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From "The Pres", Ron Thomas

I wonder if you see what I see. Is it my imagination or are serious changes taking place in this club? Changes with long-term positive effects. Allow me to discuss just one of them, the newfound involvement of our ladies. We expected and planned for our ladies to be involved in our social dinner meetings, but have you noticed the female participation at the business meetings and club activities.

For example, Brenda North, Charlie Kaleel's lady, makes all of the meetings and it seems all the club activities and she helps at the car show by selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. Amy O'Donnell has voluntarily taken on the role of Webmaster for our new website (a major contribution) and Amy has joined the newsletter staff with her first edition of "**Car Widows**" a column we hope will become a regular feature.

Tom Camilliere's lady Debbie, has been making show flyers for us for some time and she too sells tickets at the car show. A number of ladies have volunteered to help Amy "upload" data to the website. My wife Jan has just finished the "second edition" of the new club Pocket Guide. Some ladies, Lois Copeland for example, are quietly helping hubby 'behind the scenes' with typing, assembling plaques and the like. Denny Oestreich will have a lot of help from the ladies at the registration table at the car show.

My point, if you haven't picked up on it by now, is of course that even a car club, perceived largely as a guy thing, isn't just a guy thing. On the contrary, our club is vastly improved with the participation of the ladies. I want to recognize their importance to the quality of our club. So let's give the "**Car Widows**," all of them, a big hooray. Thank you ladies!

“The Social Corner” By Tom Camilliere

1. Our next SOCIAL MEETING is 4/28/2003 at the 518 West Restaurant, on the corner of West Jones and Glenwood Ave. Just go down Glenwood and the restaurant is on the corner of West Jones St. Drinks at the bar between 6-7 PM , pay on your own, dinner at 7:00 PM, being seated not before please. Separate checks and **18% will be added to the bill so don't double tip**. A dinner gift certificate will be given away!!!!!! Be advised **NOT** to drive your classic to this meeting as parking is tight and we are downtown.
2. We're already planning our next social event for June 23, at Pullen Park and it will be a PIG-PICKIN. Coopers, will be supplying the food and it will cost \$10.00 dollars per person with children under 12 free. This will be a family event, so bring out the gang!!!!!! More info to come, look forward to seeing you there.
3. Remember, half of the club's 50/50 goes to the social fund to help pay for club's activities. (As some might think it doesn't go to the Camilliere vacation fund) HA HA
4. Look for soda and snacks at the business meetings, for special requests please see me.

Last Business Meeting Highlights

WOW, 30 members were present and six (6) of them drove their classic Chevy's. Brian Anzak showed up in an old Ford Mustang and wanted special credit, can you imagine.

Doug Hensley gave the Treasurer's report and all is well in checkbook land.

Ron voiced some serious issues concerning the lack of member response from the survey forms, about 50% participation. If you haven't done yours I would, he's pissed.

Tom gave the Social report, told us all what we already knew, he's done a terrific job and we all had a ball at Lucky 32. Tom's on a roll, he won the 50/50 at the last meeting so he's \$43 bucks richer, guess whose buying the first round at the next social meeting?

Ron won the auction for a restored 55 Chevy clock for \$ 50.00; it was donated by Jim Hendrickson of Classic Car Parts of Hartwood, Virginia, great folks, many thanks.

Don Mende will head up sickness and distress communications on PCCC members and their families. If you have any info please send it to Don via email or call ASAP. Hope I never hear from anybody. Unfortunately I have to report that Linwood Johnson, PCCC Secretary, has been suffering from severe headaches. Doctors did a cardiac catheterization on Linwood and found that one of the main arteries in Linwood's neck was 90% blocked. Corrective surgery was performed on Linwood 4/9/2003. Linwood was released from the hospital the very next day 4/10/2003, guess his new name is Iron Man. Linwood is at home and doing well.

Bob Copeland brought us all up to date on plans for the upcoming 14th PCCC Annual car show on May 17th. This project takes meticulous planning and coordination every year to pull off successfully. Listening to Bob give his Car Show Committee report at the business meeting, proves that we have the right guy and the right team together to have a wonderful show. Besides, Bob has apparently talked to a higher authority and he now promises fair weather and NO rain. Should be a real fun time for all of our guests and us.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The folks that brought cars to the Kenly/Deacon Jones Chevrolet Display Saturday April 12.

They are: Brian Anzak, Keith Archambault, Floyd Barnes, Don Cooper, Robert Copeland, Ralph and Linda DeMichele, Linwood and Mavis Johnson, Charlie Kaleel and Brenda North, John Louthan, David Matthews, Karl Neal, Thomas and Linda Stephenson (2 Cars) . We made \$300 for the club.

REMINDER

Don't Forget Saturday April 19th

Selma Car Classic, Saturday April 19th at the Uptown Selma Antique District from 10AM till 4PM. The club will again meet at the Lowes / McDonalds complex at the intersection of Hwy's 70 and 401 in Garner and leave at 9AM, on April 19th. The ladies should enjoy the antique shops while the guys talk cars. This should be a real fun trip.

Members already signed up are; Neal, Beach, Copeland, Kaleel, Camilliere, Cooper, Deal, Mathews, Stephenson, Allen, Archambault, Condit, and Thomas. While it appears that we have enough cars please sign up as someone may be forced to drop out at the last minute. We all know how these old cars act up.

AND FOR SURE DON'T FORGET , APRIL 27TH, A CRUISE // PICNIC TO SEE THE BILLY EUBANKS CAR COLLECTION

Sunday, April 27th, noon till ????. The Club will cruise together at noon from The KFC at the Home Depot Shopping Center on Hwy 55 at the Hwy 64 / 55 junction in Apex. This cruise will be in conjunction with the Fuquay Cruisers Car Club, so a good time will be had by all. If you haven't been to Billy's you better make this cruise, it's only offered every three or four years and Billy's collection is truly a site to see.

Karl Neal is coordinating this cruise for the club so please call him to "sign up". Karl's numbers are (H) 779-1725 or © 422-2486 or email at karlctr@aol.com Please sign up early, as Karl needs to know how many are going.

“CAR WIDOWS” “Where’d the Towels Go??

By Amy O’Donnell

First, you need to know that I grew up in a family that didn’t give two-hoots about cars. I never recall seeing either of my parents ever wash a car or even talk about washing a car – that’s what rain was for. Cars were transportation, something to get you from point A to point B, and that was it.

Being one of 7 children, our family always had two well-used station wagons - never new. In the mid-70's, the size of our family started to dwindle as my older sisters got married. Around 1975, my mother decided that she wanted a sedan, and they bought a 1973 Gran Torino, avocado green with a black vinyl top. I remember being quite impressed at the time with the concept of a swoopy sedan, but even more so with the supreme sound of the stereo system (it had rear speakers). This was around the time I was starting to drive (but prior to the acquisition of my own 1971 Maverick - I'll save that story for another article).

Anyway, that Gran Torino was a nice newer car with shiny paint on it, and predictably, my parents never ever washed it. In fact, I recall one summer when there was a spot of "bird dew" on the trunk lid that ate a hole through the paint over a period of several months (while I watched). In retrospect, I should have washed the car myself (after all, I was driving it occasionally), but who can explain why teenagers do or don't do certain things. The metal beneath rusted and eventually ate a hole in the trunk lid.

In 1982, I went from living in a home with no concern for cars, to marrying someone who is obsessed with cars. We received many nice wedding gifts, including several sets of towels. I had never seen towels so nice, and thought Mike and I were quite fortunate to receive such luxurious gifts from friends and family. I remember when my mother would fold the bath towels when we were growing up. She would say, "These pink velour towels were a wedding gift from Fred and Lois Smith" - and she was still using these towels some 20 years later! So you can imagine my surprise after a year or two of marriage when I was strolling through the garage one day and saw some of our luxurious bath towels peeking out of the car wash towel basket. At first, I was very angry and upset, thinking that I would never have the chance to be like my mother and reminisce about wedding gifts from years gone by. But then I realized the advantages: First, I will always have a clean car with no "bird dew" rust holes in it, and second, this provides me with the opportunity to redecorate the bathroom with new towels every year or two. And you all know that new towels more often than not lead to new paint, rugs, wall covering, and accessories. So if you are missing some towels, don't even bother checking the garage. Just head on over to the store to buy new ones!

I can still reminisce about the towels received for wedding gifts if I want to - I just have to go out in the garage to do it!

MEET THE MEMBERSHIP **DAVID AND MARIE WEDGE**

David and Marie were living in Charlotte, NC when they found an ad in the local classifieds for a 1956 Chevrolet Truck. The person who owned the truck planned to use it to promote their antique business. They spray painted it with primer but just never got around to finishing the project. David and Marie acquired the truck in 1991.

Over the years the old Chevy truck has followed David and Marie from place to place until they finally settled in Raleigh. David then built a new garage to get him and his toy out of the weather. Now that the garage is finished, David is starting to restore the truck. David researched the old truck's history and found that it was owned by a farmer and had not been modified at all except for the addition of a trailer hitch. How rare is that for a 47-year-old vehicle? David says, "My next step is to obtain replacement parts for an original restoration". David plans on doing much of the restoration himself.

David, we all wish you and Marie nothing but the best in your restoration project. We've all been there and understand where you're at. I'm sure I speak for the rest of the PCCC gang when I say, "if you need any help just ask". Good luck, and again a big welcome to you and Marie to the PCCC, and Marie, if you start missing towels see Amy for some real good advice.



Upcoming Events, Shows and Cruises

If you need any information on any of these shows call David Mathews at 919-469-9653

April 27th PCCC trip to visit Billy Eubank's car collection – Apex, NC

May 3rd Triangle AACA NC Region Show - Oak View, Raleigh, NC
May 3rd Southland Car Club Top 50 Classic Car Show – Smithfield, NC
May 3rd Paul Berry Classic Cars X – Wilson, NC
May 10th South Carolina Poultry Festival – Leesville, SC
May 10th Old Dominion Late Great Chevys – Richmond, VA

May 17th PCCC Show – Elks Lodge, Raleigh, NC

May 24th 10th Memorial Run For Fun – Raleigh, NC
May 31st Show & Shine Cruiser – Union, SC
June 29th – July 2nd Bowtie Chevy Convention – Charlotte, NC
Sept. 27th Tarheel Region – Bobby Murray Chevrolet, Raleigh, NC
Oct. 4th Harvest Fest – Wendell, NC
Oct. 18th Heritage Jubilee – Edgefield, SC
Oct. 17th – 19th Show, Shine, Shag & Dine – Henderson, NC

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free of charge with members given preference as space permits. All classifieds will be deleted each month unless you tell Don Mende that you want it to stay for a period of time.

PARTS FOR SALE

1957 Chevy Sedan Parts – Don Mende H-(919) 676-6329

Gauges, lens (\$30)	Rear window – light scratches (\$50)
Instrument cluster (\$30)	Sedan back seat- great shape (\$100)
Heater core & parts (\$35)	Short tail fin stainless (\$25)
Electric wiper motor & gears (\$75)	chrome window vents (\$35)
Interior metal trim around all windows (\$35)	
Trunk Lid – good skin – rusty braces – no hardware (\$30)	

1949 Chevy Pickup Engine - \$ 300 - Bill Turlty (sp?) 252-492-0979

Original engine from a 1949 Chevy ½ ton pickup, complete except starter, has original air breather. Also selling complete running gear and frame for a 1949 Chevy ¾ ton pickup truck.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

55 Chevy Truck \$ 4,000

Step side, long bed, disassembled
Bart Walker, 510 Jefferson St., Raleigh, NC 27605 (919) 828-5356

VEHICLES FOR SALE

73 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible \$6500 (Negotiable)

50,000 Original Miles

Original Maroon Paint (in good shape) w/ New White Top

Orig. Big Block V8 (wasn't sure which one) but runs great.

Air, Power, etc everything works, Needs only cosmetics

Call: Dickie Grady Goldsboro, NC (W) 736-7775 (H) 739-6158 or 734-5718

or E-mail at: www.gradyconstruction.com

VEHICLES WANTED

1955 Chevy 2 or 4 door parts car - Call Milton Lewis at 910-620-5393 or 910-259-3279

1955, 56 or 57 Chevy truck – Call Robert Raynor at 910-259-3439 or 910-620-5353