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IT'S ELECTION TIME FOR 2005 PCCC OFFICERS

We have a very active club and it is run in the background by the officers we elect every year. Our club like most, takes on some of the personality traits of the guiding officers for that year and this helps keep it interesting. It is every members opportunity to participate in the management of our club and as always participation is greatly appreciated and encouraged.

We will be electing our new 2005 officers at the next business meeting on November 22nd, so please plan on attending. Our 2003-2004 President Ron Thomas and his officers made tremendous strides in attracting new members to our club as well as leaving a legacy of profitability. 2004 was culminated by the \$2,500.00 that we contributed to The Make-A-Wish Foundation, the \$150.00 we contributed to The Kidney Foundation, and the \$150.00 we contributed to The Rolling Thunder Foundation. These charitable donations make us all very proud to be members of one of the premier car clubs in The United States.

We do have an active club and it takes a lot of work behind the scenes to maintain this pace. If you have the time and would like to participate on any level, please come to the business meeting on November 22nd and let us hear from you.

From “Our Pres”, Ron Thomas

As my term approaches expiration next month I find it interesting to look back. I've been a member since 1985 so it will be 20 years soon. A number of years ago we were really on a roll everyone was excited and enthusiastic. We had some very energetic, hard working members who seemed to participate in everything. The club was very active, had a number of events and a good reputation. It was not unusual for us to take 20 or more cars to an event. Good heavens we took Ten 55-57 Chevys to a CCI National in Nashville Tennessee and were disappointed more didn't go.

Then we seemed to have slacked off or lost our way or something. I'm not quite sure how to describe it. Attendance at meetings dropped off, we planned fewer events, there was a good bit of grumbling and I know for sure unspoken discontent. The enthusiasm certainly wained and membership dropped off. But of course club life went on. I'm not quite sure when I look back why more of us didn't drop out. Perhaps it was just the fact that some of us will stick with it come hell or high water. I'm not sure. I'm also not sure when we turned the corner or why I just know we did.

Ok we are once again on a roll. One of the best, if not the best club in the area. How do we keep up the momentum? How do we avoid going thru another down cycle. Again, I'm no expert but I do know some things that make it work. Enthusiastic volunteer membership, in my mind is the single most important factor. Yes good leadership helps, but even the best leadership will fail if members don't contribute by helping do all the work that needs to be done. And I do know there is a lot to be done. I have been very lucky the past two years. Members have stepped forward to do nearly everything I asked without me begging. I want all of you to know how much I appreciate that fact and how much it has contributed to the clubs success the past two years. And I want to encourage everyone to give of his or her time and energy to the new club officers next year. This will guarantee their success and therefore the success of the club.

Thank you all for the past two years.

Ron Thomas

“The Social Corner”

By: Tom Camilliere – Social Director

1. CHRISTMAS PARTY, at CARVER CREEK, 12/4/4, time: cocktails at 7:30 with appetizers, hot and cold, cash bar. Appetizers supplied by your Social Fund Dinner is at 8:00pm sharp. This is all-inclusive dinner for 27.95, that includes food, tip taxes and dessert. For our 6 Chili winners you can use your free dinner pass. Your dinner choices are 12oz prime rib, mushroom chicken, 12oz peppercorn top sirloin, 10oz catch of the day. Directions: Carver Creek is at the intersection of US 1 (Capital Boulevard) and 1-440, it is right by the Best Western hotel, you can go through their parking lot. I will have a map at the Nov. meeting, or call Carver Creek at 919-872-2300. Remember to bring a 15\$ present, we will be doing something different with the gift exchange this year. See ya all there, HO, HO HO

2. Chili-cook off and White Elephant sale, what a great time was had by the 45 members. We had great chili, corn bread and desserts. The w/e sale made \$592 dollars for the social fund. Congrats to all our chili cooks. I see that M/M was there and so were the Bad Girls, (poster) SOCIAL NEWS: Debbie will be giving tips on bidding, she says always bid 5 dollars more than the last bid. Brian got the Viagra award for his chili, that is, his chili will keep you up all night. He has limited quantities available for shipment. Thanks to Don M. for bringing the 57 model, the winning bid was 72 dollars. Denny, bid very wisely and is starting a teapot collection, if you have any more please see Denny. Thanks to Karl for getting the Fairview Center for 50 dollars. And, finally, remember Christmas is coming so be good and remember what Santa says: Chevy owners are Classic Lovers!!!!

BE SAFE, HAPPY CRUISING, AND SEE EVERYONE AT CARVER CREEK, 12/4

Well it must be in the water! We've got another member getting married; Bob Ciurczak and his bride to be Alisha Sagaro have announced their engagement. We wish them all the best; they're both great people. Bob and Alisha haven't whispered to the "Bowtie Bulletin" about a date yet, but if they do I'll be sure and let ya'll know.

Camilliere, you feeling the HEAT?

Car Widow Talk: PCCC Cars Turn Back the Clock for Cary Seniors

By: Amy O'Donnell

On Saturday October 2nd, the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club hosted a car display at the Woodlawn Terrace Retirement Center in Cary. Fifteen club members provided cars for this display, which was held in a special section of the parking lot. Over 50 residents of the center and various family members came out to see the cars, and many had the opportunity to go for short rides around the grounds of Woodlawn Terrace on this sunny fall day. The center set up a small tent and provided grilled hot dogs, cotton candy, and soft drinks, along with a folk-music singer.

Don and Dot Cooper's 1932 Chevy Coupe was a special hit with its "rumble seat" and musical horn. Residents were lined up to turn back the clock by taking a ride. Viviane Dunham, age 80, said "It was fantastic to ride in this car. It reminded me of 1946 when I came to this country as a war bride from Paris, France. My husband had a car with a rumble seat." Obie Wooten, age 71, said "It was great riding with Don in the front seat. I never had a car like that, but my neighbor did and I never got a chance to ride in it."

Newlywed residents Joe and Jo Kastelberg, age 80 and 79, have been married for 5 months and met in exercise class at Woodlawn Terrace. While they are living in a retirement center, don't let that fool you. This couple has the travel bug. They recently returned from a 2-week trip to Kenya, and had a trip to Maui planned for early October to attend a granddaughter's wedding. Joe said, "When I was younger, I had a '65 Impala. And when I was 18, I had a '31 Model A Ford. It had a rumble seat and was fire engine red. I went to Sears and bought bright red lacquer paint and painted it myself. The top speed was 45 mph – I could really whiz around town." In honor of their recent wedding, Ron Thomas (he and Jan brought 2 cars to the show!) collected some aluminum cans and tied them on the back of his old '55 Chevy convertible. The center activities director made a "Just Married" sign, and Ron drove them around the grounds while honking the horn. Congratulations, Joe and Jo !

Robert and Lois Copeland's 1967 Corvette Roadster was also popular, particularly among the younger residents. Robert made the rounds, taking many residents for rides. Several mentioned that they had never ridden in a convertible, but had always dreamed of doing so.

The hoods of all of the cars on display were up, allowing residents to check out the engines. Many commented on the simplicity of the engines, and marveled at the perfect chrome bumpers and the overall pristine condition of the cars, both inside and out. One man commented, "If their cars are in this kind of shape, I wonder how well they take care of their wives?" Hmmm, that would be a good topic for another column.....

Resident Judy Spiller, age 81, came to the United States from Hungary in 1954. While there were no cars in Hungary, Judy said she was so glad to see that these cars were "GM" cars. "I always bought GM cars," said Judy, "They were the best." We think so too, Judy.

Overall, the display was very successful and it was fun to see people enjoying themselves looking at and riding in our members' cars. One resident said to me, "Honey, you've taken 50 years off my life today." Now that makes it all worthwhile.

“OLD HOLLYWOOD SQUARES FUNNY ANSWERS”

(You old enough to remember this show)

Q. Do female frogs croak?

A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I Love You"?

A. Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.

Q. Why do Hell's Angels wear leather?

A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

Q. It is in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps, one is politics, what is the other?

A. Paul Lynde: Tape measures.

Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?

A. Paul Lynde: Make him bark?

Q. If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?

A. Paul Lynde: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.

Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?

A. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.

Q. It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?

A. Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.

Q. According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?

A. Paul Lynde: Point and Laugh

Interesting WEB Sites

<http://www.wtv-zone.com/cal555/car/frames.html>

Turn your volume up and get ready to see some old cars and cool music, really a neat site.

The PCCC Hits the National Magazine Scene Once Again

By Don Mende

PCCC member Linwood Johnson has had an article published in the September 2004 Classic Chevy World magazine titled "Found in a Barn". It is a fantastic and sometimes funny story of how Linwood found his latest acquisition, a 57 Chevy hardtop, in a barn. If you don't get the Classic Chevy World magazine you can see Linwood's article on the web in the NEWS section. If you don't have web access let me know and I'll make you a copy.

This is the third article that was authored by a PCCC member that was published in a National magazine this year. That's got to be some kind of a record for a car club.

Again, congratulations to Linwood, awesome job.

"WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS"

By: JoAnn Hopp – Membership Chairman

Al and Ann Brown

Bob & Sharon Harper

Eric Balachowski

AA and Catherine Graham

“CLASSIFIEDS”

By: Don Mende – Newsletter Editor

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