

The Straight Arrow



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Presidents Message

I just got back from a 3200-mile working/vacation road trip. This brings the odometer reading on my 1999 Chevy Lumina company car to 169K miles. So far, this has been a very reliable and economical vehicle that has served me well. Besides things like batteries, tires and brakes, with an alternator and master cylinder thrown in, it has been problem free. Of course, this is the type of car that pretty much becomes invisible on the highway, and just blends in with every other sedan on the road, which at times can be a good thing, but it certainly does not give you the same experience as driving a "classic".

The reason I bring this up is, within the next few months I hope to begin the search for a new company car. My dilemma is to find a replacement that will do the same or better job as my Lumina, and at the same time increase the "fun" factor of getting behind the wheel.

My main parameters are as follows. Cost in the \$20K neighborhood, carry 4 people, get over 20mpg, have a good reliability track record and be able to beat most Hondas at a stop light drag race to 50 mph. Of course I may exempt some of the above if the "fun" factor is high enough.

Here is a list of my current considerations with their pros and cons:

Chrysler PT Cruiser, I think these cars are one of the best ideas to come out of Detroit in the last few years. They look great, though my son says they are a "woman's" car, I still like them. They are economical, though maybe a little under powered, and are based on Dodge Neon, which has been a pretty decent car itself. One of these will also make my wife happy, which is a big plus.

Pontiac Grand Prix. Here is a vehicle that is very similar to my Lumina but it's a Pontiac. That's the good part, but then it is very

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C July 8, 2002 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our president Joel Garrett.

Victor Weitzel was our one and only visitor. He owns a 67 GTO and 69 FB convertible.

The minutes of the June meeting were S& A Treasurers Report - Our bank account is very healthy and we have 31 paid members.

Newsletter Editors Report - Sam passed around the signup list for sale items.

Website Webmaster Report - Articles are needed for the website. Sam may have some extra items to post. As of this writing I have been told the newsletter has been posted to the website. Gale Huls has volunteered to write an article and submit it to the website.

Old business - Sam Fisher has volunteered to purchase \$100 worth of raffle prizes to be donated by our club for the West Coast Regional Show in Ventura.

If you are a member of the club you must also be a member of the national club. Especially if you hold a club office and your name is in that newsletter that goes to the national club. Anyone interested in purchasing a T-shirt should call Sam Fisher. The 3 shirts left were sold at the meeting. Sam passed around samples of personal name tags to be worn at events or club meetings. More research on different types of tags will be done by several members and presented at future meetings. Talks about how to and what to look for during judging will be held during future meetings.

New business - Club activities procedures - There are so many different events going on during the month that it was decided to put something into place to help decide what could be considered a club event. Procedures of how to submit an event and include it on the calendar were discussed. An activities committee is scheduled immediately prior to the next months meeting. Dan Seibert has volunteered to head up the mystery cruise in October. There was a call by another club to

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similar to my Lumina, and that is the bad part.

Pontiac Vibe I think this is a very unique looking addition to the Pontiac line up. And I am told it is based on a Toyota, which reliability wise is a good thing.

Volkswagen New Beetle Ever since these came out I have liked them. Unfortunately, they are considered a very "chick" type car with the flower vase on the dashboard and all, but I still like them.

Ford Focus When these first came out I thought they were the ugliest cars I had seen in a long time, but they are starting to grow on me

Ford Taurus Though I have had Taurus's as company cars in the past, I sure like the look of the new ones.

Chevy Malibu All the good points of my Lumina, with the same negatives and a little smaller in size.

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Dodge Dakota 4DR Pickup I looked at on of these at Costco the other day and was really impressed. For a little over \$20K, you can get a vehicle that will seat 4, carry stuff in the back, and look good doing it. Gas mileage may be an issue, and the cost is at the upper limit, but it is still a possibility.

Chevy and Ford PU's After looking at the Dodge, I better check out what Chevy and Ford have to offer in extended cab pick ups, but I think price and mileage will be an obstacle.

Dodge Intrepid I think Chrysler has been producing some of the best looking sedans for the last few years. Just not sure about their reliability

Nissan Altima I really like the look of the new redesigned sedan, and with the optional V6,

these cars run high 14-sec 1/4 mile times. May be a little over budget, also I had a bad experience with a Nissan dealer years ago, and has soured me on Nissans ever since.

I recently began subscribing to Motor Trend and Car and Driver Magazines, so I will be carefully reading the next few months issues with new interest. I would also greatly appreciate any input from you all on your opinions on the cars above, and any additions I may have left out.

Thanks for listening, and remember, a car can't be too loud, too low, or too fast.

Joel

(Minutes continued)

have a blood drive, more to come.

A motion to change the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 was seconded and approved (S&A). It will take effect with the August meeting.

Past and upcoming events

Racing for a cure - very successful

Gregg Griggs BBQ - July 13

Hot August nights - Aug 8-10

GTOAA show -Aug 30-31 San Pedro

Cherries Jubilee- Sept. 6-8

POCI Western regionals -Sept 27-29, Ventura

Clovis HS show - Oct 12

Toy-for-tots - Nov. 9

Christmas party - Dec

Attendance raffle winner was Mike Young, who was unfortunately not there to accept his winnings so next months amount will be \$20.

Next meeting Aug 12 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Baker

Treasurer and newest POCI member

The “TRIP” That Just Wasn’t Meant To Be

A couple of months ago I started to get my 67 GTO ready for the Tustin Show. It started out with a new paint job. Then I thought that new carpet would be nice so I installed the carpet myself. When I started to replace the drivers side seat belt I must have stripped the threads. I called a couple of people that I know to see if they had a tap



Greg and Gloria with the Car that just didn't want to go

and die set and Ron Berglund said “Sure I have one, come on over and we’ll fix it”. After Ron fixed it for me he said pop the hood let me see what you have done. This is when my problems began. I noticed some water on Ron’s drive way right under my car’s water pump. I reached in and tried to move the fan, and yes it did move and water shot out the side. This was on Wednesday at about 6:30 pm. The next day I took my water pump in to be rebuilt and to buy a rebuilt one so I could still take my car to Tustin. I took the temporary pump home and put it on. I fired up my car and was just standing there watching the engine run when the fan blades came off the pump and flew right into my radiator. Antifreeze goes flowing everywhere, needless to say I was not happy. I was so upset that I just closed the hood and I said forget it (well I did say something else). I called Brian Massey to see if I could ride along with him to the show he said “Sure, but what happened”? So I begin to tell him the story. A few minutes after hanging up with Brian, Ron calls. He said “Brian told me what happen so what are you going to do”? I told Ron that I was going to

go but wasn’t going to take my car. Ron said “You have to take it”! After Ron hammered on me for awhile I said ok. Now it’s Friday morning and I’m off to see how fast I can get my radiator repaired. Dave, the owner at Clovis Radiator said I’ll get it done in about two to three hours and he did. Next I called Napa to see if they could get me another water pump. They said no problem, it will be here at 12 noon. So I go into work and wait while everyone’s doing their thing. At noon I go to Napa and the guy behind the counter says they don’t have it and aren’t getting it in until Monday. I told him that the show was the next day and that Monday is not going to work. So I go to Kragens to see what they can do. They say that they can have it by 1:00 pm (Keep in mind, we’re planning on leaving by 2:00 pm). I am now racing the clock. I wait until 12:45pm and I go over to pick up the water pump. They say it’s on the way just hang out it will be here in a little bit. I pace through the store hanging out like the guy says. Finally at about 1:30 or so, the long awaited water pump arrives. Three or four of the guys yell “Its in!”. A couple of minutes later I am out the door and headed home. Ron and Brian had agreed to meet me at my home to help put on the water pump so that we could just leave from my house. I get home and Ron’s there waiting for me and Brian is on the way. I’m starting to feel good about now. Ron and I get the the pump on and we begin to put on the belts and guess what, “THE PULLEYS DON’T LINE UP!!!”. Yes, you are right, I gave up this time.

Gloria said “Maybe the car just wasn’t meant to go on this run”.

Greg Griggs



We all still had a great time after all that!!

POCC Bar-B-Q

Many thanks to Gloria and Greg Griggs for hosting our July Bar-B-Q at their beautiful new home.



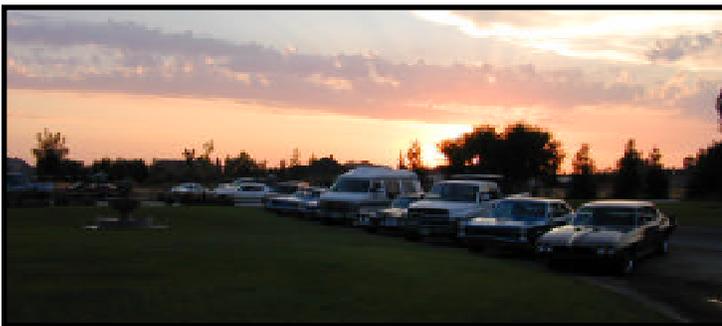
Great food and even greater friendship made for a super afternoon.



Something for Chief Chef Dennis.



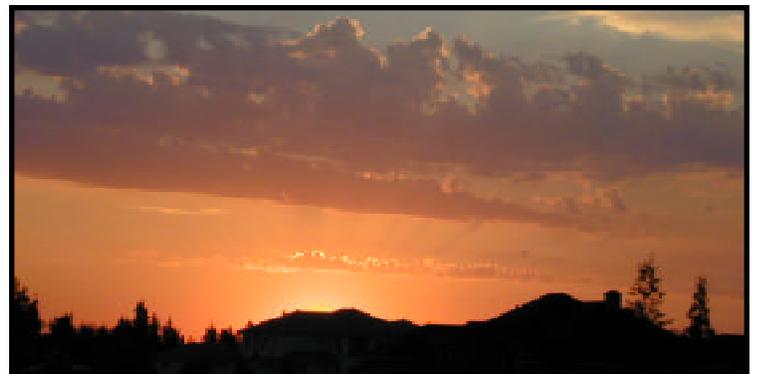
The club honored Don and Wendy Bonander with a thank you for all that they do to support our club and car show.



Check out the two sunsets on the website. Much much better in color.



Cooling off in the pool.



Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC Club meetings are held at the Denny's at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

August:

August 8th to 10th - Hot August Nights in Reno

August 11th - Cruise nite at the Malt Shop, Blackstone and Nees. Setup at 6:00 pm.

August 12th - Monthly POCC club meeting. Remember new starting time is 7:00 pm.

August 23rd - Clovis Farmer's Market. Setup is on Polasky at 3rd. Setup between 4:30 and 5:30.

August 30th & 31st- GTOAA show in San Pedro, CA

September:

September 6th to 8th - Cherry's Jubilee

September 9th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September 22nd - Cruise nite at the Malt Shop, Blackstone and Nees. Setup at 6:00 pm.

September 27th to 29th. The Channel Islands Chapter of POCI will host the Western Regional POCI car show at the Ventura Beach Hotel. Several of us will be cruising down together on Friday, September 27. Full details of when and where to meet will follow. See July newsletter for registration form and schedule of events. You can download the form from the newsletter listed on the web. Remember if you plan to attend the Western Regionals you must be a member of POCI and pre-register. Deadline to register is September 6.

October:

October ?? - Mystery Cruise planned by Dan "the Man". As in the past this will be a dinner event. Details will follow in the September newsletter or check the website.

October 14th - Monthly POCC club meeting.

October 27th - Cruise nite at the Malt Shop, Blackstone and Nees. Setup at 6:00 pm.

November:

November 9th - POCC Third Annual Toy's for Tots car show and shine. From 11 am to 3 pm at the Toys R Us parking lot at Shaw and Sunnyside in Clovis. Entry fee at least one unwrapped toy, \$10 or better. Contact Brian (559 645-8018 or bjmassey@bigfoot.com) for more info.

November 11th - Monthly POCC club meeting



A New "Goat" in Town?



Is this the new GTO that GM has promised? Details to follow on this new mystery Goat.

New Member

Be sure to welcome Victor Weitzel as the newest member of our club. Victor lives in Oakhurst and joins us with his (slightly modified) 1967 GTO and a 1969 Firebird convertible.

New Meeting Time

The meeting time has changed. It was discussed and approved at the July meeting to move the start of our monthly club meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm, starting with the August meeting.

Newsletters on Web

We have posted past newsletters on the web site. All future newsletters will also be posted as they are completed. Currently all of the 2002 newsletters are there. They have been converted into PDF format that you can read, download or print with Adobe Acrobat Reader. This is a free program that usually comes with all new computers. At least it does with Macintoshes and I'm sure with most Windows machines as well. You can now see those newsletter pictures of our events in color.

Check it out at;

www.pontiacsofcentralcalifornia.org

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically let me know. I will set up a distribution list and then e-mail you the newsletter as soon as it is completed each month.

For Sale

Weather striping for all makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, (559) 322-8441.

Tempest, GTO & LeMans 1964 to 1967 parts. Fender, bumpers, deck lid, doors, some trim, emblems and tail lights. Call Andy Hoff at (559) 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

Everlasting punching bag, weight 80# Excellent shape [like new] Call Dennis Simonson at (559) 299-8910 for more info.

1966 GTO, 4-speed - \$10,500 and **1967 GTO**, auto - \$18,950. Call Greg Griggs at (559) 322-4005 for full details.

Holly carb, 800 cfm double pumper Quadrajete replacement. Rebuilt and ready to install - \$100. 1964 Pontiac fullsize body, chassis and owners manuals - \$50 for all. Call Dan Seibert at (559) 638-4866.

Two 14" x 6" Pontiac GTO steel stock wheels - \$20 for pair. **Bias Tires and Tubes** for your all original antique. Call Gene Clarey at (559) 323-9280 for all details.

Edelbrock Performa RPM Intake and Edelbrock 750 cfm carb setup (from aircleaner to intake) for Pontiac. Came off a '70 GTO and works great, \$300 or trade for posi rear end or good bumper for 70-72 Lemans/GTO & rear valence. Contact Alan at "alan_blalock@rockermail.com".

Wanted

1987-88 Fiero GT. Want a 90+ point car, price open. Contact Tim Saltzman at (209) 988-7499

Bumper jack for 1966 GTO. Need the stand and jacking mechanism. Call David Valla at (559) 292-9441.



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 per month 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 7:00 pm. Please feel free join us.