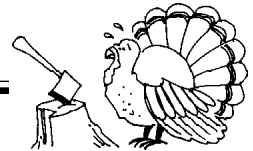


The Straight Arrow



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Presidents Message

As most of you know, I have a kind of addiction. My addiction is buying and selling cars. I was talking to a friend the other day about this addiction, and he said, he would do better investing his money in me buying and selling cars, then he has done in the stock market this last year or so. We actually talked seriously about it for a few minutes, but in the end, I had to admit to him, that just about every car I buy, I buy with the plan to "keep this one." Although it never turns out that way, I told him I didn't feel comfortable using his money to feed my addiction.

The reason I bring this up, is at the time of this writing I own about 10 cars. (that's a pretty close guess, because I don't have the time to actually sit down and count them) and my comfort zone for my auto fleet is around 7. So this means I have started thinking about which ones to sell, where to sell them, and what kind of \$\$ I am willing to let them go for.

Once I decide which ones to sell and what I "need" to get for them, comes the Where to advertise them? part. I have bought and sold a few cars on eBay, and that looks the most attractive to me. Now, I am sure most of you know that when buying or selling by pictures and a written description only (not seeing the item in person) you really need to give a very detailed description of the item, so the person who ends up with the item will be happy with his purchase. So what I do is start to list the good and the bad of a car so the prospective bidders will have an accurate, honest description of the car for sale. The problem with this, is the vehicle I am selling is usually at least 25 years old and is far from a "restored" car. So once I list all of the big and little things wrong with this vehicle, things like a leaking rear main seal to a cracked tail light lens, I say to myself, why did I buy this piece of #\$\$%@! in the first place. You see,

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C October 9, 2002 meeting

Our President Joel Garrett called the October meeting of the Pontiacs of Central California to order at 7:00 PM.

Visitors included Aaron's mom Terri. The minutes of the September meeting were S&A. Treasures report - the club is still in the black with 34 paid members.

Newsletter editor's report - a for-sale list sheet was passed around. Sam sent in 4 newsletters to the judges who will be voting for the club with the best newsletter. Good luck. Electronic newsletters were sent to all members with email.

Web site Webmaster report - New pictures will be posted soon. Check it out.

Activities committee - copies of the results of a questionnaire passed out at the previous meeting was handed out to tonight's attendees. It summarized the activities this year and how well they were received by members. It will help in planning for next years events..

Old Business

Members who pre-paid for their nametags received them tonight. Anyone wishing to order one should talk to Ron Berglund. T-shirts - pre-paid T-shirts, sweatshirts and polo's were handed out after the meeting.

Western Regional - Brian sent out a letter formally requesting our club host the 2005 Pontiac Western regionals.

New business

2003 Elections- M&S for Ron Berglund to be 2003 president was approved. Yea Ron. The other officers are Gayle Huls -VP, Dennis Baker-secretary, Bill Truckell-treasurer, and Sam Fisher-newsletter editor. A M&S to amend the bylaws to make the activities director a board members. The motion was tabled until we can locate and research the by laws.

Past activities

Fresno Fire fighters Chili Cook Off was

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(President's message continued)

when I bought these cars I was aware of 95% of the things that need attention, its just when you write them down, it seems overwhelming. And that is just the same type of things I see on a lot of the cars listed on eBay for sale. Here are some examples. I notice a lot of cars on eBay say "all the gauges work except for the gas gauge" and most people say no big deal. Well, on the surface that doesn't seem like a big deal, but I have found out what a hassle it is every time I get in the car and cannot remember when the last time I put gas in it, and off to gas station I go for another \$5 worth. Or how about the guy that says the car has factory air conditioning, but doesn't blow cold and probably just needs to be charged. In my opinion this is so much BS. If it just "needed to be charged, the guy would "charge it. More than likely it needs a compressor, or an evaporator, or a condenser, or seals or all of the above, unless you have the one in a million car that just some how leaked the freon out and sealed itself back up again. Or the guy back east listing a car as having no rust, except for the trunk floor, behind the rear wheels, and of course a few bubbles under the vinyl top. Or the guy listing a 1982 4 cyl 4dr Chevy Cavalier as the perfect Father and Son project. Yeah, what 16 year old wouldn't kill to have a ride like that. I also love the guy describing a mid 70's Olds 98 as "Very Rare" because only 24,952 came with blue paint with white interior and with only an AM radio and tinted windshield. And he can hardly drive it down the road without everyone who sees this beauty staring at it.

I am sure the majority of the listings have honest accurate descriptions, and that most sellers and buyers are happy at the end of the auction. I think you just have to take some of them with a grain or two of salt. From my own personal experience in cars I have bought on the Internet, the person selling it advertised the cars stressing the negatives as much as the positives, so when I finally picked up my purchase I was pleasantly surprised with its

condition, and that's how I want the new owners of the vehicles I sell to feel. You see, when you sell a car to someone in person, you can make the assumption that the prospective buyer can make his own assessment of the vehicle and take the responsibility for it, but on the Internet, it is up to the seller to give a description that will meet or exceed the new owner expectations. And that has always been my goal.

Thanks for listening,

Joel

(Minutes continued)

successful. Several members took part. Bill Truckell was heard to have made friends with the crew with the keg-o-beer. Ronald McDonald House-Galye Huls and friends had a very successful raffle and car show. POCI regionals - pictures were passed around. Twelve cars entered and ten trophies won. Great job.

Upcoming events

Mystery cruise -leave Krispy Kreme Donuts Sat. 19 Oct. 4pm.

Toys-for-Tots - flyers available, volunteers needed for cookies and refreshments.

Strathmore museum viewing -Nov. 10th, 1pm lunch served. More in the newsletter.

Chubbies Madera Oct 26th

Christmas party - Dec. 7th at Sam and Renate Troncoso's House. Details to follow in the newsletter.

Progressive raffle - since Sam and his wife volunteered their home for the Christmas party it was only fitting we help them out by letting him win the \$20 progressive attendance raffle. So next month the raffle starts again at \$10.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary



CHIEFS ALONG THE CHANNEL

by Janet Massey



A good-looking group of nine classic Pontiacs started off on Friday morning, September 27 on our cruise to the Western Regional in Ventura. After a stop south of Bakersfield, we split into two groups — those who wanted to keep their speed at 65 and those who like a little more wind in their hair. (At this point I would like to mention that the two Firebirds on the trip were in the “speedy” bunch, which included NO GTOs!!)

Over lunch we all got better acquainted and then continued our adventure. We all enjoyed the drive on Hwy. 126 which passes through the beautiful farming areas of Fillmore and Santa Paula. Wish we'd had more time to explore the area and stop at one of the many produce stands along the way. We arrived in Ventura between two and three and had time to clean cars, explore the host hotel (which was undergoing major renovation – translation: no pool, no spa!), meet some from the host club and others attending the show.



Friday night we all joined the host POCI club, Channel Islands Chapter, on the cruise to Hudson's Grill for dinner. There were quite a few great-looking Pontiacs parked all around their lot and the food and company



was good too. Later that evening we cruised around by the beach and several of us stopped at one point (in a no parking zone) to look at the ocean. About that same time a local cop also stopped – but fortunately only to admire our cars! After walking on the pier and returning to the hotel, several members set up our club display in the hospitality room while the rest of us supervised! Joel and the others hung up our banner, put out notebooks that contained most of our past newsletters put together by Mike Yoshihara and set up a display board complete with pictures of club activities. We had a killer display! Thanks, Joel, and all who contributed.



On show day, Saturday, the weather was overcast and cool most of the day, but we all enjoyed a great show. In addition to the gleaming hunks of metal we'd all come to see, there were a some swap spaces, great raffle prizes and a band playing throughout the day. My personal favorite “best of show” car was a 1933 all original Pontiac that was from New Jersey. Half of our group attended the awards banquet on Saturday evening and the other half had not made banquet reservations, so instead went to dinner at a nearby Chart House restaurant. A good time was had by all!!



The banquet was fun and our club went home with nine awards. We all thought that Sam F. and Greg G. were robbed of an award, but it was participant judging and you



know how that goes. The "Tri-Power" (aka the Three Stooges) asked a lot of questions of several involved in the Western Regional so that we'll be prepared to put one on in 2005.

Sunday morning dawned sunny and beautiful and we left at 9 am. to drive up the

coast toward home. We stopped at a lovely state beach just north of Santa Barbara and took some time to walk along the beach and take some photos. Then we continued on 101 to San Luis Obispo and a restaurant where Dan wanted to stop, called Margie's Diner. There were 19 in



our party and they took care of us right away at one large table. After consuming mounds of food (ask Rich Schmitz about the fries if you don't believe this version), we continued on through Paso Robles and then home.



This was a wonderful experience for all who attended and we all enjoyed getting to know each other a little better than we did before. There were the usual small problems when you're traveling a distance with old cars, but nothing that caused a major delay. Someone in the group always has a solution!

Those couples who attended were: Berglund, Fisher, Garrett, Griggs, Massey, Schmitz, Seibert, and Young. Saturday we were joined by Paul & Frances Duran, Glen & Carol Igo and Bill Sampson; and Rick Jones drove down just for the day. We missed all of you who weren't able to attend and hope you make it to Long Beach (2003), Reno (2004) and then Fresno (2005).



Ron gets his "Little" Judge signed by the "Big Guys" who get to drive the real thing. It was a real treat getting to talk to Jim and Paul and in turn hear them talk about Pontiacs and listen to some of their many experiences.



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.

November:

November 9th - 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. Show from 11 am to 3 pm at the Toys R Us parking lot at Shaw and Sunnyside in Clovis. Members should show up around 8:30 to help with setting up. Entry fee at least one unwrapped toy, \$10 or better in value. Contact Brian Massey at 559 645-8018 or bjmassey@bigfoot.com for more info.

November 10th - Tour of Tom Meleo's Chevy Museum in Strathmore. Lunch (hamburger, chips & soft drink for \$3.00) will be served at 1:00 pm, museum open after lunch for browsing. Please RSVP to Gene Clarey at (559) 323-9280 so they will have an idea of how many hamburgers to cook.

November 11th - 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.

December 7th - Annual POCC Christmas party at Sam and Renate Troncoso's home. Full details and map in the December newsletter.

January:

January 13th - Monthly POCC club meeting

For Sale

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

1968 Hurst Olds. Needs restoration. \$8,000. Call Dennis Baker at (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.

1966 GTO, 4-speed, runs great, new interior, new tires, body in good shape, \$10,500. Call Greg Griggs at (559) 322-4005.

1981 Pontiac Turbo Trans Am. White with gold bird decal on hood. In good condition. 4.9 L engine, 124,907 miles. \$3,000. Call (559) 294-8286 (days) or (559) 323-1167 (evenings)

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.

1970 Pontiacs Catalina 400. 4-door sedan with factory air that works. 89,000 miles, one owner. \$3,500 OBO. Call Gayle Huls at (559) 661-0889.

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.

New Member Error

Welcome to our newest and 34th member. **Ken** and Judy Mueller of Madera who joined at the September meeting. **Ken** and Judy joined us on the Mystery Cruise with their 1965 Pontiac Catalina 2 + 2. In last months newsletter I said "Welcome to *Bruce* and Judy Mueller...", **Ken** is still looking for this Burce guy. Sorry **Ken** and Judy, but at least I got the car correct.

Officers for 2003

Congratulations to the new officers/Board of Directors for 2003. I know they will be looking for the same great support from the membership as has been shown the past officers.

President - Ron Berglund

VP - Gayle Huls

Secretary - Dennis Baker

Treasurer - Bill Truckell

Newsletter - Sam Fisher

Activities/Webmaster - Brian Massey

Pontiac Golden Jubilee

Did you know that 1958 (some of can remember that far back, or maybe we can't) was General Motor's Golden Milestone? The 1958 Pontiac, in turn, was the Golden Jubilee car for GM. In fact a Pontiac Bonneville convertible was the 1958 Indy Pace Car. Guess we know what 2008 will bring as far as GM is concerned, will Pontiac be the milestone car again, will the new GTO be a pace car?



2003 Proposed Activities

The following are the suggested activiteis arrived at during the Activity Comittee meeting held on October 8th. These activites were based on the results of the survey taken at the September meeting.

1. Move our "Cruise Night" between several different venues. Suggestions included: Chubby's in Madera, the Orbit Cafe and Fat Jacks. Bob's Big Boy will remain the optional weekly event for those who wish to attend. It was felt the Malt Shop cruise being on Sunday night hurt attendance.
2. Car shows: April - Central Valley Classic; May- Concours Club Corral; June - Shriner's Show and Racin' for a Cure; October - POCI Western Regional (Long Beach); November - Toy's for Tots.
3. Overnight event(s) - Western Regional Show in Long Beach and ??
4. Spring picnic with three/four other clubs.
5. Mystery Cruises - February Valentine's Mystery Cruise (brunch) and Fall Mystery Cruise.
6. Blossom Trail run.
7. January Turlock Swap Meet
8. Summer BBQ
9. Clovis Farmer's Market
10. Cruise to Columbia
11. Christmas Party



Happy Thanksgiving to all



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.