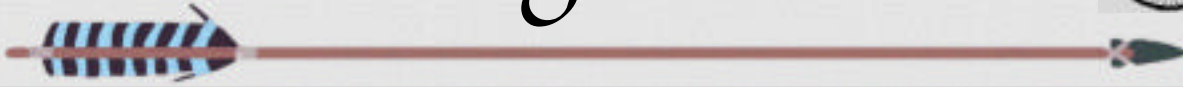


The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

I want to Thank Gayle Huls for filling in for me for the June meeting. I hear he did a great job. Thanks Gayle!! The reason I couldn't be there was Marlene & I were in a production at the City College called New Wrinkles. We had 17 performances. To qualify, to be in the show, you have to be 55 yrs. old or older plus be able to sing, act and dance. Well.....I guess I qualified. The New Wrinkles Show has been going on for 15 years. It's one of the City College main Fund Raisers. Brian & Janet Massey have been Ushers for years. There are over 80 people in the cast. We both enjoyed it very much & hope to be in again next year if they choose our Audition.

Can you stand another Car Story? Well.....here it goes. As you have already guessed my love of cars started very early in my life. In 1958, one of my classmates had a 1946 Chevy Coupe. He wanted to sell or trade it. Also, he needed a tire for his 1946 Ford. Since my dad owned a Standard gas station, I asked him if I could have a new 600 x 16 blackwall tire so I could trade it for the 1946 Chevy. He said I could, but I had to earn the tire by working for him at the gas station. I jumped at the offer and I traded the tire for the Chevy.

I always liked Model A Fords. My former wife's cousin had a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe that was bought new by his dad. Roger and I got together one day to talk about cars and well.....he liked my 1946 Chevy and I liked the Model A. Guess what? We traded even up!! I think I had the Chevy about a week. Roger lived on a farm about 15 miles out of town. I drove the Chevy out to his farm and made the trade. I can still remember the drive home in my new Model A. It was a little slower than the Chevy. But I liked the sound of the 4 banger. When I got the car home, I took it to my dad's gas station, and put it up on the rack. I found out Roger was a little rough on the Model A. It had a broken front spring.

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C June 9, 2003 meeting

Our Vice President, Gayle Huls, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were no visitors.

Treasures report – the club is still in the black with 33 paid members.

Newsletter Editor's report – Sam passed around parts wanted/sell list along with a current roster to be update. He also received a newsletter from the Oregon Chapter which he passed around for members to read.

Web site Webmaster report – The website was down for a few days and is now back up.

Activities report – Brian passed around an update of the activities calendar compiled during a recent meeting at the Orbit Café. He thanked the members who showed up to help. He also suggested we all check the website for new activities and dates.

Old Business – Constitution and By-Laws committee convened and made some headway. This will be an ongoing process during the next several months. They will present a finalized version to the club sometime in the future.

Western regionals update – October. No new developments.

New Business - No new business

Upcoming events – Club BBQ at the Grigg's on 12 July. Flyers were passed out.

Progressive raffle – This month's lucky winner of the progressive attendance raffle was Keith Hunnicut. who was not present to collect his winnings so next months amount will be \$20.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary

(Presidents message continued)

Other than that, it was in fair condition. The time of the year was late fall, so I put the car in our garage for the winter. I couldn't wait until spring to start what I thought was a restoration. When I started restoring the Model A, I had it painted Black. It had been painted 2 times before, but I just scuffed the body and had it painted by Pfau Bros Body Shop. The upholstery was in bad shape so I had Culps Upholstery put black naugahyde in the interior. I also painted the 21" wheels an ivory color. I drove the Model A to high school, around town and in parades.

When you are a Car nut, you seem to be looking for extra parts. Back in the 60's, Model A's were everywhere you looked. I collected left & right dual side mounts, rumble seat, deck lid and a lot of other parts for the Model A.

In the fall of 1967, my dad sold the gas station because of his bad health. Standard Oil wanted me to buy it, but I turned them down. We wanted to get out of the cold weather of 20 -30 degrees below zero. My mom was having a Class Reunion in my hometown in 1967. One of her classmates, Bud from Fresno, was at the reunion. We were talking one day, and I mentioned to him, we wanted to move to the West Coast. Seattle or Portland. He said, why don't you move to Fresno? He was single and had a large house and not home much. He worked for the CHP. So.....that's what we did, moved to Fresno.

I had to leave my Model A behind, so I stored it in my grandpa's garage. Two years later, we went back to New Rockford, ND with a trailer to get my Model A and all the parts. After the Model A was in Fresno, I joined the Sierra Model A Club. That's when I found out my "A" was tired. It heated up, took oil and was just worn out. I made up my mind I was going to restore the A the right way. I took the fenders, body and hood off and stored them in my neighbors garage. I took the engine over to a friend that re-built Model A's.

We completely went thru the engine transmission and read end. The brakes were the hardest to restore. The brakes are mechanical and there was a lot of slop to get out and it took a lot of new parts. When the Chassis was complete, it was the body's turn.

I took the whole body down to bare metal, primed and painted it. I painted it myself with lacquer, Rose Beige and Seal Brown with Black fenders. When the body fenders, hood and trunk lid were put on the Chassis, I had Walts Upholstery install mohair Upholstery on the door panels, seats and headliner. It was finally a complete car and looked very good.

I took the Model A to several Car Shows: Giffins Ranch, Bakersfield and the Model A Western Region in Fresno. I won a lot of 1st & 2nd places with it. I haven't driven it very much lately, but when I fully retire, I am going to Restore it again. This time with all NOS parts and try to make a 500 point car. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Next month I will tell you about my 1928 AR Model A Roadster.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Racing for A Cure Show put on by the Pontiac Club and the Mustang Club in Madera. We all need to Thank Brian & Janet Massey for a great job.

Club President, Ron Berglund



The Road is Ours FoMoCO 100th Anniversary



by Gail Huls



1914 Model T

Even though this is a news letter for Pontiacs of Central California and not Fabulous Fords Forever, we do share a common interest, our love for our cars and what the industry has contributed to society and the economy. But the Ford Motor Company is 100 years old.

Helen and I were lucky enough to go to Dearborne, Michigan for this celebration that ran from June 12th to the 16th. This dog and pony show started with Ford Racing Night with William Clay Ford Jr., CEO, welcoming everyone. They had one of the best collections of cars, all Fords of course, that had been used for racing whether it was the track, strip, salt flats or NASCAR, from the early days to the present.



1928 Model A



1941 F-1 Pickup

A part of the Centennial was a group of 43 Model T's that left Lancaster, California on May 25th and reached Dearborn on June 12th. Top speeds ranged from 14 m.p.h. while climbing the Rocky Mountains to 35 m.p.h. on the flat roads. We met a couple from Salinas who made the trip and asked how they were going home, the lady said the car was going back on a truck but she was ready to do it again, but just not

right away. These same people had taken their cars to Europe and toured France.



1949 Ford

1955 Thunderbird



A little side line to show how women have influenced the automotive world occurred in 1941 when Henry Ford agreed to sign a labor agreement with the United Auto Workers. He said they got way too much in the agreement but when asked why he went along with it, he stated that he had been threaten. His wife, Clara Ford, said she would divorce him if he didn't sign.

1986 Taurus



1964 1/2 Mustang



**2003 Pontiac/Oakland/GMC
Western Regional
October 3-5, 2003
at the
Long Beach Marriott**

All entries must be received by **September 5, 2003**
Pre-registration only - No late entries will be allowed
Registration Fee: First Car = \$30 / 2 or more cars = \$20 each
Swap Spaces - \$20 each

Checks Payable to: SCC POCI

Mail entries to: So. Cal. Chapter POCI, P.O. Box 28385, Anaheim, CA 92809-0146

You will receive further registration and activities information by return mail.

For information, visit <http://www.clubs.hemmings.com/sccpoci/> or

contact Chuck Abbott (949) 362-1477, Email Chasroy@cox.net

All fees are non-refundable

Clip and mail bottom portion to above address

Top portion is for your records

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone _____ / _____ Eve Phone _____ / _____

Fax Phone _____ / _____ Chapter/Club Affiliation _____

Car 1 Information: Pontiac Oakland GMC
Year _____ Model _____ (X \$30.00) _____

Car 2 Information: Pontiac Oakland GMC
Year _____ Model _____ (X \$20.00 each) _____

of 10 X 20 Swap Spaces Needed (X \$20.00 each) _____

Do you need trailer space? _____ Yes

Total Enclosed

Do you need hotel information? _____ Yes # of rooms needed _____ # of days _____

In consideration of your accepting my entry, I, the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin, and assignees, do hereby waive any and all rights and claims against any person or organization affiliated with this Car Show. I agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the City of Long Beach, The Long Beach Marriott, the Southern California Chapter of POCI, and all sponsors from any and all claims, actions, damages, liability, and expenses, including attorney fees, on account of injury to my person or property or resulting in my death, while I am observing, or participating in any way in this Car Show, including travel to and from the event.

Entrant's Signature
(Parent or legal guardian's signature if under 18 years of age)

Date

SCC POCI Use Only

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.

July:

12th - 2nd Annual Bar-B-Q at the Griggs. See additional information in next column.

14th - Monthly POCC club meeting

26th - Cruise night at Chubby's in Madera. Chubbys is located in the WalMart parking lot off of Cleveland Ave. Meet at 6 pm to get a good parking place.

August:

9th - POCC Special Cruise. This will be a morning cruise (helps those 67 GTOs stay cool) to Humphrey's Station above Clovis for breakfast.

11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

22nd - Farmer's Market in Clovis. More details to follow.

September:

11th - Monthly POCC club meeting

October:

3rd to 5th - POCC Western Regional at Long Beach California. See page 5 for entry form.

11th - Cruise Night, info to follow

13th - Monthly POCC club meeting

18th - Fall Mystery Cruise, info to follow

November:

8th - Toys for Tot's all car, truck and motorcycle show.

10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

Second Annual Grigg's Bar-B-Q

The Second Annual Summer Bar-B-Q will be held at Greg and Gloria Griggs on Saturday, July 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Plan on eating around 7:30 pm. Bring your "Favorite" side dish or desert to share with everyone. The club will furnish the meat, drinks and everything else.

Bring your own chairs and swimsuits & towels if you plan to go swimming.

The Griggs live at 5803 E Province Ave in Clovis.

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| | | | | Burgan ^X |
| Willow | | Sunnyside | | Temperance |
| | Minnewawa | | Fowler | |
| | | Herndon | | |

Call Gloria at 322-4005 or e-mail her at gloworm430@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Be sure to bring your appetite and join in the fun. Once again we will honor Don and Wendy Bonnander for all of their help and support.



For Sale

Weather stripping, 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.

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.

455 heads, non-date code matching set of '71 455 #66 heads with 2.11 & 1.77 valves. Both are in excellent, clean condition and will give 8:1 compression in a 455. \$250 for the set. Contact 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. \$6,000 OBO. Sam Fisher (559) 674-0821



1965 389 CID long block. \$250, call Joel Garrett at (559) 292-9130.

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

1967-68 Pontiac Grand Prix bucket seats with headrest, make offer. 1969 Grand Prix complete console and shifter, make offer. Call Dennis Baker at (559) 322-8441.

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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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.

