

# The Straight Arrow



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Western Regional



Pontiac Oakland Club International Chapter #67

## President's Message

We had a great club meeting a few weeks ago at Denny's. With returning visitors and new members, it would appear we are on the move to reach 40 member families in the next few months. This is a significant accomplishment. While other clubs may grow and fade or dissolve in the heat of arguments and disagreements, we always find a way to discuss any and all issues and come to a reasonable conclusion. I think the vote on which charities to support from the net proceeds of the 2005 Regional was a good example of that.

Speaking of the 2005 Regional, we are doing great. The Bass Lake location is selling itself as realized by selling out all available rooms at the resort far in advance. As Brian and others noted at our March meeting, what we need now are sponsors. Getting sponsors is little different than soliciting raffle prizes, you have to ask to receive. And remember, we are going to need raffle prizes as well. So, what stops us from asking for sponsors and prizes? Fear of rejection? Well, everyone is rejected in some way almost everyday. At least with our event, we are asking for support for something we all believe in. In fact, our Regional has so much going for it that it should be easier than other things we have tried. Consider the following; 1) it seems everyone wants to come, it's a winner, 2) we will host several hundred people who share the same interest in classic cars, whether they enjoy the working on cars, Pontiac pride, or the social side of similar events, 3) we have great club members who represent the club well, 4) we are supporting respected charities who will benefit from our success, 5) we need a high level of sponsorship to ensure our success, both from the event side and financially (it would be a shame to succeed on all levels and go broke in the process), 6) you all know businesses related to our hobby because you patronize their stores and shops all the time, and 7) it is our responsibility to

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## Minutes of the P.O.C.C March 14, 2005 meeting

The meeting was called to order by our President Andy Hoff at 7:00 after passing around an agenda for the meeting.

Our guests included Jerry Markin -1980 TA, Kyle Weaver-67 GTO, Phil Lundell-69FB Conv., Dave & Jane -04 GTO. Welcome all.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The minutes from the February were tabled until April.

Treasurers' report- There are 27 paid members and 5 associate members. Dues are due.

Newsletter Editor Report -send anything you would like to see in the newsletter to Joel Garrett @ [Calbug61@aol.com](mailto:Calbug61@aol.com).

Webmaster report -No information provide to update site.

2005 Western Regionals- To date there are 61 entries. The Safari Club is estimating 8 cars will register. Brian is working on Valley Wide Distributors to sponsor. Remember there is a list of sponsors being contacted on the website. Everyone who knows anyone is encouraged to solicit donations. A block of rooms has been booked at the Best Western in Oakhurst.

Past activities:

Upcoming events: Cruise to Mammoth Orange is in the works. Clovis Parade 4/23/05

Dan Seibert has arranged a cruise and overnight stay to Hearst Castle /San Simeon the week of 4/23/05, details in newsletter. Joel Garrett was approached by the Mopar Club to cruise to Atwater Castle museum. Details to follow. Tower Show - 4/9/05

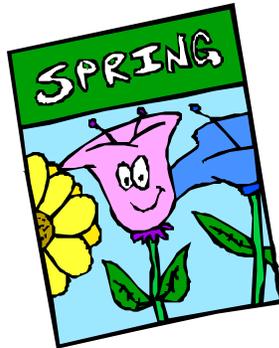
Former Cherry Auction is now held at the Save Mart Center- 4/17/05.

MAR's Drive-in Friday night cruise/show is currently underway.

New Business –New membership committee  
 – Think about how the Club can increase membership. 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 Rick Jones; however, Rick was nowhere to be found. We miss him and hope he's doing well. But that means next months amount will increase to \$20.

Respectfully,  
 Dennis Baker  
 Secretary




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President's message continued ....

get this done because, remember, we all voted to support the bid for this event and see it through to the end. Well, the end is in sight and we need your help in gathering sponsorships.

If it is easier, team up with another member for your visit to a potential sponsor. In fact, take your significant other and maybe your kids. Some people like kids you know. You don't necessarily need to convince a potential sponsor on the first visit. Talk about the Regional, our club, those who will attend, the location and the charities. Tell them you will be back. Then, don't call them on the phone, go back and talk to them in person. It's too easy to turn people down over the phone. Just be yourself, be persistent, and be active. You aren't through with your commitment to gain sponsorships if you only try one place. Keep at it. We will all succeed in the end and our charities will benefit as well. More later.

Andy

# Madera High School Car Show

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Madera High Car Show, more commonly known as the ET Extravaganza. It will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005. This has grown from a small little show, the first one had about 20 or 25 vehicles to over 200 vehicles of all sizes and shapes.



If anyone would like to bring their classic car contact Sam



like to bring their classic car contact Sam Fisher for an entry form. If anyone would like to attend and help judge some of the different classes again

contact Sam. You will probably get a free hamburger lunch and have the satisfaction of helping the Engineering and Technology Career School raise money to help fund their various student activities during the school year.



1st Place -  
 Chris  
 Rodriguez

Last year's  
 Muscle Car  
 trophy  
 winners.  
 These trophies  
 were  
 sponsored by  
 POCC.



2nd Place -  
 Morgan  
 Brandt

# Sanger Show at Lovegren Pontiac

Article by Joel Garrett & Pictures by Bill Richards



Stan Lovegren, owner of Lovegren Motors in Sanger, opened his car dealership for another great car show to help raise money for Sanger High School Sober Graduation. For the last few years, Pontiacs of Central Calif members have participated by beginning the day with members caravanning to Sanger, while admiring the “blossom trail” along

the way. This year members met at our un-official activity starting place, the Sonic at Herndon and Fowler. Club President , Andy Hoff, then led the caravan to Sanger in time to fill the space reserved for “Pontiacs” at this “open to all cars” car show. The weather was a little cloudy, but



remained dry, and the sun

finally made an appearance about 2 P.M.. Entrants received free food all day long, and a raffle was held in which club member Ken Mueller seemed to be the big winner.



In the dealer show room, members got the chance to see the new 2005 400 hp GTO in person.

Stan Lovegren shared some photos of the progress he has made on his 1967 GTO project that will be one unbelievable car when completed, hopefully by next years show.

Lovegren Motors’ Mike Weber is also instrumental in putting on this great show. Many members may remember Mike Weber from Faggart Pontiac in Porterville. Mike used to work for Ted Faggart, and was the driving force behind the show in Porterville in which we used to attend every year.

The location, quality and variety of cars, the food and raffle, and club member participation made this show extremely enjoyable for all who attended



Cheryl Richards got to show off her new convertible.



Dennis Baker will tell anyone who will listen why Oldsmobiles are better than Pontiacs.

## John DeLorean Dies



On March 19, John Zachary DeLorean died at the age of 80 after complication from a stroke. Most of us think of John DeLorean as the father of the GTO and the inventor or the car that

bears his name. But it seems he had other accomplishments as well. He was the first of four sons. His father was a foundry worker for the Ford Motor Company. He played the saxophone in a jazz band and was good enough to win a music scholarship. He later changed his major to engineering, which was obviously a good thing for Pontiac fans. In 1948 after graduating from college he was hired by Chrysler. In 1956 he was hired by Pontiac as an engineering director. By the time he turned 40 John DeLorean was the Pontiac leader and four years later became head of the Chevrolet division. By 1973 he was head of GM's North American automotive operations. General Motors Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner made the following statement about John DeLorean: "John DeLorean was one of Detroit's larger-than-life figures who secured a noteworthy place in our industry's history. He made a name for himself through his talent, creativity, innovation and daring. At GM, he will always be remembered as the father of the Pontiac GTO, which really started the muscle-car craze of the '60s." He also had over 40 patents to his name to include recessed windshield wipers and the over head cam engine.

John DeLorean is also the inventor of the car that bears his name, the DeLorean, an all stainless-steel gull wing sports car. The car was powered by a rear mounted V-6 fuel injected engine that produced around 130 HP and could go from 0-60 in under eight

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## San Simeon Cruise



Come join us on a fun trip to San Simeon and Cambria. We'll picnic at the pier, have a beach party, go in search of Elephant Seals and those who are willing can take a tour of Hearst Castle.

We will be leaving Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 sharp from the parking lot on Shields and Freeway 41 (southwest corner), across the street from Manchester Center. After arriving at San Simeon we will picnic at the park adjacent to the pier so be sure to bring a lunch. Saturday night we are all invited to Bill and Judy's beach house in Cayucos for a potluck/Bar-B-Q. A Bar-B-Q will be available for our use, the club will supply salad and rolls, so bring or pickup (over there) whatever you want for dinner and your drinks. After dinner we will build a fire on the beach, so bring lawn chairs and marshmallows. Sunday morning we will cruise to Ragged Point to view undeveloped coast line, a group picture and the Elephant Seals. Those who want to view Hearst Castle should make reservations for Saturday afternoon or early Sunday afternoon.

You can stay at the Motel 6 in San Simeon or at the Cavalier Inn. Rooms are limited so make your reservation as soon as possible.

Motel 6 - \$67.99 + tax - 1-805-927-8691

Cavalier Inn - \$119 to \$259 + tax - 1-805-927-4688

Hearst Castle Reservations- 1-800-444-4445 (Tickets run around \$15 each for adults)

Call Dan Seibert at (559) 289-1775 if you have any questions.

# 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.

## 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**

**30th: Cruise to San Simeon. Leave Fresno at 8:30 on Saturday and return on Sunday. See full details on page 5. Call Dan Seibert at (559) 289-1775 if you have any questions.**

## 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.**

## September:

**12th: 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.**

**30th-2nd: POCC Western Regional Convention: Plan on being at Bass Lake EARLY!!**



## For Sale

**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.

**Weather striping, seat covers, head liners,** sun visors, seat belts and carpets for most makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, (559) 322-8441.

**Two sets of 68 Catalina tails.** Any reasonable offer accepted. Call or e-mail Rick DiGiacomo at 401-934-0663 or frdigi@cox.com.

**Miscellaneous 55 Pontias parts.** Contact Rick DiGiacomo for list of items and prices at 401-934-0663 or frdigi@cox.com.

**Miscellaneous 69 Firebird parts.** Convertible brackets, pump and cylinders. Hood, tail lights, dash, grills, rear seat springs and console. Also a 66 GTO rear bumper and miscellaneous trim. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 692-2900.

**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, \$50. 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, \$150. 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.

**1971 Pontiac 400 engine, with 1969 GTO heads** on stand that goes with the engine. Call Dennis Simonson at 559-299-8910 for more information.

**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

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



John DeLorean continued ....



seconds. The DeLorean started production in 1981 but the company failed in 1983 after building around 8,900 cars. The car lives on as the time-travel machine in the "Back to the Future" movies.

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According to the Volo Auto Museum in Illinois, John DeLorean's death has boosted the price of the Pontiac GTO he designed and increased interest in the DeLorean cars.

The museum sold three GTOs since his death, including a 1969 GTO convertible for more than \$100,000, museum president Greg Grams said, according to the Auto Channel Web site.

Source: Detroit Free Press



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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