

# The Straight Arrow



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## President's Message

First of all, we should write a congratulatory note to our friends in the Silver State Chapter of POCI. The Silver State folks put on a great show and that should provide us with a good idea of what we need to do for 2005. Yes, they have over 60 family members in their chapter (remember, they cover an entire state), however, I know we can do as well or better given the great group of members we have.

The car show itself was good although it lacked some of the organization and detail of our events. We can do a better job there. The hospitality/registration area was efficient and welcoming. We can do as well or better. I didn't attend the poker run although those who did enjoyed it very much. Our Bass Lake Queen Cruise should match up very well. The show support areas including swap spaces, vendors, silent auction, raffle, donuts, and music were very good. We will have to stretch a bit to match what they have done. The banquet was very good. The sound/projection set up was a little questionable, however the food was great (both quantity and quality) and they were masters at raising extra revenue with their \$2 bill poker game. The class awards were very impressive, imitating license plates. Very classy. I know that another article or two will be included in this newsletter so I won't go much farther than to say, it was a very successful show that most seemed to enjoy very much.

I know that most who attended were impressed by what the Silver State Chapter had accomplished, with almost double the members we have. I also know that we pre-registered more than two dozen entrants a year in advance. Our location was well known by those who went to Reno and seemed to generate a great deal of interest. So, we have demand for our show, we just need to get organized now and spread the work across twelve months and hand responsibility over to event leaders for each part of the show.

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## Minutes of the P.O.C.C September 13, 2004 meeting

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

We had one visitor - Carl Smith and his wife Robbin who own a 67 GTO.

The minutes for the month of August were seconded and approved.

Treasurers' report- Bill Truckell read the clubs balance and indicated we have 33 paid members.

Newsletter Editor Report -Joel Garrett updated us on the newsletter. If you'd like the newsletter electronically please let Joel know.

Webmaster report - Updated. Anyone with pictures or stuff they'd like to see on our website send them to Brian to be posted.

Car Show Reports - Buchanan Benefit Show - Andy passed around flyers for the School Daze Reunion Show which he and his son are organizing to benefit the academic decathlon team. The show will be held at the Toys-R-Us on Shaw in Clovis, Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's all support this worthy cause. A motion to donate \$50 for the show was S&A.

Toys for Tots Show - Brian spoke on the show being held on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were passed around. Gayle Huls has a contact at a local TV station that will help promote the show.

Previous Activities - Mars Drive-In. A letter will be drafted to be sent to the proprietor stating our displeasure with the DJ and his attitude towards our club for showing up and not contributing monetarily towards the event.

2005 Western Regionals- The website is updated with information and a registration form for the 2005 Regionals. Greg Griggs showed us a few examples of trophies which our club may want to think about for the 2005 Western Regionals. Greg will research prices.

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President's message continued.....

I am not at all concerned about our capability of presenting a memorable Western Regional event. We just need to work together and keep our eye on the calendar.

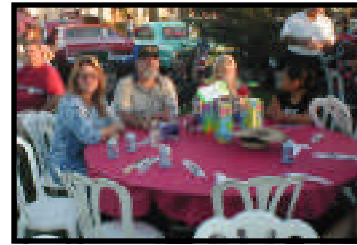
On an unrelated note, I am disappointed to report that the advisor for my son's Academic Decathlon Team at Buchanan High School contacted us and cancelled our show. She felt that the students were not getting enough response for raffle prizes and that other deadlines were approaching. While she appreciated our efforts, she thought it best to cancel at this time. Needless to say, David and I agreed that we should not go forward without the participation and support of the Academic Decathlon team. So, our event on October 9 is cancelled. I have posted the notice of cancellation in the Fresno Bee and contacted the clubs I sent fliers to. We will also post notices at Toys R Us on the event day and be in the parking lot if anyone shows up. We both appreciate the support of those who pre-registered as well as the vote to support the show with a \$50 donation. We will return the entry fees of those who pre-registered. It is possible that the event may be rescheduled for spring with the same format as fall, however, we want to be assured that the team will be in for the long haul this time. More later.

Andy



## Newest Members

Our newest members are Carl and Robbin Smith. They join us with yet another 1967 Pontiac GTO. Did I hear a motion to change the name of the club (just kidding). This brings our membership up to 34 and matches last years number of paid members. If you haven't already done so be sure to welcome Carl and Robbin to our group.



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Minutes continued.....

Future Activities - Caravan to Reno - there will be 2 caravans to Reno departing at 6:30 and 9am from the Pilot gas station on Highway 99 north of Madera.

Fall Mystery Cruise - A date has not been set. We need someone to organize this event. If you'd like to volunteer please call Brian Massey.

Christmas Party - Richard Schmitz has volunteered his home for the Christmas party. More to follow. The date to be determined.

New Business - A motion to place a \_ page ad in the Fresno State Bulldog Band Program for a state wide competition was S&A.

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was George Truckell who was not present so next months raffle will be \$20.

Next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

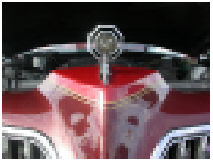
Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary

# REIGNING IN RENO

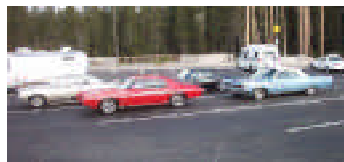
by Joel Garrett



The 2004 Western Regional is now in the books and if I were a book critic I would give it rave reviews.

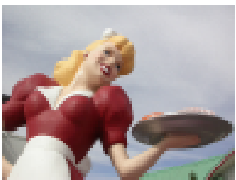
Two groups of POCC members left the valley at different times to attend the show in Reno NV. Thankfully, the drive up the "hill" was uneventful. The cars performed virtually trouble free, and the weather and traffic conditions were ideal.

In the early group were the Mueller's in their 2004 GTO, Dave Valla towing his 66 GTO, Andy Hoff in his 67 GTO, the Troncoso's in their 63 Bonneville, Dan Seibert and Richard Schmitz in Dan's 69 GTO (their wives were coming later in the day) and the Garrett's in their 68 GTO.



The second group consisted of Dennis Schwarz and his daughter towing his 64 GTO, Sam and Elaine towing their 67

GTO, Bill and Judy driving Bill's Vibe, and the Massey's driving up in their new Buick.



The Huls left on Thursday with their 68 Bonneville, and Victor drove up via Highway 395 with his 67 GTO. Even Debbie Winger came up in her Fiero.

## The Show

A friend once told me that the determining factor in something being judged a failure or a success is that if you give people high expectations, and do not meet those expectations, you have a failure, but if people



have normal expectations, and you far exceed those expectations, you will have a success, and that is exactly what the Silver State club did with their Western Regional.

At show registration, each entry was given a nice cloth goodie bag loaded with goodies including some potato chips and cookies to munch on. Every entry also received a glass mug with the show logo etched on it.



The show itself was held in a section of the Atlantis Casino parking lot that was "roped off" for pre show, and day of show parking. Their show raffle had more than 100 quality items, including a nice set



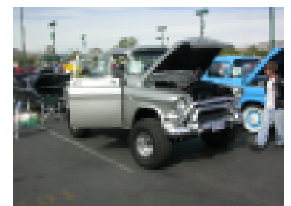
of custom wheels. The show field had easy to read signs to show participants and spectators



the various classes. There was a live band playing music much of the show. The Silver State club also supplied complementary coffee and donuts (40 dozen)

for all participants.

Judging for this show was participant judging, and each participant was able to vote in any or all classes they chose to. There were approximately 130-140

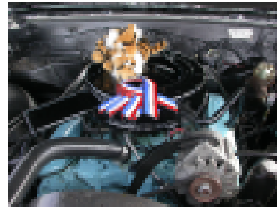




entries, plus the 30-40 Silver state member's cars that were on display, but not judged for awards

### The Banquet

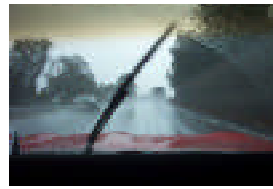
The awards banquet food was excellent and plentiful as in the Reno tradition. The Silver State club gave show winners very unique Nevada license plate facsimiles as class awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and also some honorable mention. Every winner also received a silver dollar. Their club even went as far as to include a stamped addressed envelope with each award, so the winners could easily send a thank you note to that class sponsor to thank them for supporting the show.



### Homeward Bound

There was some talk of threatening weather for Sunday, so most

members planned on leaving Reno early to try and beat the rain/snow in the forecast. Well, getting out of the mountains early seemed to work. That morning drive, though



brisk, was clear and beautiful. However, once we hit the valley, all bets were off (Reno pun). Light sprinkles turned to light showers turned to

light rain, which turned to medium rain, and finally we were driving through a storm which eventually dropped 2" of rain in Sacramento



Fortunately, everyone made it home fine, but in very very dirty cars.

### Conclusion

Overall it was a great Pontiac weekend. All vehicles performed as they should have, on the road, and in the show. The Silver State Club put on a show that they should be proud of. And our club got a first hand look at a successfully run show, that will be invaluable to us in the planning and implementing of our western Regional in 2005

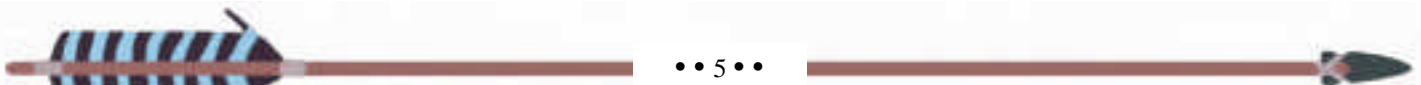
By the way, speaking of the 2005 show, the club now has 24 paid pre-registered entries for our Western Regional. A great start for what will surely be another great show.



Thanks to Brian Massey and Joel for all of the great pictures.

### Our Winners

Name	Car	Class	Award
Sam Troncoso	1963 Bonneville Convert	Full Size Convert	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Dan Siebert	1969 GTO Convert	Modified Late	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Dave Valla	1966 GTO	66-67 GTO Stock	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Joel Garret	1968 GTO	68-70 GTO Stock	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Andy Hoff	1967 GTO	66-67 GTO Stock	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Sam Fisher	1967 GTO	66-67 GTO Stock	Hon Men
Ken Mueller	2004 GTO	Late Model	Hon Men
Victor Weitzel	1967 GTO	Modified Early	Hon Men



# 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.

## October:

9th: School Daze Reunion Car Show at the Toy's R Us parking lot at Shaw and Sunnyside, Clovis. Registration from 8:30 to 10:00 am, show from 10:00 to 2:30, with awards at 3:00 pm. Entry fees \$10 in advance or \$15 day of show. Make checks out to POCC and send to Andy Hoff, 7664 North Fenner, Clovis, CA 93611, call Andy at 298-4527 for more details. All makes, models and years welcome. All proceeds will benefit the Buchanan High School Academic Decathlon Team.

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

**23rd: Fall Mystery Cruise; See info in next column.**

## 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](mailto: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:

**4th: This years Christmas Party to be hosted by Richard and Nanette Schmitz. More details will follow. Richard swares on the hood scoop of a '67 GTO that he has informed Nanette, so we should be good to go. Food assignments, times and directions will be in the November newsletter.**

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## Fall Mystery Cruise

*Date - Saturday, October 23, 2004*

*Meet at the parking lot just west of the Sonic Drive In in Clovis at the corner of Herndon and Fowler.*

*We will depart promptly at 10:30 am for the destination, which of course is a "Mystery".*

*(That means you should probably be there no later than 10:15 am.)*

# 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.

**'69 Corvair Monza hardtop,** 33k original miles, 140hp 4x1 carb engine, automatic transmission, garnet red with black interior, factory AM/FM radio, full tinted glass, 14x6 Chevy Rally wheels with near new tires, very clean, comes with a full trunk of new and NOS parts, \$7495 or best offer. Call Alan Blalock (408) 398-4094 (leave message). Pictures available upon request.

**Dark green bucket seat cover** for a '70 GTO or Lemans. Never installed, nothing wrong with it, just not the right color for my car, \$75. One driver's side black GTO seat complete and original. Solid condition, but has scratches on back plastic, head rest won't stay up and some seams are coming apart, \$250. Call Alan at (408) 398-4094 cell (leave message if no answer).

**64 Corvair Monza Spyder convertible,** 150hp turbocharged engine with 4 speed, red on red with a white top, 82k original miles, very clean and sharp looking, top in excellent condition, tires like new, rebuilt carb, all gauges work, heater, and original AM radio work, has NOS washer pump and rebuilt wiper motor, paint shines nicely but has a few chips and imperfections, runs and drives exceptionally well, comes with many extra parts, \$7995 or best offer. I am selling this for a good friend and I have been the mechanic for this car since he owned it. Call Alan Blalock (408) 398-4094 (leave message). Pictures available upon request.

**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.

**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.

**Miscellaneous 67 GTO parts.** Fenders, doors (post car), hood, frame, some trim pieces, etc.etc. Call Sam Fisher (559) 664-9431.

**Miscellaneous 55 parts.** Two sets of tail lights for 69 Firebird. Contact Rick DiGiacomo at (401) 934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com

**Miscellaneous Pontiac cars and parts.** Partial list: 72 LeMans with Enduro Clip, 71 GT37, 70 LeMans convertible, 68 Gran Prix (no engine), 69 Firebird (350 engine), lots of other makes and models and lots of parts. Call George in Stockton at 209-994-9838 for more information.



# Wanted

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

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





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.

