

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

As a Club, I think it would be nice to take a moment to say a pray for our Troops in Iraq. They have a very difficult task to stop Hussan in his persecution of his own people. We sometimes don't realize how lucky we are to live in a free country and able to do as we please. I pray to God it will end soon.

Our annual Car Show is coming up soon. We all need to help make it a success. The most important thing is, we need "Cars."

Don Bonnander is preparing a Friday night BBQ for us at his Dealership. He always has a lot of fun on this night. See you at the Show.

I don't know if I told you how I got my Grand Am. Well.....,here it goes. I had a client out in Dinuba by the name of Gordan Enns, who was a farmer. He was related to the Willems who owned the Pontiac Dealership in Dinuba. Well...., Gordon wanted a car with a little flare. The minute he saw the Grand Am, he knew he wanted one. So, he ordered it from Willems Pontiac Dealership. When it arrived, he used it as his family car. After a few years, his daughters got the car to drive to and from Pacific College. One day on the way home from school, they got it too hot and the motor had to be rebuilt. Penner Brothers rebuilt the motor. Then, it was parked on the farm and not in use. I asked Gordon if he wanted to sell the car. He said he wanted to keep it. In the meantime Gordon developed Cancer and died. About a year after Gordon's death, I asked his wife Marilynn if she wanted to sell the car. She said yes. She knew how much Gordon liked the car and wanted someone to restore it. That day I promised Marilynn I would restore it in his memory, and that's just what I did.

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

Our President, Ron Berglund, called the first meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Visitors included Rick DiGiacomo from R.I visiting his uncle Jack Scott. Rick owns a 55 StarChief, 68 Bonneville and 67 FB Conv.

A M&S to approve the Feb. minute was passed.

Treasures report - the club is still in the black with 26 paid members.

Newsletter editor's report - Sam passed around a newsletter sent to us by the So. Cal.

Web site Webmaster report -There was no report since Brian and Janet were vacationing in sunny Washington state.

Old Business -Club by-laws committee will convene after the April car show.

Dues are slowly coming in

Western Regionals update - no committee convened on hold until after the location of the 2005 Nationals is selected. Jackets - Mike Young passed around samples of the jackets.

Car Show Committee - Show is April 26th. Everyone is encouraged to take flyers and pass them out. Raffle - Dave Valle needs people to sell tickets. Sponsor - Dan Bonnander will put on a Friday night dinner. Victor has the t-shirts ordered by attendee's last mtg. See him and bring \$\$ next meeting.

New Business- An Assembly man (Florez) wants to sponsor a bill to smog all vehicles 45 yrs and older. Ron Berglund put together a letter for all to sign opposing the bill. He will do a mass mailing and send it off.

Past Events - Blossom Trail/Lovegren Motors show - 8-9 members showed their cars.

Upcoming events -Talk was started about a progressive dinner but was put on hold until a latter date. Hickey Park Show n' Shine flyers

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I brought the Grand Am home and cleaned it up and drove it for a year. In the mean time, I was collecting NOS and used parts for the restoration. I started the restoration by taking parts off one at a time cleaning, painting and putting the parts in a marked plastic zip lock bag. I kept doing this process and pretty soon the whole car was apart in marked bags. I didn't have to overhaul the engine, but I did put a Ram Air III cam in it. The transmission and rear end was okay, but needed cleaning up. I put all the factory markings back the same way and added some extra factory accessories such as: Cruise Control, Tachometer, power seat on the driver side, AM/FM 8 track stereo, rear window defroster and power door locks. After I had the body painted, the assembly went very fast.

When the car was done, I drove it to Dinuba to show it to Marilyn. When I drove into the yard, she came running to see the car and broke down in tears thanking me for bringing Gordon's Grand Am back to life.

Marlene and I have had a lot of fun with the car going to Car Club Events, and yes I will someday get the front end painted.

Thanks, your President Ron Berglund

Grand Am
455 CID

Ron and his Grand Am all dressed up and decorated for Easter.

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passed around. 50's cars in the Park - held in Chowchilla (see calendar). This is being sponsored by one of our members and we should make an attempt to make a showing.

Progressive Raffle - This month's lucky winner was ??????. Did we have a winner? I don't have a name. So I'll claim it if that's OK with everyone. I think it was \$50?!

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary

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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Blossom Day Car Show

Lovegren Motors in Sanger held their First Annual Blossom Day Car Show on March 1, 2003. The show was well attended by six or eight POCC members. This is an event that we will look forward to attending in the future.



Rich and Dan just enjoy a nice lazy day in Sanger.



Glenn Igo's "Big Bird".



Dave with his govt



Dave with his Dad.



Paul's new Riviera



Tim demonstrating how he keeps his wheels so clean.

This show was timed to be part of Sanger's Blossom Trail Celebration. Those in attendance all had a good time.



Bob & Nancy

Dear Friends,

It is important for men to remember that as women grow older it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as they did when they were younger. When men notice this, they should try not to yell.

Let me relate how I handle the situation. When I got laid off from my consulting job and took "early retirement" in January, it became necessary for Nancy to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for health benefits that we need. She was a trained medical transcriptionist when we met twenty-eight years ago and was fortunate to land a job at a local transcription house. It was shortly after she started working at this job that I noticed that she was beginning to show her age.

I usually get home from fishing or hunting about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says that she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts supper. I try not to yell at her when this happens. Instead, I tell her to take her time. I understand that she is not as young as she used to be. I just tell her to wake me when she finally does get supper on the table. She used to wash and dry the dishes as soon as we finished eating. It is now not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after supper. I do what I can by reminding her several times each evening that they aren't cleaning themselves. I know she appreciates this, as it does seem to help her get them done before she goes to bed.

Our washer and dryer are in the basement. When she was younger, Nancy used to be able to go up and down the stairs all day and not get tired. Now that she is older she seems to get tired so much more quickly. Sometimes she says she just can't make another trip down those steps. I don't make a big issue of this. As long as she finishes up the laundry the next evening I am willing to overlook it.

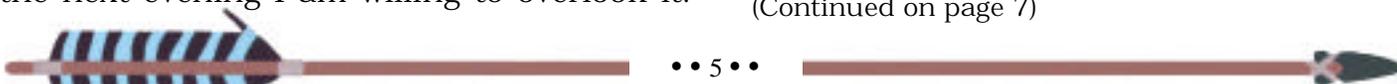
Not only that, but unless I need something ironed to wear to the Monday lodge meeting or to Wednesday's or Saturday's poker club or to Tuesday's or Thursday's bowling or something like that, I will tell her to wait until the next evening to do the ironing. This gives her little more time to do some of those odds and ends things like shampooing the dog, vacuuming or dusting. Also, if I have had a really good day fishing, this allows her to gut and scale the fish at a more leisurely pace.

Nancy is starting to complain a little occasionally. Not often, mind you, but just enough for me to notice. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. In spite of her complaining, I continue to try to offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any, if you know what I mean. When doing simple jobs she seems to think she needs more rest periods than she used to have to take.

A couple of weeks ago she said she had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I overlook comments like these because I realize it's just age talking. In fact, I try not to embarrass her when she needs these little extra rest breaks. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. I tell her that as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me and take her break by the hammock so she can talk with me until I fall asleep.

It is kinda the same with the 69 Judge. She used to spend most of Friday, washing, waxing and detailing it, getting it ready for a car show or cruise on the weekend. Now she says it is just too much to do after working all day. So I have told her not to worry, just take care of everything the weekend before

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Upcoming Events

NOTE: Many of the dates in last months newslettter 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.

April:

12th - Picnic Show'n Shine at Hickey Park in Lemoore. Meet at the Riverpark Starbuck's at 9:30. See details in next column.

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.

August:

9th - POCC Cruise Night, details to follow.

11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

Hickey Par k Picnic

Saturday April 12, 2003 will be our 2nd Annual POCC Multi-Club Picnic. It will once again be at Hickey Park in Lemoore. We will be meeting at Starbucks in Riverpark Shopping Center (North Blackstone) at 9:30am and leave promptly at 10:00am. We will leave as a group and take a "Mystery Cruise" to Lemoore. We will have guests from the Mopar Club and also the Mustang Club joining us. This year we plan on having a Judging Seminar through out the day and maybe even play some Croquet. At the end of the day we will "Cruise" over to Robert's Sassy Classics in Hanford, for a tour of his facilities. Everyone, please bring a dish to share and whatever you would like to BBQ. POCC will provide drinks, all paper goods, utensils, condiments, BBQ sauce and charcoal. For more Information: contact Greg or Gloria Griggs at 322-4005 or email gloworm430@hotmail.com.

Come an enjoy a "Fun" day at the park along with good company. Hope to see you all there!!



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.

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.

'71 Muncie M21 in excellent condition. Has been sitting on shelf for a few years, but has no rust, cracks or other damage. Came from a running car that was parted out. \$400 or best offer. Alan Blalock 916 415-0888

1968 Pontiac Executive Safari station wagon. New paint, black over dark wood grain. New carpets & headliner, seats in excellent shape, one crack in dash pad. New tires with newly painted Rally II wheels. All glass original and in good shape except for rear power window which has scratch marks from metal bracket. Engine and trans in good shape. \$6495 OBO. Sam Fisher (559) 674-0821



Wanted

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

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and then I will make sure the cover is put on the car to keep it nice during the week. Then on Friday evening, or even early Saturday morning she can do the little touch up things that will ensure the car takes a first place in the weekend show. Lately she has not been going to all of the events with me, but I understand, she needs more rest now. I do make sure that if the car wins a trophy at the show, everyone knows that it was a group effort.

I could go on and on, but I think you know where I'm coming from. I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Nancy on a daily basis. I'm not saying that the ability to show this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible.

No one knows better than I do how frustrating women can become as they get older. My purpose in writing this is simply to suggest that you make the effort. I realize that achieving the exemplary level of showing consideration I have attained is out of reach for the average man. However, guys, even if you just yell at your wife a little less often because of this article, I will consider that writing it was worthwhile.

Bob

PS: Bob's funeral was on Saturday, April 5th. Nancy was acquitted on Monday, April 7th. The Judge continues to win trophies at shows even without Bob's help.



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.