

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

Summer is coming slowly, given the pleasant weather we have been having the past few weeks. This was the time of year my friends and I really looked forward to back in high school. I worked at a variety of part-time jobs during the summer including a Richfield gas station (remember those?), loading trucks at a Dr. Pepper bottling plant, and a body shop. Each of these jobs provided a very lucrative hourly wage of \$1.25 or so, that I promptly spent on gas for my GTO. Since gas was thirty-three cents per gallon, I would have enough for a tank of gas, burger and fries and maybe a movie. Come to think of it things haven't changed much, have they? Anyway, we spent most of our Friday and Saturday nights dragging the main on Belmont Avenue between Blackstone and Roeding Park. My good friend in high school owned a couple of pretty quick cars. One was a '63 Chevy Impala that started out as a 283/powerglide family car and quick changed into a dual quad/327/4-speed street racer with 4:11 gears. Ran great but wasn't quite fast enough. After a year or so, he acquired a red '66 Olds 442 hardtop. What a sleeper. We were convinced the car was a factory freak as it would beat almost everything we raced. And we raced a lot. Interestingly, we never raced each other as we both realized my GTO was no match for that particular Olds. I can clearly remember that car beating a 427 Corvette on Maroa Avenue, a dual quad 396 Chevelle on West Herndon, a white 442 near Roeding Park among others. The saddest contest occurred one evening when a young guy pulled up next to us in a white '66 Ford Fairlane and asked me if we were interested in racing. My job was to evaluate the opposition and tell my buddy what we were up against. I listened carefully and gazed at our competition and said 390 automatic Fairlane with whitewalls and big hubcaps. must be his mom's car? Well, we said sure and followed him West

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C May 10, 2004 meeting

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

Guests included Paul and Bonnie Shalley who own and brought tonight a 1928 4 dr. Also Tim and Ellie Nelson who have a 1951 2 dr. and have a 1953 Pontiac 2 dr. (no model indicated) 50,000k vehicle for \$9,500. If interested call 645-0530.

Tonight's agenda was approved as written.

The minutes of the April meeting were S & A.

Treasurers' report - Bill Truckell read the clubs balance indicating we have 32 paid members.

Newlsetter Editor Report - No discussion.

Webmaster report - Updated. Anyone with pictures of our show please send them to Brian to be posted.

Car Show - What's to say "best yet". Discussions about having a show next year despite the Western Regionals were mentioned. There will be a post show wrap up meeting at a later date. A discussion to make a monetary donation to the Madera City Courthouse was discussed. Brian will investigate.

2005 Western Regionals - Dennis to provide classes before flyers are printed to take to the show.

Old business - Ron Berglund gave us some sad news that a long time Pontiac owner and once member Ron Nelson passed away.

Future Activities - June 5th Shriner's Show - Manchester Mall, June 5th - Under the Stars at Bass Lakes-Pines Resort, June 26th - Racing for a Cure, June 26th Bonander show in Turlock, Reno Western Regionals - Sept 17 - 19th.

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Newest Member

Records are made to be broken they say. Not too long ago we had a 40's era Pontiac join our club and at that time it was the oldest car in the club. Well that didn't last very long as we welcome Paul and Bonnie Shalley with their 1928 Pontiac 8220 Sedan. Their car was at the Concourse Corral so many of you have already seen this grand ole Pontiac. If not be sure to welcome Paul and Bonnie at the next club event. Wonder how long this record will hold up??? This also brings our club to thirty-three members, one shy of last year's thirty-four. Hopefully we will break another record, and just maybe we will see forty members this year.

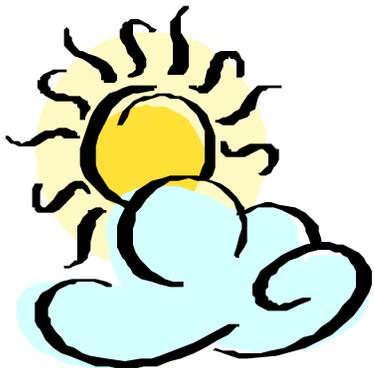
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This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Greg Griggs.

Next meeting is June 14th

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking and to see an awesome 1928 Pontiac.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary



President's message continued.....

on Belmont to a side street near the park. Before the contest began, we had to come to terms. So, my buddy said, how much? Our blue oval opponent replied, how about \$50? We almost choked. Between us, we might have had twenty and had to quickly determine whether or not this was a sure thing or we would have to back out. Well, we couldn't back out so, we said no problem?

I got out, lined them up and did my best NHRA starter impersonation and off they went. It was amazing. The Fairlane was one of the slowest muscle cars I had ever seen. It made a quiet whooshing sound and went nowhere fast. At the end of the faded quarter mile mark on the road, the red 442 was fading into the distance from where the driver of the Fairlane sat. He slowed and turned around to come back to the start. He got out and sheepishly admitted he didn't have \$50 dollars. He went on to say that my buddies 442 was the fastest car he had ever seen and that he was sure his mom's Fairlane couldn't be beat. Now I don't know what he had been racing before he found us but they must have been six bangers. Well, he said a deal was a deal and asked us to follow him home. We did, expecting him to take off and try to lose us. But, no. We followed him to a home near the old St. Agnes Hospital. He pulled into the driveway and opened the garage. He went inside and quickly returned with two brand new Firestone Wide Oval Tires that he had bought to replace the ones on his Mom's car. We accepted the tires as substitute payment for the \$50 he owed us and went back to Belmont. I guess we all remember cars from our past as we believed they were. Probably faster, smoother riding, and sharper than they really were. That's what memories are for. Stay tuned for next month and I will write about the only car to beat that red 442, twice. Enjoy those summer cruises, Shriner's Show, Racin' for a Cure and Bonander's Turlock Show. More later.

Andy

POCC SHOWS IT'S STUFF AT CONCOURSE



On Sunday, May 16, POCC members attended and participated in The Greater Valley Concourse de Elegance held on the Fresno State Campus. Many of

our members brought their cars out to the Car Corral set up for local Car Clubs. Some members entered their cars in the Concourse itself, and even a few members volunteered their time to actually be judges.

The event kicked off with a great Saturday Night Gala at a beautiful home in Fig Garden. All entrants, show judges, Rotary members, and Rotary supporters were invited to attend. Many POCC members were seen eating and drinking and having a great time all evening long. Even, POCC's great supporter and friends Wendy and Don Bonander were in attendance.



Janet Massey, who is on the Car Advisory Board for the Concourse, made sure POCC had a nice spot in the Car Corral area on Sunday where

members could show off their cars to the public. The Corral area seemed filled to capacity this year, and a good spot for our club made it all the more enjoyable. Brian Massey did an excellent job rounding up and organizing a great picnic spread of food for



members to enjoy all day long. Bill Truckell hauled the club EZ-ups out to the corral so members could enjoy the great weather in the shade.



The Concourse itself seemed like a huge success also. The show field was filled with classic, exotic, and rare automobiles that made the show judge's job difficult,

comparing and judging one perfect car to another. They must have done a fine job, because I did not see one fist fight breakout when the awards were being distributed.

Speaking of awards, some of our own members did very well in that department also. Congrats to Mike and Josie Yoshihara, and their beautiful 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix which won first place in the Buick, Pontiac and Oldsmobile class. Carol and Glenn Igo and their very low mileage 1980 Turbo Trans Am received second place in the Unrestored class. Ron and Marlene Berglund's 1973 Grand Am won second place in the Muscle Car class, just beating out Sam Fisher's 1967 GTO, which got third place.



The Concourse continues to be an excellent event that not only raises money for good causes every year, but makes an enjoyable day for e v e r y b o d y

involved. If you could not make it this year, you should definitely try to attend next year, and even think about entering your car, if for no other reason than to get to attend the Gala party the night before.

OLD PONTIACS LIKE BAD PENNYS?

You may or may not have noticed, but our club is going thru a kind of DeJaVu. Members that have been around for a while are seeing cars appear again that have been gone from the club for a while.

First there is one of the club's founding member Gary Kizer's 1964 GTO. Many of you see the beautiful white 1964 GTO now owned by Dennis Shwarz and remember seeing Gary Kizer drive that car to every club meeting and club event, and occasionally drag race it with "remarkable" results. After Gary's untimely death, many of us pondered the fate of that car. Well, one Monday night last year, there was Dennis driving that very GTO all polished up and sounding mean. Dennis has now become one of us, a POCC member participating and contributing to our club, and is slowly turning Gary's car into Dennis's car, which is how it should be.

Some of us also remember Dan Bresett. He was a past POCC member that took a (P.O.S.) 1969 GTO convertible, and worked 10 months (most people spend years, right Andy) turning that car into a one of a kind show car. Dan participated in the club for many years with that car, winning many trophies. Then other things began to take his time, and he and the GTO were "out of circulation". But, lo and behold, here comes another Dan, Dan Seibert, showing up at a meeting with that black beauty. Of course, he has it a little easier than Dennis, because it is still "Dan's GTO", but he is also making changes to "his" car, which is how it should be.

Many remember Glenn Mchie. He was a member of our club years ago, and had a beautiful red 1968 GTO that could be seen at most gatherings of the POCC. Things in life change, as do priorities, and then Glen and the GTO were gone from us. But not permanently. Joel recently was able to

acquire that same red 1968 GTO, and once again that car is participating in club events like it had never left.

Then there is current POCC member Richard Schmidtz. In 1963, his father bought a brand new Grand Prix. Over the years it was passed down to Richard who used it as his daily transportation for many years. Then Richard got another 1963 GP, and a Riviera, and his dad's 1963 had to go. Well, as things change, they sometimes remain the same, because the Riviera is gone, as is the "other GP" and his dad's original 1963 GP now resides in his garage.

Over the next few issues of the Straight Arrow, we the editors, will try and reprint the original stories about these cars and their original owners, and also stories by their new owners and how they are making these cars their own.

2004 Car Show Proceeds

Here is the final financial results from our car show.

Show Expenses:

Raffle Prizes - \$200.00
Awards & Trophies - \$1,291.00
Musical Entertainment - \$125.00
Judges Meals - 435.00
Total Expenses - \$2,926.00

Show Proceeds:

Sponsor's Donation - \$1,500.00
Registration/Vendors - \$2,012.00
Club Booth - \$273.00
Raffle Ticket Sales - \$670.00
50/50 Raffle - \$122.00
Total Proceeds - \$4,577.00

Net Proceeds - \$2,926.00

This will obviously be a nice boost to help us put on the Western Regionals in 2005.



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.

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.

26th: 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.

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.

November:

6th: 5th 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, and will include some special surprise awards. 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. You will also be supplied with some great coffee, coco and cookies. Info: Brian or Janet Massey; 559-645-8018, or email bjmassey@bigfoot.com

8th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's, 710 W. Shaw Ave. Clovis CA. 559-298-8706. Dinner at 6:30pm, meeting at 7 to 8:30pm.

December:

?th: Christmas Party; 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

Madera Wine Trail Tour

Short Notice and not really an official club activity, but the Madera Vintners Association is sponsoring a wine tasting at several of the smaller Madera Wineries. The Wine Trail Tour takes place on Saturday (June 12) and Sunday (June 13) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Anyone interested in attending the Saturday event can meet at Sam and Elaine's home on Highway 145 (see directions below) at 12:00 noon.. Plan on leaving for the tour at 12:30. We have already checked them out (some are very quaint) and we will be able to easily visit four to six of the local wineries. According to what we have heard and read there will be art exhibits and appetizers at some of the wineries. The tour will probably take around two hours and will end on Avenue 7 about one mile from Highway 99.

At the first winery we visit you will be able to buy a passport souvenir wine glass for \$10.00 which then enables you to visit and sample wine at any of the wineries on the tour.

NOTE: Since we will have to travel short distances on dirt and/or gravel driveways I would not advise bringing your classic car to this event.

If you plan to attend (or have any questions) please RSVP at 664-9431 or e-mail fisher_s@madera.k12.ca.us so we have an idea of how many to plan for.

Directions to Sam and Elaine's: From Fresno: head North on 99, get off at Ave 12 and head west (turn left) on 12. Turn left onto Highway 145 (first and only stoplight) then about 1-3/4 miles to house. Two story off white with green trim, 11388 Highway 145. If you get to Ave. 11 you have gone too far. We will put some balloons on the mailbox, but the house is pretty hard to miss.



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.

