

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

Well, it has been suggested on numerous occasions that it might be nice if we knew a little more about our members beyond our common Pontiac interests. So to get things started, I volunteered to venture out with a short version of who I am. Hopefully others will follow and submit similar short articles for the newsletter.

Born in Fresno in the good old year of 19???. I attended Fresno Schools, including Hoover High School, Fresno City and Fresno State Colleges. About the time I got the first car that I could call mine (it was a 1965 VW); I headed north to attend Humboldt State University. The bug was good to me and made many trips from Arcata to Fresno. I graduated from Humboldt State in 19?? with a degree in Forest Management. However, before I could think about much else, the draft board caught up with me— but I fooled them (I think?), I joined the National Guard. I then attended an inspiring tour of infantry training at Fort Ord, CA.

While at Fort Ord I ran across a friend of mine who was living on base. His next door neighbor had a sports car, wife and a new baby. So, to make a long story short, he became the proud owner of a VW and I then owned the second car that I could call all mine, a 1968 Triumph TR250. It was nice car and provided many interesting and fast trips between Fort Ord and Fresno.

My employment history began right out of High School when I first started working for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. My first job was a seasonal Fire Fighter assigned to the fire crew at Coarsegold. I worked 5 summers with CDF while I finished my college career. After graduating from college and completing my Fort Ord tour, I accepted fulltime employment with CDF, then returning to Fresno for a year or so for a training assignment. During this time I met

Minutes of the May 8, 2006 Meeting

Minutes of the P.O.C.C. May 8, 2006 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bill Richards

A meeting agenda was passed out.

The April 10, 2006 minutes were approved.

Bill Truckell read the treasurers report and it was approved.

There are currently 30 regular members and 9 associate members of the P.O.C.C.

No newsletter report as Sam Fisher is not in attendance.

Brian Massey gave a Webmaster report and said that the pictures from our show are on the web.

Contact Brian if you have any other pictures to post.

Joel Garrett gave an activities report.

-Joel proclaimed the P.O.C.C. Central Valley Classic Car Show a success.

He thanked everyone that helped for all their hard work.

Special thanks to Mr. Don Bonander for his contributions and a great Friday night Bar-B-Q.

The Strawberry Jamboree will be on May 13th.

Everyone that is going to the Ontario Show please contact Joel and give him your agenda.

When you will be leaving, who you will be traveling with, your cell phone number, etc.

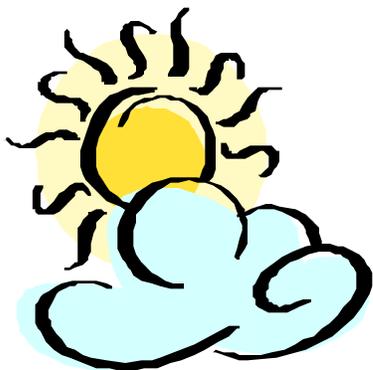
Please wear your P.O.C.C. club shirt for the Thursday night dinner and where appropriate.

Don Bonander's Turlock Show will be June 24.

and married my lovely wife Cheryl and we began our statewide journey. First stop was Groveland, where I worked as a Fire Captain, then to Sonora, again as a Fire Captain. Then we took the big jump and moved to Fort Bragg, CA. where I worked as a Forester on the Jackson State Demonstration Forest. Here I prepared and managed timber sales in the old growth redwood forest of Mendocino County. We then moved to Ukiah where I worked as a logging inspector responsible for environmental law enforcement on private logging operations.

After being on the road for many years the opportunity came to move back to Fresno. I find it hard to believe but that was 25 years ago. A majority of my work history since returning to Fresno has been with CDF in Fresno County. Here I served most of my time as a contract employee to the Fresno County Fire Protection District, serving in many capacities, including Deputy Chief and Interim Fire Chief. I retired at the beginning of 2002 after a 37 year association with CDF.

Our son Brent is married and now resides in Newport Beach. Both he and his wife are employed in the computer Industry in that area. Our daughter Stacy is married and resides in the local area with her husband and our two grand children. Our Grand daughter, Natalie, loves horses and is now taking riding lessons at the ripe old age of 5. Our grandson Nick loves cars and has already wormed his way into a commitment for at least one of grandpa's Pontiacs—sometime far far off in the future.



New Business

The P.O.C.I. magazine reports that there will be a new editor.

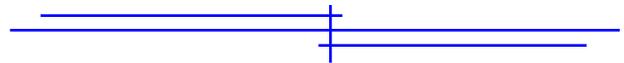
We will try to set up a club event in Prather near the end of May. More to come on that.

With no further business to discuss the attendance drawing was held.

Tonight's winner is Sam Troncoso and he dances to the door \$30 richer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz



National Convention Ontario Trip Update

The National Convention down in Ontario is coming up fast at the end of this month. Since I will not be at June's meeting, I am requesting all of those that are going to please email me (calbug61@aol.com) or telephone me 292-9130 or 479-1636. Please let me know if you are planning to go with the group leaving early Thurs., or have other plans. I will try and coordinate the caravan down to Ontario, and have the details distributed to all that will join us. If you have not received your Convention Packet, /or have not returned your registration form, I urge you to do it ASAP.

As of right now, it looks like I am only planning on attending the Saturday night awards banquet, but please let me know your plans. Once again, please contact me with any question/concerns you may have with this event. I am sure it will be one of the highlights of the year. Thank You in advance for your cooperation, Joel

POCC Show A Success

Once again POCC stepped up and put on another great car show. We have received several compliments. This show could not have been put on without everyone pitching



in and helping. Ken did a great job with registration and staying in contact with those that pre registered. The publicity Andy did helped get the word out as well as those of you who handed

out flyers. Sam Fisher and his magic pen once again came up with a parking plan that worked even with the add ons. The Valla family has once again totally ignored the child labor laws and put Nicholas and Michael to work. Great job guys!!
Dennis Simonson



and partner in crime, his son CHP officer Brandon, got the BBQ going and cooked up a storm. We had no complaints about the food and sold almost all we had.

Dennis Baker scouted out the awesome awards and kept the judges organized and made an honest club out of POCC. The sound man arrived with music to play thanks to Ron Berglund. Dennis Schwarz worked his donation magic to help get raffle prizes. He also makes mean breakfast burritos!! Thanks Greg for the money you got donated.

Carl Smith can now be called the Hot Dog King for his donation. Brian Massey was very generous to provide his motor home for a base of operations. He does travel in style.



Of course, we have to thank Don Bonander for continuing to support this car show both financially and with the Friday night BBQ. We are fortunate to have

him on our side. I would also to thank all the members and their families for coming out and helping by working at the show as well as donating raffle prizes and baked goodies. Like I said before, this show could have not been so successful if it was not for all of you. Many of you went above and beyond your scheduled work times. It was noticed and appreciated. You guys are great!!!!

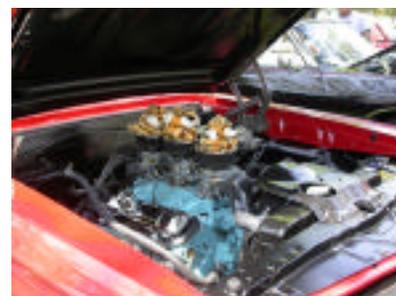
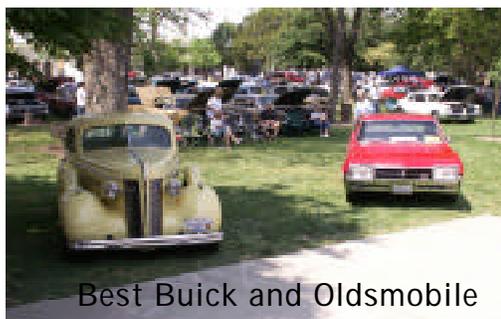


Thanks again,

Joel



Don's picks for the best Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, GTO and GMC.



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:

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.

16th: 6th Annual 50's in the Park Classics Car Show at Chowchilla Veterans Park from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Entry fee of \$25.00. Contact Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce at 559 665-5603 for more information.

24th: 7th Annual Bonander Car Show: Show runs 2 to 9pm. Registration is \$20.00 "pre", and \$25.00 day of show. It will be at Bonander's Turlock store, 231 South Center Street.

June 27 to July 2: The 2006 POCI National Convention in Ontario, California. If you are planning on attending see Joel's note on page 3. For more information contact Kate Santoro at 1-714-854-9852 or email poci2006@sccpoci.com with "2006 Convention" as the subject. Registration form in .pdf format at <http://www.sccpoci.com/images/events/sccpoci2006registration.pdf>

July:

10th: 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.

22nd: Mid Summer Nites Classic Car & Truck Show for Charity. Proceeds will benefit Hughson FFA. 4pm to 10 pm at Hamilton's Main Street Diner in Hughson. Contact Dennis (not a POCC Dennis) at (209) 883-4138 for more information.

?rd: Summer BBQ. TBD!

August:

14th: 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.

September:

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.

?th: Ronald McDonald House

30th: San Simeon/Bill Truckell Cruise and BBQ. Full details to follow.

October:

9th: 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.



Congratulations
to all of the
new
graduates.

Cars & Computers

Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive — but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the

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.

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.

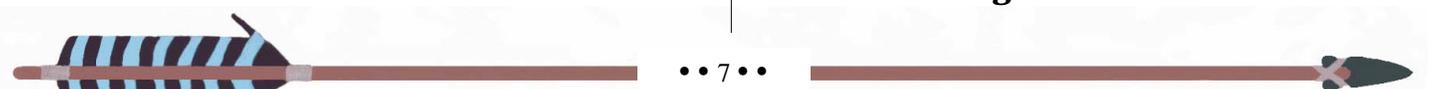
Four 15 x 7 snowflakes, \$400 OBO. A P.O.P. 12 bolt, 323 none posi. Contact Victor Weitzel at 559-692-2900 or ipw@sti.net if interested.

1964 GTO (California Black Plate/numbers matching) going up for sale this Spring. I am looking for either a 1969 GTO Judge or a 1968 GTO 400 HO. Call or e-mail Les Paciorek at 1-740-543-8861 or loggy@mindspring.com

door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.



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.



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