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“WELCOME NEW MEMBERS”

By: JoAnn Hopp – Membership Chairman

**Joshua Bowden
Ken and Pam Trout
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PIG-PICKIN ON JUNE 26, SATURDAY
At Pullen Park

“The Social Corner”

By: Tom Camilliere – Social Director

06/26 - Pig-Pickin, Saturday night, at Pullen Park, same place as last year. Bring your classic and get a special gift. Eat at about 6:30, cost \$10 per person. Menu will be up-graded and Lois Copeland will be making the dessert. See you-all there.

08/22 - Picnic at Beaver Dam off rt. 50 towards Creedmore, at shelter 23, club will supply hot-dogs and burgers, you bring a side or dessert to share. Fishing, hiking and swimming available.

September, Poker Run, date and info to follow

10/09 - Colonial cruise and dinner, Saturday. We will cruise to Prestwoud Plantation, Clarksville, Va., and tour the house and grounds, with 7 outbuildings. Followed by a colonial dinner at Cooper's Landing Inn and Tavern. We will have info and menus at the July meeting. This will be a great time for all.

10/30 - Chili cook -off and white Elephant sale, Saturday night. We need more cooks, so far Brain, John and Barbara have signed up. We will be at the Fairview Community Center on 10/10 road. This is a free party for all, your social funds at work. Remember to save your items for the white elephant sale, last year we raised over 450 dollars for the social fund. The MM poster was a hit; Josh has it hanging in his living room.

**SEE EVERYONE AT THE PIG-PICKIN ON JUNE 26, SATURDAY,
THANKS AND BE SAFE**

From "Our Pres", Ron Thomas

To say I was sweating the weather for our Car Show would be a gross understatement. We decided three years ago to go to an "Open" show after many years of great shows with just Chevy's and Street Rods. My personal goal was a 200 car show.

The first "Open" shows it rained, 20 cars. The second "Open" show, last year, it rained again, 40 cars. I was beginning to think the "Open" show concept was a curse put upon us. Maybe it's just my nature. Think the worst and if all goes reasonably well you'll be delighted. So you can imagine how thrilled I was to see 177 cars at our show. We finally got the weather on our side and what a show it was. I made a point of watching how everything was going all day long as you might imagine and I must say I was very pleased. At one point I began to wonder if we had enough room for any more cars.

Most rewarding was how well planned and executed the show was and equally impressive how everyone pitched in to do anything necessary. The Car Show Committee and all members who worked the show deserve a big "Well Done".

Not only did we have a great show but other aspects of the event were also exceptional. We sold all the show classes for the first time, we had a major sponsor for the first time, and we had more than 25 club cars for the first time, 35 actually. We used our own digital photo and development process very successfully for the first time. If a printer hadn't quit working the awards would have been ahead of schedule and in spite of that we were only a few minutes late. A significant number of vendors were on hand for the first time. The only fly in the ointment was the thunderstorm scare late in the day, which caused a few participants to leave early.

Another bright spot was the member's children that "worked the show". All young adults they really pitched in. Jeff and JoAnn Hopp's son Aaron and daughter Jana helped assemble photo plaques all day long and Keith and Debbie Archambault's son Adam "worked the show" from inside the Elks Lodge helping with the photo printing all day. It was a pleasure to have them with us and we appreciate their help.

Non-Members pitched in too, Keith Archambault's buddy John Hanson helped with the photos and Denny and Merry Oestreich family friend Sandy Hamm helped out as she has for many years with the registration.

We had a couple of "new" things this year that made for a better show. The Mike Mansour games were a big hit, especially the toilet seat toss. And the club member "salute" as folks left the show I thought was a real classy way to say, "thanks for coming."

It was nice that Bobby Murray Jr. was able to spend a few hours with us at the show, pitched in on the "farewell salute" and picked a "Sponsors Choice" car. I am pleased to tell you he has agreed to sponsor the show again next year.

While there is and always will be room for improvement, I am delighted with the show and the club's efforts. I hope you were as well.

The bottom line is I don't care if we ever have a 200 car show, I'll settle for 177 anytime.

The 15th Annual “Made In The USA” Car Show

By - Jeff Hopp, Car Show Committee Chairman

On May 22, 2004, The Piedmont Classic Chevy Club held its 15th annual “Made in the USA” Open Car show. WOW!! What an event!! What a show!! I’ve been told by numerous folks, for those of you that don’t know, we broke a record for entrants in the show. The weather was gorgeous...a little hot but NO rain. The rain came close, even had a few cars run off for cover but it all went around us. Check out these facts...

We had **142** total entrants plus **35** club cars for a total of **177** vehicles on display. All entries were from North Carolina and from **46** different cities and towns. There were 14 different automobile makes entered in the show. In addition to folks displaying cars from the Raleigh/Cary/Durham area, we had cars from **Henderson, Rocky Mount, Mebane, Greensboro, Rougemont, Maysville** (out near Jacksonville), **Morehead City, Camp Lejune, Bahama** (Home of Nextel Driver Scott Riggs), **Emerald Isle, Hurdle Mills** (10 miles north of Hillsborough), **Madison** (20 miles northeast of Winston Salem), **Hollister** (about 30 miles northeast of Louisburg), **Warrenton** (18 miles east of Henderson), **Falcon** (15 miles northeast of Fayetteville), **Goldsboro, Pittsboro, Butner, Sanford, Moncure, Dunn, Smithfield, Oxford and Wilson**. The word was spread, they came, they parked and they attended what I believe is one of the biggest car shows in this area. This wouldn’t have been possible without a fantastic team of folks from this club. We sold a record number of sponsorships in 2004. Our disc jockey, Robert Allison provided some great entertainment. The Elks Lodge provided food and drinks to keep our bellies full and to keep us cool. We had a fan belt toss, piston toss and a toilet seat toss; yes...**toilet seats**...(Don’t worry, they were new ones!!). Vendors came and displayed their products; a portable dyno stretched some cars to the limit...(and no flying car parts). There was a great selection of door prizes and everyone went home with a 1st or 2nd place prize.

The car show committee worked hard to make sure everything was in place. It wouldn’t have been possible to pull this off without this group of people, their spouses, sons and daughters along with numerous club members who helped with all the behind the scenes activities. Thank you to all who participated in helping to put this show together. Thank you to the Raleigh Elks Lodge for providing a great place for us to have our show. Those big trees took the edge off the heat provided us with plenty of shade. The PCCC would like to extend a special thank you to Bobby Murray Jr. for the generous sponsorship, the new cars and crate engine that were on display.

The car show committee is already starting to put some ideas together for the 16th “Made in the USA” Car show for 2005. We’re planning a special tribute to the 1955 Chevrolet, which will be its 50th anniversary. We’ll be planning some great activities and will need your help in coming up with new ideas. The car show committee will be planning a meeting some time in July for the 2005 show to get things started and to review how things went for the 2004 show. Congratulations to the Piedmont Classic Chevy Car Club for a successful 2004 “Made in the USA” Car Show.

“Web Sites of Interest”

By: Don Mende – Newsletter Editor

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

Scott Brown PCCC member - Consignment sales of classic cars

www.spencersclassicchevys.com

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

www.hotrodhotline.com

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

“Cruise-in’s”

By: David Mathews – Contributing Editor

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

1st Saturday: Char-Grill restaurant, Atlantic Av, Raleigh 4-10PM

2nd Saturday: Hardee’s, Hwy 401 North, Rolesville 4-9PM

3rd Saturday: Grill-57, Hwy 401 South, Garner, 4-10PM

4th Saturday: KFC/A&W, Western Blvd, Raleigh 4-9PM

For more information go to www.usamotorevents.com

Also www.dalearnhardtinc.com for their events schedule

“CLASSIFIEDS”

By: Don Mende – Newsletter Editor

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