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I want to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me as your President for 2003. But, before I go any further, I want to thank Joel Garrett for an excellent job well done. He was the President for 2 years and lead or Club to one of the strongest Car Clubs of the Valley. Thanks Joel!!

**I look back:** The Club was first founded in 1993. Don Rose and I had been talking about forming a Pontiac Club to help each other preserve and have fun with our cars. Don had been in contact with Jeff Boyle of Visalia, who was also thinking the same thing. The three of us got together and decided to pursue this venture. Jeff’s job was to get the information from POCI on how to form a Club. Don’s job was to get a location to meet. My job was to contact people who had Pontiacs to see if they wanted to form a Club. Our 1st meeting, was at a school Cafeteria which Pat Rose had arranged. The meeting was very informal. It was kind of a get to know everyone and to see if everyone wanted to pursue forming a Car Club. The general consensus was to move forward. The 2nd meeting, was at the Chicken Pie Shop at Manchester Center. There were about 25 people in attendance. This is when we chose the name of the Car Club. We wanted the name to take in the whole Valley. That’s when we came up with the name: PONTIAC’S OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA. Jeff sent the paper work into POCI to establish the name and the Charter. After the meeting, we all went out to our cars to compare notes, lift hoods and kick tires. Manchester Center Security came by and told us we had to leave. What a great start!!! The 3rd meeting, was at Arthur’s restaurant in Selma. Jeff had gotten the Charter with our Club name, in October ,1993. At that time, we elected Officers for 1994. Jeff Boyle was President, Ron Berglund was Vice President and Don Rose was Secretary & Treasure. Pat Rose was our Club Newsletter Editor. She sent letters to our new members informing everyone of up-coming Events. We voted on the dues amount and authorized a Club checking account. We paid our dues at that time. There must have been 30 people in attendance. We also established the By Laws of the Club which pretty much followed the POCI By Laws. Jeff sent all the forms, list of Officers and By Laws to POCI for final approval, which was approved. I remember after the meeting, we all went out to look at our cars, which was about 20 cars. Bill Truckell and I are the only Charter members left in the Club. Don Rose came up with Club Logo and the name of Newsletter “Straight Arrow” which we still have today. Our 1st regular meetings were held at Fat Jacks on Blackstone and we always had a good attendance. Jeff could not attend the meetings that year, so as Vice President I pretty much ran the meetings the 1st year. The 2nd year I was the Club President. Our 1st real Club Event was the Valentines Show & Shine held at Woodward Park in 1994. What a Show it was!! We had 30 plus cars that day. A picnic lunch was held and everyone had a good time.

We needed a Sign to let everyone know who we were. That is when Gary Kiezer had the large Banner with Pontiacs of Central California made up. He donated this to our Car Club.

Well, I better close, but 1st I want to commend all of our members for a job well done in keeping FUN in our Club. We have a great year coming up with a lot of fun things to do, so lets get our cars shined up and lets go. Thanks, Ron Berglund

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The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 7 at Sam & Renate’s home. The evening started with a table full of wonderful food and a bunch of hungry folks. A big thanks goes to Josie for suggesting the club buy a ham for the party and of course to all of the members who brought great dishes and desserts to go with the ham. After everyone had eaten their fill, and I’m sure some exceeded their fill the food was so good, we cleared off the tables and started the Pirate Gift Exchange. Ken certainly knows how to pick the very best presents since he managed to lose everyone that he picked except the last one and he almost lost that. Andy ended up with the GTO only parking sign he picked while Mike ended up with the Firebird sign. Really don’t remember what else he lost it was hard to keep count. Greg ended up with a neat bundle of pastel colored grease rags, but we think Gloria more correctly referred to them as towels. The evening ended with the new tradition of the singing of the The Twelve “Pontiac” Days of Christmas followed by many of the more common Christmas songs. Thanks to all that attended this annual event, a special thanks to Sam and Renate for making their home available to us and thanks again to Josie for ordering and picking up that wonderful Honey Baked Ham.
Despite near unprecedented rain for the two days leading up to our show; we had the Third Annual Toy’s for Tot show! On Saturday the sky stayed clear and very blue for the entire day, prompting nearly 50 cars to ignore the weatherman’s prediction of more rain. Pontiacs of Central California is extremely grateful to all those who came out amid the dire weather forecasts to lend their support to the United States Marine Corps Toy’s for Tots program. The Marines showed up in their Hummer, which added a nice touch. They mounted the machine gun and let people come aboard and test the turret; what fun! By the end of the day, we had mustered 71 toys, and about $100.00 in cash contributions. Not bad for a “stormy” day!

Next year we will be back on November 8!
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.

January:

13th - Monthly POCC club meeting
25th - Turlock Swap Meet
22nd - Car show meeting at Fergies in Madera Ranchos at 6:30
31st to Feb 1st - Tustin POCI Show

February:

10th - Monthly POCC club meeting. Car show meeting precedes regular meeting, starts at 6:00 pm.

16th - Valentine Mystery Cruise, meet at Krispy Kream parking lot, leaving at 9:00 am.

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

March:

10th - Monthly POCC club meeting
16th - Picnic Show’n Shine at Hickey Park in Lemoore. Details to follow.

April:

14th - Monthly POCC club meeting

?? - POCC car show, but not sure if the date is firmed up yet. Be at the January meeting or check next months newsletter.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION
To not make any RESOLUTIONS!!!!!!!!

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.


Temper, 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
Great Grill Batman

Now I know that there are some of you out there who delight in making fun of the “chicken wire” (your words, not mine) grill on the 67 GTO. But like any good idea the “chicken wire” grill is back and more popular than ever (my words). Maybe they had a lot of material left over from 1967 and have now just figured out what to do with it, but we who love our 67’s know that it is just a great style idea that is ready to once again grace the front end of a GM vehicle.

If you would like to see this great stylish grill again all you have to do is stop by your local Chevrolet dealer and check out the new 2003 Chevy pickups or just start watching the highways and byways for new Chevy trucks. If you will take a look at the front of these new trucks you will see that striking “chicken wire” grill, although now painted black, proudly showing. Makes you want to run right out and buy a new Chevy truck.

It just goes to show that you cannot keep a Good Grill down.

A few more Party Pictures

The Chicken Wire Grill rides again.
Long live the Grill!!!!

2003 Chevy Truck
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.

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.

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