

The Straight Arrow



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Presidents Message

The other day I had an interesting revelation (or at least I thought it was interesting). I took the family for the first time to the annual Kingsburg Downtown car show. I didn't bring a car to enter, we just went to walk around and look at the cars. This is when I realized car shows offer 2 completely different experiences. One for the car show participants and one for the public there to see the cars, but you really can't enjoy one without the other.

Both experiences can be as enjoyable as the other, but they differ in some important ways. As a member of the public, the cars are the main reason people attend, at least at the start. You get to see a wide variety of cars that people have put huge amounts of time and money in for your enjoyment.

Some of the cars are just like the ones we used to own, or would love to own, or will someday own or do own. You can tell the owner how much you like his or her car and ask questions about how he found it, or restored it, or where he got the parts for it. The entrants get to show off their cars to large numbers of people who (most of the time) appreciate what they are seeing.

This is where my revelation began. As we started looking at the cars, we saw Dan Seibert and Richard Schmitz sitting in lawn chairs behind Dan's VW Dunebuggy. We chatted for a while, and then walked over to the Mopar class and talked to a few people I have met since I have become a member of their club. Then it was on to the Muscle Car class and there was Rick Jones in his beautiful 67 GTO. We talked to Rick and his wife for a while and then went to the next car in line, which was Rick Rodela's 72 GTO. After visiting with that Rick for a while we moved on to the next car which was another very nice 67 GTO

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New Members

We have two new member. Bill and Karen Sampson, past members who renewed their membership. They re-join us with their 66 Bonneville. Also,

Parking Thank You

Thanks to those brave individuals who helped set up and then direct the cars into the correct classes on Saturday. I don't know about you but I had a little bit, OK a lot, of apprehension about how this was going to work. At the Fair Grounds we had it down to a science. At the Court House Park it was more of an experiment, especially being the first time. While the park is certainly big enough to hold many more cars, getting them into the right area with others of their class, especially if several extra showed up that we did not expect, was what I was worried about. But you guys did great, if there were problems I didn't hear of them and I'm sure if someone was not satisfied with the way it was being done we would have heard of it. Getting those cars in and parked went a long way toward making the show a success.

Hopefully I won't leave anyone out, but if I do please accept my apology in advance (also if your current jobs don't work out I will be happy to give you a good reference as parking lot attendant):

Greg Griggs

Ron Berglund

Rick Jones

Dan Seibert

Andy Hoff

Trish Jones "wo"manned the pre-registration table during the whole process. Another young lady (I think she helped with judging) jumped in and also helped at the pre-registration table. A big thanks to all who helped.

Food Chair Says Thanks

On Saturday, April 27, 2002, Pontiacs of Central California held their annual car show. I, again, had the pleasure of being the chairperson for the food event. And, again, my support group was remarkable for the time and effort they put into supporting our car club. Without their effort, the food booth could not succeed. Gayle and Helen Huls provided early morning coffee so we all could get a fresh start on the day's activities. A special "Thank You" to my wife, Diane, our son, Brandon, and our daughter -in-law who have supported me with my car hobby and "Chief Chef" for the car show. Also, "Thanks," to the people who signed my work sign-up sheet for the car show. It helped me coordinate the workload.

I would like to mention the businesses that donated something to help make the food booth work.

BL Quality Meats, Sam's Party Rental, and Barrnet Refrigeration

People who helped throughout the day were:

Debbie Seibert

Gloria Griggs

Greg Griggs

Gayle Huls

Helen Huls

Brain Massey

Bill Truckell

Sam Fisher

Dennis Simonson
POCC Chief Chef

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owned by a nice guy named Tim whom I have met and talked to at other shows. After chatting with Tim, we walked a little ways and ran in to Mike Young and his wife and talked to them for a while.

A little later is when I started to notice a couple of people that were showing cars at the show who were by themselves, sitting in a lawn chair behind their car, not making any effort to socialize with other participants or attendees. They would just get up from there chair every once in a while and dust off their car and sit back down. To me, this seemed like a horrible way to spend an afternoon. I didn't even have a car entered in the show, and I think I had a more enjoyable time than they did. That made me start to think what a car show would be like without the public there to look at the cars, or fellow members and friends attending. You might as well park the car in a space and go home and have them call you when the show is over.

My point is that although our cars are the reason we join car clubs, and attend car shows and car club activities, etc. It is the People that make the experience worth the effort. So we may joke about some of the really stupid things some people say as we are showing our cars at some event, but just try and remember that most of the time they mean well, and what it would be like if you were just sitting there with no one to talk to except your rear bumper.

Also please realize that even if your car is not running, (or you just sold it and haven't bought a replacement yet) or it is not finished yet, you can drive the family sedan to the activity, you can have a great time, and then drive home in air conditioned comfort at 30 mpg.

Joel

HOTRODREVIEW

Mitch Brewer, 14, admires his father's 1958 Cadillac El Dorado, one of the 70 classic cars shown at the Central Valley Classic Car Show at Courthouse Park Saturday. Various contests were held in the categories of best GTO, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, and Cadillac. Don Bondander's Vintage Buick Cadillac helped sponsor the event.



JEREMY BULL/MADERA TRIBUNE

This picture and short article was in Monday's Madera Tribune. Don't know if they talked to one of the Tri-Powers for their information or not. More pictures and a writeup about the show in the June issue of the newsletter.

Window Sticker Reproductions

Non Pontiacs

Would you like a custom Made Window Sticker for your classic Buick, Olds, Chevy, Chrysler, Dodge or Plymouth. Triple A Enterprises offers this service at prices that range from \$22 to \$35, depending on car and year.

A second copy is \$10, laminating in plastic is \$3.00 per sheet.

They say window stickers can be reconstructed from build sheets, PMD invoices or manifest copies. If you have none of these then you can fill out an information sheet about your car. Contact them at;

Triple A Enterprises
PO Box 50522
Indianapolis, IN 46250
<http://www.window-sticker.com>

Pontiacs

Pontiac Historic Services does the Pontiac window stickers for Triple A Enterprises. Prices for Pontiacs range from \$22 to \$35. A second copy is \$10, laminating in plastic is \$3.00 per sheet.

They can also supply you with historical background about your car for \$35.00. This includes a copy of the factory invoice or billing history plus other information about your car. Click on the word SERVICES on their web site to get additional information about their historic services.

Contact them at:

Pontiac Historic Services
PO Box 884
Sterling Heights, MI 48311
<http://www.phs-online.com>

The Shrine of the San Joaquin Valley

Presents

The 4th Annual

THE SHRINE

CAR SHOW

June 8

Manchester Center



Manchester Center, Fresno

Dear Fellow Enthusiast,

THE SHRINES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO YOU TO ATTEND THE FOURTH ANNUAL SHRINE CAR & TRUCK SHOW AT MANCHESTER CENTER, IN FRESNO, JUNE 8TH, 2002. PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE SHRINE TEMPLE ACTIVITIES. WE PLAN TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST CAR AND TRUCK SHOW IN FRESNO.

Thank you for your interest and support of the fourth annual Car & Truck show. We look forward to seeing you in June.....

Car & Truck Show Classes

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| A. 1955 thru 1957 Chevrolet | K. American Cars - 1940 thru 1954 |
| B. Ford Mustang | L. American Cars - 1955 thru 1972 |
| C. Chevrolet Corvette | M. American Cars - 1973 thru Present |
| D. Ford Thunderbird | N. Volkswagen / Foreign / Import |
| E. Chevrolet Camaro/ Pontiac Firebird | O. Motorcycles |
| F. Street Rod- Open to all years | P. Unrestored |
| G. Muscle Cars | Q. Under Construction |
| H. Trucks - up to 1965 | R. Shrine Vehicles |
| I. Trucks - 1965 thru Present | S. Special Interest (Race Car, Police, Hearse, Etc.) |
| J. American Cars - Pre War | |

JUDGING WILL BE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

OFFICIAL EVENT ENTRY FORM

Name _____ **Phone number** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Car Make _____ **Year** _____ **Model** _____ **Class** _____

Additional Car

Car Make _____ **Year** _____ **Model** _____ **Class** _____

(Free T-shirt with entry form before May 15, 2002)

T-shirt Size _____ **Club Affiliation** _____

LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, and spectators, by execution of this entry form, release and hold discharge, the SHRINE of the San Joaquin Valley/Manchester Center and all Officers, Directors, Members, Employees, Agents, Representatives and servants and anyone else connected with the management and presentation of the SHRINE CAR & TRUCK SHOW from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by persons and bodies of and from any and all liabilities occasioned or resulting from conduct of entrant. No refund due to inclement weather. I have read and agreed to all the conditions of "The SHRINE of the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CAR & TRUCK SHOW" and the rules governed the event set forth in this form and agree to observe all the rules and decisions of the event management.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Entry fee: \$20.00 by May 15, 2002(with a free t-shirt), \$ 20.00(w/o a t-shirt) through the day of the show. Additional car/Some Owner \$ 10.00. Make checks payable to "Tehran Shrine", mail to Car Show, Tehran Shrine, 5407 E. Olive, Fresno, 93727.

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.

May:

May 13th - Monthly POCC club meeting

May 18th - Pontiacs in the Park with Jim Wangers. Contact Jim Lent @ 510-799-6096 (jimlent@attbi.com) or Sam Fisher, phone number and e-mail on last page.

May 19th - Concours d'Elegance at CSUF

June:

June 8th - Shriner's Car Show, contact Ron Berglund or see additional information on pages 5 & 6.

June 10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

June 21st - Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual 50's in The Park. Contact Chamber of Commerce at 559-665-5603 for more information.

June 22nd - Racing for a Cure at Madera see the web site or contact Brian Massey for additional information.

July:

July 8th - Monthly POCC club meeting

August:

August 12th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September:

September 9th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September 20th & 21st - Salinas Valley Street Rodders presents Graffiti Night at Roy's Drive In & 12th Annual Run to Oldtown Salinas. Contact Joe Di Maggio at 831-424-4172 (joe.demaggio@worldnet.att.net)

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 been arranged. You must pre-register for the regionals.

NOS Key Blanks



Need some NOS key blanks for your classic car. Rick Westcott has GM key blanks from 1938 to 1987. Cost is \$8.00 for the first pair and \$7.00 for each remaining pair. 1967 and 1968 GM sets still have the knockouts,

all other GM sets have knockouts removed. For the GM challenged Rick also has 1955 to 1959 Ford (used one key) for \$4.00 each and Dodge/Plymouth blanks for \$8.00 a set.



Shipping is \$0.57 for one pair, add \$0.50 for each remaining pair. He will give discounts for 20 sets or more (\$6.00 per set).

I personally purchased some key blanks for my 67 GTO and 81 Corvette from Rick, paid with a personal check and had my keys within seven to ten days. The keys arrived as advertised and I am completely happy with the purchase and service.



Contact:

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Pontiacs of Central California (POCC) is a club for owners and lovers of Pontiacs. The club members range from young guys and gals to old guys, who own all types of Pontiacs from the Muscle to the Luxury cars. A few members don't even own Pontiacs, they simply like them. 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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(All area codes are 559)

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.