

The Straight Arrow



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**Jack Christopher
Wininger**

June 15, 1957

August 7, 2003

*Chris touched all who knew
him, he will be missed.*

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*This Issue is
Dedicated to Chris*

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the Humprey's Station Breakfast. We had 6 Pontiacs and 1 regular car. Before leaving from the Orbit, Janet Massey's battery went dead. Thanks to Sam T for having jumper cables, we got it started up. "Don't tell the Chevy guys." After breakfast, Brian Massey took pictures of Dan Siebert, Ken Muller & Greg Griggs awesome burn out marks in the road. There was smoke everywhere!! Everyone had a great time.

Our Club has some bad news. Chris Wininger died of a sudden heart attack on August 7, 2003. He had a complete physical the day before he passed on. The Funeral was August 15, 2003 at the Cross Church in Fresno. Some of the Club members attended the funeral who were: The Garretts, Dennis Baker, Bill Tennison and myself. Chris was born June 15, 1957 and went to the Lord on August 7, 2003. He was only 46 years old. I met Chris & Debbie at the Fresno Moose lodge western dance about June of 1995. He worked at FMC in Madera. A lot of his fellow workers are dancers and they attended the Moose lodge dances. I still remember that night I met him. He had a kind and giving personality. We talked on and off that night. Then Pontiacs came up and he told me he had a 1973 Firebird he was restoring. I shared with him that I have a 1970 Bonneville Convertible. I told him about our Pontiac Club and invited him to be my guest at the next meeting. He was so excited that he had other Pontiac Enthusiasts to share his love of Pontiacs. Our July meeting was at Fat Jacks on Blackstone. Chris came with his son Lee. We had the meeting in the back dining room. I think Gary Kiezer and Willy Dawson spoke about Tri Power Carburetors. At that moment, Chris was sold on our Club. He became a member that night. Chris, Debbie & Lee were active in our Club. In 1996 he was appointed Activities Chairman, and what a great job he did. One of our activities was a Saturday Junk

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C August 11, 2003 meeting

The meeting was opened by our President Ron Berglund at 7:05 with the sad news that one of our past members had passed away on the August 8th of an apparent heart attack. Chris Weinger was a member back in the lat 90's and moved to Ohio shortly thereafter. He kept in touch with several members and was working to restore a 66 GTO when he passed away. His wife Debbie will bring the car back to Fresno when she returns and has requested the clubs help in finishing the car. Chris will be missed as evidenced by the tremendous turnout at his funeral. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends. A motion was S & A to have the club send flowers.

There was one change to the July minutes. Dennis Schwarz was the winner of the attendance raffle for July. Dennis kindly forfeited the money back to the club, more on this later.

Treasurers report- Bill Truckell was excused but his report showed we have 33 paid members and financially the club is in the black.

Newsletter report - a for sale /wanted and newsletter article was passed around.

Webmaster report - the club needs new pictures and articles for the site. Brian suggested short movie clips of burnouts by member's cars. The Nevada club has something along these lines on their web site.

Old business - Club By laws- Sam Fisher discussed the bylaw changes in the corrected copy of POCC by laws. All the wording was discussed. A revised copy will be updated and discussed at a future meeting.

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Yard Tour. Chris, Lee, Dennis Baker, Glenn Mc Ghie, Rich Smithens, Tom Larson, Gayle Huls and myself attended. We had breakfast at Denny's. From there we went to Pic-A-Part West side Junk Yard and 2 Junk Yards in Hanford. It was one of the most fun trips I had been on. I think everyone else thought the same thing. We should do it again. Chris & Debbie hosted the Club Christmas party at there home in 1996. There must have been 35 in attendance. Chris had some old video's of Vintage Race cars to show us and Joel brought a video of our past activities for that year also. We all had such a great time that night. Of course, we had to go in Chris's garage and look at his car. By this time, Chris's son Lee was wanting a car. Dan Bressett and Glen Mc Gghie had bought a 1968 GTO in Orange Cove. Dan wanted to part the car out and junk it. But, Glenn wanted to save the car, so Dan took some parts off and they sold the car to Chris and Lee. Lee was so proud of his 68 GTO and wanted it fixed up and running ASAP. The car needed some TLC. The car was a two door, hardtop , 4 speed with a 400 engine. Chris worked on the suspension, bought a 4 speed transmission, hood and other parts. He cleaned up the engine and assembled the car. It ran pretty well. I think Lee drove it for a couple of years. Chris had his 73 Firebird painted by a man in Madera. It was painted a dark blue. He also put honeycomb wheels on the car. The car looked very nice and he was proud as punch over his car. Chris and I went to Pic-A-Part many times to get parts for his Firebird. I will never forget the fun we had.

About 1999, Chris's job transferred them to Ohio. They sold their home and other things and the Company moved them. It was a very emotional move for Chris and Debbie. Lee and his sister were going to be left behind in Fresno and it was the 1st time they had been separated. I think Chris's 73 Firebird

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Western Region – POCC will be sponsoring the 2005 Western Regionals. Brian M. presented a tentative schedule for a show at Bass Lake complete with room rates and activities. The location is not set but we needed something to present at this years Regionals in Long Beach.

New Business – Western regionals will be I Long Beach. We need people to sign up Rooms are (were) available at this writing.

Good of the order: Clubs Ten year Anniversary. Club members should be thinking of something special to do to commemorate this milestone.

Past Activities – Humphreys Station - -13 people and 7 cars attended. Chubbies Madera – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards went to club members.

Future Activities

Fergies in Madera – rescheduled

Bob's Big Boy – 22 Aug

Clovis Farmers Market – 12 Sept.

Ronald McDonald Giveaway- Saturday Sept. 20th at the Ronald Mc Donald House in Madera. \$20/car, includes 2 meals, 2 drinks, starts at 4:30.

Attendance raffle winner. As mentioned earlier the winner of the \$10 attendance raffle for the 2nd straight month was Dennis Schwarz. However, this time he decided to accept the money and pay for his meal. Almost got away without paying didn't you Dennis?

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the parking lot was emptied of Pontiacs by 9:55.

Respectfully Dennis Baker

In Loving Memory of "Chris"



Born - June 15, 1957

Went to meet the Lord - August 7, 2003

went to his Son-in-law in Fresno. The day the Winingar's left for Ohio, our Club lost a great member. He was very proud and loyal to the Pontiac's of Central California. He will be missed. Chris was a true believer in the Lord and was very active in Church Ministries. He loved the Lord with all his heart. In fact, Debbie told me that the day he died, he was reading Psalm 42 which reads:

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? I bet he is sitting by the Lord Jesus right now, and he will be with him for Eternity. So long my friend, I will see you later and we can talk about Pontiac's and praise the Lord. Thanks for being my friend.

I hope everyone is registered for the Long Beach Western Region Car Show in October. We all need to go and promote our 2005 Western Regional at Bass Lake.

Thanks,

Ron Berglund, Club President

2003 Western Regional

Time is running out on registering for the 2003 Western Regional. Cut off for registration is September 5th and the cut off for getting the cheap hotel rate is September 18th. After the 18th, the price goes to \$150 per night. This year's regional promises to be extra special, what with a '50's - '60's dance with a live band Friday evening, including costume prizes for those most befitting your car, protests judged by non-host chapter POCI members, women's scavenger hunt, no boring speeches at the banquet, fun surprises during the awards banquet, "slow drags" on Sunday (demonstration at 12:30 on Saturday), interesting tech seminars (Edlebrock, Rock 'n Roll Engineering, Charles Bolton on straight 8's, Jim Wangers on GTO ads of the 60's), maybe a 2004 GTO, etc. etc. etc. If you make only one out of town show this year, this should be the one. So, get up off that couch and mail in your registration now or for ever live to rue the day you missed out on one of the "greatest shows on earth".



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

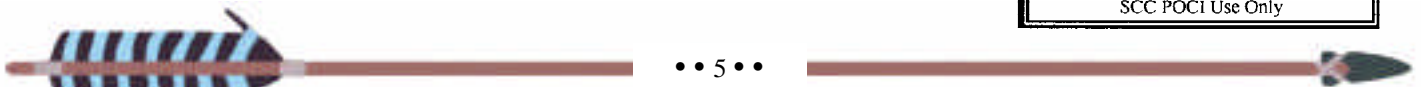
Do you need hotel information? _____ Yes # of rooms needed _____ # of days _____

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





ROCKIN' WITH RONALD
50's DINNER DANCE & CAR SHOW
 COME SEE "THE HOUSE" YOU HELPED BUILD



You are cordially invited to participate in our 10th annual Collector Car Drawing car show on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at The Ronald McDonald House, 9161 Randall Way, Madera California, on the west side of Valley Children's Hospital. Car entrants to set up by 4:30 pm with car show beginning at 5:00pm. Your entry fee of \$20.00 includes two dinner tickets. Additional dinner tickets will be \$25.00 each. You will enjoy a barbecue dinner, dessert auction, contest, live and silent auctions for wonderful prizes and dancing to the "Golden Oldies" of the fifties thanks to the donation of "The Music Man".

Preregistration will be necessary as we will be limited to 50 spaces for show cars. Please RSVP by calling Gayle or Helen Huls at 559-661-0889. To pre-register please make check payable to Friends of the House and send to the Huls at 18283 Regal Drive, Madera CA 93638-0213. You must call and/or send check before Septmeber 13, 2003. Looking forward to seeing you.

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.

September:

8th - Monthly POCC club meeting

12th - Clovis Farmer's Market. Earliest time to park is 4:30 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. Entrance is 3rd and Pollasky, look for Boice Funeral Home. Call Andy Hoff at 298-4527 (home) or 278-4250 (work) for more info.

20th - Ronald McDonald House show. Will be held this year at Ronald McDonald House at Valley Children's Hospital. Parking is limited to 50 cars so you must pre-register by phone or mail. See details above.

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

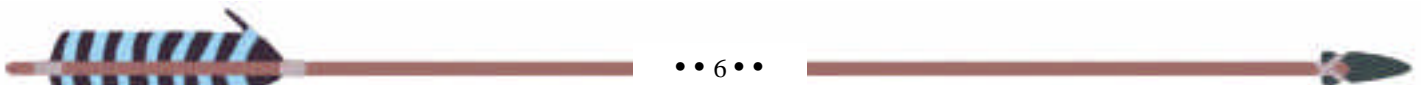
November:

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

10th - Monthly POCC club meeting

December:

Christmas Party: To be determined.



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. \$8,900. 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. \$5,900 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

Timing chain cover for 1966 Pontiac 389. Call Dave Valla at (559) 292-9441.

400 CID Pontiac 4 BBL motor. 69 or 70 years only, will pay up to \$450. Call Tim Saltzman at (559) 645-0946.

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

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.



September 2003

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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.