

The Straight Arrow



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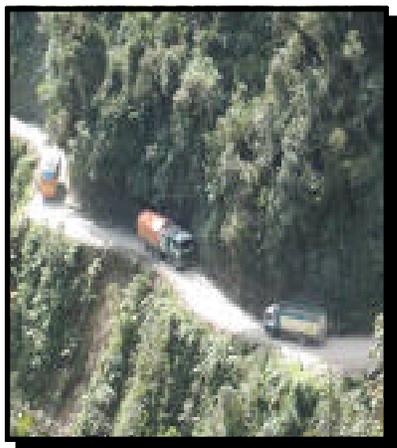


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President's Message

Looking back over 2007 we had some great cruise nights and good times together as a club. However, the year is not over yet. We still have a run to Three Rivers coming up soon and lets not forget Toys for Tots is just next month. Bill Richards has sent out a job list for all of us but if you don't see your name on it, please let Bill know and he will find a job for you.

This year has really gone by fast for me. Every month Sam Fisher sends me a reminder that another newsletter is due and I need to write my President's message. First thing that I think of is, "Thanks Sam, but I just sent it". Then I realize after thinking a bit, that the message I'm thinking about was for last month. How time has flown by this year. My time as President of our Club is coming to an end, and at our next meeting we need to nominate new officers that will guide our club into the future. It is very important that you attend all our meetings, but for the next two meetings we'll need your vote. Keep in mind, by attending the meetings it also keeps you up to speed on what is going on in your Club.

Next year in September 2008 we host the Western Regional Convention at Bass Lake and again we will need everyone's support and effort to make this event the best one that all attendees will never forget. As you all know, that means we'll need all Club members to begin now on working to raise money from anyone or companies that you can think of. For those of you that don't know, Ron Bergland, Brian Massey and I are heading up the event, so if there are any questions on just how you can help, please ask any one of us.

For those of you that didn't make the Morro Bay cruise with us, we had a great time. We take our hats off to Dan Siebert, who put together the overnight trip. We all caravanned

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Minutes of the September 10, 2007 Meeting

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

Mike and Debbie Poulsen attended the meeting as guests.

The minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Dennis Baker. The club now has 38 regular members and 9 associate members.

A Newsletter report was given by Sam Fisher. Three more members have now opted for the electronic newsletter.

Our Webmaster, Brian Massey, gave his report and said that the pictures from the Castle Air Museum have been posted. There is also a new roster on the web that can be accessed.

Carl Smith gave a report on the upcoming activities.

Sept. 15 - The Mountain View Community Church car show @ 3600 N. Fowler in Clovis.

Also Sept. 15 - The Chubby's P.O.C.C. club event will start about 5:00pm

Sept. 22 - Parkin in the Park in Selma - call 559-891-2235. 10am to 3pm in Lincoln Park.

Also Sept. 22 - On the Roof @ River Park shopping center, the Cam Twisters Car Show.

Sept. 29 - The P.O.C.C. Cruise to Morrow Bay with B.B.Q and bon fire on the beach. Also Sunday, a possible Morrow Bay boat cruise.

Oct. 13 - River Run to Three Rivers - This will be a club cruise to Three Rivers. More to follow on this.

Nov. 3 - The P.O.C.C. Toys for Tots Car Show

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Minutes continued.....

Passed events

The Castle Air Museum was a big success. There were 26 people attending the cruise.

Old Business

Will we need to change the location for future meetings? This was tabled till later.

The Club Constitution can be changed by a vote of the members. A motion was made by Brian Massey and seconded by Dennis Schwarz to change the club bylaws pertaining to club I.D. cards. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was discussion about what new members get when they join the P.O.C.C., i.e. name badges etc. A committee was formed to put together a membership package for potential new members. The committee is Dave Valla, Bill Truckell and Dan Seibert.

As there was no further business to discuss, Dennis Baker did the attendance drawing. The winner is Paul Duran who is not in attendance this meeting, so next month the drawing will be for \$20. See you all at the next meeting as it will be the last meeting before our Toys for Tots Show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz

Survey Results

Several meetings ago I passed out a survey of what members thought of the new meeting place. I'm happy to say all of the answers I got back were positive.

- Place is great. Food is good, waitress does a really good job. So far so good, I think!

President's message continued.....

to the coast together, arrived at a nice restaurant in Morro Bay and had lunch. Most of us wandered through town looking at all of the nice shops, then started checking into our hotel which was within walking distance from town. We then began to arrive one by one in Cayucos at Bill Truckell's home. The weather was absolutely wonderful, some played darts at the house and others played some games on the beach while the BBQ was going. We had a great dinner and then at sunset headed back to the beach for a big camp fire. It was a lot of FUN! I would like to thank Bill and Judy (Kaspar) for their super hospitality from all of us in the club.

Greg Griggs



Survey continued.....

- Food is great. Service is Great. Too far from Joel's house.
- I think the location is very nice and the food is good. The room is good and family friendly.
- It's fine with me.
- Is a change.
- It was a good change. Food is better, service is good. Nice meeting room.
- Nice central location. More exposer than Dennys. Layout and forum for discussion is nicer.
- A nice place to meet. Comfortable and cool in summer months.
- Seems to work well.
- It's great!!!
- Food good, service great, great location.
- Good food! Good service!

Two Very Interesting "Highways"



Greg Griggs sent me a PowerPoint file some time ago that was titled The Very, Very Highway in Bolivia, South America. The pictures to say the least make anything we have in the US look like super freeways. Upon doing some research into the pictures and the highway I came to the conclusion that the pictures were actually of two different highways.

Road in the Hunan Province of China. Looking at the pictures it is easy to see how it got the name of the Tunnel

The first few pictures are what I now believe are of the Guoliang Tunnel

Road. As best I can tell the story behind this road is that prior to 1972 the only access to the village was a footpath chiseled into the rock. The villagers decided a road was needed to better link their village with the outside world. According to the information I could find 13 villagers took five years to finish



this 1200 meter long tunnel. On May 1, 1977 the tunnel was opened for traffic.



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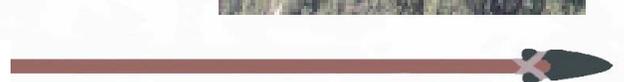
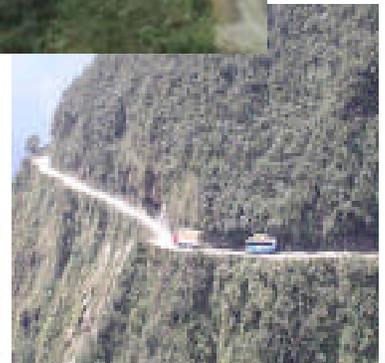
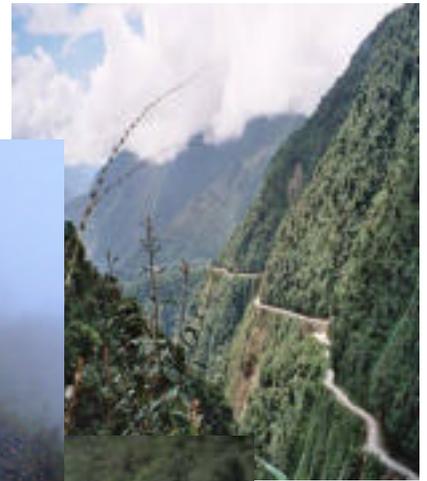
The second set of photos in the PowerPoint file apparently are of the North Yungas Road, located in Bolivia, and has been named by many as the most dangerous road in the world. It is 70 Km (about 43.5 miles) long and connects La Paz, located in the Andes Mountains, to Coroico. The road starts out at 3,600 meters (about 12,000 feet) and descends to around 330 meters (about





1000 feet). As you can see it is mostly one way meaning that meeting and passing another vehicle often becomes a life threatening event. Depending on which information you believe they claim between 100 to 300 people lose their lives annually on this road. Only 20 km of the road is paved the rest being dirt and clay which is very slippery especially during the rainy season at which times parts of the road simply disappear in land slides. Add to all of this the fact that fog often covers much of the route and you have a formula made for disaster. Apparently a safer route is being built, but it has been “being built” for the past 20 years with no completion date in sight. Now that does sound like some roads in the US.

Anyone up for a cruise to Bolivia???????



Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC monthly meetings are held at the Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

October:

8th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

13th: Three River Run, see full details in next column or at the October meeting.

November:

3rd: 8th 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! Be sure to pick up flyers at the next meeting to pass out as you go to different events.

12th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

December:

Remeber, no regular meeting in December. The Christmas Party, time and place to be determined, takes the place of the meeting.

Cruise To Three Rivers & Poker Run

Come One, Come All!

On Saturday October 13th, for what I believe is the first time, Pontiacs of Central California will cruise to Three Rivers, CA for lunch. We will meet in the shopping center parking lot at the northwest corner of Fowler and Ashlan Avenues in the area west of Starbucks and Panda express. This will also be a poker run, with the winner having their lunch on P.O.C.C. We will meet at 8:30 am and depart at 9:00 am SHARP!

This is somewhat of a long cruise so make sure your gas tank is FULL. We'll see you there!!!



The Danger of Mood Rings

My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns green and when I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big ugly red mark on his forehead.

Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond!!!!



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) 760-2313.

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

Four original wire wheel covers for a 68 Firebird that I once owned. They are in good condition. Call Mike at (559) 846-6584

2004 GTO, ready for everyday driving or save it in your collection. One owner - Only 7000 miles. Flames by Finish Line, All other graphics removable, B&M shifter, Superchips programmer, Autopower roll bar, Peak belts and harnesses, Interceptor scan gauges, Optima battery, Spare set of wheels and tires, Spare stock exhaust system, Spare strut bodies, car cover. Warranty until Jan 08 Completely stock, street and smog legal, 25 mpg on the highway. 180 mph top speed. Will deliver reasonable distance. \$20,000 Firm. Contact Dave Wolin at 559-658-2281 or ceo@davewolin.com



1970 Catalina 400 Convertible. New tires, shocks, battery, top (with glass rear window), pump for top and paint. Recently replaced two barrel with Quadra-Jet four barrel. New detailing under the hood. PS, PB, power door locks and power trunk release. Viper alarm system with remote that will lock/unlock car and open trunk. Current hood has small rust holes underneath front edge of hood, hidden when hood is closed. Have a second hood that is perfect but needs painting that goes with the car. Other than hood, body and interior is near perfect. Car looks and runs great. Numbers matching car. Asking \$8,500. Contact Sam Fisher at 559-664-9431 or fisher_s@comcast.net. E-mail for more pictures.





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 Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave in Fresno, CA. Meetings starts at 7:00 pm.



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