

# The Straight Arrow



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Pontiac Oakland Club International Chapter #67

# President's Message

Have you ever wondered how some things get done? Sometimes we do a task out of commitment, other times out of defense against others who won't leave us alone, or maybe out of fear. Well, all of us face 'crunch time' because the 2005 Pontiac Western Regional Convention is here. Remember back two years ago when Ron lobbied for our support and commitment so we could get on the calendar for the 2005 event? He was clear in saying that it would take a commitment from all of us to put this on. The time has come.

We have one more regular meeting on September 12 to be sure that all bases are covered, all events are staffed and every detail has been addressed. We now must face up to our commitments and be there, with family members in tow, to make this event happen. We have demonstrated, time after time, that our club pulls together to get things done and this event will be our biggest test. So, come to the September 12 meeting, gather up more than enough raffle prizes, spiff up your car and be prepared to enjoy our best weekend ever!

Speaking of enjoyment, many members turned out for a later afternoon/early evening car show at Northpoint Community Church a few weeks ago. It was a low key kind of show with raffle prizes, good food, an average band, and relaxation. Then, more members showed up for our annual appearance at the Clovis Farmer's Market on August 19<sup>th</sup>. I don't quite know how we can all sit and talk for three or more hours, then meet again some

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# Minutes of the P.O.C.C August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Andy Hoff at 7pm. There were no visitors, guests or changes to the agenda.

Approval of the July minutes were S&A.

Treasurers' report - Bill Truckell reported on the finances of the club. To date we have 33 paid and 6 associate members.

Newsletter Editor Report - As stated in the special note in last month's newsletter, any member wishing to receive their newsletter electronically (email) is asked to email Sam Fisher with their email address. This will save the club some postage and printing expense.

Webmaster report - Due to the endless hours Brian has devoted to helping plan the Pontiac Regional Show the website has been placed on the back burner for now.

2005 Regional Show report - Brian updated us on the budget. We still need sponsors and \$\$'s. We need sponsors and \$\$'s. We need sponsors and \$\$'s. Oh, did I mention we need sponsors and \$\$'s. As of tonight there are 122 paid entrants. A discussion to give each judge the same goody bag that each registered entrant receives and some sort of lunch was discussed. Sam Fisher covered parking and several scenarios to the number of parking spaces that can become available if we vary the width between cars. Members or anyone not registering a show car, but would like to purchase tickets for the various paid events

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such as the boat cruise, banquet, breakfast etc. are asked to contact Brian Massey for a registration packet. Brain passed around a sample program for members to use if they sell ads.

Past activities: A huge round of applause was given to the Valla's for hosting the July BBQ. Thanks again for a great time.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Ron Berglund said the Shriner's Show at Manchester Mall was a success w/ over 70 cars and the PCCC had the most from any club attending.

July 30<sup>th</sup> - Sanger Farmer's Market - Carl said he was the only club member who attended but the show was nice.

Upcoming activities: Clovis Farmers Market Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. Enter on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pollaski Ave before 5pm.. Christmas Party Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sam and Elaine Fisher have graciously volunteered to host the party at their house in Madera.

Cruisin' the Pavilion Classic Car Show Sept 24<sup>th</sup> -Pavilion West Center S/W corner of Bullard/West. Funds raised to benefit the Craycroft Childrens Center. Show from 9-3 w/ pancake breakfast at 7:30.

Toys for Tots - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business - Anyone needing a club badge prior to the Regionals contact Ron Berglund.

Tonight's winner of the attendance raffle was Phil Lundell who was not in attendance so next months raffle will be \$20.

Respectfully,  
Dennis Baker  
Secretary

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weeks later and do it again with new topics and better stories. I guess it represents the social nature of our club and how much we enjoy each other's company. Whatever it is, it sure makes for a nice break at the end of a busy week.

After we celebrate our expected triumph at the 2005 Regional, we will need to return to regular business and focus on our Toys For Tots Show in early November. And, we will issue a call for nominations for officers at the October meeting. I know that several of you have been members for many years and have missed out on the opportunity to serve. This would be a great time to throw your hat into the ring. More later.

Andy

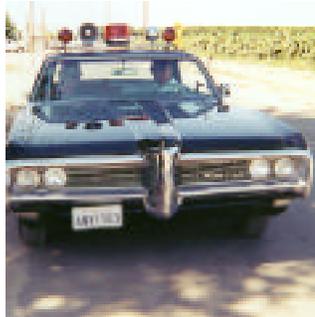


# Finish Line Finished

## MOVIE REVIEW

by Joel Garrett

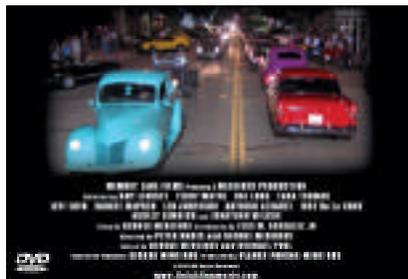
I am not sure how many members were around back in 1999 and remember all the excitement by the news of a movie being made right here in the valley. It seems that a local insurance salesman(not Berglund) that collected Mopars had the idea to make a movie where many of the main actors were Mopar muscle cars. Well the word went out to all Valley car enthusiasts, that old cars were wanted for certain scenes in the movie.



We were to take pictures of our cars and send them in. If your car was chosen, you were directed to be at certain places at certain times to be featured in the filming of the movie.

I know many of our members sent in pictures and were asked to participate. Some of the movie scenes were suppose to take place in 1970, and other scenes in present day so depending on you car, and its modifications, you were filmed in era backgrounds.

One night they blocked off Polaski Ave in Clovis, and set a 1970 cruise night with many cars being filmed cruising up and down in Old town Clovis. Some other scenes were filmed at the Daily Delight burger stand, and they



even set up a drag strip at Castle AFB to film drag racing scenes.

We were told the title of the movie was to Finish Line 2000 and told a story of some local Valley kids that grew up, cruised around, fell in love, went to war, and(some) returned to the valley.

Well, as time went by, and 1999 became 2000 , and 2000 became 2001 ..etc.. a lot of us wondered whatever happen to the movie. I mean they would at least have to change the movie's name. Finish Line 2006?



Turns out the movie has finally been completed. The current title is Finish Line, a Cruise Down Memory Lane , and a couple week ago there was a local screening and I went to see it.



Many in the audience were there for the same reason. To see what finally happened with this movie, and did their car have a cameo in the

picture.

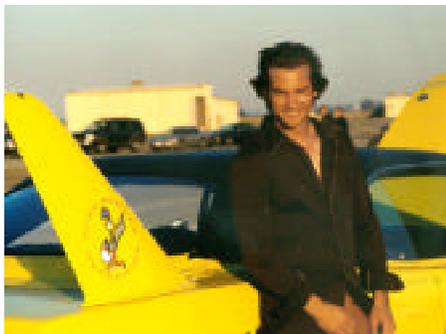
Overall, I found the movie very enjoyable. The plot was good, most human actors did a fine job, but the cars were definitely the shining stars(my opinion).



After the movie there was a very nice music video showing many of the local cars that participated in the filming, even if they

didn't make the final cut.

Some of the local cars that I recognized were Dan Seibert's red 1964 2+2, Ray Angel's 442, and my Nash Metropolitan.



The movie is suppose to be available on DVD soon, and I will definitely purchase a copy.

Be sure to check out the web site:

<http://www.finishlinemovie.com>



You're One of Sixteen, You're Beautiful and You Could Be Mine!

It's the 12th Annual

Collector Car Drawing to Benefit the Central Valley Ronald McDonald House. 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible with a factory solid lifter 427/435hp rare L89 Aluminum Heads option. Only 16 L89 Corvettes were produced. This L89 Corvette has 43,000 actual miles and is dressed in Tuxedo Black with a Red Stinger, Beautiful Red Leather Interior, and a Black Convertible Top.



This high optioned Corvette includes: Muncie 4-Speed Transmission, Tri-Powered (3x2) Carburetors, Bolt on Wheels, Red Line Tires, Telescopic Steering Column, Leather Seats with Headrests, Speed Warning Indicator. Purchased from Cn'V Corvette Sales in Tempe AZ.



This Corvette is valued at \$125,000.

Drawing is Saturday September 17, 2005 at 9pm PDT.

Mail and phone entries are accepted until 9/17/05 at 5pm PDT.

# 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.

**September:**

**12th: Monthly Meeting in the banquet room at Denny's.**

**17th: Ronald McDonald show at Valley Children's Hospital. Contact Gayle Huls for more information at 661-0889 [gohuls@hotmail.com](mailto:gohuls@hotmail.com)**

**30th-2nd: POCC Western Regional Convention: Plan on being at Bass Lake EARLY!! See Regional update on page 5 and read the July minutes for additional Regional details.**

**October:**

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

**15th: Progressive Dinner: Marlene Berglund in charge.**

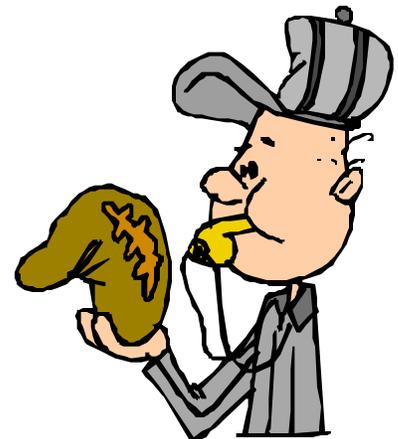
**November:**

**5th: 6th Annual Toys for Tot's All Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show at the Toy's R Us parking lot, Shaw at Sunnyside in Clovis. Info: Brian or Janet Massey; 559-645-8018, or email [bjmassey@bigfoot.com](mailto:bjmassey@bigfoot.com)**

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

**December:**

**10th: Christmas Party; Hosted by Sam & Elaine Fisher in Madera. Watch the November newsletter for more information and directions.**



# 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.

**1976 Formula Firebird,** 95% restored. Pictures at [photos.yahoo.com/gearheads1967](http://photos.yahoo.com/gearheads1967). Contact Victor Weitzel at 559-692-2900 or ipw@sti.net.

**1978 Trans Am, SE.** T-top with snoflakes. 1 of 210, needs restoration. Contact Victor Weitzel at 559-692-2900 or ipw@sti.net.

**1966 Bonneville two-door hardtop** with fender skirts. The car hasn't been run in a while, but is all there. It is red with black interior, power seats, windows, brakes and steering. It is powered by a 389 with auto trans and also has air conditioning. It has hubcaps rather than 8-lugs. The car has some dings along with a replaced fender. There is no title, just a bill of sale. You can see the car on Highway 168, approximately 1.5 miles south of Prather. For more information, contact Jay Kelley at 855-2717

# 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](mailto:shopoevent@sbcglobal.net).



# PONTIACS



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.

# PONTIACS



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