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From “Our Pres”, Ron Thomas

I want to use this space this month to encourage you to attend our next Business Meeting on Monday July 28th as this will be a very important meeting. We will decide how we are going to spend a major portion of our monies. How much we will donate to Make a Wish and other charities. We may also decide to spend some funds on other things. We will also finish our discussion of a couple months back about our Car Show and make some decisions about its future direction. Last and certainly not least we will have a Tech Session by member Gary Long about “Automotive Paints”. A subject these days of great interest with the recent advances in paint technology.

This is your club, we are going to decide how to spend your money so be there and have a voice in how we spend it. If you care about what kind of Car Show we have or have an interest in today’s “Paints” you should plan to attend on the 28th.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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“The Social Corner” By Tom Camilliere

1..The pig-pickin was a huge success with 56 paying members and 12 free for a total of 68 dinners. Total expenses for the party was 400 dollars. We collected 560 dollars for a net profit of 160\$. We will use the profit to lower the cost of upcoming events. I want to thank everyone for coming out to this event and also to the people that helped me clean up the shelter. It looks like we should make this a yearly event.

2. Swim- Ice cream party at Summerfield North Swim Club, on August 24, Sunday, from 7-10PM. This is a free event, your pig-pickin profits at work, so bring the whole family, we will have the Swim Club to ourselves, place to change, bathrooms etc. We will have a lifeguard and DJ Rob will provide the music. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and topping, or just buy your favorite kind. Remember, you don't have to swim to come to this event. The water will be warm and it will be a great way to end the summer!!!!!! Bring your classic car.

DIRECTIONS: Summerfield is on Strickland Road between Six Forks and Falls of Neuse

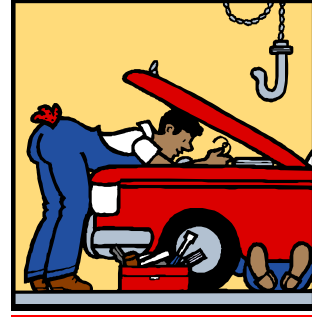
3. Poker Run on September 14, Sunday at the Farmhouse, by Ron Thomas's house, leaving the farmhouse at 2:00PM and returning for a cookout at about 6:00. We will have great prizes for best hand and worst hands so if you don't do well at cards you still could win. We will be spending 100\$ on prizes, again pig-pickin profits at work, so all you high rollers and low riders come and get a piece of the action. The price for the cook -out has not been set, but it should be around 4-5\$ a person. Some of the places we will be cruising to: Char Grill Atlantic Ave, GoodBerries Leesville RD, CharGrill Strickland Rd, Grill 57 Garner, GoodBerries Spring Forest, then back to the Farmhouse for the prizes and cook-out. Bring your classic car and your Poker Face and see you there.

4. Fall foliage cruise on October 12 Sunday, Charlie is putting the final touches on this event. We will be meeting on Rt. 98, place to be announced, and cruise to the Homestead for early dinner. We will get you home before dark. Put this cruise on your calendar.

5. Pasta cook-off, October 27, at 6:30PM, Community Center on Rt. 10-10 by the fire station, Charlie is putting the final touches on his recipe and Grand-Ma Camilliere will be making a special visit to NC to help with the cooking. The cost for this will be 3\$ a person so bring the family, if you dare, for some fine spaghetti, salad and garlic bread.

6. In the the thinking, planning stages, a trip to Kinston, NC for Christmas viewing of Tryon Palace and dinner. We will travel in non-classic cars due to the distance. Let me know what you think????

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



Car-Widow Talk: Everything I Needed To Know I Learned From My First Car

By: Amy O'Donnell

My niece turned 16 about three years ago. In honor of this momentous event, her parents bought her a brand new red Ford Escort coupe with all of the bells and whistles - air conditioning, a functional heater, a halfway decent stereo, and power windows. Pretty nice car for a 16-year-old, if you ask me. My sister, whose first car in 1974 was a '67 Nova, justified this purchase by saying that a new car would be more reliable and that they did not want to have to worry about late-night breakdowns, paying for repairs, and the other pitfalls of owning an older car.

Now I'm not being bitter or anything, considering that my first car was a '71 Maverick (a.k.a. Mavis, yellow, 2-door, with black racing stripes) with no AC, a weak heater, crank windows, and an AM radio, but I think that owning an old car can be character-building, especially if it is your first car. One can learn a lot from owning an older, temperamental car if you ask me. For example, you can fine-tune your listening skills as you cruise down the road, wondering what that thumping noise in front is, or the squealing sound it makes when you start it up, or the sound of grinding metal when you turn the key in the ignition. You develop keen observational skills, interpreting the dashboard lights indicating "low oil", "hot engine" and the ever-ambiguous "check engine" light. (I never could figure out what part of the engine I was supposed to check!) You also can become a detective of sorts; sniffing and analyzing the viscosity of mysterious fluids often left behind by older cars in an attempt to determine their source. The vocabulary development that comes from owning an older car is amazing. Suddenly, you become familiar with terms such as "tie rod", "fly wheel" (I learned that these had teeth!), and products such as "Quick Start", and "Fix-A-Flat". The owner of an older car also has the opportunity to develop good communication skills. Think about it - first, you have to find a mechanic or coerce a friend to work on your car. You have to describe the symptoms, arrange for repairs, which include calling auto parts stores within a 20-mile radius, and finally, you have to show the appropriate amount of gratitude. This is somewhat of a lost art among today's under 20-set. But most of all, owning an older car makes you love that old car when it is running smoothly, and that is when the real bond develops between car and owner.

Sure, those times spent with Mavis' hood up staring at that engine wondering why it would not start were very frustrating. But those times were also some of the best and most memorable times, and definitely contributed to my character development. And now my niece is in college, her car is all dinged up and has survived a couple of fender-benders. When I see her and try to strike up a conversation, she grunts a weak "Hi" and walks on by, gets in her air-conditioned car and drives off into the sunset. She doesn't know what she is missing.

Do you have any fond memories of your first car that you would like to share? Email them to me at amyo81@aol.com and I will put them in an upcoming issue of Car Widow Talk.

MEET THE MEMBERSHIP

Dan and Connie Swan

By Don Mende

Dan and Connie have been married for 25 years, which in itself is a huge success story. As we all know, Dan and Connie own and operate Classic Restorations in Apex, NC and they have always been key supporters of The PCCC. Classic Restorations is truly a family affair with both of Dan and Connie's sons (Kenny and David) involved in the Classic Restorations business. Classic Restoration's services start at adding simple chrome goodies all the way to sheet metal replacement and specialized paint jobs. Truth be known, that when you need a restoration done correctly, Dan's knowledge of classics, especially shoeboxes, is worth its weight in gold. It's especially awesome that the Swan boys are so interested in the family business. Dan and Connie are passing on very specialized skills to their sons that very few individuals have today and even fewer will have in the future.

Here's a picture of Dan and Connie in their 64 Chevy Convertible. This is Dan's second 64 Chevy Convertible as his first one was destroyed in a freak accident with a deer in the Midwest years ago. Seems Dan was cruising down the highway late one night when the car in front of Dan saw a deer and put on his brake lights as a warning, but it was too late. The deer bolted between the two cars and hit Dan square in the front grill. Kiss one suicidal deer goodbye and a totaled a 64 Chevy Convertible's front end. Dan said he was unhurt, but his biggest problem was that the car in front of him, which must have seen and heard the collision, just kept going and left Dan stuck on the side of the road with nobody for company except the dead deer.



Last Meeting Highlights

By Don Mende

Our last meeting was a social event Bar-B-Q at Pullen Park that was attended by over sixty folks. Tom Camilliere, with I'm sure lots of help from Debbie and others, pulled off another wonderful social event for us all. The Bar-B-Q and chicken was great and seeing a parking lot full of classics was the desert.

Very little business was discussed, however it was decided that if a member wanted to get the newsletter via US mail instead of Email they should let Don Mende know and he would make the change.

Upcoming Events, Shows and Cruises

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

August 9 th	Country Park Triad Chevy Club, Greensboro, NC
Sept. 27 th	Tar-heel Region – Bobby Murray Chevrolet, Raleigh
Oct. 4 th	Harvest Fest – Wendell, NC
Oct. 18 th	Heritage Jubilee – Edgefield, SC
Oct. 17 th -19 th	Show, Shine, Shag & Dine – Henderson, NC

For more information go to www.usamotorevents.com

INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE WEB SITES

FROM Franks Wells – how to add a three point seat belt to a tri-5 (adobe file)

<http://www.wieser-ed.com/3PointBeltHowto.pdf>

Bowtie/Late Great Chevy Convention – Charlotte

Here are the results for PCCC club members showing cars at this event:

<u>Mike Hall</u>	55 Chevy 2Dr Sedan Modified Class, First Place Gold Certificate (Score 964)
<u>Ron Thomas</u>	55 Chevy Convertible Original Restored Class, First Place Gold Certificate (Score 987) Original Restored Class
<u>Don Cooper</u>	57 Chevy Convertible Original Restored Class, First Place Senior, Peoples Choice 57 Chevy Gold Certificate (Score 957)
<u>Keith Archambault</u>	70 Chevelle Malibu 70 Chevelle, First Place, Gold Certificate (Score 970) Best Engine and Best Interior Yesteryears Chevys (65-72)

Note: Mike O'Donnell regretfully was unable to make the show

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

Near New Chevy 350 Vortex Heads, GM 4-Barrel Manifold, Best Offer.
Call or see John at Buffalo Tire on Capital Blvd, Raleigh. (919) 872-3030

1 set of Stainless Stone guards for 1955 front fender (new) \$75, 1 complete set of Stone guards for 55 including rocker panel cover (new) \$150, 1 New York License 1958 (decent) \$35, 1 New York License 1950 (very rough) \$10, 1 complete Nomad Tailgate Chrome (was new but a few pieces need rechroming (2 pieces still perfect)) \$250, 2 complete sets of 1955 taillights (1 very good 1 rough) \$50 each, 1 set of TH350 transmission mount hardware for 55-57 (no rubber) \$10 1 Nomad rear bumper guard (rechromed like new) \$50, 1 set of Danchuk 1955 taillight chrome (like new never used) \$50, 1 used 1957 Pontiac Rearview mirror and 1 used 1955 Chevy rearview mirror (very rough) \$10 each, 1 pair of 1955 Chevy Taillight V-8 emblems (new) \$25 and 1 pair in very good condition \$20

All trades will be considered since I need some things still too.

Call Frank Wells at 919-854-0467 or email fwells2@bellsouth.net

PARTS NEEDED

David Mathews has purchased a 55 Chevy 2 door sedan that is in need of restoration parts. Guess that no windows T-Bucket stuff got old quick. If anybody has some 55 Chevy stuff they want to sell please give David a call at 919-469-9653 or Email him at davidmathews705@hotmail.com Welcome back to Chevy Land David!