

The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

The 2006 POCI Conference is over and was an enjoyable event. Several club members attended, some with their cars and some, like me, making the trip without our Pontiac but ready to enjoy the Pontiacs that were there.

I guess one of the more fun events that occurred was on Thursday when attendees were allowed to participate with their cars in drag racing at a local race facility. A lot of cars were there for the event including some of our members. Although I was not there, the talk of the event that evening was the head to head race between Joel Garrett, with his new GTO and his son, with the "older" Firebird he recently purchased. I guess the lead up to the race was that GTO, with its automatic transmission would probably be a clear favorite versus the Firebird with its Standard transmission. Well guess what? The younger Garrett smoked the GTO! Although this did create some speculation as to when and how speed shift proficiency was gained by the younger Garrett, a lot of other excuses were going around after this race. These included things such as wind advantage— in only one lane Joel? Weight difference of the drivers— better sneak the lead weights in his trunk next time Joel (or go on a diet). However, I think a good explanation of the race came about when the younger Garrett drove Joel's GTO for time. His time was fastest for that car! The most important thing is that everybody had a great time with their Pontiacs.

The car shows were interesting. Our club had several entries in the popular vote show and one entry in the points judged show. Winners in their classes included Dave Valla-1st place, Sam Troncoso-1st place, Joel Garrett-1st place (he finally beat the Firebird!), Janet Massey-2nd place and Gayle Huls-2nd place. Ron Berglund participated in the Points judged show and came away with a Gold Rating.

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Minutes of the June 12, 2006 Meeting

Minutes of the P.O.C.C. June 12, 2006 meeting

The Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by President elect Bill Richard.

There were no visitor or guests present.

A tentative agenda for the meeting was passed around and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May meeting. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was read by Bill Trukell.

There was discussion again about an annual spreadsheet from Dennis Baker. Carl Smith said that he has a computer program that will probably do what we need. He said that he would be glad to help Bill on this.

Brian Massey gave a webmaster report. He gave a report about the 2008 Regional.

The deposit has been made to reserve the location at The Pines Resort.

An upcoming activities report was made by Joel Garret.

-The Shriner's Show at Manchester Center June 10th

-A cruise to Prather in the late afternoon June 10th

-The National - discussion on who is going for sure, etc.

The July Bar-B-Q has been set for July 22, and everyone thank Dave Valla for volunteering his home once again. There will be more discussion on this at the July meeting.

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President's message continued.....

Congratulations to the winners, their cars looked great and they represented our club well.

The awards banquet on Saturday night was attended by what appeared to be at least 200 participants—probably more. As it is with many of the large banquets we attend, a few of us were wondering where they found the food but the program itself went along efficiently and the winners were awarded some very nice awards. The organization of the event was done in such a manner that our club members managed to sit in the same area to enjoy and recognize the winners as they were announced.

Although several of our club members did recognize some things that probably could have been done better with the conference, all in all we had a good time and all of us from POCC that attended were glad that we did.

Bill Richards

Minutes continued.....

Under old business there was a discussion about a post-regional pizza party that never happened. I guess that we can now call this the post-regional / post-central valley classic pizza party. There will be more discussion at the July meeting as to where and when this will take place.

As there was no more business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done and the winner of a brand new \$10 bill is——— Paula Yost, who will now pay her dinner tab.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz



Kool Weather Kruises

Before the weather around here got "too hot", many of the members of POCC were taking advantage of the weekly cruise nights held around town. We who participated, had a fun time eating,



looking at the cars, and talking about the other members of POCC who were not in attendance. Here you will find some pictures of some of our activities. We had a nice turn out at Full O Bull, on West Shaw, and another great turn out at Chubby's at Gettysburg and First St. On a personal note, after being a member of this club for over 12 years, I was finally able to witness something that I had been wanting to see for many many years. The pictures are a little dark, but if you look closely you will be able to notice that POCC members were able to display all GTO's from 1966 to



1970. That's right, we had Dave Valla's 1966, Andy Hoff's 1967, Joel Garrett's 1968, Judy Kaspers 1969, and Bill Truckell's 1970. I really enjoyed being able to display our cars that way, and I would like to thank everyone who brought their GTO's out that night. If only Mike Heinz's

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Pontiac Hood Ornaments

The town of Pontiac, Michigan was named for



Chief Pontiac, an Ottawa Indian leader who united several tribes into a great Indian nation during the second half of the 18th century. A young businessman

named Edward Murphy founded a buggy company in the town in 1883 and, appropriately enough, named it the Pontiac Buggy Company. By 1907 Murphy had begun to manufacture motorcars under the name Oakland. The Oakland was the first medium-priced car to feature four-wheel brakes. It also offered several other innovations formerly available only in higher-priced motorcars.

It wasn't long before Murphy's company attracted the attention of General Motors, and soon the Oakland Motor Company joined Buick and Cadillac as a branch of the General Motors conglomerate. In 1926 the Pontiac, a low-priced companion model for the Oakland, was introduced. Known as the "Chief of the Sixes," the Pontiac, which incorporated many of the Oakland's features at a fraction of the price, was so successful that it completely outstripped its more expensive stable mate. The success of the Pontiac eventually doomed the Oakland, and in 1931 the Oakland was no longer being produced.



In 1933 the company name was changed to Pontiac Motor Company.



The old Oakland facility was too small to fill the demand for the popular Pontiac, so the company acquired a new 246-acre site on the city's

outskirts. Within 90 days after the ground breaking in preparation for building the factory, new cars were leaving the finished plant. For its time, this was an outstanding example of high-speed construction.

Since its inception, Pontiac has remained at the forefront in automotive innovation, for General Motors often used the Pontiac to test new ideas. Today, Pontiac models are designed for comfortable family transportation and for the sports enthusiast who places a premium on performance.



From the beginning, Pontiac hood ornaments have represented an Indian chief. The earliest ornaments depicted a running Indian in full regalia. This figure was soon replaced by the finely detailed head of an Indian said to be Chief Pontiac himself. Although there were several minor modifications over the years, the face of the Indian remained recognizably the same. The original design was created by William Schnell.

Article submitted by Dennis Schwartz. Pictures of Pontiac Hood Ornaments were used with the permission of Bertrand LePoix who has a website at <http://www.lepoix..de>. His website currently contains more than 500 pictures of hood ornaments from many different cars models between the years 1933 and 1966. He also list information on where to purchase and cost of the different hood ornaments. Thanks again to Dennis and Bertrand for letting us use his pictures.

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.

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.

22rd: Summer BBQ. We will once again be the guest of Dave and Tina Valle. Check insert for RSVP info and directions. The club will provide the meat, paper products, utensils, sodas and a great atmosphere! You bring a dish to share, chairs, your swim trunks and a positive attitude! Be there at 6pm, we'll plan on eating at 7pm. Also be sure to R.S.V.P. Dave or Tina by July 15 to get your food assignment, (559) 292-9441.

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.

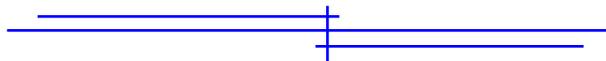
November:

4th: 7th Annual Toys for Tot's All Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Show will be at the Toy's R Us parking lot, Shaw at Sunnyside in Clovis, CA. The show will be from 11am to 3pm, and will include some special surprise awards. Entry fee is any unwrapped toy with a value of \$10.00 or greater. **The show is Rain or Shine! If it's raining, please stop by and drop off your toy and meet some great Marines. You will also be supplied with some great coffee, coco and cookies. Info: Brian or Janet Massey; 559-645-8018, or email bjmassey@bigfoot.com**

13th: 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.

December:

?th: Christmas Party; **TBD!**



Military Humor

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another vehicle stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel.

"Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled along side.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is!"

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone,

"Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again! Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"

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



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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Directions to the Barbecue

From Highways 99 or 41, you can exit on either, Ashlan, Shaw or Herndon Avenues, depending on the direction you are coming from. Proceed east to Armstrong Avenue and turn right. If you are on Ashlan Avenue you will turn left. Proceed south (or north from Ashlan) and turn left (right if came down Ashlan) on to Gettysburg Avenue. Proceed east on Gettysburg about _ mile and turn right on McKelvy. We are the third house on the left.

If you are coming from the north on Highway 99, an alternate route would be to continue south on Highway 99 to Highway 180. Take east bound Highway 180 to eastbound Highway 168. Continue east (you are actually traveling north) on Highway 168 to Ashlan Avenue and turn right. Travel east on Ashlan, turn left on Armstrong, right on Gettysburg, and right on McKelvy. This route is a little longer, but will keep you out of a lot of cross-town traffic.

PARKING

The driveway is reserved for the parking of your Pontiac or other classic car. I have a large driveway that will accommodate several cars. First come first served. Don't worry about oil or other fluid leaks. I have probably leaked, spilled, or dripped about everything there is anyway. I will however, provide drip catchers free of charge! We'll have a mini car show on the driveway!

BURNOUTS or "PEELING OUT"

Please refrain from this activity while driving on McKelvy Street. I personally have no problem with this, but some of my neighbors do. The existing tire marks on the pavement left by unknown individuals seem to annoy some of the people on my block. However, upon turning onto Gettysburg Avenue off of McKelvy, feel free to light them up!

Please R.S.V.P. by 7-15-06. Contact Dave or Tina Valla @ (559) 292-9441 or email dagodavesgto@sbcglobal.net. You will be informed if you need to bring a salad, side dish, or appetizer, depending on what we need the most at the time you call.

Map to Dave & Tina's

