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### **“WELCOME NEW MEMBERS”**

By: JoAnn Hopp

**Jamey and Rhonda Durgin (1972 Chevelle)**

**John Rice**

**John owns Youngblood's Performance Automotive**

**304 Circle Lane - Raleigh, NC 27603 - Phone 919-773-7713**

**Sean Nanney**

**William and Betty Jones**

**Steve Patty**

**Reed Swanson**

### **DON'T FORGET OUR BUSINESS MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004**

We'll be having a **free drawing** for only the people that show up at this business meeting to **win a completely restored 1957 Chevy Nomad**. Wrong, it's a fib, but I got your attention, the business meetings are important to the success of our club so please try to attend.

## From "Our Pres", Ron Thomas

Did you make it out to the Autofest a couple of weeks ago? No? You really missed out.

The club, as usual, had a terrific "exhibit". Robert Copeland made up all new Picture Display Boards". It's pretty neat to stand there and watch the people looking at those boards and the Photo Album book.

Mike O'Donnell had an "enhanced" version of our Website "Demo" on a super Flat Panel Display running throughout the show. We were paid the ultimate compliment with our monitor and website display. On Saturday the Corvette club had added a monitor with something running occasionally, I never did see what. And on Sunday the GTO Club had also done likewise. I had been joking with some of the GTO guys earlier and when they added the monitor/display I thanked them for the ultimate compliment of copying us. They had a good laugh about it as I certainly did.

Don Mende had his rolling chassis 57 Chevy there and I think it was the hit of the show, certainly the hit of our area. It attracted a lot of attention, gawkers, and questions. The crowd really grew when Don and his "helpers" removed the entire rear end and replaced it with a "beefed up special." I'm trying to remember who all was helping; I recall Frank Wells, Vern Beach and David Matthews. It was rather obvious that all involved, especially Don were having a good time.

The Autofest is important to us for other reasons too. We picked up six (6) new members, sold numerous class sponsorships for our show, nine (9) at last count, and we gave out over 900 Car Show Flyers, a great place to publicize our show. Some members live a good distance away and this is a good chance for us all to catch up on things.

Thanks to all who worked on behalf of the club. A special thanks to Mike Mansour and Dan Mangrum for bringing their cars through the wet streets. And to Karl Neal for hauling Don's 57 Chassis.

I must say I enjoyed the time I spent there and the members I had a chance to visit with. I also was reacquainted with a few old friends from my workdays that I haven't seen in some time. For me this is what the Autofest, cruisin, and club membership is all about, the *camaraderie*.

Don't forget to bring your Ole Chevy to the Business Meeting on March 22.

# “The Social Corner”

By: Tom Camilliere

1. Our Valentine Party, was a great success with 42 people attending, having drinks at the bar and a great dinner following. Congrats to Frank Wells for winning the Lucky 32 gift certificate. Also, congrats to Lori Louthan for winning the \$55 on the 50/50. I hope all the ladies enjoyed the ROSES especially Don Mende for winning the 16 roses. I heard he was a little late for work on Tuesday.
2. Applebee's, in Garner, party April 26, at 1165 Highway 70, near Timber drive. Dinner at 7:00. 15 % of our purchase will go to our club charity.
3. Pig-Pickin June 28 at Pullen Park, same place as last year, bring your classic, eat at about 6:30. cost 7\$ I will need to know if you are coming on this one.
4. CHILI cook off October 23 , yes it's a Saturday night. We will need 5-6 people to cook their best Chili and let us be the judge. Also, we will need people to bring corn bread and deserts. Sign up now !!!! Let me know what you can bring. Brian, I heard you are the man to beat in this chili cook-off.

Be Safe and Happy cruising

# *“Meet the Membership”*

## *George, Debbie, Sarah and Jeff Bliss*

By: Becky Beach

The Bliss family can't help but belong to a classic car club. They enjoy PCCC events in a 1969 Chevelle SS 396 and daughter Sarah drives a 1957 Chevrolet sedan back and forth to Garner Senior High School. Son Jeff isn't as fortunate to drive a classic Chevy. Going to college at Appalachian State University take up most of his time.

George works in the computer programming department of a biotechnology firm in Durham and Debbie works for Wake County's Information Technology Department. Jeff's major at "Appy State" is computer science, so computers and cars make up a lot of dinner table conversation. George still has the first "unusual" car he ever owned, a 1978 Spitfire that he bought new.

The Bliss's bought the Chevelle in 1999 from a classified ad in The N&O and, George says, they didn't have to do much to it. "I love driving it," he says, "it's so strong and loud, you can hear me coming home."

The story of how Sarah came by her '57 is the kind of story we like to tell at car club meetings. George says Sarah has wanted a 1957 Chevrolet since she was old enough to pick them out of traffic. So when the time came for Sarah to have a car to drive, it seemed obvious for this family to pull up to the home computer. They found the car on Ebay in a little town in western Kentucky. They rented a trailer to bring it home, and after fixing a few leaks and rattles, it's still mostly stock and is now a daily driver.

George's long daily commute (100 miles) in the Chevelle was a nice drive he says, but the miles were racking up too quickly for such a treasure. However, there will be no boring automobiles in the Bliss driveway. George tools back and forth in his new Mini Cooper, which, he says, while it's not his beloved Chevelle, it gets much better gas mileage and is a lot of fun to drive.

## **“PCCC Items For Sale”**

By: Charlie Kaleel

Charlie is the clubs coordinator of “Items for sale”, specifically items like jackets, shirts, hats, license plates, etc. that usually have the PCCC logo on them.

**Charlie is now taking orders for PCCC T-shirts and golf shirts, pay at the next meeting or call Charlie with your order ASAP (919-782-0497)**

## **“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

## **“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

**Char-Grill Restaurant, Atlantic Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 5 to 9pm**  
**Hardee's Restaurant, Hwy 401 North, Roseville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 5 to 9pm**  
**Grill-57 Restaurant, Hwy 401 South, Garner 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5 to 9pm**  
**KFC / A&W, 3928 Western Boulevard, Raleigh, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 4 to 9pm**

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## **CLASSIFIEDS**

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

### **CARS FOR SALE**

1957 Chevy Bel-Air 2-door coupe for sale. Project car. Body in good condition. (2) 283 power pack engines and (2) transmissions. Have most parts and many duplicates. Great opportunity to restore this classic to beautiful condition! Can email photos to you. Located in Durham, N.C. Asking \$6500 or best offer. Call 919-477-8049 or email Bruce at [bsanfelici@earthlink.net](mailto:bsanfelici@earthlink.net)

### **PARTS FOR SALE**

### **PARTS NEEDED**