

# The Straight Arrow



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# President's Message

I can't believe the year is about over. It seems like every year goes by faster. I am kind of glad my term is up, because I'm running out of car stories to tell you.



The Long Beach Western Region was a lot of fun. It all started Friday morning at 8:00am. Marlene & I met Joel and Scott at McDonald's in Fowler. Joel had his 69 Lemans and we drove the 73 Grand Am. We stopped in Bakersfield to gas up. We left Bakersfield and drove non-stop to Long Beach. I couldn't believe that the traffic was so light. Brian & Janet trailered their 67 Firebird and left Fresno about 10:00am, so they got in about 2:00pm. Bill Truckell made it there in the early morning with his 2004 Vibe. We all checked into the motel.

I called my youngest son James who lives in Long Beach, and we met for dinner that night. The Long Beach Car Club had a 50's party. I called Chuck Abbott to see if Marlene and I could do our Pink Shoe Laces Skit, and he said we could. Marlene sings the song, and I act out the words in the song. She wore a 50's outfit with saddle shoes, and I wore tan shoes, pink shoelaces, a polka dot vest and a panama hat with a purple hatband. My son played the saxophone as part of the act. After the skit was over, we demonstrated a Waltz dance. It was a lot of fun and everyone was dressed in 50's clothes for a best dressed Costume Contest. Marlene was asked to be a judge and the poodle skirt girls won.

Saturday morning we got our cars ready for the Car Show after taking pictures of our cars that was shown at the dinner for awards.

I was so glad to be asked by the President of the Car Show there to be a Protest judge. There were not many protests.

Brian & Richard Jones set up a Western

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# Minutes of the P.O.C.C October 13, 2003 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our President Ron Berglund at 7:05

Our guests included Bill and Cheryl Richards who own an original 69 Pontiac Custom three speed. The car sat covered locally for 10+ years and was brought back to life right before Bill and Cheryl bought it.

Ron announced the sad news that Bill Truckell's mother passed away recently. Club members attending the meeting signed a card and presented a plant to Bill in memory of his Mother.

The minutes of the September meeting were S&A.

**Treasurers' report**- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance. We have 33 paid members.

**Newsletter report** - Sam has enough articles to get us through the rest of the year but we need more articles for next year's newsletters.

**Webmaster report** - the club needs new pictures and articles for the site. Rick Jones took photos during his visit to the Long Beach Western Regionals and Brian will post them on the website soon.

**Western Regionals** - Contracts will be signed soon with the Pines Resort at Bass Lake. Brian passed out "Pontiacs in the Pines" flyers to start promoting the 2005 Western Regionals. The club will be financially committed to the hotel if we don't book enough rooms. All club members are urged to stay at the host hotel and take advantage of the facilities offered. Please start talking up the event. Stay tuned, there will be much more information in the future as the dream team of Ron, Brian and Greg follow up as new information comes available.

**Old business** - Club Constitution/By laws - Individual ballots were passed around to vote

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Region booth of flyers advertising our 2005 Car Show and to get email addresses to inform anyone for attendance.

Jim Wanger was there with his Geeto Tiger and his Hurst Grand Prix. There were several Seminars that were very interesting.

The Saturday night Banquet Awards Dinner was very nice. The table centerpiece decorations were a pistol with a flower in it. Brian, Janet, Bill, Marlene & I sat together at the same table. The meal was very good with a choice of steak or chicken. About 9:00pm the trophies were given out showing pictures of everyone's cars. All of us won a trophy to take home. Bill took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Joel 3<sup>rd</sup>, Janet 3<sup>rd</sup> & I took 1<sup>st</sup>. I couldn't believe the trophies they presented. They are chrome handled Cups on a black marble base. Very impressive.

That night, a young man who works for Pontiac Enthusiast magazine came up to me and asked if I owned the 1973 Grand Am, and I said yes it was mine. He asked me if he could come to Fresno and take pictures and get a story of the Grand Am. He told me the magazine was looking for a GA feature in the magazine because of how rare they are and you don't see many around. Of course, I gave him my phone # and address. He will be coming to Fresno in November to shoot pictures.

Sunday morning was a Slow Drag Race. The idea was to go as slow as you can. I set the idle down so the car barley ran. I lined up with a 69 GTO. You can't touch the brakes or shift down the car. It has to free wheel. The rules are: Hood can be open, trunk up, people in the car or anything to slow you down. Well..., we were off, and 69 GTO got ahead of me. They stuck their feet out the door dragging their feet to slow down, but it didn't work. My car was slower and I won 1<sup>st</sup> place. It would be fun to do this kind of race for our club event sometime.

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on the Constitution/By-laws. The ballots were cast and the Constitution/By-laws passed unanimously. A m&s to set the dues for next year at \$24 for new members and \$5 for associate members was passed.

**New Business** - The floor was opened for nominations for 2004 club officers. Nominees included: V.P - Gayle Huls; Treasurer - Bill Truckell; Secretary - Dennis Baker; Activities - Brian Massey. No nominees for President were made. Nominees for this office will be taken up again next month

**Good of the Order** -Christmas party will be held at Ron and Marlene Berglund's home on December 20th. Additional information forthcoming.

**Past Activities** - Joel spoke on the Long Beach Regionals. Fergies -39 people and 14 cars showed up. A great event thanks to Tim Saltzman and Judy Cumming for coordinating it.

**Future Activities** - Toys-for-Tots November 8<sup>th</sup> flyers were passed around. The event is open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles. Dennis Simonson sent emails to all 4 local television stations and various radio stations.

**Mystery Cruise** - Dennis Simonson spoke about the November 1 event and the pressed the need to arrive at the Manchester Theatre with a full tank of gas by 8 Am. Cars will leave every 10 minutes. By the sound of this it will be a great event. Don't miss it.

**Cruise to Mexico** - in conjunction with Joel's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary - June 14<sup>th</sup> 2004. Approx. cost \$500 per person.

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was George Truckell. George could not make it tonight so next months raffle increases to \$20.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker, Secretary



# 2003 Western Regionals

Over the weekend of October 3-4-5, Brian & Janet Massey, Joel Garrett, Ron & Marlene Berglund, Bill Truckell and Rick Jones made the trek to Long Beach for the 2003 Western Regional Convention. The trip was fun to say the least, and all four entrants (Rick did not enter his Goat) came home with awards. Joel took 3rd in the "Unfinished" class, Janet took 3rd in the "Stock Firebird" class (out of 6!), Bill Truckell took 2nd and Ron took 1st in "1971-2004 Intermediates except GTO". Bill was not available for the picture.



Thanks to Rick Jones for the great pictures.



# COME CRUISIN' WITH THE CLUB ON THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN MONARCH OF THE SEAS

4 NIGHT BAJA MEXICO CRUISE  
JUNE 14 – 18 2004

## ITINERARY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
MONDAY	LOS ANGELES		5:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	SAN DIEGO	8:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	CATALINA ISLAND	8:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	ENSANADA	8:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	LOS ANGELES	8:00 A.M.	

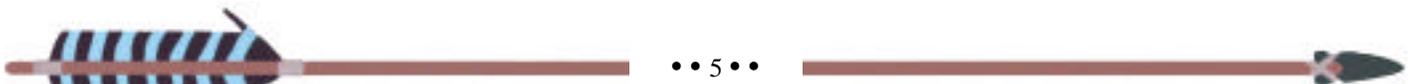
## PRICES

INSIDE CABIN STARTING AT	\$340.00
OCEAN VIEW STARTING AT	410.00
3 <sup>RD</sup> AND 4 <sup>TH</sup> PERSON IN CABIN	180.00
PORT TAXES	117.95

RATES ARE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. DEPOSIT IS  
\$400.00 PER CABIN.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT JOEL AND JUDY  
GARRETT AT (559) 292-9130 OR

JONHNELL WILT  
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6465 N. BLACKSTONE  
(559) 432-9095  
ASK FOR PONTIAC CLUB CRUISE



# 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.

## **November:**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Fall Mystery Cruise**

**8<sup>th</sup> - 4th Annual Toys for Tot's All Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Show will be at the Toy's R Us parking lot, Shaw at Sunnyside in Clovis, CA. The show will be from 11am to 3pm (*club members plan on showing up at 9:30 to help with the set up*), will include some special surprise awards and great entertainment. Entry fee is any unwrapped toy with a value of \$10.00 or greater. The show is Rain or Shine! If it's raining, please stop by and drop off your toy and meet some great Marines and help some needy children. Help yourself to free coffee, coco and cookies. Info: Brian or Janet Massey; 559-645-8018, or email [bjmassey@bigfoot.com](mailto:bjmassey@bigfoot.com)**

**10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly POCC club meeting**

## **December:**

*Reminder, there is no regular monthly meeting in December. The Christmas Party takes it place.*

**20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party at Ron and Marlene Berglund's home. Details to follow.**

## **January:**

**12<sup>th</sup> - Monthly POCC club meeting**

# New Members

Be sure to welcome our newest members, Bill and Cheryl Richards. Update your roosters with their address and phone number:

6712 N Farris  
Fresno CA 93711  
(559) 431-8742  
[bgrichards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgrichards@sbcglobal.net)

They join us with their 1969 Pontiac LeMans.

Welcome Bill and Cheryl.

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Well....,all in all the Car Show was very good and fun. I was very disappointed that more of our club members did not attend. If we are going to be successful in our 2005 Western Region, we should attend the upcoming Car Show in Reno to support our Club. We are going to need help from all the members. Two or three members cannot do it to be successful. Sooooooo, we all have to get out there and sell our Club Event. The Christmas potluck party for our Club will be hosted at the Berglund's home this year. It will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in the December newsletter. Looking forward to the fun and being together.

Your Club President,

Ron Berglund



# 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

**Pontiac Polycast/Honeycomb wheels** - set of 4, 15x7, very nice shape with new paint, includes a set of 4 NOS center caps plus one used cap. Does not include trim rings. \$400 or best offer. Contact Alan Blalock @ 916 415-0888.

**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.

**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



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**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

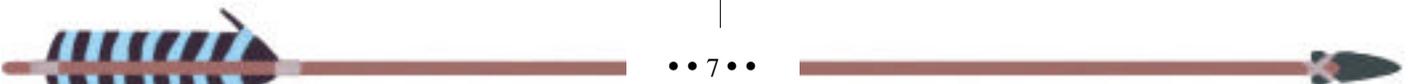
**Timing chain cover** for 1966 Pontiac 389. Call Dave Valla at (559) 292-9441.

**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.





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.

