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From “Our Pres”, Ron Thomas

I want to take this time to wish all of you a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. We've had a terrific year with the club outings and events and I want to thank everyone who contributed. We had a special thank you for those folks who earned some special recognition at the Club Christmas party. I dearly hope I didn't overlook anyone. I also want to thank those of you who contributed in other ways and you are many, such as serving on a committee or an “after event” cleanup etc. It's all the contributions large and small that add up to making the club alive and vibrant and I think we are that and more.

We are of course already thinking about how we can make next year even better and I want to encourage you to let us know which events you would like to see repeated, which ones not, and how about promoting your own ideas and suggestions. Let us hear them. To those of you who are “old timers” with the club I thank you for sticking with us and hope the club hasn't changed too much for you. To you “newcomers” I hope your first year or so has been an enjoyable one. To all of you we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our January Meeting is only about six (6) weeks away. Hope to see you there if not before.

Ron Thomas

“The Social Corner” By Tom Camilliere

1. Well Merry Christmas to all, the Christmas Party was a great success, and a merry time was had by all. The food was wonderful, the gift exchange was fun and the decorations were much in the Christmas mode. Thanks for coming
2. Congrats to all the people that were recognized for all their hard work!!!!!!
3. Our first SOCIAL this year will be the famous Valentine Party at LUCKY 32!!!! The date will be 2/23/04, Drinks at 6-7 and eat at 7:00, As we did last year roses will be given to all the wonderful ladies. So bring your date and have a great time. More info to come at the 1/26/04 meeting. Also, the party will be in a different room, so we will have plenty of space.
4. Also, a questionnaire will be given out at the 1/26 meeting, covering what activities you liked last year and which ones you would not want repeated. Here is a chance for you to tell me what things we are not doing and could add to the social calendar. Your input is always wanted.
5. Finally, ***EVERYONE BE SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND ENJOY THIS TIME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES.*** See ya'll next year.
6. I hear that Santa rides a 55 red and white Chevy, or was that a dream I had the other night?????? (I better go into the garage and check to see if my car is still there)

Lets party!!!!

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, HAPPY CRUISING AND BE SAFE!!!!!!!!!!

Everyone's PCCC annual membership of \$ 20.00 is due. Please send your payment to our Treasurer;

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Car Widow Talk: By Amy O'Donnell

Long-Awaited Camaro Coming With A Little Something Extra

As my husband's passion for old cars has increased over the years, I have subconsciously reduced my need to know the details of each and every acquisition. I attribute some of this to what I like to call "old car fatigue" (you know what I mean). And part is probably due to "fear of too much involvement", which might result in me being asked to call our insurance agent to arrange coverage, become a notary, or perhaps spend even more time at car shows. And then there is that part of me that just does not want to know or think about how much money we have spent on old cars over the years. I've got enough going on and want to live to a ripe old age, so I try to reduce the worry and stress in my life. So when my husband begins to salivate over this car or that one, I sort of stand back and let things happen.

His latest acquisition, a 1969 Camaro, has been in the shop being restored for just about a year now. Boxes and boxes of parts purchased online have been delivered by the UPS man. It is due to be completed any day (yep, I'm sure you have heard that one before). I have not seen this car, except for a photo of it on the screen saver on my husband's computer. I know surprisingly little about it, except that it does have the two features that are most important to me: #1 - An automatic transmission (my personal theory is that stick shifts are for farm equipment) and #2 - Air conditioning.

The spot in the garage at our home has been ready for months. It is swept clean, the floor has been painted, and a whole lot of stuff has been moved and rearranged. At first glance, it seemed to me that this space was way more than was warranted by a '69 Camaro. In fact, I would like to have that much space for my car! When I inquired about this, my husband mumbled casually, "Well, we have to have room for the engine." What? The engine? Well, I replied that the '69 Camaros I remember had the engines under the hood. Then he dropped the bombshell, saying "Well, this car is extra special because it comes with two engines – the newly rebuilt engine under the hood, and then the original engine which needs to be kept with the car on a stand. This way, if I would ever sell it, the original engine would be there for the buyer." He explained to me how having that original engine will make the car more valuable. Makes sense, but does it have to be in my garage???

First I think about the future - a car museum in our garage, complete with cars, engines on stands, velvet ropes and do not touch signs. Then I think about this greasy old car engine on a stand, covered with sticky dust, dripping oil and waiting for me to brush up against it with my coat when carrying in groceries. I wonder what will be next, but I don't have the courage to ask. I want to live to a ripe old age.

Piedmont Classic Chevy Club
Member Recognition Awards-2003

Officers:

Linwood Johnson.....Secretary
Doug Hensley.....Treasurer
Don Cooper.....Vice President

Attendance and Participation:

Floyd BarnesFor driving Classics to meetings for Years
Dick Beach..... For driving Classics to meetings for Years
Robert Copeland.....Best Participation (Meetings,+Events+Chevy)

Honorary 2004 Memberships:

Rob Allison..... For “DJ’ing” our Car Shows and other events
Peter and Samantha Brassington .. Our “Honorary Aussie Chevy Buddies”
Brenda North.....For all she does for the club
Debbie Chamblee.....For all she does for the club

Special Recognition:

Alvin Leach.....Our Special Xmas Party Gift Exchange MC
Denny Oestreich.....Our Car Show Registration Paperwork
Jan Thomas.....Our Club Pocket Guide
Amy O’Donnell..... Our World Class Newsletter Author/Writer
Don Mende..... Our World Class Newsletter Editor
Mike O’Donnell..... For Our “Free” World Class Website

Member of the Year: (Three way tie)

Tom Camilliere.....A Social Director with the courage to try new things
Robert Copeland.....Club Historian, Visual Displays, Pix, Albums,
Car Show Chair, Fund Raising, Show Awards,
And my special requests.
Charlie Kaleel Fund Raising, Car Show Sponsors, Cruises,
50/50, UNC-TV, Club Apparel, Etc.

And Last but not the Least

**Ron ThomasFor all he has done for our club this past year
as our President, Mentor, and Leader.**

Web Sites of Interest

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

www.spencersclassicchevys.com

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

Upcoming Events, Shows and Cruises

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

LOCAL CRUZ'INS

Char-Grill Restaurant, Atlantic Avenue, 1st Saturday 5pm to 9pm

Hardee's Restaurant, Hwy 401 North, Roseville, 2nd Saturday, 5pm to 9pm

Grill-57 Restaurant, Hwy 401 South, Garner 3rd Saturday 5pm to 9pm

KFC / A&W, 3928 Western Boulevard, Raleigh, 4th Saturday 4pm to 9pm

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Don and Elaine Spencer
Bruce and Onita Richardson
Gerald and Cynthia Besco
Bill Goldston

CLASSIFIEDS

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

PARTS FOR SALE

Call Don Mende 676-6329

Saginaw 4 speed transmission - needs 3rd gear synchronizer \$200

T/10 4 speed - needs rebuilding \$200

Complete 57 Chevy Front bumper - great cores - all 3 pieces \$100

Rear bumper center for 57 Chevy - great core \$50

57 Chevy radiator core support & top bar - \$50

621 bellhousing - like new condition - \$150

All kinds of other parts, give me a call

CLASSICS FOR SALE

65 Malibu for Sale

The car is in excellent condition and can be driven anywhere. NO RUST and garage kept. Fresh 350 2 sp Power glide. Pwr Steering/Pwr Brakes. New Chevy JVC Radio, New Tires. 245's. Really no work to be done. The owner painted it himself and there are some bubbles. AND the original 283 that came with it is included in the sale. Asking \$9,500 or thereabouts Real, Real sweet cruiser. Contact rwilson8@nc.rr.com