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From "Our Pres", Ron Thomas

First let me thank everyone involved with the Spaghetti Dinner and White Elephant Auction last month. The dinner was spectacular. A special thanks must go out to Tom Camilliere and Charlie Kaleel for putting it together.....and as you know their sauces wound up in a tie.....but we had Tom going for a minute there didn't we?.....LOL

Also I want to thank everyone for helping with the White Elephant Auction, those who helped with it and those who donated. We had some super items... The club made \$513.00 from this event... Wow!

The holiday season of course, is also here. It seems the club sort of slips into the back of our minds once the holidays arrive, and rightly so. We focus more on family and good friends at this time of year, some of those perhaps are club members. They certainly are in our case we have made some wonderful friends thru the club.

To finish the club year in grand fashion we will celebrate the year with our annual Christmas Party at the Raleigh Elks Lodge on Saturday Evening December 6th. Set this date on your calendar and watch for a special flyer with all the details. This truly is a very special event and we have planned for it to be more special than ever this year so I hope to see you all there.

In the meantime we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Jan and Ron Thomas

ps: Last business meeting of the year is Monday November 24th at 7:PM at the Jaycee Center. We will elect 2004 Officers at that time. Please plan to attend.

“The Social Corner” By Tom Camilliere

1. The pasta party was great fun for everyone there including Charlie and myself, is there a roasted chicken party or lasagna party in the future???? Only time will tell. The white elephant sale made over 500 dollars for the club, helping to pay for the cost of the party. Whoever got the MM picture is a lucky man!!!! I understand a private viewing for club members only can be arranged, contact Ron for times. Finally, about the pasta party, thanks to everyone for setting up the tables, helping to clean up and to Karl Neal for getting the Fairview Center.

2. Christmas Party at the ELKS December 6, time and more info at the 11/24 meeting, remember it must be prepaid and to bring a 10-dollar gift to the Elks for our "dirty Christmas" gift grab bag.

3. See everyone at the 11/24 meeting or at the Christmas Party.

4. Finally, I want to thank everyone for helping me with the social events this year and am looking forward to great social events next year. Lets party!!!!

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

Car Widow Talk: '49 Mercury Makes Young Girls' Dreams Come True

By: Amy O'Donnell and Jan Thomas

Many thanks to Jan Thomas for contributing this touching story about her first car. At the end of this article, please find the recipe for the Pumpkin Pie Cake that I brought to the pasta cook off. The recipe was given to me by a friend in Lima OH about 20 years ago, and continues to be a crowd-pleaser, especially at Thanksgiving time.

Guys always remembered their first car they ever owned, but us girls surely remembered ours too. A friend leaving for military duty overseas gave mine to me. It was 1949 Mercury and was Kelly green. My girlfriend and I walked to school every day. So when that dream machine was given to me we were ecstatic, we would be cruising to school now. My father was in the military and on a 9-month cruise, therefore unable to evaluate the car. With the pink slip in the glove compartment, 50 cents of gas in the car, my girlfriend and I went to the local drive-in as proud as can be. Unknown to me the car did not have reverse. Oh well, small shortcoming. One beautiful California weekend, we decided to give up the day at the beach and polish our beauty. Looking in the house the only polish I could find was a can of "Simonize wood floor polish." We spent an hour or so applying the polish to the car. Then...came the task of trying to hand rub it off. Utoh...well it would not come off. We tried to wash it off with Tide laundry soap...no luck. In the end I think we used SOS pads, and as the sun set the polish finally was removed and the car was back to its original dull color. Gosh, I still loved that car dull or shiny, it didn't matter to me. Well polishing a car today is much different than back in the ole high school days. Maguire products, where were you when I needed you?

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cake:

- Ø 1 stick of margarine, melted
 - Ø 1 egg
 - Ø 1 yellow cake mix (**set aside one cup of mix for topping**)
- Mix above ingredients with fork, spread in greased 13 x 9 pan.

Filling:

- Ø 1 large can of pumpkin
- Ø 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Ø 1/4 cup regular sugar
- Ø 3 eggs
- Ø 2/3 cup of milk
- Ø 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice (use 3 tsp. if you like it spicy!)

Mix ingredients and spread on cake base - cover to edges.

Topping:

- Ø 1 cup cake mix - saved from earlier
- Ø 1/2 stick of margarine cut into small pieces (do not melt)
- Ø 1/2 cup of sugar
- Ø 1 cup of chopped walnuts

Mix and sprinkle over top of filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes. Serve with whipped topping, if desired.

NO LOW GEAR

By: Don Mende

Jan's story about getting her first Car while her Dad was on a cruise reminded me of the time I drove all the way from Norfolk Naval Station to Roanoke, VA (180 - 200 MILES) with only high gear in my 57 Chevy. The reason for this adventure was because I wanted to change my 57 to a straight drive floor shift and a mechanic friend of mine back home in Roanoke agreed to do all the work cheap if I could get the car to him. As a sailor in 1965 making \$180 a month, getting things done cheaply was a necessity and worth the risk. Also, a fellow shipmate had a 64 Chevy that busted my 57 every time we raced, so I figured straight drive might give me a better chance. Turns out the whole adventure was a waste of time on that score because while I was gone he put dual quads on his 64 and I never could catch him after that.

Anyway, the story starts (and I swear it's true) with me leaving Norfolk around 3:AM with my friend pushing me up to speed in his 64 Chevy until my transmission would kick into high gear. My logic was that I might stand a chance of making it if I left early in the morning. First obstacle, getting out of Norfolk and through Portsmouth. Well fortunately my friend agreed to follow me all the way out of Portsmouth (naturally I had to buy his gas) because I had to have him push me off about five more times. I started to get a good feel for when the transmission would disengage and how fast I had to be going to keep it in gear. I also learned that by coasting down a hill real fast out of gear and then dropping it into high gear I could restart the car. Fortunately for me I had plenty of times to try this out because if your going to Roanoke, VA you are either going up or a down a mountain. Unfortunately when I got to a town I had to run lots of red lights, but fortunately because of the time of night I was traveling, I never came close to having an accident. Also, for some reason all of the lights were unobstructed so you could see left and right for blocks. Not many high rises in the old days. I would see a traffic light coming up and would try to slow down and time it so it would be green when I got there, all the while being aware of my speed and the terrain around me. I actually stopped at a couple of lights because they were on steep hills and I knew I could restart the car by doing the coasting thing. I got pretty good at that.

I'll never forget the feeling of having to turn sharply to get around a downtown intersection at 25+ MPH. The old 57 felt like it was on two wheels and the tires were screaming. I didn't know about sway bars back then, only thing that concerned me was speed. Hey, it just dawned on me; I haven't changed in 57 years. I just put a new 383 Edelbrock dual quad motor in my current 57 Chevy, pushing close to 500 ponies. Where is that old 64, I'm ready now. Well I made the trip and I swear it's a true story. Ya'll have a great day.

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

Tom and Ann Boyd

Hartwell and Edna Neal

Don and Janie Hudson

Mark and Nick Philbrick

Melvin and Barbara Upchurch

Donnie and Pat Woodlief

Welcome aboard, we look forward to seeing ya'll at the Christmas party if not before.

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

1968 PLYMOUTH ROAD RUNNER

Restoration project finished in 2003 – no miles since – original 4 speed car- blue with black hood scoop. 383 4 barrel, motor completely rebuilt, new interior, new cragars & tires, new paint and lots of new chrome. Must be seen to appreciate. Call Butch at home number 919-782-3375 or cell 919-345 6389 \$18,000 negotiable.

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