

The Straight Arrow



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Presidents Message

(The last for Joel)

It is with a heavy heart as I sit by my computer composing my last President's message. Or maybe it's that Pepperoni Pizza I had for dinner. Either way, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you fellow members for all of your loyal support over the last 2 years.

Thank You!!

If you have experienced just half the fun I have had, then I consider my terms as club President a success. To be truthful, compared to some of the other offices, the office of Presidents is probably the easiest office to fill. The hardest part is coming up with a President's message for the newsletter every month. And as you can tell from the last couple of months, I definitely struggled for something entertaining.

I am really going to enjoy just sitting back every meeting and absorbing the goings on, instead of spewing things out for you to absorb.

I know we are going to support Ron and Gayle as President and Vice President, because they both have the dedication and experience to lead the members of this club into the future.

I am looking forward to this years Christmas party, and hope everyone that is able attends.

I would be happy to hear any comments you may have concerning the last couple years, and even the next couple. The Activity Committee has a great 2003 planned and I intend to participate as much as possible. I hope you join me.

And again, Thank You for your support!!!

Soon to be X-Pres. Joel

Minutes of the P.O.C.C November 11, 2002 meeting

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

Visitors included Victor's friend Susan from Oakhurst.

The minutes of the October meeting were S&A.

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

Newsletter editor's report – a for-sale and newsletter article sheet was passed around.

Web site Webmaster report – Brian was absent this month so there was no report. Pictures have been posted to the website for our Toys-for-Tots Show.

Old Business – T-shirts and name tags – If you would like to order shirts see Victor. Anyone who wishes to buy a name tag should see Ron Berglund.

New officers for the 2003 calendar year were introduced.

An electronic newsletter was sent out to everyone who has an email address. If you would like to receive a newsletter via email contact Sam Fisher.

The Denny's manager mentioned to Joel last month that some of the members were rude to the waitress'. We didn't think we had been and something may have been taken out of context with our joking around. In any case we should watch what we say or not order any food. That'll keep the waitresses away.

Then Joel told a funny joke.

New business – Sam Fisher researched the club bylaws and recommended a committee

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be formed to review them and make corrections as needed with the member's approval.

Past and upcoming Activities -The activities committee has been busy compiling, modifying and playing with their PP. The PP is short for Pontiac Planner. It is a comprehensive calendar listing all the upcoming activities for the year. It was very detailed and had most all the club activities for the upcoming year listed. Great job guys.

Mystery Cruise -The Seiberts planned and put on a great event that ran smoothly with 18 members participating.

Toys-for-Tots - The event was very successful and the weather perfect. We had 45+ cars attending. Please visit the web site to see all the pictures.

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

Progressive raffle -This month's winner was Bob Blakemore. However, he was not present to collect his winnings so the January raffle will be \$30.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary



A Family Muscle Car?

So you want a real he-man muscle car, but you still need a family car. A popular car company may have just exactly what you are looking for.

This is a four door sports sedan. It will comfortably seat five while cruising down the freeway at 125 miles per hour, and you're not even close to the real top end of this muscle machine. I know, a lot of cars can go fast given a long enough straight road or a steep enough hill. But how about 0 to 60 in under 5.0 seconds, well under 5 seconds in fact. A five speed automatic transmission with HIS/Her shifting capability cruises you down the road or powers you down the drag strip.

What are some of the other features of this muscle machine you might ask. How about 18 inch light alloy wheels, with very large 4-wheel disc brakes. The braking system is called Sensotronic Break Control and so advanced it will actually apply the brakes in an emergency situation faster than the driver can hit the break pedal, don't ask me how it knows there is an emergency situation, that wasn't explained or may be a trade secret. This vehicle has skid control, stability control plus every other kind of controls known to woman and man. It can actually dry off wet disc brakes, this is somehow tied into the windshield wipers that probably monitor if it is raining or not. Of course the seats are every which way power and covered in leather. There is a navigational system, so us guys don't have to be embarrassed by having to ask for directions, except of the nav system which gives directions in a pleasant female voice. Don't know if this can be changed to a pleasant male voice for the ladies or not.

Now the good part, what is under the hood? Nothing less than a 5.4 liter 24 valve, supercharged V8. Now this is roughly one liter less and 12 valves more than my 67 GTO. The engine is at least a single overhead cam,

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Potluck Dinner



For the Potluck Dinner this year the club will buy a Ham for the main course. You are asked to bring the following based on the first letter of your last name:

A to G - Salad or Appetizer

H to R - Dessert

S to Z - Entree to go with Ham

Please bring enough to serve ten hungry fellow members.



Map to Sam & Renate's



POCC Annual Christmas Party

When - December 7

Time - 6:00 pm

Where - Sam & Renate

Troncoso's Home

1075 West Mesa Ave

Fresno 451-0869

Don't forget to bring
your \$10 to \$15 present
for the Pirate Gift
Exchange. This is
always a lot of fun.



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.

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. See center flyer for map and full details of what to bring for the potluck.

January:

January 13th - Monthly POCC club meeting

January 25th - Turlock Swap Meet

January 31st to Feb 1st - Tustin POCI Show

February:

February 8th - Valentine Mystery Cruise, meet at Starbucks' parking lot, leaving at 9:00 am.

February 10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

February 16th - Daytona 500 Party, meet at Starbucks' parking lot, leaving at 7:30 am.

March:

March 1st - Blossom Trail Run, will depart at 10:00 am, meeting site TBA.

March 10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

For Sale

Weather striping, seat covers, head liners, sun visors, seat belts and carpets for most 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.

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.

67 Ford Galaxie 500 two door hardtop. No motor. Best offer. Call JR Trocke at (559) 347-0263

1965 Buick Electra convertible. White with red interior. Full power - windows and seats. Appraised at \$15,000 asking \$10,500. Call Charlie Capparelli at (559) 299-7220

Wanted

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.

Need 1967 GTO rocker panels. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900

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and more than likely a double overhead cammer. That is one to three more cams than the Goat. You will get 469 horse power at 6100 rpm and 516 foot pounds of torque at 4600 rpm. So 100 more horse power and 1000 rpm more than I could expect from the Ole 67. Of course the engine has computerized fuel injection, so there goes the Quadrajet and that attractive chrome air cleaner. Did I mention that one craftsman builds the engine from start to finish and then actually signs his name on the engine after it is assembled and tested.

It seems as if this car has something for everyone, a super quiet smooth ride from the semi-active air suspension system, power to burn for the ones of us with a heavy foot, room for

the kids or the mother in law and a good size trunk. So, y o u r probably asking, where do I get one of t h e s e

Cost of car	\$75,000
Luxury Tax	\$2,250
Sales tax	\$5,625
Dealer prep	\$600
License fee.....	\$529
Total	\$84,004

For that you easily buy several fully restored classic muscle cars that would gain in value over the years.

modern muscle cars? In April just scoot on down to you local friendly auto dealer and plunk down \$75,000, plus sales tax , luxury tax, license and dealer prep fees and ask for their brand new 2004 Mercedes Benz E class 55 AMG. Now let us put this all in perspective, for \$75,000 (plus all the taxes and fees which will easily push this car over \$80,000) I could buy how many completely restored Pontiac GTOs (three or four at least) and they would appreciate over the next 10 to 20 years, not depreciate as the Mercedes would. Try that argument on your significant other when your looking to buy that “new” classic GTO Judge convertible. Let us know how this argument works, OK!!!!

Mystery Dinner Cruise November 2002

or

Thunder on Hiway 99 and a Bunch of Other Roads, Trails and Cow Paths in at Least Two Counties South of Fresno

by Rick Jones

It all began the afternoon of October 19th with a gathering of big iron at the Krispy Kreme doughnut shop in Fresno. Susan Fisher, worried that Sam might starve on the way, came out with a large box of goodies; Sam had nothing to worry about! After suitable fortification of coffee and doughnuts and a check of those present by our host, Dan Seibert, we were off on our great adventure.

Shortly, the convoy of nine cars, Buick-Olds-Firebird-Grand Prix-2+2 & GTO with 18 POCC folks, was thundering down Hiway 99 trying to keep up with ol' leadfoot Dan's Tri-powered 1966 GTO. Fifty-nine some miles later after detouring through cow country back roads (don't you just love the aroma?) we came upon the Rustler's Steak and Seafood restaurant just south of Mooney Grove Park in Visalia. Great food, our own parking area and a private dining room made for a great social event. One of the hi lights of the evening, at least for some of us, was going to the restrooms and watching old Clint Eastwood movies that were playing on the TVs that were mounted on the walls. Joel Garrett who had the closest mileage estimate, even though he was a little high, won the two free meals.

Later we zoomed up Mooney Blvd to the local cruise night at the A & W. It was so crowded that we zipped back down Mooney to Mearle's drive-in and had our own cruise night show for the locals. The night was balmy, the chocolate malts were tasty, and everybody relaxed and enjoyed the company!





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.

