

The Straight Arrow



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Pontiac Oakland Club International Chapter #67

President's Message

We didn't see many blossoms and the sun came out around 1:00 PM but we had a great time at the first local show of the year at Lovegren Motors in Sanger on March 5. Stan Lovegren is always a great host and this year was no exception. He came by and showed us photos of the progress on his '67 GTO. Incredible detail and expense will make his car a show stopper and very fast as well.

We had a reserved space for the club and almost filled it with nine cars attending and other club members just driving out to visit. The show is very low key with music, participation plaques and free hotdogs and sodas. We even met up with a potential new member who recently purchased a red '67 GTO hardtop and is working on it with his three sons. I hope he joins because we are running low on '67 GTO's in the club.

Spring has been late in coming this year, given all the rain we have had and will continue to have for a while. I was anxious to attend the Lovegren show as my car had not been out of the shop since Toys For Tots last November. I dutifully went out on Thursday evening and checked all the fluids, aired up the tires, and cleaned out the trunk. I even moved the GTO to our garage in front in anticipation of rain on Friday, March 4th. It was a good decision as the rain did come. So, on Saturday morning, all I had to do was open the garage door and drive straight out. I was pleased that, without much dust since November, the car was pretty clean. Returning from the show, I made a very bad decision. As I pulled onto the driveway leading to the garage, I thought, "I bet the pasture was 'ok' to drive on since it didn't rain that much Friday and the sun was out. So, around back I drove, intent on putting the car away and relaxing for the rest of the afternoon. The outcome is so obvious, that I wish I had put more thought into my decision. I got the car stuck in the

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C February 14, 2005 meeting

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

Our guests included Jim and Judy Law who own a 70 GTO and Dave and his wife who own a '04 GTO, both couples are from Oakhurst. Also visiting tonight was Matthew who owns a 56 Starchief. Welcome all.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The minutes from the January meeting were S&A.

Treasurers' report- There are 18 paid members and 4 associate. 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 -send anything you would like to see in the newsletter to Joel Garrett @ Calbug61@aol.com.

Webmaster report -Brian has received some information which will be posted to the site.

2005 Western Regionals- 105 rooms were set aside by the Pines. To date 106 rooms have been booked. Ergo the Pines is sold out. Brian and Greg have booked a block of rooms at a hotel 8 miles away. The hotel info will follow. To date there are 48 entries. Most of them are from the Golden Gate Goats and So. Cal Chapter of the POCI. An additional 20-25 parking space were also added at the lower level by the post office. This should make for about 125 spaces total. Jim Wangers has expressed his interest in attending. Sponsorships are desperately needed. Everyone is encouraged to get out and solicit. Remember there is a list of sponsors being contacted on the website.

Past activities: Laguna Hills - Carl talked about the event and everyone who made the

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Four New Members

Four new members have signed on to become part of POCC for this year.

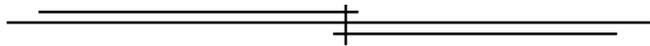
The first is Dave Wolin and his wife June. They reside in Oakhurst and own a 2004 Pontiac GTO.

The second is Matthew Mott and his wife Susan from Clovis. They own a 1956 Pontiac Star Chief.

The third is Jerry Markin and his wife Angelique Schaum also from Clovis. They own a 1980 Pontiac Trans Am.

The fourth is Kyle Weaver from Lemoore who owns a 1967 Pontiac GTO.

Four new members in less than two months has to be record, let's be sure to welcome all of them at the next event.



President's message continued

pasture near the shop. The lot slopes uphill slightly to the shop door and the grass was slick enough that even Safe-T-Track wouldn't help. After a few attempts, it was obvious that old clothes and considerable digging were necessary. As both my wife and son were sick with the flu, it was up to me. Fortunately, with some large rubber mats, three wheelbarrows of sand and an hour's time, I finally pulled the car into the shop. You can imagine the result of spinning tires and plenty of torque. The mud around the wheel wells is caked on and the underside of the rear of the car, the rockers and bumper look like the General Lee after a full week of chasing rabbits in a swamp. Not pretty. Is there a moral to this story? You bet. Don't be stupid.

Hope your first time out with your classic Pontiac or Oldsmobile is safe, free from breakdown and mud free. More later.

Andy

Minutes continued....

trip made it down and back without incident.

Valentine Cruise - Carl and Robin were congratulated on planning and executing an outstanding cruise.

Upcoming events - March 5th - Lovegren Motors Car Show. Everyone wishing to caravan should meet at the Sonic Drive-in on Herndon in Clovis by 7:45. We will leave at 8am sharp. Pontiac run w/ Bakersfield Chapter to take place in the future. Arrangements are being made.

Dan Seibert expressed an interest in arranging a cruise and overnight stay to Hearst Castle sometime in April/May. There was favorable response from the attendees, more to follow. March meet at Fomoso is coming watch for further info.

New Business - The club requested suggestions for charities to donate proceeds to from the Western Regional Show. A ballot will be presented at the next meeting to be voted on. Several suggestions were: Best Dressed Kids, Shriner's Children's Charities, Great Scott Foundations, Bone Marrow Recipients Charity, Wish Upon a Star and Toys for Tot's. Ron Berglund is running for the POCI Western Region Directors position. Watch for the ballot in Smoke Signals and please vote for Ron.

Tonight's winner of the attendance raffle was Greg Griggs. Therefore next months amount will be \$10.

Respectfully,
Dennis Baker
Secretary



POCC invades SCC POCI annual Show n' Shine!



It's become an annual event for POCC, the weekend trip to Southern California to participate in the Southern California Chapter of POCI's annual Show n' Shine. This event was formerly held at the Tustin Pontiac Dealer (we called it the "Tustin Show"), but was moved this year to Phillips

Pontiac in Laguna Hills.

There were many beautiful Ponchos on display, but most of us were too busy working the '05 Regional booth to enjoy all the chrome! The booth did well, we sold many items of



"Regional Wear", gained 4 new entries and booked the Pines solid! I would call that good day. As a bonus, I spoke with Dave Anderson, who by his own admission is "Chief



Instigator" when it comes to setting Jim Wangers appointment book. To make a long story short, we have secured Jim for our Regional!



A big thanks to Ron Berglund for supplying the pictures.



Ron and Greg setting up the registration booth.

Ron and Brian signing up a new entry for our Western Regional.



Carl, his GTO and Tiger

Joel and Ron standing around looking official!!!!



Mystery Cruise



KUDOS to Robyn and Carl Smith. Even though they are fairly new members of our club, they volunteered to organize our Valentines Day Mystery Cruise last

month, and boy did they do a great job. The cruise started at the Airways Golf Course parking lot. Even though the weather was a little iffy, with rain possible, the member turn out was huge with approximately 14 vehicles participating in the cruise.

The Smith's got everything off to an excellent start in the Pontiacs of Central Calif tradition with lots of donuts(the edible kind) for all participants. Then each participating person in each vehicle rolled a die (one dice) and was



awarded poker chips in differing denominations according to what number on the die was rolled. This was done at the beginning of the cruise and repeated at each pre-arranged



stop along the route as well as the final destination. The individual with the highest amount(\$\$) of chips got a free lunch on the club. Robyn also passed out Valentine treats along the way to each vehicle.

The cruise took us through many of the small towns of the southeast valley,



ending at a small restaurant along the Kings River in Reedley where lunch was enjoyed by all.



As no big surprise to anyone, Dennis Schwarz won the free lunch with the highest poker chip total (by far).

Also in attendance in the cruise was another new POCC member family, Sue and Matt Mott, with their newly acquired 1956 Pontiac.

All in all this event can only be described as a huge success. All the cars performed well, the weather cleared, nobody got lost and Robyn and Carl chose an enjoyable route.



Surprisingly enough we were not raided by the Fresno County Sheriffs Department for running a floating crap game.

Thanks again to the Smith's for volunteering to organize this event, and showing that even though you are fairly new to the club, it really is rewarding to step up and take a chance and volunteer to organize a club event.



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.

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.

July:

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.

23rd: Summer BBQ. Tentative, and not confirmed. If you would like to host this years BBQ, please contact Brian at: 559-645-8018

August:

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.

??th: Clovis Farmer's Market! Andy, can you set up??

??: Cruise to?? We'll vote at the January 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.

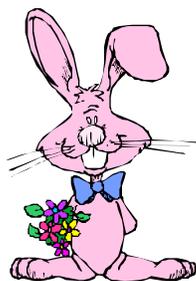
1941 Chevy Special Deluxe Sedan, six cylinder, all stock. Contact Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900 for more information and price.

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



2005 Dues

This is your last newsletter if your dues are not paid by the end of March. 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 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 are now delinquent. If you do not pay your dues by the end of this month you will be dropped from the rolls and no longer receive this great newsletter. You can pay dues at the next meeting or send a check to Bill Truckell at 444 East Michigan, Fresno, CA 93704.





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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