

# The Straight Arrow

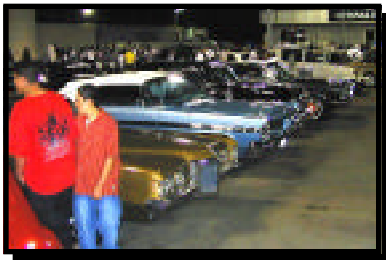


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# Presidents Message

Well, I just got home from our little trip down to Ventura for the POCI Western Regional. I am sure there is going to be a nice article written about our adventures and some great pictures to go along with it published in this or next months newsletter and on our website. Those of us who were lucky enough to be able to attend will be more than happy to relay to anyone that will listen what a great time was had by all. I really do not want to rub it in to those of you who were not able to make it, but you really missed a FUN weekend. I don't know what it is about being a part of a caravan of old cars cruising down the highway, but I had trouble keeping a huge grin off my face. But in my opinion, the cars were just a small part of the enjoyment. We were a group of people who just plain had fun. Whether we were gassing up our cars, or waiting to use the rest room, or eating, ( which we did a lot of all three), It was all an immensely enjoyable experience. I actually looked forward to every stop we made for gas, food, etc.. for the chance to interact with fellow members. I was almost sorry when we arrived at the host hotel. It seemed that everyone was all smiles. At the show, the majority of us had our club T shirts on and our new club name tags (thanks to Ron). We set up a really nice club display in the hospitality room, and I felt that what a lucky person I am to be a part of this club and able to call all of these fellow members friends. the weekend seemed to fly by. Even the 8 hour drive home (stopping at the beach to walk in the sand and later a lite? lunch) seemed short. I am honestly ready to do it again next weekend. Next year, the Western Regional is going to be held in Long Beach

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# Minutes of the P.O.C.C September 9, 2002 meeting

The September meeting of the *Pontiacs of Central California* was called to order by our president Joel Garrett at 7:00 PM.

Erin Busch was our visitor for the evening and owns a 72 Le Mans.

A M&S was passed to accept the August minutes as written.

Treasures report – the club is still in the black with 34 paid members.

Newsletter editor's report – A newsletter article sign up sheet was passed around.

There was a M&S to enter our newsletter in the POCI newsletter awards category. Newsletters entered will be sent to judges who will judge the entrants and evaluate their worthiness to be represented as the top newsletter of POCI.

Web site Webmaster report – thanks went out to Gale Huls for sending a video clip and having it added to our web page. We all need to take a look. The newsletter can now be downloaded in color.

**Activities** – a questionnaire was passed around and everyone was urged to fill it out and hand it back in. An activities meeting is scheduled for 8 October , 7 pm at the Carl's Jr. at Shaw and Willow. The location for the Christmas Party has still not been decided, however, there are rumors afloat that it may happen at someone's house . Right S.T.? Stay tuned and maybe we'll find out next meeting.

Toy's for tot's – looking into a local radio station to attend. We need volunteers for cookies or donations from local businesses.

**Old Business** – Sam Fisher has not only taken care of buying the raffle prizes for the upcoming Ventura show but will also deliver them. The cost was .02 cents over budget and Sam has volunteered to reimburse the club or take it out of his pocket. What a great guy.

Name tags –Ron B. presented a proposal from Fresno awards that for a set up fee \$50 they

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CA., and in 2004 in Reno Nevada and I am already making sure my schedule will be able to permit me to attend both. I am sure a lot of other members are making the same plans. All I can say to you who were not able to attend this year, take the time now to make plans to be able to go with us next year, I can guarantee you wont be sorry!!.

Thanks for listening,

Joel

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will charge \$5 each for nice plastic badges. Samples were passed around and a motion was passed to proceed with the order. After which a sign up sheet was circulated and orders taken.

Club shirts - Victor gave us some prices and examples of various club shirts. Several people were interested in ordering and receiving them before the Ventura show so an order sheet was passed around. When they arrive someone will be in touch with those who placed an order.

An email has been sent out to host the 2005 regional.

**New Business** - Michael Garrett wrote a letter to the editor and had it published in the Fresno Bee. His article addressed the need for a legal drag strip here in Fresno.

A M&S was passed to donate \$100 to the Wish Upon-a-Star Foundation to sponsor a donation prize.

**Activities past:**

Farmers Market

Gathering of the Goats

**Up-coming activities:**

Cherry Auction - Sept. 15

Ronald McDonald -58 Chevy Conv. Give-away at Saturn of Fresno - Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

POCI Western Regionals - September 27-29  
Wish Upon a Star - Sept 28  
Mystery Cruise - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 4pm @ Krispy Creme  
Toys for Tots - Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas party -TBA. Right S.T.?

The \$10 progressive attendance raffle winner was Keith Hunnicut, who was not present. So next months raffle will be \$20.

Respectfully,  
Dennis Baker  
Secretary

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## Thanks

A big thanks to everyone who helped me get my car back together after I got it back from the paint shop the first part of September. I can remember looking at it and wondering if I would ever get it back together in time for the Western Regionals in Ventura. For those of who didn't know, the car had every piece or trim removed and the interior was completely removed (except for the headliner) to include the dash and the side windows. All of the trim was polished, some of the chrome pieces were rechromed and all paint was stripped from the body. The car was repainted in the original color of Marnier Turquoise. Then with the help of several of our great club members; Sam Troncoso, Andy Hoff, Joel Garrett and Dan Seibert, the car was completed in time for the show. In fact it was even completed before the show, Tuesday night (Sept 24), at around 10:00 pm, a whole two days early. I could have never finished it in time without help.

Sam Fisher



Completed and at the Western Regionals

# Ronald McDonald House

by

Brian Massey

On September 21, 2002 the Friends of Ronald MacDonal House gave away their beautiful 1958 Chevrolet Impala Convertible. Members of Pontiacs of Central California showed up

in force to lend their support to the Friends of Ronald McDonald House on the occasion of their 7th classic car giveaway. We enjoyed the friendship, the dinner, the appearance of “Elvis” and the other entertainment for the evening. However . . . when the ticket was drawn (from about 400,000 in the tumbler)

the winner was . . . well, not amongst us; the beautiful '58 Impala will be going to Florida. Next years car will be this '55 Chevy convertible.



Meanwhile at the show . . .

If I can dream, POCC member Marlene Berglund seems to be enjoying Elvis more than she enjoys hubby Ron: This is one night she can't help fallin' in love with a big hunk o' love, and could be heard screaming, “I want you, I need you, I love you Elvis”.



Looks like Ron will be in the ghetto staying at Heartbreak Hotel, crying I got stung and don't be cruel. But Ron's no puppet on a string. He's from a family of suspicious minds

and has a good luck charm.

Don't be fooled by the picture, Marlene is just a devil in disguise who's saying my wish came true and I'm stuck on you to the wrong man; but then she's a hard headed woman. But she can't help fallin' in love, and can't say, “don't”; or can she (an easy question). Of course she can, it was the Kentucky rain that left her crying in the chapel, after all she's not you. She's at the age where she suffers from the moody blue syndrome and had to surrender. All Ron has now are the memories. Unless he acts like a man and says, “I beg of you for one night, (and such a night it will be) to prove it's now or never to love me, cause I need your love tonight too much to not have you treat me nice; that is if I can dream of blue Hawaii and being kissin' cousins with the wonder of you. Give me that, and you'll love me tender once again.”



But Ron, please take this advice: don't tell her “you don't have to say you love me”, you're no teddy bear, no poor old Danny boy with one broken heart for sale or no hound dog like old shep. And please, don't force the whole club to say don't cry daddy, or fill us with suspicion that you may be all shook up. After all, you're a gambler . . . remember viva Las Vegas, and if you had to go back on the prowl, you'd just wind up saying to your new love “wear my ring around your neck”, as you think, “there's never been a fool such as I”. And Ron; I don't want to hear you mutter, “what'd I say”; just take this advice! But if you don't like it, return to sender.

(The first person to correctly identify the number of Elvis song titles in the above text will have the honor of having their name published on the website!)

# If Buying Cars Was Like Buying Computers

General Motors doesn't have a "help line" for people who don't know how to drive, because people don't buy cars like they buy computers.

... but imagine if they did ...

**Helpline:** "General Motors Helpline, how can I help you?"

**Customer:** "I got in my car and closed the door, and nothing happened!"

**Helpline:** "Did you put the key in the ignition slot and turn it?"

**Customer:** "What's an ignition?"

**Helpline:** "It's connects to a starter motor that draws current from your battery and turns over the engine."

**Customer:** "Ignition? Starter Motor? Battery? Engine? How come I have to know all of these technical terms just to use my car?"

**Helpline:** "General Motors Helpline, how can I help you?"

**Customer:** "My car ran fine for a week, and now it won't go anywhere!"

**Helpline:** "Is the gas tank empty?"

**Customer:** "Huh? How do I know!?"

**Helpline:** "There's a little gauge on the front panel, with a needle, and markings from 'E' to 'F.' Where is the needle pointing?"

**Customer:** "It's pointing to 'E.' What does that mean?"

**Helpline:** "It means that you have to visit a gasoline vendor, and purchase some more

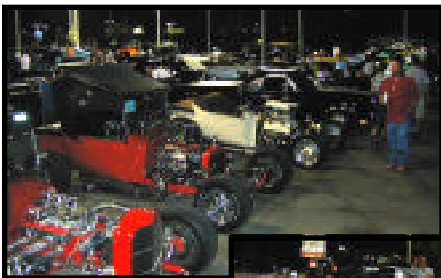
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POCC members Gayle and Helen Huls who have worked tirelessly on the Friends of Ronald McDonald House Charity.



Here we are, enjoying the evening



As usual, lots of cool cars.



Elvis is alive and well in Fresno.

# 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.

## October:



**October 14<sup>th</sup> - Monthly POCC club meeting.**

**October 19 - Mystery Cruise planned by Dan "the Man". As in the past this will be a dinner event. See details in the next column.**

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

## November:

**November 9<sup>th</sup> - POCC Third Annual Toy's for Tots car show and shine. This is a rain or shine event, bring your daily driver and drop off your toy in case of rain. Meet 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 in value. Contact Brian (559 645-8018 or bjmassey@bigfoot.com) for more info.**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> - Monthly POCC club meeting**

## December:

**REMINDER: No monthly meeting in December at Denny's. The Annual club Christmas party takes the place of the regular meeting. Date and place TBA.**

# Mystery Cruise

The fall Mystery Cruise will be on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Krispy Kreme donuts parking lot NLT 3:45 pm. We will be leaving for the ?????? restaurant in ?????? California at 4:00 pm.

For your dining pleasure you will have your choice of:

- Prime rib
- New York steak
- Baked halibut filet
- BBQ chicken



Cost of the dinner, including tax and tip, will be \$15.85 per person. Anyone wearing a Pontiacs of Central California shirt will receive a free desert.

A club event activity will follow immediately after dinner so bring your lawn chairs.

Call Dan Seibert at (559) 638-4866 with any questions.

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## 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 Call Greg Griggs at (559) 322-4005 for full details.

**Holly carb**, 800 cfm double pumper Quadrajert replacement. Rebuilt and ready to install -

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# Welcome

Welcome to our newest and 34th member. Bruce and Judy Mueller of Madera joined at the September meeting. They have a 1965 Pontiac Catalina 2 + 2. Be sure to say "Hi" to Bruce and Judy. Hopefully they will be able to join us on the Mystery Cruise.

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\$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.

**Pontiacs for sale.** 1962 Grand Prix, no motor or transmission, \$2,500 OBO. 1959 Starchief, 4 door hardtop, complete and restorable, \$2,500 OBO. Call (559) 252-9118 for more information.

**Edelbrock Performer** RPM intake, Edelbrock 750 cfm carburetor (#1411) and Edelbrock air filter. Was recently on my '70 GTO, but was removed and replaced with the stock intake and carburetor. \$300 OBO. Contact Alan Blalock at (916) 415-0888 or e-mail at alan\_blalock@rocketmail.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.

**Looking for an used children's swing set.** Contact Dennis Simonson (559) 299-8910

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gasoline. You can install it yourself, or pay the vendor to install it for you."

**Customer:** "What! I paid \$32,000.00 for this car! Now you tell me that I have to keep buying more components? I want a car that comes with everything built in!"

**Helpline:** "General Motors Helpline, how can I help you?"

**Customer:** "Your cars suck!"

**Helpline:** "What's wrong?"

**Customer:** "It crashed, that's what went wrong!"

**Helpline:** "What were you doing?"

**Customer:** "I wanted it to run faster, so I pushed the accelerator pedal all the way to the floor. It worked for a while, and then it crashed and now it won't start!"

**Helpline:** "We are sorry, but it's your responsibility if you misuse the product. What do you expect us to do about it?"

**Customer:** "I want you to send me one of your latest versions that doesn't crash anymore!"

**Helpline:** "General Motors Helpline, how can I help you?"

**Customer:** "Hi! I just bought my first car, and I chose your car because it has automatic transmission, cruise control, power steering, power brakes, and power door locks."

**Helpline:** "Thanks for buying our car. How can I help you?"

**Customer:** "How do I work it?"

**Helpline:** "Do you know how to drive?"

**Customer:** "Do I know how to what?"

**Helpline:** "Do you know how to DRIVE?"

**Customer:** "I'm not a technical person! I just want to go places in my car!"



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.