

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

So.....as you may recall, my uncle (Richard) was a salesman for Tokay Motors, the Pontiac dealership up in Lodi. As most of my aunts and uncles drove Pontiacs or Cadillacs, my uncle was kept busy providing everyone with a 'brother deal.' In the fall of 1960, my dad decided that our '55 Chieftan station wagon had done its best but the time had come for a new car. We went downtown (if a small town like Lodi can be described as having one), on the preview night for new cars. This was a big deal as I can recall spot lights in front of the dealership and lots of people. Parked in front of the dealership were 'demos' that prospective buyers or tire kickers could take around the block. After a brief look around, my dad decided we should try out a sea foam green Pontiac Star Chief four-door hardtop. Although hoping for a two-door, that Star Chief was a pretty good looking four door, so off we went for our test drive that summer evening. I recall that people stared as we drove by, and that sealed it for my dad. The deal was made as long as we would leave the car there for a week or so as a demo for the new car introduction. I'm sure that also contributed to us receiving another 'brother deal.' Later that year we received four tickets to the GM Autorama in San Francisco. The Autorama's were a GM marketing approach that brought displays of new cars and dream cars to big cities across the country. This was one of the only car-related events I can recall my dad attending. We saw many of the show cars now featured in books on Pontiac history.

Back to my uncle Richard, the career car salesman. Except for a stint later in life when he and my other uncle Walter operated a

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C March 8, 2004 meeting

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

Guests included Greg Graham who owns a beautiful original 1948 Pontiac.

The minutes of the February meeting were S&A.

Treasurers' report- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance. We have 24 paid members. Dues are due and members have been given a grace period until March 1 to renew before the newsletters stop. So if you didn't receive one last month and you haven't paid your dues you'll never read this sentence.

Newsletter Editor Report - Questionnaires were mailed out in everyone newsletter. Members are encouraged to fill them out and mail them or give them to Joel Garrett.

Webmaster report - There will be new information added to the website. Please visit it if you have a chance.

Car Show - The club will not be supplying a booth this year. We have a couple of vendors interested in setting up a food booth. More at the next meeting. We still need raffle prizes. Everyone is encouraged to solicit a raffle prizes to make this a successful as last year. We have 42 pre-registered entries and growing by the day. There are a couple of vendors signed up so far also.

Western Regionals 2005 - Victor has volunteered to supply the artwork graphics for the show.

Old business - None.

Past Activities - The Valentines Day Cruise drew 12 cars and a whole lot of fun. Blossom Trail / Lovegren Motors Show drew 7 cars. The show was a success and flyers for our

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Newest Member

Welcome to Gregory and Dottie Graham, our 27th and newest member. They join us with the oldest Pontiac in the club, a 1948 Pontiac two door Silver Streak. Be sure to welcome them at the next get together.

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show were passed out.

Future Activities - On March 20 POCC will rendezvous with the Pontiacs of Bakersfield and have lunch somewhere. Dan Seibert will head up the cruise. Victor mentioned a huge GTO meet in Bend Oregon during Labor Day weekend, if you have any questions please contact him. Madera HS Vocational class will have a car show on April 30th. A motion was S&A to sponsor 3 trophies. Reedley car Show - May 2. Tower District car Show is April 10th.

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Mr. George Truckell.

Next meeting is April 12th

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary



President's message continued.....

tractor dealership, he always sold Pontiacs, Buicks, Oldsmobiles, and Cadillacs. Late in life, he drove a beautiful Cadillac STS coupe. He was always giving my brother and I promo cars from the dealership. I actually remember getting a two-tone green '55 or '56 Pontiac two-door promo. Of course, my brother and I couldn't leave them alone. We would take them home, customize them or run them off of the back porch railing in an early-day version of Evil Knievel jumping the rose bushes. Unfortunately, none survived. Well, enough from our Pontiac family tree.

We were fortunate enough to have two great events in March, the Blossom Trail Show in Sanger and the get-together with our new best friends, the Pontiacs of Bakersfield. The Sanger show produced a lot of new contacts and fliers distributed for our April and November shows. Our day with the Bakersfield folks was really enjoyable. They are much like us, all Pontiac enthusiasts. With good turnouts at both events we are off to a great start for the year.

This month is crunch time. Our show is April 24, and a time when we need everyone's help to pitch in. Don't forget to enter your car(s), bring your family and tell your friends. And, let's get those raffle prize donations into Dave Valla. I'm sure he would rather avoid a buying trip to Wal-Mart. Our show is part of the grand plan for our regional event in 2005 and an important step towards national recognition and future success. I'm looking forward to April and hope to see you at our planning meetings and, most importantly, at the show on the 24th! More later.

Andy

North meets South



*aka POCC
meets POB*



On Saturday, March 20th, the Pontiacs of Central California (POCC) met the Pontiacs of Bakersfield (POB) in Tulare for some tire kicking, eating, and an overall great time.

The day starting with approximately ten Pontiacs from POCC meeting at Manchester Center at 9 AM. We then caravanned together down the Highway 99 to Tulare, where we met the newly formed Pontiac club POB in the Wal-Mart parking lot. After some quick introductions, and a quick look at each others cars, they had approx 8 cars in attendance, a mini cruise/

caravan began with the destination being a pizza place in Visalia.

It was quite a sight seeing more than 20 Pontiacs all cruising together through the back roads of Kings County. GTOs, Firebirds, several convertibles, with a Catalina and Bonneville thrown in for good measure, sure gave the people along the route a "moving experience".



When we arrived at our destination, a Me N Eds in Visalia, a few more of our member who could not make it to Manchester Center decided to meet at the rest of us at the final destination. Dan Seibert was there to direct all the cars to a reserved parking area where we could all park together. After parking, we all had a fun and relaxing lunch of pizza. Then everyone returned to the parking area, got chairs and did some more tire kicking and schmoozing.

POB's group was a great bunch of people. This was their first "club event" and we all felt that it was a huge success and the start of great things to come in the future. Many of their members signed up for our April car show, and said they were very much looking forward to attending.

We also informed them of the upcoming Western Regional in Reno, and our own Western Regional in 2005. They seemed to be very interested in these events, and we will be keeping them informed of our plans. It would be great to cruise all the way to Reno with 20 to 25 Pontiacs.



Hopefully this will be the beginning of a great relationship that will surely benefit both clubs and its members



BLOSSOM CRUISE & CAR SHOW

On March 6, a bunch of us POCC members attended the Lovegren Pontiac Dealer in Sanger's Blossom Day Car show. Club President Andy Hoff orchestrated a Mini Blossom trail cruise that ended at the dealership in Sanger in time to enter the show. After a little mix up as to the starting location and time, about 7 members left from Carl's JR at Clovis Ave. and Shaw at approx 8:30 AM. We caravanned on a route that Andy previously set up that took us through some picturesque scenery and fun back roads that finished in the town of Sanger right on time for the Blossom Day car show held at the Dealership. Stan Lovegren and Mike Weber were good enough to have a place reserved for the Pontiac entries, so all members were able to park together.

When we arrived there were a few members already there waiting for our arrival. In addition there were some old POCC members that we had not seen in some time, including Jeff Boyle, the first President of POCC with his Firebird Convert which he has been restoring for the last 10 years. He was very glad to see POCC still alive and going strong. There was also a 1928 Pontiac that we had not seen out and about in quite a few years. Old member Tony Bettencourt and his wife Donna were also there with their newly acquired 1972 LeMans Convert. I think the good showing of our club participation made some of the past members interested in becoming active in the club again.

Lovegren Motors supplied donuts and coffee in the morning, and hot dogs and sodas all day for show participants at no charge. All proceeds(from entry fees and raffle) were to be used to support Sanger High's Sober Graduation.

The weather was beautiful and the show turnout was great. The club members distributed many car show flyers to people interested in our P.O.B.C. show and the Toys for Tots show.

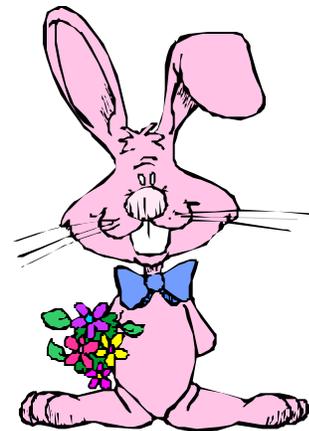
Everyone that attended had a great time, and the only way it could have been any better would have been to have even more members participate.

A big thank you to Club President Andy Hoff for organizing a great day.



Pre Show Cruise

We will be having a pre show cruise on April 10th at Mars Drive-in at Shaw and West. Plan on showing up at 5:00 pm and help us promote our car show on April 24.



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.

April:

10th: Pre-show Cruise. Meet at 5 pm at Mar's Drivein. See details on page 5.

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

May:

8th: POCC Cruise Night; Cruise to Fergies in the Ranchos; celebrating her 10th anniversary. Activities will include a Car Show, music, raffle and eating! Info: Brian or Janet; 559-645-8018.

10th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

16th: Greater Valley Concours at Fresno State; We will be in the "Club Corral" area. This year we will be doing a group lunch! We need a volunteer to act as a "coordinator". All you need to do is make sure we get an assortment of "to

share" food, and a few propane BBQ's show up. Contact Brian to volunteer; 559-645-8018.

June:

5th: Shriner's Car Show: at Manchester Center. Info to follow.

14th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

?th: POCC Cruise Night; Sonic Burger in Clovis, Herndon @ Fowler. Starts at 6pm. Park behind the Sonic.

19th: Racin' for a Cure Car Show: Pending.

26th: Fifth Annual Bonander Car Show in Turlock. Honoring the return of a Muscle Car Legend, the 2004 GTO. More information in the next newsletter

July

?th: Summer BBQ. We will party "harty" at the ????. The club will provide the meat, paper products, utensils, sodas and a great atmosphere! You bring a dish to share, chairs, an EZ-up, your swim trunks and a positive attitude! Be there at 6pm, we'll plan on eating at 7pm.

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

?th: POCC Cruise Night. We'll cruise to Chubby's in Madera, on Cleveland Ave. across the parking lot from Wal-Mart. Meet at 6pm.



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

April Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Indian get together
2. The best shifter
3. Biggest Pontiac
4. Pedal on the left
5. New to POCI
6. Early automatic transmission
7. Between the bucket seats
8. Smallest Pontiac



DOWN

1. _____ duty
2. Shiny stuff
3. A high performance Pontiac
4. An island of the coast of California
5. Before there was stero
6. The best sounding muffler

March Crossword Answers:

ACROSS

1. POCI
2. DeLorean
3. Judge
4. Redlines
5. TriPower
6. WideTrack
7. OHC
8. RamAif

DOWN

1. PMD
2. Grrrr
3. Tempest
4. NOS
5. Bucket
6. Wangers
7. Arnie

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.

