

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

Where is the Pontiac Motor Division (PMD) going? I'm sure many of you noted the passing of John Delorean just a couple of months ago. PMD history notes that he was the person most responsible for the development of the GTO for Pontiac in 1964. With his passing comes information out of Detroit that plans for a completely new GTO for 2007, built in the US on an entirely new rear-wheel drive platform, have been postponed or may be cancelled. In our global corporate network it also means that the replacement for the Monaro in Australia (papa to the current GTO) will not be built as it was to be based on the new platform as well. And, since the current Monaro-based GTO can't meet federal standards after 2007, well, you know what will happen.

We read that GM is not doing well. Recently it was reported that SUV sales were off 22% this year and those manufacturers depending on that segment will suffer (including GMC). With the demise of the Bonneville at the end of this year, the loss of the Firebird a couple of years ago, the slow sales of the new G6 are not helping much either. The only dim bright spot was the replacement of the Aztec with a revised clone mini-SUV from the corporate parts bin.

So, where does that leave Pontiac? Has the death of John Delorean coincided with the possible death of the GTO and possibly PMD? If the Solstice two-seater doesn't catch on (recall that Pontiac's last venture into this market was the Fiero), we may be left with a

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C April 11, 2005 meeting

Andy was unable to make tonight's meeting so our Vice President Gayle Huls took over and called the meeting to order at 7:00 after passing around an agenda.

No guests were present.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of the minutes for April were postponed.

Treasurers' report- Bill was unable to stay for the meeting and asked Joel to present. The club is in the black and there are 29 paid members with 5 associate members.

Newsletter Editor Report - Email copies of the Newsletter were sent out today. Paper copies will be sent this week. Please send anything you would like to see in the newsletter to Joel Garrett @ Calbug61@aol.com.

Webmaster report - Pics of the Mammoth run are posted and the trip to San Simeon will be posted this week.

2005 Western Regionals- Brian gave us the low down - Need sponsors and \$\$'s. We need sponsors and \$\$'s We need sponsors and \$\$'s. Oh, did I mention we need sponsors and \$\$'s. Everyone needs to sell at least \$200 worth of sponsor's to make this show profitable. As of tonight there are 82 paid entrants. A committee meeting will be held Tuesday 5/10/05 at 3pm at Denny's Blackstone and Herndon. Art Fitzgerald is confirmed as the featured speaker at the Banquet Saturday evening. Art was the artist responsible for Pontiac's art work during the 50's and 60's. Should be good. A DJ will play all day during the Saturday's car show and Elvis and Dream Weaver will highlight during the afternoon. Dennis Shwartz has arranged to purchase some NASCAR models to be auctioned off at the regionals.

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President's message continued

line-up that includes an aging Grand Prix, a slow selling G6, the Toyota-derived Vibe, the new Solstice, and a weak line-up of pretend SUV's that are attached, distantly, to a declining market. If GM doesn't turn it around, we can all join the Oldsmobile enthusiasts at car shows that cater to "the glory that once was." I hope not. More later.

Andy

Minutes continued

Upcoming events: Cruise w/ the Pontiacs of Bakersfield - no new developments.

May 28th - Cruise to Caliches be there at 4:45 or earlier.

June 11th - MAR's drive-in cruise.

June 25th - Bonnander Show in Turlock,

June 25th -Northside Christian Church show,

July 16th -Shriner's Show at Manchester Mall,

July 30th -Sanger Farmer's Market.

Past events - Cruise to Mammoth Orange was very successful. See the website for pic's. Also the Cruise arranged by Dan Seibert to San Simeon was a huge success. Pictures on the website .

Old Business - On a sad note Ron Berglund was not chosen as the area rep for the POCl.

Tonight's winner of the attendance raffle was Dan Siebert. Next months raffle will be \$10.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

Secretary



Did you know???

But did you know that according to Encyclopedia Britannia, "About 15 BC, the Roman architect and engineer Vitruvius mounted a large wheel of known circumference in a small frame, in much the same fashion as the wheel is mounted on a wheelbarrow; when it was pushed along the ground by hand it automatically dropped a pebble into a container at each revolution, giving a measure of the distance traveled. It was, in effect, the first odometer."

Chang Heng the inventor of the known seismograph, also invented an odometer that had a figure that struck a drum as each li or 0.5 km went by to measure distance.

Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662) invented a prototype of an odometer, a calculating machine called a pascaline. The pasacaline was constructed of gears and wheels. Each gear contained 10 teeth that when moved one complete revolution, advanced a second gear one place. This is the same principal employed in the mechanical odometer.

Ben Franklin (1706-1790) is best known as a statesman and writer, however he was also an inventor. While serving as Postmaster General in 1775, Franklin decided to analyze the best routes for delivering the mail. He invented a simple odometer to help measure the mileage of the routes that he attached to his carriage.

An odometer called the "roadometer" was invented in 1847 by the Morman pioneers crossing the plains from Missouri to Utah. The roadometer attached to a wagon wheel and counted the revolutions of the wheel as the wagon traveled. It was designed by William Clayton and Orson Pratt, and built by carpenter Appleton Milo Harmon.

William Clayton was inspired to invent the roadometer by his first method of recording the distance the pioneers travelled each day. Clayton had determined that 360 revolutions

PONTIACS AT THE COAST

I am beginning to see a problem arising for our club. Lately, it seems that each activity we have has been such a success that it is going to intimidate members to volunteer to plan a club activity in the future.



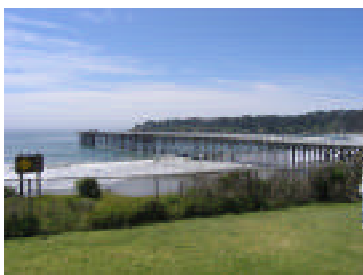
My case in point, was our recent trip to San Simeon planned by Dan Seibert, with the help of Bill Truckell and Judy. At first this activity sounded like your average club event, with members cruising to a location, having a meal and then heading home. Fun, but nothing out of the ordinary. Boy were we pleasantly surprised!!



The trip started off with members meeting at HWY 41 and Shields Ave. The weather could not have been better for

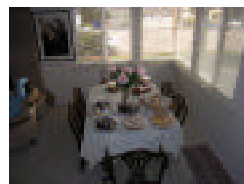


a drive to the coast. Aprox. 12 vehicles caravanned to our first stop in Kettleman City for a drink and restroom stop. Then a relaxing 60 mph drive on HWY 41/46 to Paso Robles for another restroom and fuel stop. Next we enjoyed the very scenic drive from HWY 101 to HWY 1 through some of the most picturesque country in Central Calif. At HWY 1 we turned North and drove through Cambria to a beautiful little park adjacent to the pier in San Simeon. There we were met by a couple additional club members that left a day earlier to enjoy a couple of



extra days at the coast. We took out our chairs and picnic lunch and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with the Pacific Ocean on one side, and the beautiful coastal range(including Hearst Castle) on the other.

At one time when we were sitting around enjoying our lunch and the scenery, we spotted a “strange looking” old car (not a Pontiac) pull into the parking lot. Most of us could not identify the early 50’s Hudson until we could read the script on the trunk, but many of us recognized our old friend and past member Rich and Jo Smithen. Seem they read about our excursion on our website, and decided to make the drive over to the coast from their new residence near Paso Robles. It was fun toe see Rich and Jo again, and look at his current old car obsession.



After lunch, we decided to head to our base hotel, the Motel 6 in San Simeon, check in, and rest a little while, to be refreshed and ready for the

next planned activity for the day. At 4 pm members again lined up for the short drive South to Cayucos for our dinner BBQ.



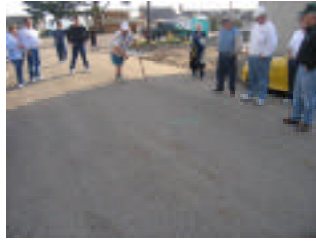
Many of us had heard about Bill Truckell’s family house in Cayucos, but didn’t really know what to expect. Well everyone was just amazed at this place. We are talking about a beautiful home that is just a block from the beach. Besides the





wonderful location, Bill and Judy out did themselves with all the goodies that were available when we arrived. Each member

brought something to BBQ, plus a side dish to share, and again members were enjoying good food, good company, and a great setting to relax. Next on



the agenda was an informal game of chance in the street in front of Bill's house. I went go into detail about the game itself, but all members participated, and the losers had just as much fun as the winners.



As the Sun was getting ready to set, members grabbed their lawn chairs, a couple of pieces of fire wood, and a bag of marshmallows and made the short walk to the beach where we enjoyed a huge fire to keep the chill off and to roast marshmallows.



About 9:30, after most of the marshmallows

and fire wood was consumed, members packed up and drove back to the motel for a good nights sleep.



Sunday morning after a great breakfast, Dan led us North along HWY1 to a beautiful spot called Ragged |Point. We enjoyed the view, took many pictures, relaxed, and then Dan led us South a few miles to an area on the coast that you can view hundreds of Sea Lions swimming, playing and just laying around on the beach. In addition, a group of migrating whales could easily be seen from

the heading North just a couple of hundred yards off the beach.

Next, members then drove into Cambria to have lunch and do some shopping. When our stomachs were full, and wallets empty, we then headed home to the valley.

|As you can see this was a fun packed weekend for all those that participated. Those that couldn't make it really missed out on a unbelievably enjoyable club function. If you were not able to attend, do not despair, because I overheard some rumors that this may become a yearly event for the Pontiacs of Central California.

I am sure all members will join me in giving a huge "WELL DONE" to Dan Seibert for planning the weekend, and to Bill and Judy to opening their home in Cayucos for other club members to enjoy. by Joel Garrett.



Q: How many Pontiac guys does it take to light a BBQ?

A: Four guys to stand around and watch and one Pontiac Gal to get the job done.

Q: How many Pontiac guys does it take to light a fire on the beach?

A: Sam and Joel
PS: No fire yet!!!!



A: Add Greg and Bill
PS:PS: Still no fire!!
PS:PS:PS: Is it obvious that Judy is not around??

Finally, at last, is that smoke and a bit of flame I see???



Great job guys, there was never any doubt in my mind. Not a minute too soon either as the sun was setting and it was getting chilly.



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.

June:

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

18th: Cruise to Mars Drive-In on Shaw. Meet at 5:30 or as soon after as possible so we can all park together.

25th: 6th Annual Bonander Car Show. Show will be at Bonander's Turlock store, 231 South Center Street, Turlock. Show runs from 2 to 9 pm. Pre-registration is \$20, day of show registration is \$25.

July:

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

16th: Shriner's show at Manchester Mall.

23rd: Summer BBQ. We will once again be the guest of Dave and Tina Valle. Look for full information in the July newsletter as to address, times and what you should bring for the potluck.

30th: Sanger Farmer's Marker.



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.

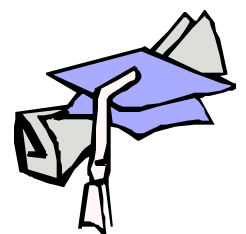
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October:

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15th: Progressive Dinner: Marlene Berglund in charge.



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

A 1965 or 1967 GTO, preferably a convertible. Car should be in, at least, decent restorable condition. If you have such a car or know where one might be located, contact Ren Hallett at 808-226-3247 (this is in Hawaii) or e-mail at shopoevent@sbcglobal.net.

of a wagon wheel made a mile, he then tied a red rag to the wheel and counted the revolutions to keep an accurate record of the mileage travelled. After seven days, this method became tiresome and Clayton went on to invent the roadometer, first used on the morning of May 12, 1847. William Clayton is also known for his writing of the pioneer hymn "Come, Come, Ye Saints."



Kids say - "School is out, summer vacation here I come!!!!"
Mom says - "Schools out, September can't get here quick enough!!!!"



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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