

# The Straight Arrow



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# President's Message

At long last, my final President's Message! I'm sure you could all tell when inspiration was running low by reading this column for the past two years. I hope you will agree that we have had fun cruising, putting on shows, traveling to distant Pontiac lands, and just sitting and enjoying each others company. Spending time together doing what we enjoy has been at the heart of why our club has succeeded when others have faded. We have aired our concerns in public and worked them out and our events and gatherings have benefited from that process. I hope we continue along that same road.

When it comes to thanking friends who have brought us to this point, I have to include everyone. I think our experience at the regional demonstrated that, even though we don't have 100 members, we did what needed to be done and that was noticed and applauded by all.

I have to include a special thanks to fellow officers Gayle Huls (who got through meetings faster than I did), Bill Truckell (watch him with those regional receipts), Dennis Baker (his minutes will be missed or were they missing?), Joel and Sam (did you notice how they didn't have that much to say?) and the Tri-Power of Brian, Greg and Ron (is that three two-barrels or three one-barrels?). It will be comforting to know that our incoming officers have learned so much from us, especially what not to do! Anyway, good luck to Bill and friends. Lead on.

Please accept my thanks for your patience, support, and efforts on behalf of our club. I have enjoyed standing up in front of the room these past two years and now look forward to sitting in a booth, eating a leisurely dinner and acting dazed and confused like so many others do. Save me a spot for the January meeting.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a prosperous and peaceful new year.

Andy

# Minutes of the P.O.C.C November 11, 2005 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Andy Hoff at 7pm.

There were no visitors.

Approval of the October minutes was S&A.

**Treasurers' report** - Bill Truckell summarized the expenses for the Western Regionals. There are 34 paid members and 6 associate members in the club.

**Newsletter Editor Report** - There has been a problem emailing the newsletter. Please be patient while this is worked out.

**Webmaster report** - Brian was out of town so there was no report .

**2005 Regional Show report** - The Tri-power committee worked out a deal with the Pines Restaurant to donate \$800 to a charity in our name, which currently is "Wish upon a Star". To make sure our charitable donation is maximized the club will wait until we are sure all expenses have been received. Ron Berglund suggested the check be ginormized (blown-up) and presented formally to the designated charity and photos taken for Smoke Signals. Discussions will continue in January 2006 on whether the club is interested in bidding and hosting another Regional in 2008 since most of the hard work is done.

**Upcoming activities** - The Christmas party will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Sam & Elaine Fishers. Start time is 6 pm. See flyer in newsletter. Dan Seibert is working on scheduling another road trip to the central coast sometime in the spring. Stay tuned.

**New Business** - The 2006 POCC - Spring Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Cadillac, GMC

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Minutes continued ....

show will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Joel Garrett will be the Chairperson.

Elections for the 2006 club officers took place and the 2006 club officers are:

President – Bill Richards

Vice President – Carl Smith

Secretary – Dennis Schwarz

Treasurer – Bill Truckell

Activities – Joel Garrett

A motion to spend \$100 to sponsor a car class at the 2006 POCI Nationals was S&A.

Tonight's winner of the attendance raffle was Sam Troncoso, who is always here except tonight, so January's raffle will increase to \$50.

Motion to adjourn was S&A.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker



## The Obedient Wife

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money and was a real miser when it came to spending his money. Just before he died he told his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all of my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." And so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him.

Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting in there in black and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait a minute!" She had a box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertaker locked the casket down and they rolled it away.

So her friend said, "Girl, I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband?"

The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I'm a Christian woman, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him!!!!!"

"You mean to tell me you put all that money in the casket with him!!!!!" the friend asked.

The wife replied, "I sure did. I got it all together, put in into my account and wrote him a check for the full amount. If he can cash it he can spend it."



# Toys For Tots 2005

by Bill Richards

The 2005 Pontiacs of Central California Toys for Tots Car Show was held on Saturday, Nov 5th. The event included the entry of nearly 100 cars and occurred in cooperation with the US Marine Reserves' kick off weekend for the 2005 Toys for Tots drive, in the Central Valley. Entry for this event consisted of the donation of one new toy valued at \$10 or more for each car.



At the conclusion of the event and after the official count by the US Marines, it was determined that a total of 209 new Toys had been donated.

The success of the event this year is attributable to several POCC members including Carl Smith, Dennis Schwarz and Bill Richards. The logistics of the event were well handled by



Carl who was tireless in his pursuit of food and supply donations from various vendors throughout the Fresno area. Nobody went away for the lack of a donut. Thanks Carl! The

operational aspect of the car show was managed by Dennis, who also provided assistance in soliciting donations. The car show portion of the event was a great success thanks to Dennis.

Sam and Elaine Fisher handled the registration function of the event in a very professional manner and made us all look good.



Bill handled, as Dennis ably describes, the finger pointing function (maybe management is a better word for it Dennis!) but it all worked out anyway.



This year the Toys for Tots Car Show was closely coordinated with the US Marines annual kick off event for their Toys for Tots drive here in the central valley. This

annual kick off is sponsored by Toys R Us and Pelco. Both Pelco and the Marines have requested that POCC be involved again next year by planning the car show to coincide with the kick off event.



The chief car parker and Master of Ceremonies, Ron Bergland, conducted the awards presentations for the car show. Awards included categories such as "Sleigh that holds the Most Toys," and "Best Custom Sleigh," just to mention a few. The part that has been a closely guarded secret to this point is



that the winner of the top award, "Santa's Favorite Sleigh," was Jeff Graham of Fresno for his beautiful 1940 Ford. Jeff is Bill Richards' cousin, but who's keeping track of this kind of stuff?



In this particular case, it was Sam Troncosco and Dan Seibert



who did the ballot counting for the car show with assistance from their wife's, Renate and

Debbie. Doubtless to say, the count was accurate.



This year we enjoyed the participation of the only oldies radio station in the Central Valley. KABX 97.5 is located in Merced and has a growing popularity in

Fresno and the rest of the central valley. Along with their participation at the car show the station provided on air advertising for the event for a full 2 weeks prior to it. Radio spots occurred hourly during DJ Dave Luna's morning show and at various times throughout the day after the morning show. Dave even had several people show up at the car show with toys to donate as a result of his promise to



give them a pair of "fuzzy dice." Dave has expressed interest in participating in next year's Toys for Tots Car Show and maybe other events that POCC may sponsor.

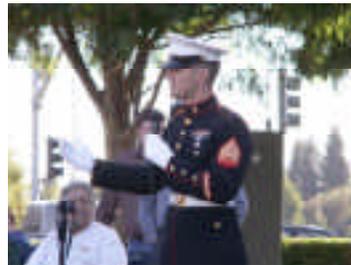
The capstone for the awards ceremony was the presentation made by Patrick Wilson, representing Pelco. During his short thank you he pledged that Pelco will provide a 100%

match for the toys donated during this event. As a result, the 2005 POCC Toys for Tots Car Show provided 418 toys for



the US Marine Reserves to distribute to needy families in the Central Valley this Christmas. A big thank you

goes out to Pelco and everybody else that assisted in the success of this worthwhile effort.



# 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.

**December:**

**10th: Christmas Party; Hosted by Sam & Elaine Fisher in Madera.**



## 2006 Happy New Year



## 2006

# CONVENTION NOT THAT FAR AWAY



Now is the time to start making plans for next years POCI National Convention down in Ontario, Calif. This is the first time in a long time that the national is so very close to us. Get off your duffs and mail in your \$45 entry fee. Get those hotel reservations made TODAY!!

For those of you who have participated in the last few club excursions to the Regionals, you know what a blast it was and what a fantastic time we had. Those that weren't able to attend know what you missed, and definitely do not want to miss another super fun event.

At the next meeting we will be firming up plans for the caravan down to Ontario, the Hotels of choice, and the fun of watching another club scrambling around to put on a show to beat all previous shows?

So start saving up gas money, get the time off of work, and start packing, because June will be here before your realize it, and you don't want to be left out.

Just a reminder, that at POCI national events, you **MUST** be a POCI member in good standing. That means that if your dues to POCI are not up to date, take care of that now, and those who have not joined POCI, here is a great reason to do it today!!

Make your reservations. You will be very disappointed if your forget, and are left out of all the fun.

## For Sale

**Set of wheel covers** I believe are for a 50's Pontiac. They are wire wheels that bolt on. They look like baskets if that makes any sense. There are four of them but, unfortunately, only three of the centers with the Pontiac head. Call Anita Young 707-823-9119

**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.

**1968 Hurst Olds.** Needs restoration. \$8,900. Call Dennis Baker at (559) 322-8441.

**1976 Formula Firebird,** 95% restored. Pictures at 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.

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## New Officers for 2006

President - Bill Richards  
Vice President - Carl Smith  
Secretary - Dennis Schwarz  
Treasurer - Bill Truckell  
Activities - Joel Garrett

After the new slate of officers is elected then the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor positions will be filled.



# 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.

## Pontiacs of Central California Officers for 2005

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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.



December 2005

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