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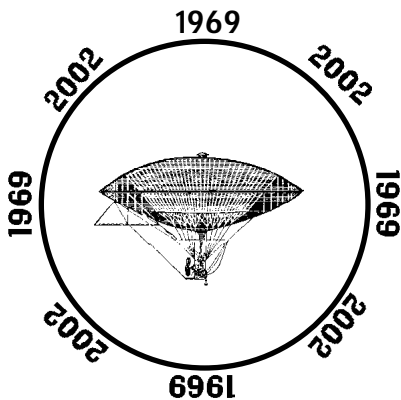
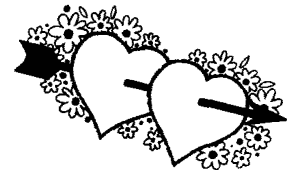
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Presidents Message

A lot of times when I am at a car club meeting or event, I often wonder why there are not more members in attendance. Then I ask myself what is the reason I am attending (besides being club Pres.) and I find it hard to put into words. I seem to really enjoy an opportunity to drive my Old car when I am stuck driving a bland generic ordinary car everyday. I also enjoy seeing and talking to other members of the club. When I try and think of the reasons other people decide to become members of various clubs I come up with lot of differing reasons. Here are some of the reasons I came up with.

- Looking to meet new friends with same interest
- Looking to meet people with the expertise to help them work on their car
- Looking to buy a car
- Looking to sell a car
- Wanting to attend car shows and win trophies
- Looking for parts for their cars
- Looking for a reason to get out of the house
- Looking for a way to help the community
- Boredom
- Staying in touch with old friends

I am sure there are many more reasons and many of us can find multiple reasons for joining and participating in clubs. And I don't think one reason is necessarily better than another, because once you join, you find a bunch more reasons to stay (or leave for that matter).

My point is , We should not really care for the initial reason someone joins a club or an organization, we should make them feel welcome and be glad to have them. What brought up this train of thought is that I am involved in many different groups and organizations, many not having anything to do with cars, and with different types of people and I get enjoyment from them all.

I have such a good time participating that I am always looking for some new group to get involved with.

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C January 14, 2002 meeting

The January meeting of the *Pontiacs of Central California* was called to order by our president Joel Garrett at 7:35 PM.

No visitors were present but Robert Ortiz did sneak his wife's 67 GTO out to attend our meeting. We hope he gets it back in the garage before she catches it gone.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved and seconded along with tonight's agenda.

Treasures report - the balance of the treasury is in the red.

Newsletters report - Signups are needed for the February newsletter. As always lets get Sam some info on our Pontiacs or any other interesting cars we own. Even an interesting article or two from some magazines.

Web site Webmaster report - We are up to 125 hits a month.

Old Business - PBOC Show - a temporary flyer was developed by Brian to be distributed at some up coming shows including Turlock. Everyone interested should take a few to pass out. The next car show mtg. will be Jan. 22 at Fergies in Rancho Maderos. We need vendors, swappers and Raffle prizes for the show. Therefore, everyone get working.

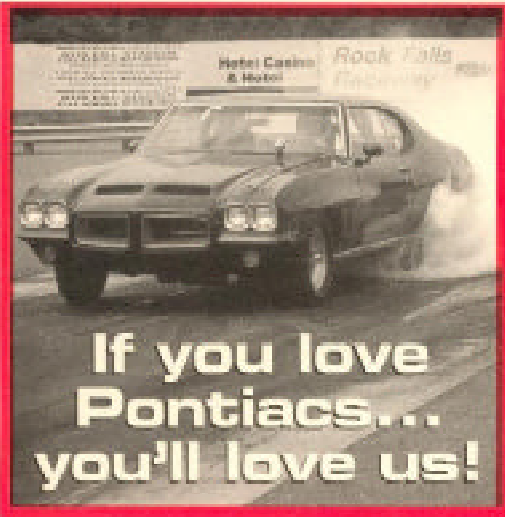
New business - It is that time of year again dues are due. Fill out the insert in the Dec. newsletter and return to Bill Truckell. For members not paid, the March issue will be their last. A budget for the 2002 calendar year will be forthcoming after the officers have had a meeting to discuss it.

Past and Up-coming activities

Past - The Toys-for-Tots show and shine was very successful and plans are in the works to organize an even better one next year. There was a great turn out by the Mustang and Mopar clubs.

Christmas Party - who can say enough IT

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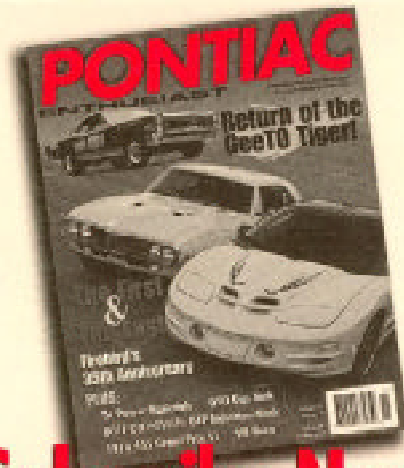
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WAS GREAT. Thanks again to the Dave Valle and his family for opening their home to us.

Future - Turlock -Jan. 26-27; Pontiac show in Tustin, Ca., Sat. Feb. 2.; POCC PBOC Show, April 27; Racing for a Cure, May 11; Fresno Concourse, May 19; Cherries Jubilee, Sept. 6-8; POCI Western Regional's, Ventura, Sept. 27-9;

Activity Committee- the Goal is to have at least one club activity a month. The first one will be a mystery Cruise on Feb 16. Details to

follow in the February newsletter. The March event will be a St. Patrick's Day picnic. Location to be determined.

Progressive attendance raffle winner was Patrick Thompson. Patrick was not present to collect his winnings so the Feb. raffle will increase to \$40.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary

1969
2002

What If

by Sam Fisher

2002
1969

At our November meeting Joel (our newly elected President for this year, AKA our newly departed President for last year, but I regress) gave me a couple of sheets of paper that had the title of "Prices of 1969 Cars". When he gave it to me he said feel free to use it in a newsletter. My first thought was this is very small print, if I use my normal 12 point Bookman font I can easily stretch this to three, four, maybe even five pages in a future newsletter. But upon further thought I decided this would be really dull reading, simply listing car after car and what it would have cost if you had bought it brand new back in 1969. I needed to do something more creative with this.

Now I have often thought, as I'm sure many of you have, "What If" I had only kept that 1957 Chevy Bel Air, that 1958 Tri Powered Bonneville, that 1965 396 Corvette or that 1967 Pontiac GTO Convertible that I used to own, just think what they would be worth today. This lead to me thinking about "What If" I could relive 1969, especially knowing what I know now, about cars, I mean. Why, I could buy several new cars and then make sure I kept them until current time (hindsight is 20-20). You know store them in a garage some place until 2002 and then uncover them and Wow! I would have several all original, with matching numbers, low mileage cars, all covered in dust and rust, with dry seals, mice eaten wires and so on. Plus, if I could relive 1969 I would probably be as broke again as I originally was back then and wouldn't be able to afford even one brand new car. Another great idea down the drain.

OK, how about this. I have always been interested in time travel. You know the space time continuum and time warp stuff. Yes, I'm somewhat of a Star Trek fan. Anyway "What If" I, and I mean only I (if everyone

could do this it wouldn't be as much fun) had a time machine. I could go back to 1969 and buy these cars. Since I now have much more money than I ever had back in 1969, the fact it may be worth less is besides the point, I could easily afford several cool cars. I could tap the savings account, the TSA or cash in the life insurance and go back to 1969 with a ton of cash. Cash flow problem solved, now hop into the time machine, go back to 1969 to do some serious buying. How about this as a start, this will be the Muscle Car trip:

- Pontiac GTO Judge Convertible - \$3382.00
- Shelby GT-500 Convertible - \$5027.00
- Plymouth Road Runner Convertible - \$3313.00
- Oldsmobile 4-4-2 Convertible - \$3395.00
- Buick GS-400 Convertible - 3325.00
- Ford Mustang Mach I Fastback - \$3122.00

An even half dozen and something for everyone. Not that I'm going to share any of these cool cars, if you want an original 1069 GTO Judge, get your own time machine. Total cost - \$21, 564.00. Can you believe it, six heavy duty muscle cars for the price of a 2002 Buick Century. I know there is sales tax, dealer prep and destination charges, but let's not worry about these, after all this is a fantasy. Just look at those prices and with the exception of the Shelby, every car was under \$3500, and they are all convertibles, except for the Mustang. Guess Ford never saw the potential of a Convertible Fastback.

Ok, we have our Muscle Cars, how about some luxury cars. On my second trip back to 1969 I will pick up the following:

- Pontiac Grand Prix two door hardtop - \$3794.00
- Oldsmobile Toronado two door hardtop - \$4836.00
- Lincoln Continental Mk III two door hardtop - \$6758.00

- Buick Riviera 2 door hardtop - \$4701.00
- Cadillac Eldorado 2 door hardtop - \$6711.00
- Excalibur SS Roadster - \$9,000.00 (not sure exactly what it looks like, but with that name and price it has to be luxury)

That should pretty much satisfy anyone's desire for luxury. Total cost of this little shopping trip back to the 60's is - \$35,800.00. Not bad, just about the cost of a nice 2002 Buick Park Avenue. Might have to take out a second on the house to cover this second trip, but it will be worth it, honest honey, it is worth every dime.

Can you imagine what these twelve cars would be worth in today's market. Of course that started me thinking again, today, how do I get these cars back to today. The time machine is not big enough to carry them back, so that is out. Did they have Darrel's Mini Storage back in 1969. Would it still exist in the same location in 2002. Wouldn't want to store those beautiful brand new cars at the corner storage in 1969 only to find it was a Johnny Quick in 2002. I would also have to make sure I paid enough to cover storage for 30+ years. Need to check this out really carefully. Here's a thought, I'll go to Vintage Buick, Pontiac, Cadillac and GMC here in Madera to buy my cars. Then I'll tell Don I want them delivered in 2002. On second thought, this may be one of those ideas that sounds good but doesn't really work in reality.

O'well, I'll worry about this minor problem later. Time for a third trip back to 1969. This one will be a potpourri, I'll just get whatever strikes my fancy:

- Chevrolet Corvette convertible - \$4438.00
- Avanti two door hardtop - \$7145.00
- American Motors AMX - \$3297.00
- Ford Thunderbird two door Landau - \$4964.00

- Plymouth Barracuda 2 door fastback - \$2813.00
- Buick Wildcat Custom convertible - \$3948.00

A nice mix of muscle and luxury. Total cost of my third trip is - \$26,605.00. Just about what you would pay for a 2002 Buick LeSabre. Would barely dent the kid's college fund, and I promise to pay it all back with interest, really dear.

Now how do I get these cars back to 2002 so I can cash in (literally) on my exhaustive shopping trips. I figure I can sell these cars for a bundle and then go back and buy some more. Paul Duran and Mike Yoshihara should easily be good for several each of these beauties. Sorry Joel, but I will have to sell them for more than \$1,500 each. OK, maybe this is easier than I first thought. Maybe all I need to do is simply find a shopping mall that existed in 1969, that still exist today, park my cars, jump in the time machine, zip back to 2002 and then go get my cars. Of course what if I'm the only one that zipped through time, while my beautiful cars still had to sit there for 30 some years and rust away. If that is the case they probably would have been stolen or towed in the first few months. Darn this space time continuum stuff is more difficult than I thought. What I need is the Star Ship Enterprise. I could have Scottie beam my cars into Cargo Bay 3, Spock could calculate a sling shot around the sun back to 2002 and then we beam my cars back to earth. I could even use the time machine to go into the future to enlist the help of the Enterprise. Enough of this day dreaming, I'm sure though, by the time I get my time machine I'll have figured out how to solve this minor problem of getting my cars "Back to the Future". "Back to the Future", that has a nice ring, might make a great book, or even better yet, how about a movie?? Something else to look into in my spare time.

Beam me up Scottie!!!!!!

Tustin POCI Show

Keep awake folks, we're going to be an "active club" this year. This past weekend three hardy POCC members made the trek down to Tustin, CA for a POCI chapter show. As most of you know, my objective is to increase the "visibility" of our club to other POCI chapters. Mission accomplished this weekend! We meet some very nice Pontiac owners, the General Manager of the dealership and the POCI Convention Chairman, one Mr. Dan Santoro. We were invited to sit in with Mr. Santoro in a meeting with the President of the Ventura Chapter of POCI to discuss the upcoming Western Regional slated for this September in Ventura. What great exposure!



This meeting gave the opportunity to ask questions to the host of the upcoming Western Regional, next years WS and put our collective faces in front of the man who can help us garner the honor of hosting the 2004 Western Regional! Hold on to your hats folks, Pontiacs of Central California is on the POCI map! We have made no such proposal as yet, and won't until all of our "ducks are in a row", but that time should be open to us this year.

As to the show itself; what a great one. Good weather, good lunch (In-n-Out double-double with chips and coke) and lots of great cars to look at. I've never seen a GTO Station Wagon



before, didn't check the numbers, but one was there. Also saw a couple of exceptional classics: a 1930 Pontiac along with a

1926 Oakland; or how about an old Pontiac woodie with a punched out 454 under the hood.

I would like to organize more overnight trips like this one, but won't unless the membership

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Recently I had an experience with another car club, and I wanted to relay that experience to you.

I was looking at Brian Massey's Calif Car Club web site, and noticed a listing for a Chevy Vega Club. Since I recently acquired a Vega, I thought I would email the club contact and request information. The following is the exact emails that were exchanged:

TO: Vega Club

FROM: calbug61@aol.com (my email address)
SUBJECT: Vega Club

Hi, if you club is still active, could you email me some info.

thanks Joel

TO: calbug61@aol.com

FROM: Vega club

SUBJECT: re: Vega club

HI, your email indicates that you have a 61 bug, at the present time we do not have any vw members. Vega Cosworths is the majority. thanks for the interest bill

TO: Vega Club

FROM: calbug61@aol.com

SUBJECT re: Vega Club

Bill, did you really think that just because my email name has to do with Volkswagens, that I thought I could join a Vega club????? JEEZZ!! I am the President of the local Pontiac club, I own a 64 Grand Prix, I am a member of the local Mopar club, I own 3 Chrysler products, and I own a 71 V8 Chevy Vega. I am not interested in your club anymore if this is how you think. And I can't wait to tell my fellow members of the clubs I do belong to what a stupid email you sent me

I hear them laughing already

JG

Needless to say I have not heard back from them. But it made me think of the different ways clubs and their members treat fellow member and prospective member. I don't think the Vega club is in the growing mode, but I am happy to say that Pontiacs of Central Calif is.

Joel

Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC Club meetings are held at the Denny's on Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:30.

February:

February 11th - POCC car show meeting at Denny's prio to regular meeting. Starts at 6:00 pm.

February 11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

February 16th - Valentine Mystery Cruise. See article next column for more info.

March:

March 11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

March 16th - St Patricks Day Picnic/Show 'n Shine. Details in March newsletter.

April:

April 15th - Monthly POCC club meeting

April 21st - Cruise Night. Malt Shop @ Blackstone and Nees, 6:00 pm.

April 27th - Sixth Annual POCC all Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac Car Show in Madera.

May:

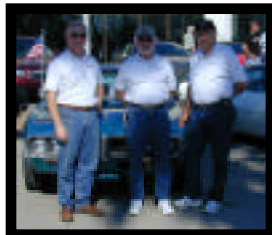
May 13th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September 27 - 29, 2002. The Channel Islands Chapter of POCI will host the Western Regional POCI car show at the Ventura Beach Hotel. Special room rates have be arranged. Additional information will follow.

(Tustin Show continued)

shows more interest. The "3" who made the trek were Brian Massey, Greg Griggs (without car, but that's Greg's story) and Ron Berglund, the "tri-power" activity committee.

We had fun, but would have had more with



Valentine Mystery Cruise

The POCC Valentine Mystery Cruise 2002 is ready to go! Ron and Marlene Berglund have been working hard to bring you a very special treat this year.

The destination, as always, is a secret! So don't go 'a askin' nobody. Just show up at the Crispy Cream donut shop at Blackstone and Nees in north Fresno. Show up with a full tank of gas, and a good sense of direction. We will depart on the Mystery Cruise at 9:00 AM Sharp!! Please plan on arriving no later than 8:30 am so you can have a cup of coffee and visit your friends. We Will depart at 9:00 AM sharp!



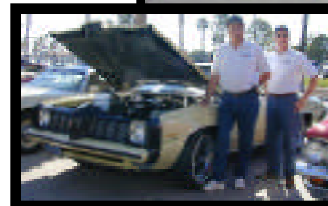
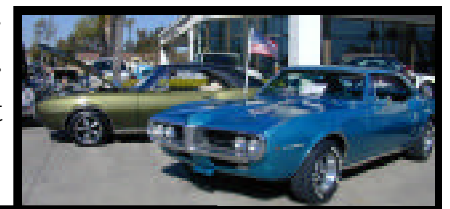
2002 Dues Due

Remember your 2002 POCC dues are now due. The March newsletter will be your last newsletter if your dues have not been paid by the end of March. You have been warned.

"you" there also.

That's all for now, see ya at the meeting!

Brian





Pontiacs of Central California (POCC) is a club for owners and lovers of Pontiacs. The club members range from young guys with old cars (1957 Chieftain), old guys with old cars, young guys with new cars (1995 Firehawk), young gals with old cars, but no old guys with new cars, at least not yet. Club dues are \$24 per calendar year or \$2.00 for the remainder of any calendar year. Members must also join the Pontiac/Oakland Club International (POCI). POCI dues are \$25 per year and includes a subscription to the POCI monthly magazine - "Smoke Signals". The magazine alone is worth the \$25. It's full of interesting Pontiac stories, tips on doing Pontiac things, as well as free advertising for members. Since this magazine goes out world wide, it is a great place to find parts or that special Pontiac you have been searching for.



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Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Denny's restaurant at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. Please feel free join us.