

The Straight Arrow

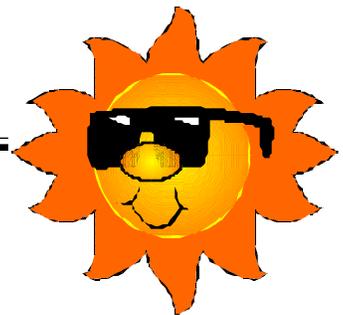


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President's Message

July was a busy month and Hot, Hot!!. I want to Thank Greg & Gloria Griggs for an outstanding summer party at their home for the Car Club. This was an appreciation party for Don Bonannder and all club members for all the help at the BOPCG Car Show. In Madera. Don & Windy could not attend due to an other commitment. The party went very well. Thanks to everyone who brought food, the Igo's for the prizes and everyone who attended.

As promised....., I have an other Car story. In 1971, we went back to my home town New Rockford, N.D. for a vacation. We went over to one of my cousins farm to visit them. While there, I went out in one of there Shelter Belts (Rows of Trees) where Erland had a junk pile. There was a 1928 Model A Roadster in the pile. I looked it over and found it was an early January 1928 Model A. It was in fair shape and could be restored. I asked my cousin what he was going to do with it. He said if I wanted it, I could have it. Now, how was I to get it back to Fresno? My Uncle who lived in a town named: Sheyenne, N.D. had a 2 wheel trailer. I asked him if I could buy it. He sold it to me for \$25.00. I hooked up the trailer behind my new 1971 Pontiac Bonneville, 2 door hardtop and loaded up the 28 Model A with all the parts, plus some other antiques. When we got back to Fresno, my son John and I put the "A" in the garage. It sat there for about 3 years while we collected parts for it. John and I went to Hershey's Pennsylvania for the Hershey Swap meet. This is the largest antique car swap meet in the world. It took us 3 days to go through the whole swap meet. We bought all NOS parts ranging from: (Good Year tires, Deck Lid, spark plugs, radiator hoses, tire value stems, radiator shell and a lot more.) In fact, the swap meet was so good, we went 3 years in a row.

A little history on the Model A..... Henry Ford shut down his plant in mid 1927. The model T had out lived itself and sales were down. Henry Ford had no idea what he was going to build for 1928. He got together with Engineers and told them he wanted a car that was larger,

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C July 14, 2003 meeting

Our president, Ron Bergland, opened our meeting for July 14, 2003 at 7:06 pm. We had no visitors. Ron called for the approval of the minutes of our May 12, 2003 meeting. They were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Sam Fisher, the news editor, presented some articles for possible subjects for the newsletter. He also asked for any changes or additions in the Wanted or For Sale section. Also, it was noted that a new roster had been included in the latest newsletter.

Mr. Treasurer, Bill Truckell, reported that as of the end of June we had \$5,739.53 and 33 paid members.

The Web Master, Brian Massey, said a new activities calendar was in the making. Also, we should consider a sign up for groups going to the West Coast Regionals for leaving times. It was also reported that the hotel was booked for that Friday and Saturday.

Old Business: The by-laws should be in the August newsletter for a possible vote in September. Long Beach was turned down for 2005 for Nationals with Missouri in 04, South Carolina in 05 and maybe Long Beach in 06.

Past Events: Racing For A Cure had 114 cars.

Respectfully Gayle Huls, VP, for Dennis Baker, Secretary

Constitution/By-Laws

I plan to have updated copies of the Constitution and By-Laws at the next meeting. Be ready to "cuss" and discuss the changes the committee has made. Hopefully this duscussion will be painless. Contact me by e-mail if you would like a copy before the next meeting.

(Presidents message continued)

faster, more power and a 3 speed transmission, in Dec. ,1927. Ford came out with the Model A. The car was put together so fast, that it had a lot of Model T features. One feature was the brakes. The 1st model A had all 4 wheel emergency brakes. When you set the brakes, all 4 wheels locked up. State Govenor's wanted independent emergency brakes, so Ford changed to rear 2 wheel emergency brakes in May of 1928. All parts manufactured from May 1928 to 1931 had a B part number and parts from May 1928 back to Dec., 1927 had a AR part number. That's where the term AR came from. Our car is a very early 1928 AR Roadster. It is quite rare with all the "AR" parts.

The Restoration took a very long time. The frame had to be Re-Arched, so the hoods would fit. The frame, rear end and transmission were sand blasted and painted and put together with all NOS parts. The engine was bored. The main and rod bearings were re-build and the engine was assembled. All the bolts, nuts, cotter keys and parts are correct for the car. Even the color. The body was the hardest to restore. The right rear quarter panel was in very bad shape, so we drilled out every rivet that held the body to the body frame, replaced the bad panels and re-riveted. It was quite a job!! The right door skin was rusted very bad and we could not find an "AR" door. We know a man by the name of Yen who made us one for us. You can't tell it from the original. Yen is a genius with metal work and still in business. The Roadster top is different from the late 28-29 tops. They came with a material called: Wipe Cord in tan. No one reproduced the wipe cord. We heard that Harrah's Car Collection in Reno had some. So, John & I went to Harrah's in Reno and bought enough to do the top. The car is about 90% done. All we need to do to complete Restoration is the top, seats and put on a few parts. Pontiacs have distracted me a little, but the plan is to finish it very soon. The car is painted gun metal green with dark green Reviles and Black fenders. I think the most fun was when my son John and I looked for the parts and putting the car together. Enough on Model "A"s. I will have an other story next month.

Past Presidents of POCC

Pontiacs of Central California had its first meeting on Saturday, October 16th, 1993 at 9:00 am. The place was Country Waffles at the corner of Blackstone and Shields. Four of the original members are still in the club: Ron & Marlene Bergland, Bill Truckell and Keith & Lynn Honeycutt..

The club was officially chartered by a vote of the Pontiac Oakland Club International Board of Directors on March 15, 1994. It was given Charter Number 67.

Over the past ten years the following have served as presidents of the Pontiac Of Central California:

1994 - Jeff Boyl

1995 - Ron Berglund

1996 - Joel Garrett

1997 - Joel Garrett

1998 - Glen McGhie

1999 - Michael Yoshihara

2000 - Dan Seibert

2001 - Joel Garrett

2002 - Joel Garrett

2003 - Ron Berglund

As you can see the club is completing its Tenth Year and Joel has been president for almost half of that time. He definitely deserves a standing ovation for his commitment to the club, or maybe someone should just sell him another car, or better yet, buy all of the ones he currently has for sale!!!!!!!

Last Saturday some of our Club members went to Chubby's Car Show in Madera. I think it was Pontiac night, as Greg/Gloria Griggs took 3rd place in their GTO, Gayle/Helen Huls took 2nd in their 1968 Bonneville, & Ron/Marlene Berglund took 1st place with their 1970 Bonneville Convertible. We all had a great time.

We all need to think about the Western Regional Meet and see how the Long Beach group puts on their Car Show.

The Wisdom of Will Rogers or Still Good Advice After All These Years

- Don't squat with your spurs on.
- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- There are two theories about how to argue with a woman. Neither one works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
- There are three kinds of men. The ones who learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.
- Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
- After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Will Rogers
1879-1935

2003 Western Regional

If you have ever been to the national convention and witnessed the Grand Prix "slow drags", you have witnessed every thing from the sublime to the ridiculous. Well, guess what. There will be **SLOW DRAGS** at the 2003 Western Regionals! Sunday morning, on the .field and the adjacent drive way, we will hold three classes of slow drags - full size, intermediates and Firebird/TA classes. Winners will get a free brunch at the Marriott scrumptious buffet. Rules? Of course there are rules, if you want to call them that.

1. Car must start on the signal or will be disqualified for "breaking out".
2. Once started, driver can not use the brake.
3. Driver can not "slip the clutch" on manual transmission cars.
4. Each car must have at least one rider, not affiliated with the car, to monitor pedal usage.
5. If the car stalls, it is disqualified.
6. Last car to the finish line wins the round.
7. Length of course? 75 yards
8. Everything else is legal.

Check in will be at 800 AM. Races start at 8:30 AM. We should have winners by 9:30 AM with enough time to enjoy the brunch and still get you home on time. See you there!



Drive careful most schools will be starting up again this month.



**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.

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

September:

8th - Monthly POCC club meeting

13th - Cruise to Fergies in Madera Ranchos. Meet at 6 pm.

20th - Ronald McDonald House show. Will be held this year at Ronald McDonald House at Valley Children's Hospital. Time TBA.

October:

3rd to 5th - POCI Western Regional at Long Beach California. See page 5 for entry form and information. If you are going and have not made your room reservations be sure to call as extra rooms were made available.

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

December:

Christmas Party; To be determined.

Club "Sweeps" Chubby's awards!!

Saturday night, July 26 was our cruise night to Chubby's; and it was OUR night! All three awards went to POCC members. Greg Griggs 3rd, Gayle Huls 2nd and our own President Ron Berglund took 1st! We were all "amazed"!

Here are the "Three Happy Wieners"



2005 Pontiac Regional Convention

Here We Come!

Pontiacs of Central California has been selected to be the Host Club for the 2005 Pontiac/Oakland Western Regional Convention and Show! With just over two years before the big event, our planning has begun in earnest. Watch the website for information and updates regarding the convention.

Right now we are looking at several possible guest hotels. We hope to have the hotel selection made within a month or so; and then we can start planning the actual show!

We have tentatively selected October 7-8-9, 2005 as the show date. This is not yet cast in stone, and may be moved depending on how the date works for the hotel we select.

Our Commitment . . . to put on the Best Regional Show the Western Region has seen! Sounds simple, but the bar is very high! The other clubs within the region have done outstanding work to date.

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.

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



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.

1967 335 hp 400CID long block. All new parts, bored .030 over. Has correct heads. Call Dennis Schwarz at (559) 323-1064 for price.

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

1964 389 complete and Muncie 4-speed. Call Dennis Schwarz at (559) 32301064.

T-Shirts and/or Polo Shirts

If you would like to purchase T-shirts or Polo Shirts please get in touch with Bill Truckell. He currently has a small supply of shirts left over and will be more than happy to sell you one.

You can contact Bill to find out what the prices are and what he currently has available at (559) 226-4049 or e-mail him at goldengoat70@webtv.net.



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.