

The Straight Arrow



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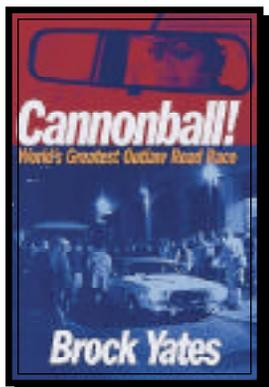
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President's Message

I want to thank those who attended the annual BOP Car Show rain or shine. I can't believe this is our 7th one. What a Success!! We had 71 cars and everything went as planned. What Pros we are.

It all started Friday night at Don Bonanders Dealership for his wonderful dinner of stuffed Pork Loin and all the fixins prepared by his famous Caterer's. Don furnished 50's music for us under an overhead cover in the parking lot. There was about 15 cars that ventured out even though we got a couple of sprinkles of rain.

Don presented a trophy to the best car of his choice, which was, a 1957 Pontiac. Lots of cars registered for the Car show were from out of town. It was nice to see the Club members wearing name badges and our Club jackets representing the Club.

I want to mention some Thank yous to the following and I hope I don't miss anyone.

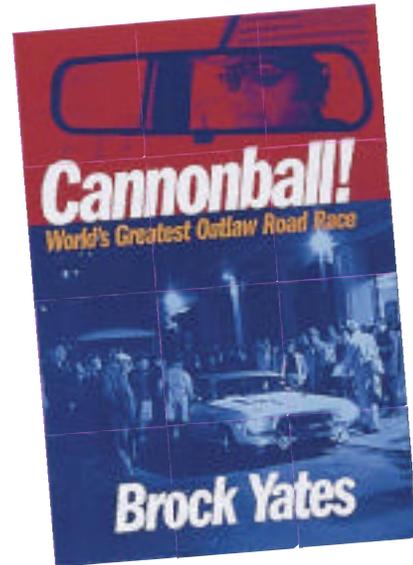
Brian Massey did a wonderful job putting the Car Show together. He has it down to a Science. Dennis Baker was the head Judge. He changed the way we judge, and I heard a lot of compliments. Sam Fischer did a great job doing the layout for the Show field. Joel Garrett did the Registration and no cars were backed up. Dennis Simonson, our Club Chef, did a wonderful lunch. Boy those Tri-Tip sandwiches were good. Dave Valla worked at the raffle table all day and I don't think he ever took a break. Great Job!! Bill Truckell took care of the Cash and you can always count on him. Gayle Huls setup signs, coffee pots, tables and chairs. Thanks Gayle. Andy Hoff was in charge of advertising. I think he had an Ad in every auto magazine that is published. Greg Griggs got all the cars parked on the field. Thank you to everyone who helped in the food booth or did anything else.

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Bookreview

Cannonball

The Worlds Greatest Outlaw Roadrace



By Joel Garrett

I recently completed reading the above book and thoroughly enjoyed reading it and thought I would share it with you.

It was 1971. The nation was suffering under the dreaded 55mph national speed limit. Radar for speed enforcement was in it's infancy, and Brock Yates, a columnist for Car and Driver magazine came up with an idea to show the world that you could cross the United States at high speed without endangering yourself or other motorists.

This book covers all the Cannonball sea to shining sea cross country races that took place between 1971 and 1979. It tells us about all the various participants and the vehicles they each chose to win the race. It tells about the various movies that try and recreate the actual

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I just want to say how proud I am of our Pontiac Club. Everyone is so good in helping. The Car Shows seem to be getting easier each year. I am confident we can put on the Western Regional in 2005. We sure do have the experience.

We have a lot of great activities coming up this year. The main one is the Western Region in Long Beach. We should all plan to be there. It's always a great time.

I was going to tell you another one of my car stories, but it looks like I'm running out of space. Soooooo, I will spare you until next month's newsletter.

Your Club Prez, Ron Berglund

Jackets

Prices and information on purchasing jackets.

Hard Driven Sportsware
1486 Tollhouse road #107
Clovis CA 93611
(559) 323-6801

Jacket with club logo on front only - \$47.16

Jacket with club logo on front and back - \$72.21

The above prices include sales tax.

If you want the club logo embroidered on anything then the cost would be:

Small logo (front) - \$8.50 plus tax

Large logo (back) - \$25.00 plus tax

You can contact Hard Driven directly if you want to order a jacket or have the logo stitched onto something else.

Welcome

Be sure to welcome our newest member, Mike Heinz, who joined at the show. Mike joins us with his 1965 GTO and 1969 Firebird. Glad to have you with us Mike.

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adventures, some true and some totally fabricated.

The first Cannonball was run with only one entry, Brock Yates in a 1971 Dodge Van. He tells of the adventure of crossing the US in 40 hours, 51 minutes, covering 2858 miles, at an average speed 70.0 mph and consuming 314.5 gallons of fuel.

After writing about the trip in an issue of Car and Driver magazine, the second running had 8 entrants from all over the US. Yates with Dan Gurney as co-driver won the race in 35 hours 54 minutes at an average speed of 80.8 mph.

Yates describes the various strange ideas people came up with to give them the edge over the competition. Yates actually used an ambulance with his wife as patient, and Hal Needham as a doctor to try and win a race(and might have too, if they didn't have mechanical breakdowns). Or how about a 1936 Ford Panel entered by Hemmings Magazine. Or a 1948 Rolls Royce, or a Chevy Suburban with "Satellite Tracking Associates, STAY CLEAR" painted on the side. How about a Chevy Dually that finished 5th one year that averaged 5.4 mpg and used 590 gallons of hi test.

Throughout the book Yates has many of the entrants tell their own story of their adventures to win the race. Dealing with road conditions, the weather, the Police, the other entrants, and the vehicles themselves.

I think Yates did an excellent job of telling the story of the infamous Cannonball and I am sure you will enjoy reading this book as much as I did.

Chowchilla

Chamber of Commerce Presents

3rd Annual 50's In The Park

Chowchilla Veterans Park
600 Robertson Blvd.

Friday, June 20th
4:00 to 9:00 PM

Car Show

Trophies

Raffles

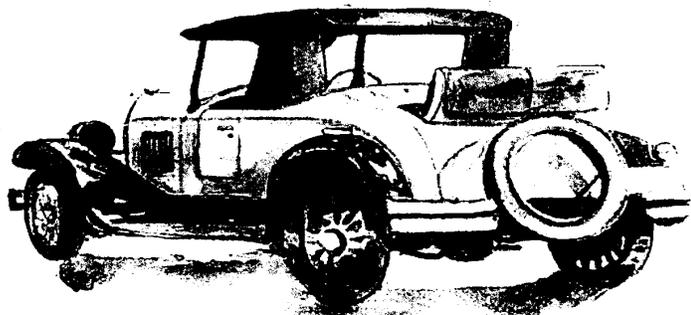
Food Faire

Farmers Market

Music

Specialty Booths

T-Shirts Made to Order



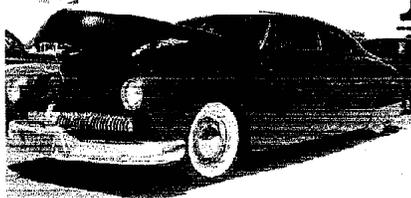
For Info. Contact:

**Chamber of Commerce at (559) 665-5603 or
Glen Igo at (559) 665-5505**



This year's show will be the best ever!

- More plaques and awards categories than ever, including Best Of Show
- Live entertainment, music and live radio remotes!



THE FOURTH ANNUAL
BONANDER
CAR SHOW
AND CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2003

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH, 2003 REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 P.M.

AWARDS AT 4 PM • 209/632-8871 FOR INFO

EXOTIC SPORTS CARS • TRACTOR PULLERS • CUSTOM RODS

• MOTORCYCLES • AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT CATCHES THE EYE!

SHOW HELD AT BONANDER PONTIAC • 231 S. CENTER • TURLOCK

• Free Dash Plaques For The First 100 Entries

• Barbeque and Lots of Fun For The Whole Family with 2 meals provided to the first 100 entrants...

• 1 Free T-Shirt For The 1st 100 Entrants

• Lots of Raffle Prizes

• Best Of Each Category Awards

Here are two different events for your car showing pleasure. Entry Forms are included on the center handout.

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.

May:

10th - Cruise night at Chubby's in Madera. Meet at Chubby's between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Call Sam for more info.

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. From 4:00 to 9:00 pm at Chowchilla Veterans Park, 600 Robertson Blvd. Contact Chowchilla C of C at (559) 665-5603 for further information. See Entry Form in this newsletter.

28th - Racin' for a Cure Car show in Madera. Details to follow.

28th - 4th Annual Bonander show in Turlock. See page 5 for information.

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

September:

5th to 7th - POCI Western Regional at Long Beach California

11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

Thanks

Chair person/Car Show

On Saturday, April 26, 2003, "Pontiacs of Central California" held their annual car show. I think all of us held our breath hoping it would not rain before the show. The day turned out to be an excellent day for a car show. I, again, had the pleasure of being the chairperson for the food event. And, again, my support group was remarkable for the time and effort they put into supporting our car club. Without their effort, the food booth could not have succeeded. Gayle Huls provided early morning coffee so we all could get a fresh start on the day's activities. A special "Thank You" to my wife, Diane, our son, Brandon, and friend, Steve Lewis, who have supported me with my car hobby and "Chief Chefs" for the car show. A special "Thank You" to Gloria Griggs for coordinating pastries from Club members to sell at the Club Food Booth. That was a great help from Gloria. I also want to mention that two people, Karen Gray and Elaine Davi, came with Sam Fisher and volunteered to help me, and, it ended up all day for them. "Thank You Karen and Elaine". Also, "Thanks," to the people who signed my work sign-up sheet for the car show. It helped me coordinate the workload.

People who helped throughout the day were:

Gloria Griggs	Janet Massey
Judy Garrett	Scott Garrett
Gayle Huls	Helen Huls
Bill Truckell	

This is the list of people who donated cookies, brownies, donuts etc. for the Club Food Booth.

Gloria & Greg Griggs	Ken Mueller
Janet Massey	Dan Siebert
Paula Yost	Nan Schmidt
Bill Truckell	Marlene Bergland
Renate Troncoso	Carol Igo
Tim Saltzman	Judy Cumings

And, "Thank You," to all the ones that I missed.

Dennis Simonson

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. Factory AC. 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. \$6,495 OBO. Sam Fisher (559) 674-0821



1988 Ford Elite 22 foot Class C motorhome. Dual air, EFI 351, sleeps 6. \$7,500. Contact Brian Massey at (559) 645-8018.

1955 Pontiac 2 bbl intake with carburator \$75 OBO. Other miscellaneous 55 parts. Two sets of tail lights for 69 Firebird. Contact Rick DiGiacomo at (401) 934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com

Rare, single owner, 1968 Pontiac Firebird, with numbers matching 350 CID V-8 HO 4 BBL. Meticulously repainted in original light yellow with black decals and pin striping; black vinyl roof and interior. It has painted color matching collector 'American racing' vintage wheels with a .373 posi rear gear ratio and a manual 3-speed stick shift. Strong muscle car with authentic 400 hood with Tachometer, Power Steering.

The owner has meticulously maintained this car throughout its life investing in all required repairs and maintenance. Only original or authentic replacement parts have been used. Estimate it to be over 95% fully restored; Engine's been entirely rebuilt to stock condition and currently has less than 18,000 miles. This classic car has new stock suspension, a rebuilt carburetor, and a new starter. Newer front seat covers and original rear seat covers. In dash FM radio and four speakers work. PRICE REDUCED - \$21,320 MUST SELL! E-mail HO68Firebird@yahoo.com.



Wanted

For 70 Mustang, front fenders, hood and drivers door. Contact Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.

Tilt steering column and clear/black wheel for 67 Firebird. Call Rick DiGiacomo at (401) 934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com



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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(All area codes are 559)

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.

