

The Straight Arrow



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Happy New Year!!

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President's Message

Should we make resolutions or shouldn't we make them? I suppose each of us has to make that decision for ourselves. What about our club? Should we make resolutions as a group? Seems that would be difficult as some members would work very hard to ensure that our collective resolutions are met while others would not be as committed. So, what to do?

Rather than making resolutions, we should consider building group agreement on what we want to be known for, what we are committed to, while also agreeing, generally, on what we are not committed to. For example, we all agreed to support our commitment to host the 2005 Western Regional at the Pines Resort in the fall. That's right, it is just nine months away. While that might be one of our continuing commitments this year, and it should be the one we focus on, perhaps there are others. We should consider committing to the following as well:

1. Continue to support each other in every way possible this year.
2. Try our best to find agreement among a variety of issues that may come up.
3. Recognize that this is a club of many, not just a few.
4. Continue to pursue the most enjoyable aspects of the Pontiac hobby we can.
5. Continue to put our best foot forward around the region and work at recruiting and retaining new members (remember it is easier to retain than to recruit).
6. Be cheerleaders for POCI and POCC, these are the organizations that brought us here.
7. Recognize that everyone has a life away from the club, and that life often make demands of us that can't be helped or put off.

I encourage all of you to think about your commitment for this year. We will need everyone involved and committed including partners, spouses, sons and daughters, friends and others to support our commitments to the 2005 Western Regional and each other.

Check out the club website for information about the Pontiac Car Show in Tustin (Laguna Hills) on February 5th. More about this at our January meeting. We need to be present at Pontiac events throughout this year, so pace yourselves and attend as many as you can or as many as "life" allows (carry fliers everywhere).

Let's start out the year with full attendance on January 10th at Denny's Diner. The management at Denny's would appreciate it if those of you who are going to eat at the meeting come at or before 6:30 PM and order all at once if possible. Ordering one at a time and during the meeting is difficult for the staff. *So, see you on the 10th and remember to pay your dues, volunteer, take a leadership role, and hang on, it's going to be a great year!*

Andy

Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

Our best wishes to Marlene Berglund and with hopes that by now you are well on your way to a speedy and complete recovery. For those of you who may not have heard Ron and Marlene were dancing at an event on New Years Eve. The floor was extremely slippery and Marlene slipped, fell down and broke her hip. After spending some time in the hospital and in rehab we hope that Marlene is now back home. What a way to start the New year.



2005 Regional Convention Clothing

Pricing/sizes: (current inventory shown in parenthesis)

T-shirts; short sleeve, available in ash or forest green

Sizes:

Medium; \$12.00 (2 ash; 0 green)

Large; \$12.00 (11 ash; 1 green)

X-Large; \$12.00 (13 ash; 0 green)

XX-large; \$14.00 (1 ash; 0 green)

T-shirt, long sleeve; available in ash

Sizes:

Medium; \$14.00 (2)

Large; \$14.00 (4)

X-Large; \$14.00 (4)

XX-Large; \$16.00 (2)

Hats

One size fits all, available in Grey and Green;
\$12.00 (11 grey; 8 green)

Sweat Shirts; Available in Ash

Sizes

Large; \$17.00 (1)

X-Large; \$17.00 (3)

XX-Large; \$18.00 (1)

Polo Shirts, with pocket; Available in ash and forest green

Sizes

Medium; \$19.00 (1 ash; 1 green)

Large; \$19.00 (3 ash; 3 green)

X-Large; \$19.00 (3 ash; 3 green)

XX-Large; \$20.00 (1 ash; 2 green)

XXX-Large; \$22.00 (1 ash; 0 green)

Polo Shirts, no pocket; Available in ash and forest green

Sizes

Medium; \$18.00 (2 ash; 0 green)

Large; \$18.00 (3 ash; 3 green)

X-Large; \$18.00 (4 ash; 2 green)

XX-Large; \$19.00 (2 ash; 0 green)

Ordering information:

Email your request to Brian Massey, be sure to include sizes and colors of each item ordered. Then, mail your check for the full amount to:

Brian Massey
35816 Bonadelle Ave.
Madera, CA 93638.

Your order will be shipped as soon as your check arrives. If you wish to save shipping charges, your order will be held for pickup at the convention.

Shipping/Handling Charges:

\$2.00 for the first item, \$1.00 for each additional item. Must be to the same address.

Questions/Comments: Contact Brian Massey, email: bjmassey@bigfoot.com or phone 559-645-8018.

Club Christmas Party Big Success

The Pontiacs of Central California's Members once again came together for a highly attended and enjoyed Christmas Party at the home of Nan and Richard Schmitz. Besides the great food and companionship, members were treated to an arcade style evening with the availability to play the Schmitz's large inventory of operating Vintage Pinball machines. That's right, besides enjoying playing with old cars, Richard and Nan are also great vintage Pinball Machine enthusiasts. Their collection of restored and operating Pinball machines brought back many childhood and teen memories.

The Pirate Christmas Present exchange was once again a big hit, with gifts being stolen from one member and stolen back by another.

The club supplied Ham went perfectly with all the great variety of Potluck dishes brought by attending members. Everyone had plenty to eat, and a great time was had by all.

The club owes Nan and Richard a big THANK YOU for opening their home to us



Rare Ram Air Restoration

NOTE: This is from an article on the Year One web site. Got to www.yearone.com to see more pictures and follow along with the restoration.

State of the art restorations, like so many other areas of the automotive hobby, are much more advanced today than they were just a couple of years ago. A national show winner of a few years ago will be hard-pressed to place well today, much less actually win. The level of craftsmanship and general knowledge of what is and is not correct has never been higher, and the cars being turned out by the best in the business are simply stunning.

With this in mind, we're going to document the restoration of a 1969 GTO convertible powered by the rare and desirable Ram Air IV engine. This car, a black-on-black 4-speed (one of only 45 RAIV 4-speeds built in '69, four of which were Judges) is owned by noted muscle car collector Milt Robson and is being restored by muscle car restoration expert Gilbert Propes of Propes Enterprises. This is a restoration dream team, and we can't thank Milt and Gilbert enough for allowing us to document the building of this car.

A restoration of this type is a long and extensive process, but we will try to condense the procedures down to a few key areas such as bodywork and paint, chassis restoration, drivetrain restoration and assembly of the vehicle.

When we first learned of the project and began the documentation process, the body was off the frame and was already at Wilfab Rod Shop for bodywork and paint. Meanwhile, Gilbert started work on the frame. Follow along with us now as we show you the beginnings of the project. And be sure to check back each month as we present another installment in the series



The GTO's frame was freshly painted when we arrived. Gilbert's standard procedure after disassembly is to start by restoring the frame to better than new condition, which includes making any necessary repairs before refinishing.



Notice how nice the floor pans in the GTO look, and also notice the 4-speed shifter hump on the tranny tunnel.



The GTO body was installed on a rotisserie so the floor and trunk area could be finished. The underside of the car is as meticulously prepared as the topside, and finished in the correct semi-gloss or "chassis" black.

Ronald H. Berglund

"Ron"

Running for POCI office of District Representative, Western Division



I would like to start off by saying that I have proudly been a member of POCI for 26 years. In that time, I've attended three POCI conventions (with plans to attend the 2005 & 2006 conventions), and was instrumental in the forming of POCI Chapter 67, Pontiacs of Central California

Currently I live in Fresno with my wife Marlene. Originally from North Dakota, I received my high school and college educations there before moving to California. I have been working in the life insurance business for over 25 years and have earned numerous awards and accolades for my outstanding sales. I am also proud to say, I have been a member of the LUTCF and MDRT.

I have two sons, John and James. John my oldest son who is 40 is also a Pontiac enthusiast, he owns a 1965 Pontiac Catalina 421, 4-speed convertible. James works for AAA in Long Beach, designing California road maps.

Fifty years of my life have been devoted to my love for Pontiac cars. During this time in the hobby I have acquired many classics. My garage is currently home to four such completely restored cars; a 1973 Pontiac 455 Grand Am; a 1929 Model A coupe (owned since 1957); a 1928 AR Model A roadster, and my favorite, a 1970 Pontiac Bonneville 455

Convertible.

As well as being a founder of Pontiacs of Central California, I have served as Activity Director, Vice President and President for two terms. Currently I am chairman of the Western Regional Convention Committee, planning the 2005 convention at Bass Lake, California. Besides POCI, I belong to and have held key positions in both the Fresno Elks Lodge, and the Shriners. In the Elks Lodge, I was the Exalted Ruler in 2000, and in Shriners, I am currently the chairman of the annual car show held in Fresno; I have been with Shirners for over 30 years. Ten years ago, the Fresno "Concourse De Elegance" Advisory Council asked me to become one of their official judges; something I've enjoyed every year since.

If elected I would strive to increase membership by asking everyone to recruit one new member, and to provide awards for the recruitment of new members. In that, I would like to see the recruitment of younger Pontiac owners as they are the lifeblood needed to strengthen national and local POCI chapters. Another goal would be to develop more communication; both inter-chapter, and with the POCI Board of Directors. The more communication we have, the stronger we will be.

The Western Division has held "Regional" Conventions for years, and I would promote the other divisions to do likewise. These conventions are a great way to get local chapters together to celebrate our love for Pontiac/Oakland automobiles, promoting a stronger division and building lasting friendships. And that is what makes our national, district, and chapters stronger.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for considering me for the District position and wish you all a great 2005.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Berglund

Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC monthly meetings are held at the Denny's at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Order dinner between 6:00 and 6:30, meetings start at 7:00 pm.

January:

10th: Monthly Meeting in the banquet room at Denny.

29th-30th: Turlock Swap meet: Contact Andy Hoff for meeting time/day & departure info: 559-298-4527.

February:

5th: Laguna Niguel Car Show: (Formally the "Tustin" show) It would be nice to make a strong presence at this show. We need to use this show to spread the word on our Regional!. Call Brian Massey (559-664-8018) for full details.

12th: Valentine Mystery Cruise: TBD

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

20th: Daytona 500 Party: There will probable be a small charge this year, expect about \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of food and building rent. Full details at February meeting or call Brian Massey (559-664-8018)..

March:

5th: Blossom Trail Run: Andy in charge

5th: Lovegren Pontiac Car Show: Trying to confirm.

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

19th or 26th: Combined run with Pontiacs of Bakersfield; We're trying to put this together now. Info will be posted as soon as confirmed.

April:

11th: Monthly Meeting in the banquet room at Denny's.

16th or 23rd: Cruise to Mammoth; The Big Orange! Details TBD.

23rd: Clovis Parade; Details TBD

May:

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

15th: 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.

28th: Cruise to?? We can decide at a later meeting.

June:

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

25th: 6th Annual Bonander Car Show: Not yet confirmed, but . . . Show will be at Bonander's Turlock store, 231 South Center Street.

??: Cruise to?? We can decide at a later meeting.



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.

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).

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.

1941 Chevy Special Deluxe Sedan, six cylinder, all stock. Contact Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900 for more information and price.

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

68 Firebird drivers side door. Contact Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.

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

Officers for 2005

Voting took place at the November meeting and here are your 2005 officers:

President - Andy Hoff
Vice President - Gayle Huls
Secretary - Dennis Baker
Treasurer - Bill Truckell
Activities - Brian Massey

The following two positions will be filled by the new officers:

Newsletter editor -
Webmaster -

Reminder to New Officers

Remember the club pays the yearly POCI dues for the club Board of Directors. The Board of Directors includes the elected officers as well as the appointed officers. In order for the club to pay your yearly dues you need to give Bill Truckell your yearly renewal form that comes with your monthly Smoke Signals. Bill will write out a check to POCI and mail your renewal in.





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.

