

The Straight Arrow



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Pontiac Oakland Club International Chapter #67

President's Message

A couple of years ago, Joel included us in some of his many excursions into buying a used car. Since we haven't heard from him in print for a while, I thought I would share my most recent experience.

As many of you know, my son David turned 16 last year. We assured him he would get his own car, but not at first. So, he continued to ride the yellow limo to and from school. Often, his mom would have to take him or pick him up because of school activities, volunteer work, or appointments. He really enjoyed being picked up by his mom. We had several conversations about what style of Pontiac he liked the most as he knew I was unlikely to buy anything else. He really liked the third generation Firebirds (1983 to 1992) in dark metallic blue with power everything. Added to that our interests in keeping the insurance costs below bankruptcy level (remember he is 16) we wanted a V-6, airbags, ABS if possible, and a value that didn't require collision coverage. Then add in the need for the car to be in good shape, no major damage, no major mechanical problems, and lower mileage, well, he was more confident than I was that something could be found.

After several months of watching the paper, parking lots, side streets, the internet, eBay, and weekly car ads, David was getting a little worried. He wouldn't admit it but I believe if any make, model, color of anything came along, he would take it. I was the same way when I was his age. Just a few weeks ago I was looking on the Internet at fresnobee.com, I spotted an ad for a '95 Grand Prix SE that sounded good. I called and learned the car was being sold by the original owner, was driven by his wife, the guy was a mechanic, the car had never been damaged and had

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C January 10, 2005 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our President Andy Hoff at 7:05 after passing around an agenda for the meeting.

We had two visitors - Cameron Gibson graced our good club with a neat Oldsmobile he's restoring a 69 Olds 442 4spd Convertible also present was Kevin Hammon who owns a LeMans Spt Cpe (yr unknown). Welcome both of you.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Since no meeting took place in December the minutes for the month of November were seconded and approved.

Treasurers' report- There are 34 paid members. Dues are due. Please pay Bill Truckell when you see him. All members who purchased merchandise @ the Christmas party please pay Bill Truckell.

Newsletter Editor Report - We need articles for the newsletter please send anything you have to Joel Garrett @ Calbug61@aol.com.

Webmaster report - No Update. Brian is out of town. He did however ask that members send pictures with a few words to post.

2005 Western Regionals- Brain Massey passed around a sponsorship programs providing details. We should all mention that 50% of all proceeds will be donated to a Children's charity. A M&S was passed to award the winner a \$90 gift certificate for the Pines Resort to who ever brings in the most sponsorship \$\$\$'s by June 1st.

Past activities: Mystery cruise -Thanks to Richard and Nanette Schmitz as the gracious hosts of the Club Christmas Party. Applause, applause, applause.

Upcoming events - Feb. 12 is our Valentine's Mystery Cruise. Carl has volunteered to host the event. Details in the newsletter. Feb. 20th

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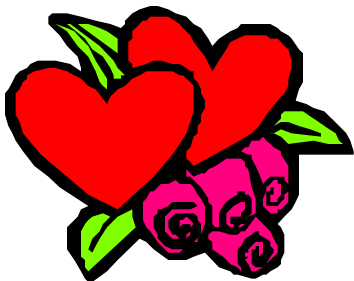
President;s message continued

103,000 miles over the past 10 years. Well, I surprised David and we went that evening to look at the car. On the way over, I was imparting life lessons to him about the ins and outs of buying a car. The main thing I told him was never to buy a car in the dark or the rain. We arrived at dark and it started to rain.

The owner was great, very proud of the car. We took it for drive and thrashed it around a few blocks. Other than a few lights not working, it was amazing. When we returned to his house, he had moved a car out of the garage so we could see the car under the lights. All was original. With a bright white finish, factory pin stripes, spoiler, five spoke wheels, power seats and heads up display, I was sold (I hoped David was as well). We negotiated an even lower price than I thought possible. The deal was done. That body style of Grand Prix's was not David's favorite as his mom and sister both drove later models. After a few days, he told us that he really liked the car and was anxious to work on it when time allowed. Couldn't be better and the car has performed flawlessly.

Why don't some of you write about the time you got your first car, or your son or daughter's first car. Send it to Joel by email. We can relive another part of the Pontiac hobby. More later.

Andy



Minutes continued....

- Daytona 500 viewing and lunch, cost of \$10 includes lunch. Pontiac run w/ Bakersfield Chapter to take place in the future.

New Business - Ron Berglund has been asked by POCI to run for the Western Division Director. An article will appear in Smoke Signals. Marlene injured herself during a New Year's Eve celebration. We all wish her a speedy recovery

Old business: The letter sent to Mar's Drive in has not been answered.

This month's winner of the attendance raffle was Dave Valla.

Next meeting is February 14th, 2005.

Meeting adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary

2005 Dues

This is your yearly reminder about 2005 dues. Remember you must submit proof of POCI membership when paying your dues. The easiest way to do this is to send in with your dues or show Bill, if you pay him at a meeting, the back cover of your most recent Smoke Signals. Dues are still \$24 with an associate members dues being \$5. By paying associate member dues for your spouse or significant other they can then hold office and vote.

Dues will be delinquent on March 1, 2005. If you have not paid your dues by then you will be dropped from the rolls and no longer receive this great newsletter. If you cannot attend the next meeting then send a check to Bill Truckell at 444 East Michigan, Fresno, CA 93704.

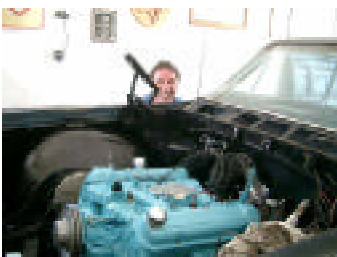
Our '63 G.P. and me

My love of Pontiac automobiles I'd have to say all began in, well, 1963. It was February of '63 when my dad took delivery of his new Pontiac. I was only 3 years old at the time, and somehow I believe the fever was already flowing through my veins. To this day I still love my mom's version of the story. . . It was a



I think this end goes in first. Oops, I hope it didn't fall into the pan!!!!

Sunday morning, and as we were just leaving church one of my dad's friends says, "Hey, I saw your new Pontiac on the showroom floor down at Mitchell Motors" (everybody knows everybody in a town of 13,000). Of course this was all new news

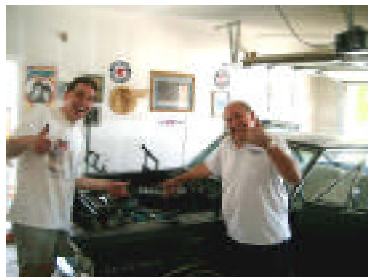


And they said it would never fit!!!!!!

to my mom! Pops quickly recovered with, Happy Birthday Honey! . . . You see my mom's birthday happens to be in February. Little did I know this car was to become our family's main mode of

transportation for many years to come.

Fast forward 1978, and I'm about to embark upon the working world, and looking for my first car. My dad asks, "Would you be interested in restoring the old Pontiac?" Hmmmmm, it had been sitting in the garage the



All back together, no parts left over and it purrs like a kitten.

past several years with 136,000 miles on her, and ready to be overhauled. He said, "You may as well put your money into it as well as anything else since you already know the history." I'd always enjoyed the car, and from that time on I really became fascinated with all classic cars, but especially Pontiacs since the 8 lug wheels and wide track theme were always my favorite!



First test run with the new engine. Was that a knocking sound I just heard?????

In 1995 Nan and I acquired another '63 G.P. which was a black 4 speed car. It had a 421 tri-power set up, it was a really fun car. At the time I couldn't keep both, and I reluctantly sold the original.



Q: How many POCC members does it take to open a door?

A: Four, they need one more to get it open.

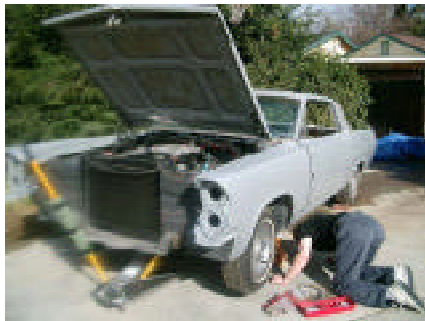
To keep this long story short in a very cool (and somewhat miraculous turn of events) my original G.P. turned up on eBay last January 04. My friend George from whom I had bought the black G.P. (and we hadn't talked for

about 6 months) happened to call me and asked me if I'd be interested in selling him his car back?! I told him I believe I just might, because while all this was transpiring my friend Paul had bought my car off eBay! Paul had called me prior to bidding to see if I was going to bid on my car. I had told him as much as I wanted to I just don't know if I want to go through all the work it's gonna take to restore it! This was all happening pretty fast, (and as those who know me know I buy a lot

of cars in a hurry.) The G.P. is back home with many thanks to my friend Paul for bidding on it, and to my friends of POCC for their help and support.



Getting her ready for the body and paint shop is always a major undertaking, unless you just do it the Joel way.



I hear the '63 is now at the body shop/painters. Maybe we will soon be seeing Rich and Nannette in their newly finished 1963 Gran Prix.

Ten Best Things to Say If....

Ten Best Things to Say if you Get Caught Sleeping at Your Desk.

10. "They told me at the Blood Bank this might happen."

9. "This is just a 15 minute power nap they raved about in the time management course you sent me to."

8. "Whew! Guess I left the top off the Whiteout. You probably got here just in time."

7. "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new business strategy."

6. "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."

5. "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-relat stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?"

4. "Heck! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out how to handle that big accounting problem."

3. "Did you ever notice sound coming out of these keyboards when you put your ear down real close?"

2. "Who put decaf in the wrong pot?"

NUMBER ONE best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk.....

Raise your head slowly and say, "...in Jesus name, Amen."



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.

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. We will meet at the Airways Golf Course parking lot and be departing for the cruise at 9:30 am. See full details at the bottom of page 7.

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

20th: Daytona 500 Party: The Daytona 500 party will be at the Portuguese hall in Easton . Take Fwy 41 South to American Ave.; turn right (West) to old Hwy 41; turn left (South) to Jefferson; turn right (West) to 172 West Jefferson. A wonderful BBQ lunch will be available for \$10.00, the hall will provide a "No-Host" bar, and if you drive your "classic", you will get up-front parking.

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.

1971 Pontiac 400 engine on stand that goes with the engine. Call Dennis Simonson at 559-299-8910 for more information.

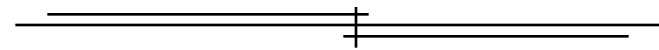
1941 Chevy Special Deluxe Sedan, six cylinder, all stock. Contact Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900 for more information and price.

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



February Mystery Cruise



Hi everyone, We will be meeting at the Airways Golf Course parking lot at 5440 E. Shields Ave on February 12th. The golf course is located just north of the Fresno Air Terminal. A cross street is Sheilds and Clovis Ave. Departure time will be promptly at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to have a full tank of gas and be ready for some great fun and food. For more information call Carl or Robbin at 559-834-4933 or e-mail them at gorillaspad@webtv.com.

Hope you can all be there.

Thanks,

Carl & Robbin

PS: So Carl, where are we going????





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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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.



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