that? The fact is for the most part I enjoyed the job and feel privileged to have had the opportunity.

I wanted to write something this month without bragging about our accomplishments or complaining about our problems. It's my nature to want to do both but I won't. Bragging would accomplish nothing and complaining about our problems would likely accomplish little either so as much as I would like to I won't.

So let me share with you some of the highlights of the past two years. For me it's all about the people. I have met a lot of wonderful people. Members of the club I have gotten to know better, and new members I've got to know much better because I was President. I feel I've made some friends for a lifetime that I will treasure. I doubt I would get to know them as well had I not served as President. That's sad! We all need to make an attempt to get to get to know one another better. Just knowing each other's names is not enough.

We have a wonderful pool of talented people too. I can't think of anything we could not do. We have a range of skills, education and professions that's mind-boggling. One pool of talent contributing more and more of course are the ladies. They are a valuable asset to the club.

We now have 2005 to look forward too. I am delighted at the slate of officers we have elected.

All are well qualified, enthusiastic and ready to jump in with both feet. I firmly believe 2005 will prove to be one of the best if not the best ever. I want to take this last opportunity to encourage each of you to step forward and give them your full support including taking an active role in the club. The very future of the club depends on it.

Happy Holidays to each of you and your families. God willing and the creek don't rise and we'll see you next year.

“The Social Corner”

By: Tom Camilliere – Social Director

Social Events:

1. The Christmas Party at Carver Creek was a merry good time for all 45 members who attended. The drinks and food was wonderful and the restaurant was all dolled up for Christmas. The gift exchange was fun and all went home with a great present, especially Brian who will have a new bathroom plunger. We will have our next Christmas party at Carver Creek on December 3, 2005, Saturday night, starting at 7:30, its booked.

Christmas Thoughts:

Christmas is a great time of the year and we look forward to it each year. This year Debbie and I went to Colonial Williamsburg for the week -end and it was wonderful seeing all the wreaths on the doors and the candles in each window. Walking the colonial streets at night was a magical evening with the glow of the lights and the smell of the wood smoke in the cool night air. It's the sights of Christmas passed and I think we all need to keep in touch with the traditions of passed Christmas. We don't have to travel to colonial times to visit our traditions; each one of us has their traditions, passed on from grandparent to parent to child, etc. It is very important to keep these traditions alive in each family; it's a way we keep in touch with our roots. So decorate the tree, put out the milk and cookies for Santa, give carrots for the reindeer, cook that turkey, hang the lights in the windows and get something special for your main squeeze. Finally, don't forget starting new traditions with your family, maybe a walk around the streets of Old Oakwood to see the lights and smell the wood smoke in the cool night air.

Everyone here at the Social Corner wishes you a very Merry Christmas!!!!!!

“2004 & 2005” By Don Mende

Can you believe another year has gone by? They seem to be really shorter than I remember.

I thought I would take this opportunity to expand on Ron's thoughts and tell you all how much I have enjoyed being the club's Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Both jobs are extremely satisfying and I, like Ron, have reservations about giving up either one of them. Easing these feelings, is knowing that JoAnn Hopp will be taking care of the Secretary duties for 2005. The Newsletter Editors job is still up for grabs; so if you're interested please let me know.

2004 had some very memorable moments for me. Some just for fun like when I got to drive Don Coopers 57 Chevy with the top down and then driving his 32 Chevy home, what a day that was. That same day I was extremely proud of our club as I got to see first hand the excitement and appreciation in the eyes of the senior citizens we visited. When Don Cooper started riding our older generation around in the rumble seat of his 32 Chevy everybody had a big grin on their face. That started it, next thing you know Robert Copeland is riding folks around in his Corvette and Don Cooper is getting out of control and barking the tires. Ron Thomas also got in a few laps with a newly married young couple (in their 90's) in his 57 convertible with a string of old cans bouncing all around and a just married sign on the back of his car. I and other PCCC members got to take a turn riding our senior citizens around and I can tell you it was personally very satisfying. Like I've said before, I sure hope the PCCC is around when it's my turn to be the senior citizen, I want that ride.

2004 also saw our club get together and work on member Sara Bliss's 57 Chevy. And who can forget the site of all of us caravanning all around Wake County on our poker run or our trip to Virginia. Or how about the time Hot Rod Karl Neal got into his 57 Chevy a little too hard and broke the ignition wiring. The caravan didn't look so cool sitting on the side of the road for that one. Or the time Ron broke down and everybody just kept going and left him sitting on the side of the road all alone. Well I guess that one really wasn't very funny, but it sure was memorable. This year our car show had over 140 cars for people to see, that's amazing for a club our size. We proudly donated \$2,800 to charity and we formed an alliance with Bobby Murray that will be beneficial to the club for years. Yes 2004 was a great year and I hate it's over. Ron and his crew did one hell of a job for the last two years and we all reaped the benefits of their hard work.

Now having said all that, I want to emphasize my excitement about 2005. Our new car show facility at Lake Wheeler is sure to be a hit and the fact that the 1955 Chevy turns 50 in 2005 is historic. On a personal note, I want to thank you all in advance for the vote of confidence in electing me your President for 2005. I can assure you that I and the other new officers will endeavor to maintain the pace set by Ron and his crew. The good news is that the cast of supporting characters that really make the club's events as successful as they are have agreed to stay on another year. Robert Copeland is staying on as the club's Historian and Photographer. Tom Camilliere is again going to be our Social Director and Jeff Hopp has agreed to be both the club's Vice President and Car Show Committee Chair Person. Our money guy this year is Keith Archambault.

I'm sure we'll again have many memorable moments in 2005. I want to encourage all of you to get involved in our club as much as you can. Someday it's going to be your turn to ride in the rumble seat and if we all don't do something today we may miss that ride. Now wouldn't that be a shame. By the way Gals, ya'll are members too, call me and let's talk about some new stuff for 2005. My wife thinks we should turn my car trailer into a PCCC float for the 2005 Raleigh Christmas parade, what do ya'll think?

Ya'll have a **very merry** Christmas and a prosperous new year and if ya find a spare moment, sneak in a prayer for our troops overseas.

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