

# The Straight Arrow



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# President's Message

What happened? We should probably schedule a special club meeting to find out what went incredibly right. For some reason, we attracted a record number of pre-registered cars (79) and a day-of-show registration of 105! While we did have a few no-shows, the overall result was amazing. Everyone should take a moment to pat themselves on the back..... Didn't that feel good? I think the best way to thank those involved is to thank everyone in the club. We have been building towards this for several years and each and every person in the club has made a contribution.

When you participated in an in-town or out-of-town event, you have been an ambassador for the classic car hobby in general and our club in particular. Every point of contact helped, from that brief conversation with someone at the gas station when you were filling up your Pontiac or Oldsmobile (which can be painfully often), to wearing the club colors and participating in a show in Southern California. And, Brian's continuing efforts to maintain a great website and make sure everyone knew our web address, as catchy as it is. Point is, our club, its members and cars, clean up pretty well when we go out.

I had a phone call on the Sunday after our show. A very kind older lady had read the club event page in the Fresno Bee and noticed that our listing for the April 10 gathering at Mars Drive In was still in the paper. She wanted to know if that date was a misprint and was the real date May 10? She went on to say that she and her husband were at our show the previous day and had a wonderful time. They enjoyed the cars, the music, the beautiful park and "...everyone was just so nice to us." She hoped we were having another event as she and her husband would plan to attend! This is, perhaps, the best compliment we received all weekend, and there were many, because it came from a family who didn't even own a classic car or have any plans to join our club. They just liked what we did. And

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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

No guests tonight.

The minutes of the March meeting were S&A.

Treasurers' report- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance. Thanks to Dennis Baker's renewal the club is up to 30 paid members. Thanks Dennis. Unfortunately since he is paid up now he will not be allowed to accept the free meal ticket for non-member judges during our CVC show.

Newsletter Editor Report -Members are encouraged to fill out the member profiles and send them in to Joel Garrett. Member highlights will be published soon. Stay tuned.

Webmaster report - Thanks to everyone who contributed pictures from the Mar's event.

Car Show- Everyone need's to be there by 6:30 am even Dennis. Andy Hoff and Dennis Simonson will man the swap meet spaces. Of course by the time you read this we would have had the show and it will have been the best one ever.

New Business - Dennis Shwarz donated Chilton's auto manuals from 1940-1989 to the Club library for everyone's use and enjoyment. Bill Truckell will be the club librarian and watch over these for safe keeping.

Old business - Ron Berglund passed out 5 & 10 year membership stickers to be placed on individuals name tags. 5 year recipients include:

Andy H, Dennis S, Richard S, Gayle H, Dennis B, Mike Y., Janet M., Dan S., Dave V.

Ten year recipients include Bill T., Ron B. Joel G., Sam T.

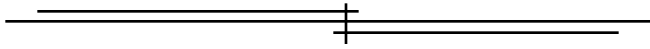
Past Activities - Cruise w Bakersfield Pontiac Club. Mars Drive-in cruise,

Future Activities - May 8<sup>th</sup> - Fergie's Diner

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# Newest Member

Not only did we have a great show but we picked up a new member, everyone be sure to welcome Ben and Nettie Thrasher, our 32th member. They join us with their 1965 Pontiac Catalina. Be sure to say "Hi" at the next get together.



President's message continued.....

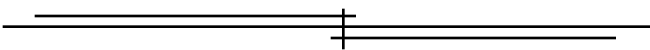
so did most everyone else.

For me, one of the most gratifying parts of the show was to walk around and talk with folks and enjoy them enjoying the day. The cars were awesome, the owner families friendly, the music was great, the food was tasty, the weather perfect, and our host had a great time. That was another treat, watching Don enjoy the show he has generously supported over the past several years.

So, congratulations and thanks to everyone. Keep up the enthusiasm by attending monthly meetings, club events, and enjoying your classic Pontiac or Olds. Keep talking up our club and the hobby and keep your calendar up-to-date. We need to have a strong showing at the Western Regionals in Reno this fall and maintain our momentum for our own regional in 2005.

More later.

Andy



Minutes continued.....

Cruise, May 14<sup>th</sup> -Tower District Benefit Concert, June 5<sup>th</sup> Shriner's Show - Manchester Mall, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Racing for a Cure, June 26<sup>th</sup> Bonander show in Turlock,

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Mr. Andy Hoff.

Next meeting is May 10th

# POCC MEMBER HIGHLITE

Please meet fellow member Gayle Huls. Gayle lives in Madera with his wife Helen..

Gayle has four children. A daughter Dawn who is a nurse, and three sons, Michael, a Clovis PD dispatcher, John a warehouseman, and David, a Systems analyst. Gayle was born in Miami OK., and attended Sunnyvale H.S. in Sunnyvale CA. In High School he drove a 1953 Ford. The car he wished for as a teenager was a 1955 Olds Super 88.

Gayle worked for Pac Bell before he retired, and Helen is a family support officer. Helen and Gayle met in Newark, CA.

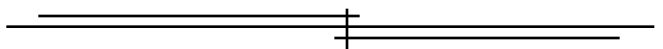
At present, Gayle owns a 1968 Bonneville convert, a 1968 Bonneville 4 door hdtpt, a 1970 Old Cutlass, a 1989 Ford F350 P.U., a 1995 T-Bird, and a 1996 Mercury, which he keeps(some) in his 24' X 28' shop. Gayle says his favorite tool in his shop is air compressor. His dream car would be one of his project cars if he ever got to finish one, though one of his favorites is a 1963 Olds Starfire he used to own.

When cruising in his Pontiacs he likes to listen to Country and Western music, until he gets to his favorite Mexican restaurant.

Gayles's favorite color for a car is blue, and his favorite products he uses to take care of his Pontiacs is Turtle Wax.

Alaska is Helen and Gayle's favorite vacation spot. Gayle says that if he won the "LOTTO", he would "share it".

Besides playing with cars, Gayle and Helen get great enjoyment and self fulfillment form working with the group that helps raise \$\$ for the Ronald McDonald House in Madera.



Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,  
Dennis Baker  
Secretary



# The Eighth Annual POCC Show

## The Biggest and Best Ever!!!!

It's hard to say how it happened. Were the planets and stars aligned? Did we somehow please the great one? Was it the timing, the weather, the show's promotion, or just plain old luck responsible for the Pontiacs of Central California's Central Valley Classic being without a doubt the best show yet for our club.



The total for registered entrants was at an all time record of 105 cars, far surpassing our past efforts. The weather for the Friday Night Cruise in and the show itself could not have been any better.



There was a great turn out for the Friday Night Cruise In, with a fantastic meal supplied by Don Bonander and his staff.

Don spent the night with huge grin on his face, looking at the cars and talking to their owners. He ended up choosing a beautiful 1969 Firebird 400 for his favorite car that night and the owner received a nice trophy.



Saturday's show really made it clear why the club goes through all the effort to put on a show like this. The cars. And I mean the cars. Lots and lots of cars and their owners getting together on a beautiful day, in a beautiful park, to take part in sharing their "pride and joys" with others.

Court House Park was filled with Pontiacs, Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Cadillacs, and GMC trucks. The participants all seemed to really enjoy the setting for the show, and smiling faces were everywhere. The Madera Breakfast Lions Club did a great job with the food which in turn let many of our members enjoy the show instead of cooking all day.



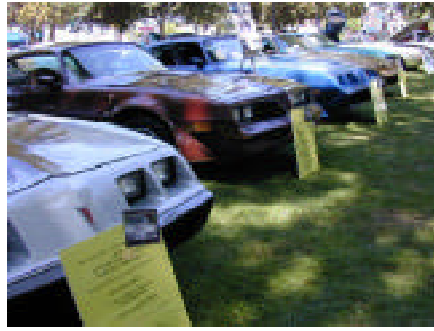
Dennis is busy signing up last minute judges, of is that at the last minute Dennis is signing up judges. Dennis said he still has till Saturday morning so there was no rush!!!!



The newly formed Bakersfield POCI Club showed up in force, won many trophies, and was nice enough to send Brian Massey a very nice note letting us know what a great time their club had, and how much they enjoyed attending our show.

No Pontiac show would be complete without lots of GTO's, and we had'em from 1964 to 2004.

As of this writing, I do not have the totals on the proceeds from the show, but I am sure it was a success from a financial



The newly formed Pontiac's of Bakersfield Club showed up in mass and did very well in the trophy department.



Two very nice 50's era GMC pickups graced our show.



Here Comes de Judge!!!!

aspect also. This was just the type of turnout we needed to give us the confidence to put on a very successful Western Regional next year.

I am not going to try and thank members by name, because of the chance of leaving someone out, but this club owes a huge thanks to every member that helped make this show the success it was. And of course a HUGE Thank You to Don Bonander who has supported this show and the club for many years.



Hopefully these guys won't be in need of the nice Caddy hearse in the background.



Members from the Sacramento Pontiac Club were at the show. Thanks for making the drive guys.

# 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.

## May:

**8th: POCC Cruise Night**; Cruise to Fergies in the Ranchos; celebrating her 10th anniversary. Meet NLT 5:00 pm to get a good parking spot. Activities will include a Car Show, music, raffle and eating! Info: Brian or Janet; 559-645-8018.

9th: Mother's Day

**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**:

**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.

## August:

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

## September:

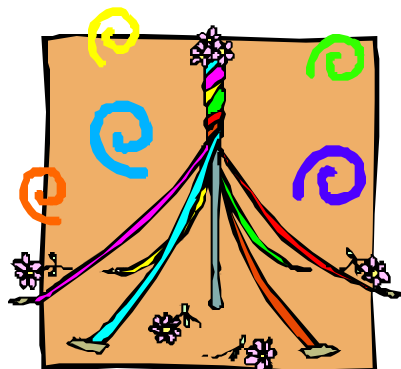
**13th: Monthly Meeting**; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

**18th-19th: POCC Western Regional Convention**: In Reno. Info to follow.

## October:

**13th: Monthly Meeting**; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's.

**? Fall Mystery Cruise**: Info to follow.



## 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.

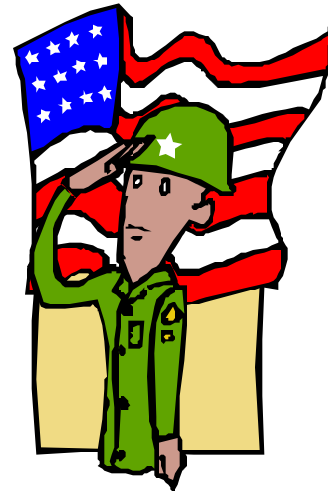
**400 CID Pontiac** 4 BBL motor. 69 or 70 years only, will pay up to \$450. Call Tim Saltzman at (559) 645-0946.

**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 Answers??

Joel says he can't work his own crossword puzzle, so we have no answers for last month. But if any member would like to furnish the answers we would be happy to publish them. Joel also said he would throw in a free all expenses paid weekend in Mendota to the first member who gave him all of the answers. What a deal, what a guy!!!!!!!!!!!!



Don't forget Memorial  
Day on May 30th.

# 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.

