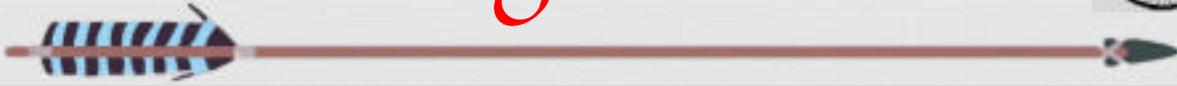


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President's Message

I was remembering back to our last famous Madera car show, and here we are again a year later with the next one a couple months away. As I drove away from the Court House Park looking in my rear view mirror I said to Gloria, that we finished another great car show and we have a year until the next one. Man that year was short! But it is always fun the day of the show meeting new people and sharing the experience with all the other car people. As a matter of fact that's were Paul Duran and I spotted and ended up buying my newest blue (and yes I said blue and not red) 1965 GTO clone. I find it funny when you meet a person and you're speaking to them, and not much is going on with the conversation and then someone mentions that he is into old cars and then the conversation becomes interesting and going forever. Well maybe when the conversation is going on forever our wives wonder how we could talk about an old car and when they say something to us we can't remember what they said a couple of minutes later. Well enough of that, that's a whole other newsletter by itself.

Going back to the car show in Madera watching all of us working the show with the pride of a new parent making sure that all its needs are filled. And for the young people that are always there helping like Scott Garrett, he is always running to help park the cars, and Michael and Nicholas Valla helping Dave and Tina with the raffle and the 50/50, thanks guys.

Long after the next April car show comes and goes, we will be talking about the new cars that showed up and the guy that owned it was really a good guy.

"Ask not what your Car Club can do for you but, what you can do for your Car Club".

Greg Griggs



Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President elect Greg Griggs.

No visitors or guests were present. The new club officers were introduced

-President - Greg Griggs, V-President - Dave Valla, Treasurer - Dennis Baker,

Secretary - Dennis Schwarz, - Activities - Carl Smith.

The tentative agenda for the meeting was approved.

The November 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Dennis Baker.

The Newsletter report was given by Sam Fisher. He also passed around some newsletters from other Pontiac clubs.

Bryan Massey gave a Webmaster report.

Carl Smith gave the Activities report.

-Past activities

- The P.O.C.C. Christmas Party was a big success. Everyone thanked Sam and Elaine for doing such a great job.

-Upcoming activities

April car show- Everyone that was at the meeting agreed to do the same job that they did in 2006. This saved a lot of time. For those that didn't make the meeting, if you can't do the same job you did last year or if you won't be able to attend the event, please contact Carl Smith and let him know. That way we can try to find someone to fill that spot.

-Carl also thought that we might try to have a club softball game at one of our local parks this year.

-Carl will also be working on other possible events that the club can attend. If you have any ideas give Carl a call and they can be address at the meetings.

-Curt reported on what we would have to do

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to put on the Railroad Museum car show in Jamestown in July. After much discussion it was decided by club members to not volunteer to do this show as doing two car shows a year was too much. It was decided to possibly participate in the show if someone else puts in on. Thanks to Curt for doing all of the research into doing this show.

-Dave Wolin then spoke about the upcoming 2007 Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival that will be March 21st - 25th. It sounds like a great event that Dave is in charge of. It was suggested to make a cruise up to Oakhurst on one of the days and attend the event as a club. If you would like to attend, contact Carl Smith and put your name on the list. We are going to try and have a group brunch at one of the local establishments and Dave needs to have a rough head count. For more information on the event, contact the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce at 559-683-7766 or visit them online at www.southernyosemite.com.

P.S. Check out the front cover of this month's Smoke Signals magazine. Good job Dave.

-Valentine's Cruise - This year Andy Hoff has volunteered to do the Valentine's Cruise. As of now, the tentative date will be Feb. 17. For more info on this event contact Andy at 559-298-4527.

-2008 Western Regional - Sam Fisher noted that 2008 is the 100th anniversary of Pontiac. So far nothing has been mentioned to celebrate the event. Maybe we can use that in conjunction with our event. We are going to be checking on this. Also, Sam has been doing some checking into possibilities for trophies for the event.

Possibilities for a new meeting location

-Dennis Schwarz is still looking into other locations. As of now, a few of the possibilities are the Denny's Restaurant at Herndon & Blackstone and Yosemite Falls Restaurant at Ashlan and Hwy 99. Both locations have large meeting areas that we can use and both locations have stated that they would love to have us have our meetings at their

2007 Dues-Last Notice

Remember that your 2007 dues need to be paid before the end of February if you wish to remain as a member of good standing in the club. Still only \$24 per year. Please be sure to fill out the member information sheet that is included with the January newsletter so we can update our membership list. You can pay your dues at the next meeting or send them to Dennis Baker at the address listed on the member information sheet.

If you fail to pay your dues by the end of February you will no longer be considered a member of the club nor will you continue to receive the newsletter, be able to hold office or vote on all of the important items that come up at the meetings and you will not be included in the MONTHLY attendance drawing.

establishment. The Clovis Yosemite Falls Restaurant also said that they could accommodate our club, but they don't have a detached room. The reasons for looking for a different meeting location were 1) the room is becoming almost too small for our club, 2) a more centrally located meeting place for the members, 3) Some conflict with management and when meals were served. A decision will be voted on at the February meeting.

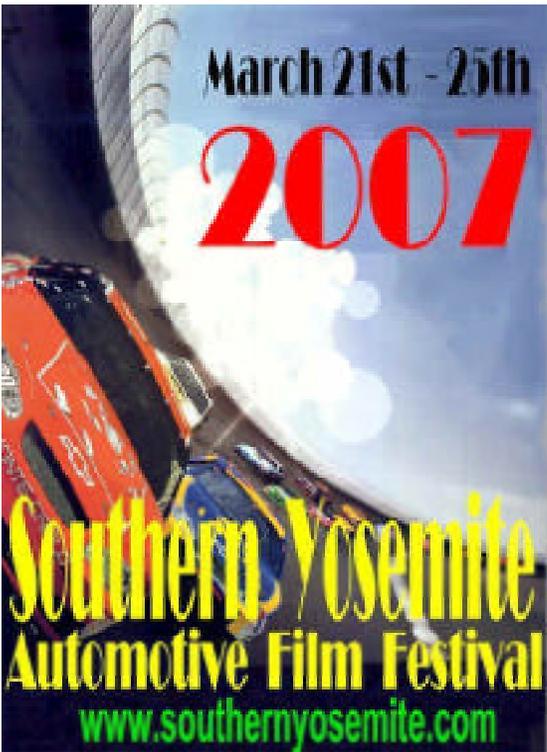
The 2007 P.O.C.C. roster of members and phone numbers is being compiled by Sam Fisher. Please contact Sam if there are any changes in your info. Also, let Sam know if you have a cell number that we can list.

Sam Fisher will continue to be our Newsletter Editor and Bryan Massey will continue to be our Webmaster.

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. The winner was Camren Gibson, but Cam couldn't be here tonight. The drawing will be \$10 more next month.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz



The Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival & Dave Wolin

I'm sure most of you know our own POCC member Dave Wolin, you know the tall quiet guy, has been talking about the upcoming Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival being held in Oakhurst in March. You also know that Dave has organized a Saturday morning breakfast for club members in Oakhurst at The Old Kettle with a special guest or two from the Film Festival. And you have to know that Dave has a yellow 2004 GTO that he has raced in Nevada, Utah and Nebraska in the Open Road Racing allowed there. If you didn't know some of these things then be sure to read the article Dave wrote that is in the January 2007 Smoke Signals.

County Board of Supervisors to issue a proclamation in January that recognized March 18 through March 25 as "Official Madera County Film Festival Week", see the January 24, 2007 issue of the Madera Tribune for the full article. Dave and the Board are hoping to bring a lot of people into the valley during a time when tourism is generally slow. Did you also know that the Film Festival will be filmed for Speed Channel and thus be exposed to a lot of auto enthusiast that would otherwise never hear of it. Congressman George Radanovich, R-Mariposa will preside over the grand opening, James Garner will be presented with the "Southern Yosemite Lifetime Achievement Award", and the Lee Iacocca Foundation for diabetes research will present a Lee Iacocca Award to someone worthy who is involved in both automotive sport and community service. Mr. Corvette, Dick Guldstrand, will be in attendance to sign autographs as well as show off his special edition ZO-6 Corvette. Other automotive authors in attendance will be Harold Osmer who wrote a book on long gone Southern California race tracks and "Landspeed Louise" Noeth will be there to autograph her Bonneville Salt Flat Racing book. And of course there will be five days of screening of more popular as well as rarely seen automotive and racing films. Be sure to check out the Film Festival website at www.southernyosemite.com. to get an idea of all of the other things that will be going on during the week.



Dave with the Madera County Board of Supervisors

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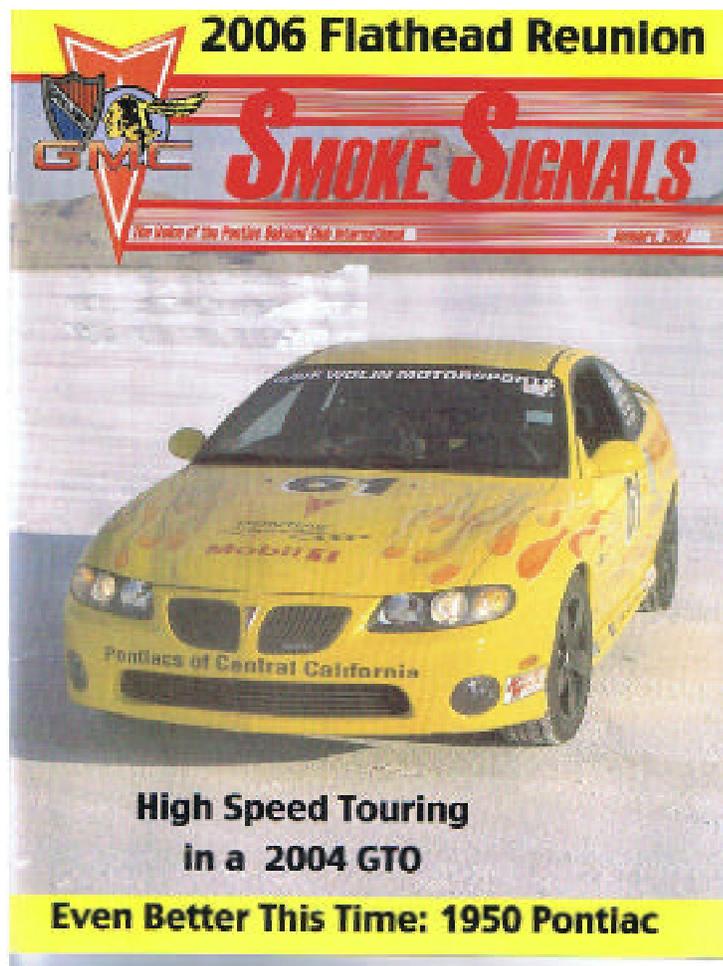


Dave after winning the 2006 Nevada Open Road Challenge 140 mph class with an average speed of 139.8766 mph. That is an incredible 0.1234 mph off of the target speed over a 90 mile stretch.

Now if you carefully read Dave's article in the Smoke Signals you will also find out the Dave just last year did some testing for Pontiac at the Bonneville Salt Flats, too bad they weren't told that the GTO was being discontinued, Dave's words, not mine. For the rest of this "did you know", I will quote what the Smoke Signals said about Dave, "POCI member Dave Wolin has a background of over 35 years in professional racing, operating factory racing programs for manufactures such as Ford, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Kia and Pontiac. His cars have won numerous professional racing championships in SCCA and IMSA, as well as winning in NHRA drag racing, the Baja 1000 Off Road Race and Pikes Peak Hillclimb. He has been awarded SCCA's "Jim Cook Trophy" for professionalism in racing and the Motorsports Press Association - "Professional of the Year"

award. Today he resides in Oakhurst, California, near Yosemite National Park, where in addition to competing in the 140 mph category of open road racing with his GTO, he's restoring a Bricklin, manufacturing track day cars and showing off his Testarossa."

Not too bad for a tall, quiet guy. Way to go Dave!!!!!!!!!!



Dave's GTO on the front page of the February 2007 Smoke Signals. Be sure to read Dave's article in this issue.

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.

February:

12th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's, 710 W. Shaw Ave. Clovis CA. 559-298-8706. For dinner arrive and order between 6:00 and 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

17th: Valentine Mystery Cruise; See full details on page 7.



18th: Daytona 500 Party: Unconfirmed at this time. Check the POCC web site for updates.

March:

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24th: Special Breakfast Run! This is the special breakfast Dave Wolin has been putting together for POCC. He is trying to arrange to have a Hollywood movie celebrity present to speak to us! The run will take us to Oakhurst where we will have breakfast at The Old Kettle, in front of the Shilo Inn. Meeting details to follow. This special run is being held in conjunction with Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival.

21st to 24th: The 2007 Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival, presented by the

Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino will be held in Oakhurst and will be featuring automotive related films from the 50's through today. Film legend James Garner will be the recipient of the "Southern Yosemite Lifetime Achievement Award" for his work in automotive films. Both "Grand Prix" and his documentary "A Racing Season" will be screened. Film festival week also includes displays of vintage, antique and exotic cars, automobilia and souvenir vendors, celebrity autograph signings featuring stars and well known racers, wine tasting from local wineries and other auto related events. For complete information visit the Film Festival website at www.southernyosemite.com or contact the Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce, online at www.oakhurstchamber.com or call 559-683-7766.

April:

9th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Denny's, 710 W. Shaw Ave. Clovis CA. 559-298-8706. For dinner arrive and order between 6:00 and 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

27th: Central Valley Classic Car Show Bar-B-Q hosted by Don Bonander of Vintage Pontiac, Buick, Cadillac and GMC of Madera. Bar-B-Q is for pre-registered participants.

28th: Annual Central Valley Classic Car Show held at Court House Park in Madera California. Contact Ken Mueller at 559-675-1940 or kmuel@aol.com for additional information.



New Officers for 2007

With the appointment of the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster at the January meeting the 2007 slate of officers is complete.

President- Greg Griggs

V-Pres. - Dave Valla

Treasurer - Dennis Baker

Secretary - Dennis Schwarz

Activities - Carl Smith

Newsletter Editor - Sam Fisher

Webmaster - Brian Massey

For Sale

Two polished stainless steel mufflers. Originally bought for my '81 Corvette but will fit under a GTO. Mufflers are 14" long, 10" wide and 4 1/2" deep. Inlet/outlet size is 2 1/2" and 2 1/4". \$90 for the pair. Contact Sam Fisher at 559-664-9431.

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.

1964 Pontiac Bonneville four door hard top. Owner thinks engine is a 421 but not positive. Automatic trans, 4 barrel carb, brakes recently replaced, 14 inch wheels with hub caps. Original car including interior but may have been painted during its lifetime. Car is "mostly" all there but needs restoration. Car runs but has blockage in the tank or fuel lines. Asking \$2500. Call Mike—209-966-4183

1965 Mustang GT coupe. Is apart and had some rust issues but is supposed to be complete including original 289 engine, factory AC, etc. Call Mike—209-966-4183

Valentine Cruise



Join us for the 2007 POCC Valentine's Mystery Cruise! We will meet in the parking lot just west of the Sonic Drive-In in Clovis at Fowler and Herndon at 9:30 AM on Saturday, February 17. After socializing and catching up with the latest news, we will leave promptly at 10:00 AM (don't forget a full tank of gas). There will be Valentine treats for each car, the traditional free lunch for the team with the closest estimate of the total distance of the cruise and a couple of surprises. Bring your classic ride if possible or driver if the weather doesn't look promising. We will finish at a great lunch spot. Any updates will be announced at the February 12 meeting. Hopeto see everyone come out for our first POCC event of the year on February 17!



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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(All area codes are 559)

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 to join us.



February 2007

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