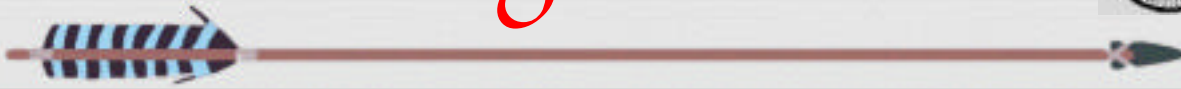


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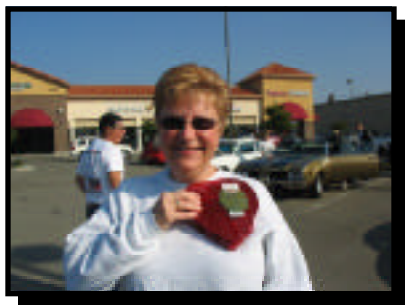


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President's Message

Well, for those of us that made the Valentine's Cruise it was fun, for those of you that did not make it, well you just missed out on a great time. With tires smoking and rubber burning, well you just had to be there, it was like no other cruise we have ever done. As you know the trip started at the Sonic Drive-In in Clovis, from there we drove in a caravan this time. That was really cool because people get to see us as a group who has revised an old car that is lost and looking for another old car to go and hang out with. I also have to say is that Dan Siebert's Vette is faster then Scottie's Trans Am, but it looked close for a minute or two. Way to go Dan don't, let those kids beat one of the older generation, at least not yet anyway. And if anyone was wondering if Dave Valla's GTO can spin the tires, well just take it from me and Gloria, that yes the tires can spine just fine, but don't tell Tina or the boys, especially Michael as he just got his learners permit. Now Carl and Robin were driving like normal people and the rear end in his GTO goes out just as Carl was pulling away from a stop sign in the hills. All I can say to Carl is, that goes to show you that driving safe and normal is not always the best for the car, not to mention that it is not always fun either. The trip was about 70 miles up through the hills over narrow bridges and past a lot of California cows just like the ones on TV (maybe they are related, you never know). Anyway the run took us to Reedley were we all had lunch at the Main Street Café. The food was great the price was very fair and the service was excellent. Lets give Andy Hoff a big thanks for planning a great run, I know that everyone had a super time. Even though Carl and Robbin rode with Joel and Judy for the balance of the run, with a car left behind in the hills, it seemed like they also had a great time. So for the ones

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Minutes of the February 13, 2007 Meeting

Minutes of the P.O.C.C. February 12, 2007 meeting

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

One visitor, Ren Hallet, was present. I believe he is or will be our newest member.

The January 2007 minutes were approved.

Dennis Baker gave a Treasurer's report. The club now has 29 regular members and 8 associate members.

Sam Fisher gave a Newsletter report. He also had copies of other club's newsletters to pass around. Since he is unable to attend the Valentine's Cruise, Sam asked that any pictures be emailed to him to post in the newsletter.

No Webmaster report this month as Bryan is out of the state.

The P.O.C.C.'s most distant member, Rick Digiacoimo was in attendance. He spoke to the club about the Eastern Regional that was on August 12, 2006. It was a 3-day event. It was nice to finally meet Rick.

There was a presentation made to two members of the P.O.C.C. First of all, Bill Truckell was given a plaque for his many years of service as the club's Treasurer. Then Bill Richards was given a plaque for his service as the 2006 club President.

Carl Smith gave the activities report.

The Valentine's Cruise will start at 10:00 am Feb. 17, at the Fowler & Herndon Sonic drive in. Everyone should be there by 9:30.

There was some discussion about having an evening cruise in the near future, possibly to Fat Jack's. Andy is checking into this.

The Central Valley Classic is April 28th with the BBQ for all entrants Friday evening the

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27th. Contact Ken Mueller at 559-675-1940 or 559-706-5405(cell) or email kmuel@aol.com for entrant information. The show will be listed on several publications and also in the Fresno Bee. The club is trying to decide who will be providing the food for the event. If any of our members know someone that can provide the food for lunch, please contact Greg Griggs with that info. Greg passed around an example of what the trophies may look like. All members need to try and get some items donated for the raffle. Dave Valla is in charge of the raffle again this year and we need to help him out as much as we can.

The Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival is March 21st to the 25th. The P.O.C.C. members will be having a brunch on the 24th @ The Old Kettle at 10 am. If you plan on attending, contact Carl Smith @ 559-834-4933 to make sure we have an accurate head count. Dave Wolin has made arrangements for the brunch and he needs this information. We will probably caravan to Oakhurst the morning of the 24th. When and where will be decided at the March meeting.

On Sunday May 6th, The College Church of Christ will be having a car show. My understanding is that it is a "FREE" show with awards and possibly "FREE LUNCH". As soon as I get more info, it will be posted on the web and in the newsletter.

Dave Valla mentioned that there is a Blossom Trail Car Show on March 3rd. I believe he said it was \$10 to enter. Call Dave for more info.

Joel said that the Visalia First Assembly is having a car show on March 17th. It is \$15 registration with lunch and a t-shirt. Contact Joel @ 559-292-9130 for more on that.

There was some more discussion about weather or not the 100th anniversary of PMD was 2008. We may have our facts wrong on that.

Under old business there was discussion on

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Newest Member

Be sure to say hi to Ren Hallett who joined the club at the February meeting. Ren is working on the mainland as his home is actually in Hawaii. Ren is currently living in Madera and working on a 1965 GTO. Welcome to POCC Ren.

New Meeting Place Starting In May

Remember starting with the May meeting we will be changing where we meet. The new meeting place is Yosemite Falls Cafe located at 4278 West Ashlan Ave in Fresno. Phone number 559-275-6060. From Highway 99 get off at the Ashlan exit and turn west onto Ashlan. Yosemite Falls Cafe is the first restaurant on the right.

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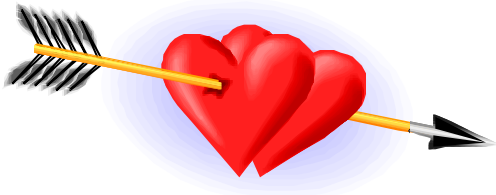
that did not make the run you really missed out on this one, BUT don't miss the next event it just may be better than this run, who know???? But for it to be better it has to be spectacular. See ya on the next outing.

Again hats off to Andy Hoff... Thanks

Greg



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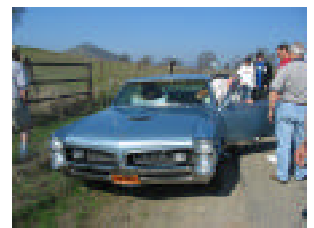
Tradition lives on. Fifteen member cars turned out on a bright and sunny February 17th morning at Sonic Drive In on Herndon Avenue in Clovis for the annual Valentine Mystery Cruise. It was great to see both classic cruisers and daily drivers ready to search for lunch. After the usual “where are we going for lunch?” questions by folks seeing if they could trip us up, everyone turned in a guess on how far we would drive that morning.



It was amazing. Some folks must have used a crystal ball to determine where we were going and then estimated the miles. At the driver’s meeting, each car was equipped with a heart-shaped box of Valentine chocolates and a set of instructions for the day. Also included was a Valentine crossword puzzle shaped like a heart. All were cautioned to watch the road and not the puzzle!

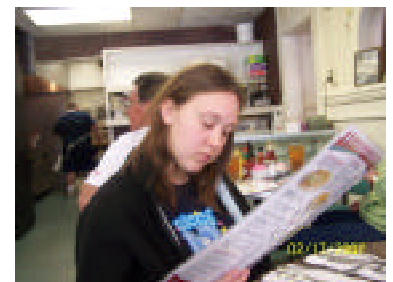
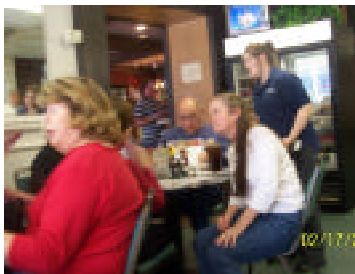


The cruise started out great with a faster group of maybe ten cars and the more leisurely group of five cars a short distance back. The route wandered out to Copper Avenue and then up Auberry Road. A quick cut over via Millerton Road brought us out to Highway 168. As we were turning onto 168 Diana and I noted that the Smith’s were pulled over and others were following us up the road.



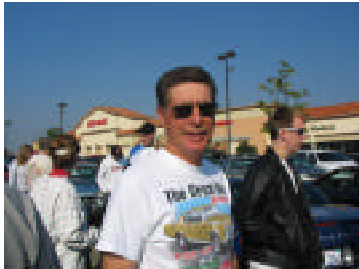
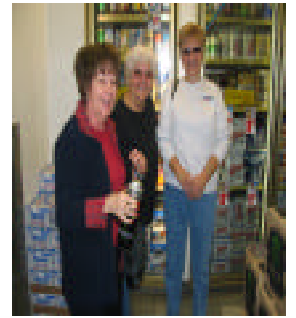
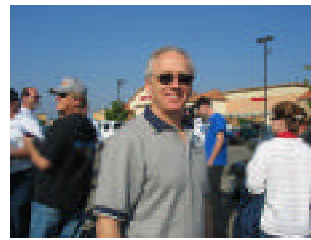
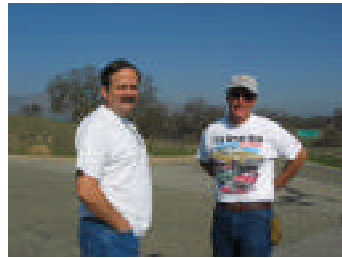
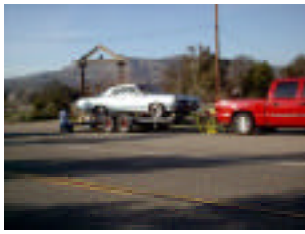
After a few miles with twelve cars missing we decided that we or they had a problem. A cell phone call or two later we learned that the Smith’s GTO had suffered a breakdown and wouldn’t move under its own power. Being resourceful folks, club members found a safe place to park the unwilling Goat and the Smith’s continued by catching a ride with the Garretts. Turns out that Carl’s rear end gave out, that is, the car’s rear end gave out. Later that day, Joel and Carl used Joel’s trailer to retrieve the stricken Poncho and bring it home (it was repaired a week or so later).

The cruise continued out Academy Avenue and then up and down the Kings River and past the first few blooms of the Blossom Trail. The group wound up at the Mainstreet Café in downtown Reedley. Only problem was that the turnout was a little higher than we expected (which was great) and 23 of us ended on one side of a divided wall while eight ended up on the other. No matter, the food was great (especially the freshly made German sausage right Renate?). Prizes were the last detail of a fun cruise.



The Seibert’s were lucky enough to have their correctly completed crossword drawn





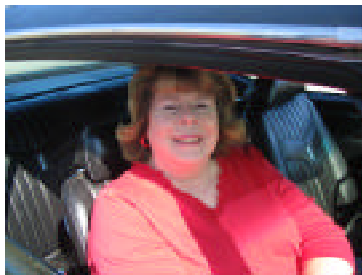
A big thanks to Paula Yost, Ken Mueller and Dennis Schwartz for the great pictures. Thanks to Andy for the article and a super thanks to Andy and Diana for putting together the Mystery Cruise.



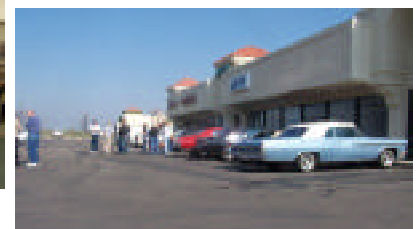
for a prize of more chocolates and two movie passes. The Duran's also received another prize of chocolates and movie passes for guessing the mileage at the half-way mark while the grand prize went to the Gibson clan for guessing 68 total miles, so close to the actual count of 69.5. The club covered two of their lunches for the day. All in all, it was a beautiful day, great cars, great food and great friends. Thanks to all who came along, we had a great time putting it together.



Andy and Diana Hoff



It seems that Carl's custom plate for his GTO works even when the car is not running perfect!!!



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.

March:

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: Visalia First Assembly 5th Annual Car Show. See full details on page 7.

24th: Special Breakfast Run! The run will take us to Oakhurst where we will have breakfast at The Old Kettle, in front of the Shilo Inn. Meet at the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at Frwy 41 and Friant. Be there in time for a 9:00 departure. 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. 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.

May:

4th: Madera High School annual car show held at Madera High School in Madera California. Contact Sam Fisher at 664-9431 or fisher_s@comcast.net for additional information.

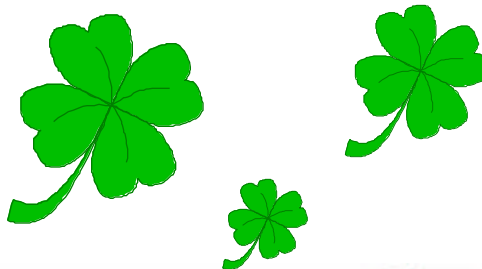
NOTE NEW meeting location starting this month.

14th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. See directions on page 3.

June:

11th: Monthly Meeting; Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

??th: 8th Annual Bonander Car Show: *Date to be confirmed!* Show runs 2 to 9pm. Registration is \$20.00 "pre", and \$25.00 day of show. It will be at Bonander's



Visalia First Assembly Show

Location; Corner of Caldwell and Akers in Visalia. Time: 9am-2pm. Registration: Cost is \$15 per car. Each entry will receive 1-lunch ticket, 1 free T-shirt, 1-raffle ticket, and a goody bag. Food booths, Exhibitors, and a raffle. Register at show & no judging.

CARAVAN DETAILS: If you would like to join the caravan to Visalia. We will be leaving from the Starbucks just East of the 99 FRWY at the Merced Street off ramp in the city of Fowler. Plan on meeting no later than 7:30 AM to depart for Visalia at 7:45AM sharp. IF POSSIBLE, please e-mail, or call me if you are planning on attending the show (RSVP), with the T-shirt size you prefer, so I can call the show personnel to give them a head/car count and T-shirt size count. My cell (559)479-1636, thanks Joel Garrett

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changing our location for the P.O.C.C. meetings. It was voted on and decided to move the meeting location after our April car show. The first meeting in the new location will be May 14th. It will be at the Yosemite Falls Restaurant at Ashland and Hwy 99. There is a separate banquet room that seats about 60 people so there is plenty of room for our club to grow. We will be ordering our meals as we arrive from the regular menu. We will be using this location for the rest of the 2007 year to see how it works out. If you know someone that is a member that doesn't come to very many meetings, call them and make sure they know about the change of the meeting location.

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. The winner this month is George Truckell. George was not in attendance, so next month the drawing will be for \$10 more.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz

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) 760-2313.

66 Pontiac Tempest convertible. Project car, \$2000 OBO. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 760-2313.

67 Ford Fairlane GTA-390. \$3,200 OBO. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 760-2313.

70 RS Camero. \$4,500. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 760-2313.



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 to join us.



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