

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

Thanksgiving is upon us and I got to thinking, as POCC club members, what do we have to be thankful for? First of all, we drive classic and newer models of the most innovative automotive company anywhere. From the Wide-Trackers in 1959 to the GTO, from the independent suspension Tempests to the personal luxury performance of the Grand Prix, from the Super Duty Catalinas to the two seat Fiero, from the Firebird to the new Solstice, there were always imitators, but only Pontiac originals. Second, we are lucky enough to be members of possibly the best enthusiast car organization in the U.S., the Pontiac-Oakland Club International. Third, we are all members of a local chapter that keeps getting better each year. We haven't developed factions that have broken off and formed a competing club, we haven't had any fist fights or shoving matches (not in public anyway), and we haven't found ourselves on the verge of bankruptcy or in court defending a liability claim. Fourth, we have dedicated members who consistently stand up and do a job each month including Gayle, Dennis, Bill, Joel, Sam, and Brian. Give each of them a pat on the back for keeping us movin' on. Fifth, we have our families who support, encourage or perhaps tolerate our classic car interests (or is that cars, plural?). Sixth, we have had the benefit of knowing so many others who have joined us for a while and decided to move on. Seventh, we get to meet new people almost every month including our friends in Bakersfield. Eighth, we have known some really fine friends who have passed away but left us all with such good examples to follow. Finally, each month,

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C October 11, 2004 meeting

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

We had one visitor: Joe Galemnda who owns a 55 Chieftan 2dr HT.

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

Treasurers' report: Bill Truckell was absent and enjoying the warm beaches of Hawaii.

Newsletter Editor Report: No news to report.

Webmaster report: No Update. Brian is out of town.

Upcoming Activities: Toys for Tots - Andy has volunteered to pick-up awards and ballots. Greg Griggs solicited local motorcycle shops about the show they all were enthusiastic. A motion to spend \$150 to advertise the show in the Bee was S&A. Dennis Schwarz is soliciting goodies to eat.

2005 Western Regionals: Joel passed around a trophy presented at this years show in Reno. There were 24 pre-register sign ups at the Reno for our show. The local club members did not enter their cars. This may have been due for judging purposes. ACD made by Scott Garrett will be sent to all Western POCI clubs. The show field for our cars will only hold about 150 cars. We need everyone's participation to make this a success.

Future Activities: Fall Mystery Cruise - The event will be organized by Dave Villa and Joel Garrett.

Christmas Party: December 5th at the Schmitz residence. Details to follow in this newsletter.

Old business: None

New Business: Nominations for club offices is as follows:

President: Andy Hoff

Treasurer: Dennis Baker and Bill Truckell

Secretary: Dennis Baker

Vice President: Gayle Huls

Activities Director: Brian Massey

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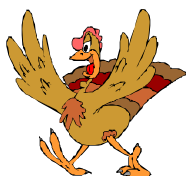
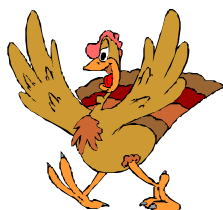
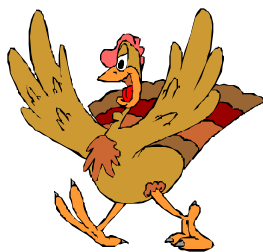
President's message continued.....

we are among friends and families who enjoy each others cars and company. Yes, we have a lot to be thankful for.

While all of our monthly meetings are important, everyone should make an extra effort to attend our November 8th meeting at Denny's in Clovis. The featured agenda item will be a special planning discussion for our 2005 Western Regional Convention at Bass Lake. There will be plenty of responsibility to go around so you may as well come on the 8th and sign up for something you are interested in rather than being assigned to it later! And, it will be election night, probably more interesting than the national example.

Our Toys For Tots show is on Saturday, November 6th at Toys R Us in Clovis. So, if you receive this newsletter by then, don't forget to bring your classic out one more time before winter keeps us all indoors. We have a great time and it is worth the investment of a day to watch that pile of toys grow. Don't miss it. More later.

Andy



Minutes continued.....

This month's winner of the \$10 attendance raffle was Scott Denton who was not present so next months raffle will be \$30.

Next meeting is November 8th.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.



Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary

A proposed letter to the Mars Drive In Owner regarding the DJ. To be discussed at the November meeting:

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Pontiacs of Central California, the subject of our visits to your restaurant came up. Everyone was most complimentary regarding the quality of the food and service at Mar's Drive In. In fact, we planned to hold regular cruise nights there over several months. As you are aware, we did have a series of interactions with the gentleman who organized your Friday Night Car Shows. Most of them were not positive.

We fully understand that his purpose was to organize and run Friday night events on your property. Our club was interested in gathering at Mar's Drive In perhaps one night per month on an organized basis and periodically on other evenings when a few members just wanted to get together. On most of those occasions our members elected not to pay the \$2.00 fee charged to be a part of the car show. We elected to park on the west side of the building, away from the crowds, confusion and loud music. While it was good music, it didn't make for good conversation and socializing, which is what we wanted.

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In the Garage With Dan Bresett

Yes this car actually does exist!! It's nearly completed and I hope to make as many club events as possible. But



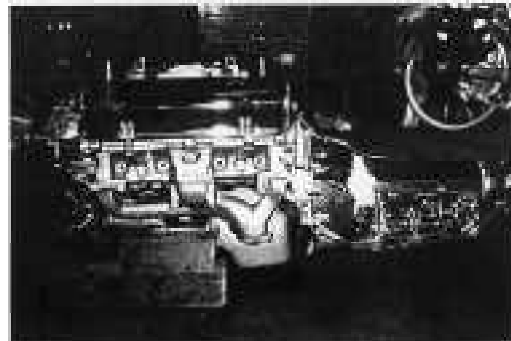
let me start at the beginning. Late last summer, while showing my black '68 GTO I was met by a gentleman who was interested in purchasing it. After many conversations with him (and my wife) I sold it. Now I thought, I am going to build one even better! We went on vacation shortly there after to Lake Tahoe and spent some time in Reno. While in Reno, I purchased a Hemmings Motor News and officially started my quest for my new car. I found it for sale in Orangevale, just outside Sacramento. On our way home from Tahoe, we went by and looked at it. What a mess! However, after further inspection, I noted that it had the options that I was looking for. They were; 1969 GTO convertible, power disc brakes, power steering, verbra-phonic AM FM radio, 3.12 posi, automatic, Rally II wheels and most important, factory air conditioning. A deal was struck and one week later it was in my garage.



As many of you who came over to see know, I removed the body from the f r a m e , completely stripped the frame, had it sandblasted

and painted, and rebuilt the car from the frame up.

I've never been too interested in restoring a car to stock original condition, so I sort of personalized it to be the way I think a GTO should look. The frame is completely gloss black and it takes about 4 hours to wax it! All suspension components, after being rebushed, were gold anodized.



The transmission crossmembers and all steering components also have been gold anodized. All mounting bolts are either chrome or polished stainless steel. All brakes, wheel seals and wheel bearing have been replaced. After the frame was completed, I cleaned and resealed the underside of the body. At this point the body was put back on the frame. Believe it or not, I removed and reinstalled the body by myself. After reinstalling the body, I stripped out the dash, interior, doors, truck, and all glass. After sanding the body, it went to Wall and Eads for a new top. From there, it went to Thompson's Truck Painting for final bodywork and paint. At this point, I found out how little I knew about checking out a car!

It seems that the cracks that were in the paint (that I didn't think meant anything) were indications of serious body damage. After removing the cracked paint and bondo, we found a large area on the right rear quarter panel that had been spot-welded on. Rust was coming up through the cracks and caused the paint to lift. The whole area had to be replaced and or welded. After this was completed, the car was painted, of course black. At this time, the run of reassembling the car began.

The turbo 400 transmission was gutted and I completely polished the case. The new 455 engine was sent to Densmore along with an

HO Specialties HC-01A cam. The heads (4X 400) went to Advance Automotive for rebuilding. I had purchased an Edelbrock high-rise manifold from Joel and it was also installed. All aluminum parts that are attached to the engine are also polished. All mounting bolts on the engine and transmission are either gold anodized or chrome. When the engine and transmission were bolted together, I installed them into the car. Next came the fenders, doors, trunk lid, hood and front bumper. All these parts were painted off of the car and required much effort to install and adjust them without damaging the paint. The complete interior (all original) was installed at this time along with a new windshield. Slowly, but surely, it all came together.

The day came that I was able to back it out of the garage and start it up. Boy



was I nervous! After filling the float chamber on the carb, I hooked up the HEI distributor, cranked it, and it fired up instantly! I couldn't believe it, it even idled all by itself right from the get go. After that, I finished up the small stuff, went through the awful ordeal that DMV puts you through when a vehicle has been scrapped out, and secured insurance. Last Friday night, we went to Chubby's for the Friday night car show and won best of show and best engine awards.

Building a car from the ground up required most of my spare time for the last 10 months. I have to give credit to the person that supported me, didn't shoot me when I tracked grease into the house, and allowed me the time to build this car. Yes, special thanks to my wife Pat. See you at the club events!

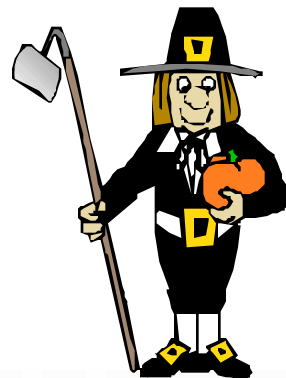
Mars' letter continues.....

On a couple of occasions, the gentleman was rude, used foul language in the presence of women and children, and attempted to intimidate club members. We have also been told that he was making remarks to others about our club and members to others who attended his show. Some members of the club are now refusing to attend events at Mar's Drive In because of his abusive behavior.

We have noted that both you and your wife have been very welcoming to us on several occasions. You even advised us not to pay much attention to this gentleman and that we were welcome to come anytime and park wherever we wanted to. Of course, we assured you that we purchased dinner during our visits and enjoyed the evening.

We are left with somewhat of a dilemma. While we would like to continue our practice of Friday Nights at Mars, we don't want to exclude those members who refuse to attend because of past incidents. We could move our gatherings to Saturday nights, however, that might infringe on the weekend commitments some have. Some would question why we don't simply pay the \$2.00 and be a part of the show. That is the same issue that caused us to move our gatherings to Mar's Drive In from Bob's on Blackstone. The charge represents a fee for something we don't really want. And, we don't want to suffer the abuse delivered by this gentleman.

We would appreciate a response to our concerns as we would really like to continue coming to Mar's Drive In and enjoy a family oriented evening. Thank you.



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.

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. Club members should show up at 9:30 am to help set up. 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:

4th: This years Christmas Party to be hosted by Richard and Nanette Schmitz. See the flyer in this newsletter for time, directions and what you should bring for the potluck. Call Rich or Nanette at 292-4130 if you have any questions. REMINDER: No regular meeting in December.

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January:

10th: 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.

February:

14th: 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.

March:

14th: 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.

April:

11th: 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.



Proposed Officers for 2005

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

President - Andy Hoff
Vice President - Gayle Huls
Secretary - Dennis Baker
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After the new slate of officers is elected then the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor positions will be filled.

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.

Mid to late sixties poverty caps. No dings but paint needs to be refreshed. Three say "PONTIAC" and one says "PONT MOTOR DIV" \$160 or best offer. Also have 2 sets of 68 Catalina tails lights, fender and trunk letters. Any reasonable offer accepted. Rick DiGiacomo 401-934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com.

68-69 GTO/ Lemans parts, including all stainless trim, side glass, door parts, set of Lemans custom caps, trim rings, fan with spacer, power steering box, rocker moldings, heater core, drive shafts, POSI rear end, front and rear bumper and more. Shipping will be a problem but perhaps you know someone who needs a part or you need one of the smaller items. Contact Rick at 401-934-0663 or frdigi@aol.com.

'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.

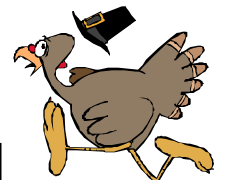
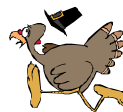
1968 Hurst Olds. Needs restoration. \$8,900. Call Dennis Baker at (559) 322-8441.

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 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 \$31 per year and includes a subscription to the POCI monthly magazine - "Smoke Signals". The magazine alone is worth the \$31. 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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(All area codes are 559)

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.