

The Straight Arrow



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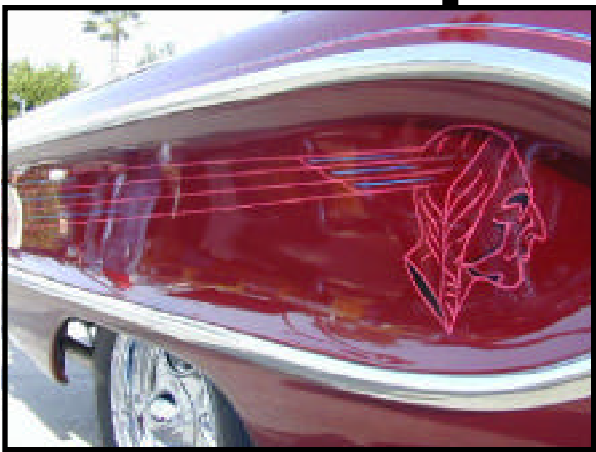
Webmaster - Brian Massey



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President's Message

I want to Thank Brian & Janet Massey for a fun Mystery Trip. This is what our club is all about. Having fun, getting our cars out and being with our Pontiac friends. By having these kind of activities, we can get more Pontiac people to join us.

Our Club has a trip to Hickey Park in Lemoore in April. This is put on by Greg & Gloria Griggs. So, lets all go and have fun.

Thanks to Mike Young for getting our New Club jackets. He will have several sizes at our March meeting. Thanks Mike.

Our most important upcoming event is our Annual Buick, Oldmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac & GMC Truck Show on April 26 in Madera. We need everyone to help make it a Success. Thanks to Don Bonnander for his help in sponsoring our show.

By the way, did I tell you how I got my 1970 Bonneville Convertible?? In 1986, I was driving down Cedar Ave. South of Gettysburg when I spotted a very sad 1970 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible. I turned around and went back to look at it. The man that owned it was outside working in the yard. I asked him what he was going to do with the car. He said two guys wanted to buy it and make it into some sort of hot rod. Well, I looked it over and it was in pretty good shape, only it was all taken apart. The bumper, hood and interior was in his garage. Well, I have a soft spot for big cars and I hated to see it destroyed.

I know I can't save all of the Pontiacs I see, but I really wanted a convertible. The deal I made with him was: If he would make sure all the parts were there and help me put it together and start it then I would give him \$100 more then what he was offered by the other two guys. He took me up on the offer the next Saturday. I went over to his place and we put it together and started it up.

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C February 10, 2003 meeting

The February meeting of the *Pontiacs of Central California* was called to order by our president Ron Berglund at 7:05 PM.

There were no visitors.

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were S & A.

Treasures report - Were still in the black thanks to all the members that have paid their dues.

Newsletter editors report - four newsletters from area chapters were passed around for the members to peruse. No word on the committee that is running the contest for the best Pontiac club newsletter.

Web site Webmaster report - Our website has been updated, so please visit it and let Brian know how much you appreciate it. Brian could use any articles to post on the site as well.

Activities Report - Brian gave an update on the upcoming activities.

Old Business - By-laws committee has not been able to convene due to everyone's heavy schedules. Club dues are due. I do not think I need to remind you anymore. T-shirts are available please see Bill Truckell.

New business - Car show committee - Brian thanked everyone for participation so far. Keep up the good work. Raffle prizes are needed and everyone should be working on getting donations. That means you. Yes you. You heard me. I shouldn't have to say it again. Committees chairs include: Publicity- Andy Hoff, Food- Dennis Simonson, Raffle - Dave Valle, Field Layout - Sam Fisher, Judging - Dennis Baker, Registration- Joel Garrett. All could use volunteers so step forward before you are volunteered.

Western Region Update - So Cal. has put in a bid to host the Pontiac Nationals in 2005. This

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may affect the regionals which our club has committed too.

Victor gave us an update on the casino being built in Oakhurst along with what he was able to accomplish w/ other casinos in the past. He also presented several ideas for logos for the regional show.

Jackets – Mike Young gave a presentation on the new jackets. He presented a sample of the new jacket and costs for different logos. Jackets w/ the club logo on the front will cost \$43 and \$68 for both front and rear. A motion to spend \$250 to digitize the club logo, which will work for anything, we would like to embroider was S&A. Mike will order one embroidered jacket and present it at the next meeting, when orders will be taken.

Past and Up-coming Events – Tustin – 117 cars registered. With the exceptions of some mishaps on the return trip, the show was a success.

Mystery Cruise – 37 members/family attended. A gracious congratulations went out to Brian & Janet for a wonderful job.

Hickey park- 5 April (tentative)

Orange Blossom Tour – to coincide with the show at Lovegren Motors in Sanger 1 March.

2003 POCI Western Region Oct 3-5 in Long Beach, Ca.

50's Cars in the Park June 20th – Chowchilla- Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Attendance winner raffle of the \$40 was Joel Garrett.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary

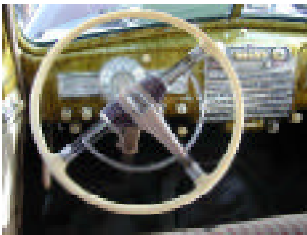


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Considering how it looked, with the top in rags, primed body and a dent in the left rear quarter panel, it ran very well. I paid him, got the title and drove it home. I did a lot of research on the car and found out it was ordered from Dan Day Pontiac in Fresno. The person who ordered it, put a heavy-duty hitch on it and towed a travel trailer. Later on, it was parked for a number of years.

I got a history of the car from the Pontiac Historical Research Center in Detroit Michigan. To my amazement, it was ordered with about every option you could get of: AC, power windows, AM/FM Radio, power seats, cruise control, shoulder seat belts (very rare) 455, rear speakers, trunk release, tilt steering wheel and power door locks. The only thing it did not come with was Rally II Wheels, which I later put on. After taking the whole car apart, the stainless went to Dave Turner for repair and buffing while the car went to Reedley to be painted in the original light blue color. After it was painted, it was off to the upholstery shop for a new white top, Camel interior and carpet. At this time I did not take the Engine out, but it was detailed. I haven't driven this car for two years. My next project is to go through the engine, transmission and suspension to make it a very reliable driver. The 1970's car is the last of the high compression engines. In 1971, the compression came down to meet new smog rules. Now we have California State Senator Dean Florez (D) District 16, introducing a bill wanting to have all cars 45 years and older smogged. HOW RIDICULOUS, since smog equipment didn't even start showing up on cars until 1966. Call, email or write your Congressman and let them know. (We do not want this to happen) We as car buffs, need to stick together. See insert for more information.

Your President, Ron Berglund



On Friday (Jan. 31) and Saturday (Feb. 1) POCC members Brian Massey, Gayle Huls, Greg Griggs, Joel Garrett, Dennis Simonson and President Ron Berglund made the trek to Tustin, California. There we joined the Southern California Chapter of POCI for their All Pontiac Show 'n Shine at Tustin Pontiac.



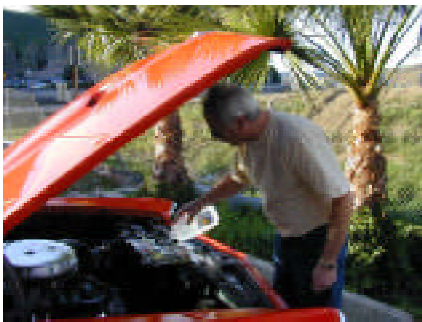
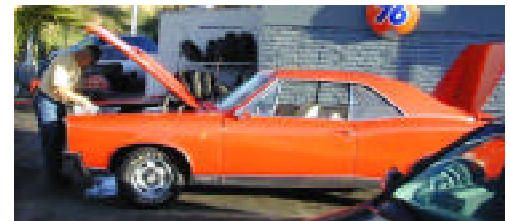
Tustin Trip



Lots of Goats.



Has the famed Tri Power become the Quadrajet???



On the trip down, this is a scene we became much to familiar with . . .



What year Pontiac is this??



Is this the only Pontiac made with fins???



Valentine Mystery Cruise



Brian and Janet Massy put together an absolutely great Mystery Cruise, that I think, was even better than the one they did last year. We started by filling the parking lot at Krispy Kream in Fresno (we are thinking we need to find a place with a bigger parking lot) and then started out north on 41. We headed west when we got to 145 and then sort of north again until we got to Raymond (a pit stop for the old guys). From there it

was in every direction as well as up and down as we traveled many back roads (several with horse poop in the middle) to Awanee and then finally to Oakhurst where we finally ended up at the Mountain House for lunch. Along the way we had to find answers to questions such as “What color was the old rowboat”, “What was the name of the lake you never get to



see”, “What was the name of the ranch on such and such road”, so on and so forth. Do you know how hard it was to drive some of those roads while looking for an old rowboat?



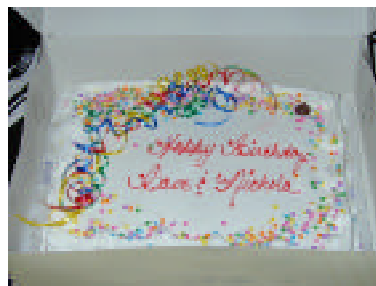
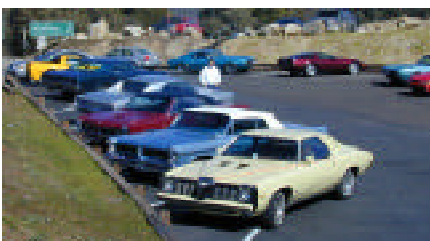
Some of the day's awards went to Tim and Judy, Hardluck Award as they only got half of the directions (they thought Raymond was the end); Glen and Carol, they drove the farthest to attend the event; Ron and Marlene had the closest guess for the total mileage (63.1 miles); and Sam and Renate and Dennis and Jackie who won the awards for getting all of the questions correct.



We ended lunch with cake celebrating Big Dave and Little Nick's birthdays. Once again a great event with good food and super friends.



PS: Sam's GTO (Susan no longer claims it) almost completed this trip, but blew out the seal in the water pump on the way home. Thanks to Brian for trailering the Goat home and to Tim and Judy for getting the family home. A brand new water pump has been installed and hopefully the Goat will complete all future trip.



Upcoming Events

NOTE: Many of the dates in last months newslewtter were incorrect. I took them form the 2002 events calendar by mistake. (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.

March:

1st - Sanger Blossom Day Car Show & Shine. Meet at Starbucks corner of Herndon and Fowler, leaving there for Sanger NLT 7:45.

10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

April:

5th - Picnic Show'n Shine at Hickey Park in Lemoore. Details to follow.

14th - Monthly POCC club meeting

25th - POCC car show Bar-B-Q at Don Bonander's Vintage Buick, Pontiac, Cadillac & GMC Truck dealership in Madera.

26th - POCC Annual Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile & Cadillac car show at Court House Park in Madera

May:

10th - Cruise night, details to follow

12th - Monthly POCC club meeting

18th - Greater Valley Concours at Fresno State. If you are not showing your car then join us in the "Club Corral" area.

June:

7th - Shriner's Car Show at Manchester Shopping Center. Info to follow.

9th - Monthly POCC club meeting

14th - Cruise Night, details to follow

20th - Chowchilla 3rd Annual '50's in the Park

July:

12th - 2nd Annual Bar-B-Q at the Griggs. Details will follow.

14th - Monthly POCC club meeting

26th - Cruise night, details to follow.

Thank You

Dear Club Members,

Thank you for the beautiful plant. It came right when I finished my first round of chemotherapy, which sure brightened up my day and continues to perk things up at home. It's great to know that so many people are thinking about me. Your thoughtfulness is a testimony to the wonderful people of POCC.

Thank you again, Debbie Seibert

Need Parts??

Thanks to Greg Griggs for this list:

Dan Bresett 559-645-6602, Madera, CA

Big John's 909-622-3587 So. CA.

Frank's Pontiac Parts 760-789-0669 CA.

Chris 916-624-0189, Rocklin, CA.

Mac 916-348-0445, Rocklin, CA.

Bethel's Goat Farm 408-295-7611, San Jose, CA.

Pontiac Parts restoration 909-884-6980, So. CA.

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. Left & right fenders, some trim, lenses and miscellaneous parts. Call Andy Hoff at (559) 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

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.

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

Miscellaneous 67 GTO parts. Fenders, bumpers, AC parts, some trim. Call Sam Fisher at (559) 674-0821 for complete list.

Miscellaneous 69 Firebird parts. Hood, tail lights, dash, grills, rear seat springs, console. 66 GTO rear bumper, some trim. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.

Wanted

Four speed, flywheel and bellhousing for Pontiac. 76 TA/Firebird fiberglass nose and passenger door. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.



Car Show Help

Attention all Pontiac Club members who are coming to the April 26, 2003 Car Show. Please consider helping in some way. Each committee member can use help!!!! That includes me, Dennis Simonson. Call me, or e-mail me, and I will put you on the help list. Two members have signed up at this time for food preparation. The more help we get results in less time you have to be on site to help me. I will be there at the start of the show, and probably, be one of the last to leave. I would like to have members donate some cakes, doughnuts, bagels, Danish pastry, or cookies for sale at the food booth for the day of the car show. I am asking Gloria Griggs to call members for donations. Please feel free to call Gloria Griggs at 696-3001 or email her at: "gloworm430@hotmail.com". Donations offset expenditures of buying food for the show. Also, if any person can receive food as a donation, please let me know. We can use buns, hot dogs, or whatever. Every item that is donated is eliminated from the overhead food expense.

Thank You

Dennis Simonson

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Dues are Due!!!

Remember if dues are not paid by the March meeting you will be dropped from the rolls, this will be your last newsletter and you will no longer be able to enjoy the club activities. Dues are only \$24 per year. Don't forget to renew your POCI dues when they become due since you must also be a member in good standing with POCI to be a member of POCC. You can send club dues to Bill at:

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444 E Michigan
Fresno CA 93704



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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