

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

How time flies. Our club celebrated its tenth anniversary last year, the Pontiac Motor Division (PMD) recently passed its seventy-fifth year, and the new GTO arrived some forty years after the first edition in 1964. Our collective interest in classic or modern Pontiacs brings us together each month to celebrate the division of General Motors that, since the mid 1950's, decided to feature performance as well as reliability.

My family really reflected that same view of PMD over the years as they purchased one Pontiac after another. My earliest recollection of a family car was around 1954 or so (yes, a long time ago). Our family car was a 1951 Chevrolet station wagon. In 1956, I remember driving with my dad to deliver that car to its new owner. We lived in Lodi at that time, home of Tokay Motors, a Pontiac-Cadillac dealership that is long gone. My uncle was a salesman at the dealership so the entire family had a direct line to the best deals (I assume my uncle was giving his siblings a "brother deal" as everyone was still speaking to him at family gatherings). Around the time we gave up our Chevy wagon, we acquired a dealer demonstrator '55 Pontiac Chieftan station wagon, turquoise and white. That car, along with a dual hitch, single wheel camping trailer, opened up much of the western United States to me as the family embarked on summer camping trips to national parks, the Oregon coast, and summer weekends camping in the Sierra. My brother and I shared many hours dozing or fighting in the back seat of that wagon. I can still remember looking out my window down to rain water in the streets of Las Vegas on our trip to the Grand Canyon. I actually remember the flooded streets more than the Canyon. I guess I thought we were going to turn that wagon into a submarine. Over the past ten years, we have enjoyed the traveling many of the same highways with our camping trailer, now towed behind our GMC Yukon (close to a Pontiac wagon?).

Minutes of the P.O.C.C January 12, 2004 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our new President Andy Hoff at 7:05

We had several visitors. They were Scott Denton who owns a 66 and 68 GTO and George Stimson who owns a 52 Chieftan. The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were S&A.

Treasurers' report- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance. We have 34 paid members. Dues are due and members will be given a grace period until March 1 to renew before the newsletters stop.

Newsletter report - If anyone is interested in helping with the newsletter please contact Joel Garrett and Sam Fisher.

Webmaster report - the club needs new pictures and articles for the site. Brian Massey mentioned that the website is constantly being updated. Photos of the Christmas party will be posted soon and everyone is encouraged to visit the site.

Show- Brian updated us on the Central Valley Classics Car Show. He mentioned the flyers will be ready for Turlock. The date of the show is April 24th. As always we need volunteers to solicit raffle prizes and entrants. This is everyone's responsibility. There was a rumor that the So. Cal Olds Club was interested in joining of show as their Spring Show. Dennis Baker will contact them to confirm if they would like to join our club during this event. Update: the So. Cal Olds Club has set a date of 15 May in Shell Beach for their show. Therefore, only individual members will join us for the event.

Western Regionals 2005 - Joel, Andy and Ron visited the Pines to confirm everything. Ron passed around 2 show flyers for the members to vote on.

Old business -If you want to add a member of your family as an associate the cost will be

\$5. Greg Griggs will contact Paul Duran to print Club business cards.

Past Activities – Christmas Party – A big Thanks went out to Ron and Marlene Berglund for hosting our Christmas party.

Future Activities – Turlock Swap Meet will be the weekend of January 24th-25th.

Tustin Car Show is on February 7th. Members wishing to caravan should meet at the McDonalds at the intersection of Merced /99 at 9:30 am. Additional details are available on the website.

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Dave Decker. Dave was not available to accept this award; however next month raffle will be increased to \$20.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker



Well, I guess my memories of that '55 wagon prompted me to buy my second 'classic' Pontiac last year when I acquired a '67 Tempest Custom wagon. I haven't brought it out to any club events yet as it had to be weaned from its propane power and dressed up a bit (it takes me months to do what Joel does in a week). But, it is coming along and I hope to have it road worthy this spring. My point in this brief visit to my Pontiac past, is that many of us are active in the hobby because of our personal histories with Pontiacs. That is a great heritage and one we should celebrate more often. Let's keep the welcome mat open to our fellow travelers in Pontiac land and continue to enjoy our past and future. Looking forward to seeing everyone out for the Valentine Mystery Cruise on the 14th. It would be great to start the year with a huge turnout. More later.

Andy Hoff, President

Mystery Cruise November 1, 2003

On Saturday, November 01, 2003, Pontiacs of Central California celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Club's existence by having a Mystery Cruise and luncheon. There are three members who are still charter members of the Pontiac Club. Two of them, Ron Berglund and Bill Truckell, attended the outing while the third member, Keith Honeycutt, were unable to attend. We had a great turnout of people and cars. The course took us through ten cities. Some of the attendees were actually in a local parade in downtown Orosi! After making it to the final destination, some of the participants drove right by the final spot! Some twice! We had to run out and hail them down! We were all hungry and ready for lunch. How many drive-byes can you do?!

The Rustler's Steakhouse & Saloon in Visalia served us as our hosts. Ron Berglund started the program about informing the group about the beginning and history of the Pontiac Club. Plaques were passed out to each member with their names on them commemorating the

2004 Dues

This if your first reminder about 2004 dues. Due to the recent Constitution and By-Law changes, which passed unanimously, you must submit proof of POCI membership when paying your dues. The easiest way to do this is to send in with your dues or show Bill, if you pay him at a meeting, the back cover of your most recent Smoke Signals. Dues are still \$24 with an associate members dues being \$5. By paying associate member dues for your spouse or significant other they can then hold office and vote.

Dues will be delinquent on March 1, 2004. If you cannot attend the next meeting then send to Bill Truckell, 444 East Michigan, Fresno, CA 93704.

Annual POCC Christmas Party



When do we eat?



Andy sure looks Presidential

Big thanks to Ron and Marlene Berglund for hosting our 2003 Christmas Party at their "well lit" home. The turn out was outstanding, as was the food. We would also like to give a great big Thank You!! to Carol and Glenn Igo for helping the Berglunds get ready for the festivities (and giving Ron time to comb his hair). We also had a special guest. Debbie Wininger, wife of past member Chris, attended and it was great having her back in our "family". We welcome her back and hope to see more of her Pic#(6). As you can see from the pictures, a great time was had by all, and the Pirate Christmas exchange was once again one of the highlights of the evening.



Santa, past, present, and future



Guest of Honor, Debbie Wininger, wife of past member Chris



Ken Mueller thinking about his Christmas present. Maybe a new 2004 GTO??



Joel sure cleans up nice



Santa before and after the Atkins Diet



No one can believe how much food Joel could put on one plate



Great company and good food as always



Josie: "Hey Mike, I'm taller than Renate"



Upcoming Events

POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC monthly meetings are held at the Denny's at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

February:

7th: Tustin Car Show: This will be the first show we will have our flyers for our show in April, plus we will be pushing our regional show in '05.

9th: Monthly Meeting: Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

14th: Valentine Mystery Cruise: Meet at the Sonic in Clovis, that is at Herndon and Fowler, at the east end of the Ralph's shopping center. Meet at 9:00 with a departure at 9:30. Destination is a mystery but you might just meet VP Cheney. Be sure you have a full tank of gas since it sounds like you might be driving to Washington DC. Info: Janet Massey; 559-645-8018 or Gloria Griggs at 559-322-4005



15th: Daytona 500 Party: Still up in the air, I will post "Yea or Nea" as soon as I know.

March:

6th: Blossom Trail Run: Meet at 8:30am at a place yet to be determined. After the run we will travel to Sanger for the Lovegren Pontiac Show. The show is \$20.00 with the money being a donation to Sanger High. Contact Andy Hoff, 559-298-4527 for more information.

8th: Monthly Meeting: Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

20th: Special Cruise with Pontiacs of Bakersfield: We will plan a mutual meeting spot, have a cruise, eat and kick some tires. Info: Brian or Janet Massey 559-645-8018.

New Member

Our first new member for 2004 is George and Sandy Stimsom of Cobb California. They join us with their 1952 Pontiac Chiefton. This should make them the newest member with the oldest car, welcome to George and Sandy.

April:

12th: Monthly Meeting: Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

24th: Central California Classic, All Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac & GMC Truck Show at the Madera County Courthouse Park, Madera, CA.. Sponsored by Pontiacs of Central California. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards in 21 Classes, pre-registration \$15.00, day of show \$20.00 . Registration 8am to 9:30am. Raffle, music, vendors & swap meet. Swap spaces \$15.00, vendor spaces \$30.00. Free Friday night BBQ for entrants hosted by Don Bonander, Bonander's Vintage Pontiac-Buick-Cadillac and GMC of Madera. Contact Brian Massey for info: 559-645-8018, or email bjmassey@bigfoot.com

TO KITIHARA, OR NOT TO KITAHARA

Our club has recently been contacted by Kitihara Pontiac of Fresno. It sounds as though they would like to start a relationship with the club. Some of you older(not age, but length of membership) members may remember that in the past, Kitihara pretty much gave us the cold shoulder. I guess personnel has changed at the dealership, and their new "Activity" person is very interested in hosting a show and shine type event at their dealership. We, as a club, need to decide what type, if any, relationship we would like to have. Of course, Don Bonander will remain our Number one, Numero uno, Muy macho....etc dealer and sponsor for Pontiacs of Central Calif, but we need to decide as a club how we should interact with other Pontiac Dealers in the area. Please bring you opinion to the Feb meeting



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.

1958 GMC Pick up, factory 370 CID Pontiac engine, 4 speed (granny) manual trans. Good body. Running when parked Long bed stepside. Asking in the neighborhood of \$1500 (min) Call Joe at 292-4678

1962 Pontiac Bonneville 2 door hardtop. This is a real original "survivor" Orig paint and interior. Turquoise in color. This car has been displayed at a couple of our previous car shows. \$8700 or close offer Call Lew Brown at (559) 658 2294

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.

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

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.

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

Set of Honeycomb wheels. Contact Dave Bettencourt at (559) 867-0340 or baadgoat@webtv.net

EDITORS NOTE

I would like to take this opportunity as the new Newsletter editor to thank Sam Fisher for having taken this responsibility for the club newsletter for the last few years. He has done a wonderful job in producing an informative, entertaining, and overall excellent publication (many times with very little help from other members). At the end of every year I was surprised and pleased that he would volunteer to publish the Straight Arrow again for an additional year. Well, this year he must have sobered up, or something because he is going to take a short (I hope) respite from the newsletter, and I have volunteered to take over the **EDITORIAL** Duties. And I mean just that. **EDITORIAL**. Sam has graciously volunteered to continue to do all of the hard part of producing this publication i.e. formatting, printing, mailing, emailing, ... etc. I am just going to take care of the contents, or as I call it the B.S. And as everybody knows I am full of B.S.

So unless all you people want to read about is my B.S., you better start giving me some other material to fill the space in this publication.

I am also going to try some new things to see if I can get more member participation in the contents of this publication.

Here are a partial list of some ideas I have (in no particular order)

Monthly Member profile: this will give our members a chance to get to know fellow members better. If no member volunteers for this, I will **make up** a the profile for a member

Pontiac Crossword puzzle: self explanatory

Book/Magazine reviews: Make fellow members aware of good books (car related) or magazine articles

Ebay Watch: list some interesting things bought and sold on Ebay

This is just a beginning of some ideas. Please let me know if you like or dislike these, or have any of your own to add.

Joel



PONTIACS



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.

