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From "Our Pres", Ron Thomas

I'm sitting here thinking about the Poker Run/ Cookout. Doing a post-mortem I guess. Overall I hope everyone is as pleased with the event as I was, I certainly heard a lot of positive comments about it which is always nice.

I got chewed out by Jan late that evening for being so overbearing in getting everyone's attention to make the announcement about Amy O'Donnell's "Towels" Article in the Chevy Times magazine. She's right of course so allow me to apologize now. I do believe it was a major event for the club and an article printed in a national magazine is surely a major happening in anyone's life. I wanted to make sure we gave her the credit she deserves.

Another regret, we didn't have any questions on the Poker Run geared toward the women. That's my fault. It didn't even occur to me until some of the gals in my Poker group kinda "gave up" after two or three pit stops and just took a "pity card" as they called it laughingly. At least I know they are all good sports and did their best to make the most of it. Thank you for that ladies. We will try to remedy that problem if we do another Poker Run.

Lets see if we can another even bigger group of Ole Chevys on the road for Charlie's "Fall Foliage Cruise" on Sunday October 12th.

One last bullet; September 22 Business Meeting is an important one. Nominations for 2004 Officers and approval of the proposed by-laws are the major agenda items. Please plan to attend.

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“The Social Corner” By Tom Camilliere

1 **Fall foliage** cruise on October 12, Sunday. Charlie is putting the final touches on this event. We will be meeting at the intersection of US Hwy # 1 and Route 98, look for a bunch of old cars. We will then cruise to the Homestead in Roxboro for an early dinner. Don't miss this one, come and eat with us and have some pumpkin pie. We will get you home before dark. Put this cruise on your calendar.

2. **Pasta cook off** October 27, at 6:30pm, eat at 7:00pm, at the Community Center on Rt. 1010 by the fire station, don't miss this great pasta, salad, and garlic bread you bring the dessert. The cost for this is \$5.00 per person, children free, so bring the family. Bona Monga!!!! That's Italian.

3. 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 NOW, HAPPY CRUISING AND BE SAFE!!!!!!!!!!!!

**DON'T FORGET THE
BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY NIGHT AT THE
CIVIC CENTER, IT'S
AN IMPORTANT ONE !**

Car-Widow Talk: Sun Visors and New Underwear

By: Amy O'Donnell

When my paternal grandfather passed away in 1974 at the age of 75, my mother and my aunts were charged with going through his personal belongings and getting his house ready for sale. Having been a widower in good health for many years, he lived in the family home up until his death, and had a lot of furniture and drawers full of "stuff". The last car he purchased was a 1970 blue Chevelle sedan, purchased brand new, purposely ordered without a radio, or any other luxury options. It was in mint condition at the time of his death. I remember there was just an empty hole where the radio would have gone, which seemed odd to me at the time, especially since I was almost of driving age and could not imagine a car without a radio. Though a successful businessman, my grandfather lived an austere and frugal life. He often referred to himself as "depression-scarred" meaning that his life was forever changed by living through the Great Depression. He wore the same denim overalls every day, varied only by adding a red plaid flannel shirt in the winter, and a dingy short sleeved undershirt in the summer. That was the extent of his wardrobe.

When my mother and my aunts were going through his things, they found the things you might expect to find, such as old receipts for major purchases, lots of neckties (the pre-knotted kind), new underwear (still in the package), lots of packets of ketchup, mustard and sugar, mismatched dishes and chipped glasses, plastic silverware, and so on. They also found several pairs of stiff, rectangles stuffed into the back of one of the drawers in the dining room buffet. They could not figure out what these were. When they asked my Uncle Robert (who considers himself the family historian), he immediately identified these as the sun visors from all of my grandfather's past cars, all of the way back to his Model T Ford. Apparently, whenever my grandfather would buy a new car, he would immediately remove the sun visors to keep them from getting worn out. And to think my grandfather was "6 feet under" and those sun visors were still just as good as new!

My dad's sister, my Aunt Carolyn, is a Dominican Nun. It was decided that the family would donate my grandfather's Chevelle to her convent, which was located in Lancaster OH. By this time, Aunt Carolyn and her colleagues had shed their "habits" and were adopting more aspects of civilian living that included driving, so needless to say they were quite excited to get a free car. They were even more excited when Uncle Robert re-installed those sun visors, and took the car to get a radio installed. Three months later, much to the family's dismay, the car was all dented up and had been wrecked a couple of times.

So the moral of the story is this: Time is short. Use those sun visors, and when you get new underwear for Christmas or for your birthday, cycle the old underwear out into the garage for car cleaning purposes and wear the new stuff. And don't donate your old car to nuns who have not had driver's ed classes.

Last Meeting Highlights

By Don Mende

Wow, if you missed the Poker run at last months social meeting you missed a great time. A big thank you to our hosts Bob & Candi Fuller for letting us use their property as a classic car parking lot and for all their help with the cookout later. Ricky Layton did the catering and man was that food great, thanks Ricky. One of our stops was to visit Don Woodlief's home and see his classic car collection. Don is more my kind of guy as he had some real serious horsepower machines in his collection and even a couple of F*&ds. Loved that big block Chevelle, didn't that sound great when he fired it up? Hope this turns into an annual event. By the way the top poker hand was trips Queens, congrats to Billie Jean for having the winning hand and taking home the \$50 prize.

Big News, our own **Amy O'Donnell** has had one of her "Car-Widow" columns published in the August issue of Bowtie magazine. Our club and our "Bowtie Newsletter" were also mentioned in the caption headlines. Quite an honor for our club and real big

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Amy, great job as always.

Upcoming Events, Shows and Cruises

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

Sept 27,- 11th annual Car show and picnic, 9am-until..., Suffolk, VA, Lone star park, \$20.00 entry fee, '72 and older, open show.

Sept. 27th Tar-heel Region – Bobby Murray Chevrolet, Raleigh

Sept 28,- Apex jaycees 17th annual charity car show, Cooper tools, Lufkin road, 9am-4pm \$20.00, open show.

Oct. 4th Harvest Fest – Wendell, NC

Oct. 18th Heritage Jubilee – Edgefield, SC

Oct. 17th-19th Show, Shine, Shag & Dine – Henderson, NC

For more information go to www.usamotorevents.com

SATURDAY NIGHT 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

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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