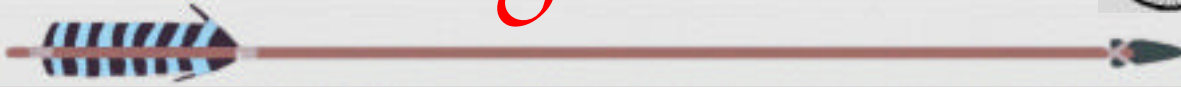


# The Straight Arrow



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*Merry Christmas*

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# President's Message

## Lasting Impressions

Cars come and go, but these images last a life time. Road trips, friends and lots of laughs. The future of our car club is up to each one of us as members and we do have great members and friends. The years to come, promise to be the best ones ever, for the members and for our club.

The year of cruises, car shows that were put together was just a lot of fun. So with that said I would like to thank Carl, and anyone else that helped put together these outings.

We have a big year coming up with the Western Regional just months ahead of us.

This Western Regional should be much easier then our last one, not to say that the last one was tough. As we pull together to make this show one that all other clubs look at as the new bar, and their question will be, "How do we out do that show"?

My days as President of our club are numbered. But we have a great team to lead us for the next year with Joel as our new Club President. For those of you that are new to the club, Joel has had turns as our President a number of times and is very able to lead our club in the right direction.

I hope that you are committed as well, to the future of our club as others are. So many times people take a step back, hoping that the other person will step up to the challenge or take on the responsibility. Just think what would happen to our club if everyone did the same thing. So hats off to the people that have stepped up to the challenge and responsibilities of leading and guiding our club. This is not just for the people that have held office, but for all of you that have helped with any thing for the club.

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# Minutes of the November 12, 2007 Meeting

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

There were no visitors or guests present.

The minutes for the October meeting will be submitted for approval in December.

Dennis Baker gave the Treasurer's report. We have 39 regular members and 9 associate members.

Sam Fisher gave a Newsletter report. The electronic Newsletter is out as of today and the mailer will be out tomorrow.

There is no Webmaster report as Brian is sick today. Brian's wife Janet reported that even in his condition, Brian did get the pictures from the Toys 4 Tots car show posted. Thanks Brian.

Carl Smith gave the activities report.

## Upcoming events

-Bentley's is still having their car event on Thursday evenings.

-The P.O.C.C. Christmas party will be at Brian and Janet Massey's new house on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 6:pm. and if you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring your \$10-\$15 wrapped present. The directions are from Hwy 41 turn West on Avenue 12 and go to Road 36 1/2 (about 4 miles). Turn right (north) and go 2 or 3 streets to Blossom Ave. (the stop sign). Their house is on the N/W corner and the address is 36473 Blossom Ave. ( the "new house" with no landscaping).

## Past events

-The Three Rivers Cruise - Dave Valla said that the club had a good turnout. Everyone had a good time and the food was good. Joel Garrett won the free lunch. Thanks to Dave Valla for the cruise.

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Minutes continued.....

## Old business

-Dave Valla presented a "new members packet" to the members for their approval. Also, he had the badges for the new members and year pins for those that need them. If you need a badge the cost is \$7.50.

-Joel Garrett passed out a proposed club policy for expenditures. There were several minutes of discussion, some confusion, more discussion and still more confusion. As of tonight no set policy is in place.

## New Business -Voting of new P.O.C.C. officers

-President - Joel Garrett was elected

-Vice President - Dave Valla was elected

-Treasurer - Dennis Baker was elected

-Secretary - Dennis Schwarz was elected

-Activities - Greg Griggs volunteered and will be assisted by several other members

-Webmaster - Brian Massey has agreed to continue as Webmaster

-Newsletter Editor - Sam Fisher has agreed to continue as the Newsletter Editor

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. This month's winner is Bill Richards and because he was in attendance he wins the \$30 pot.

Next month the drawing will start over at \$10.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz



# New Officer's for 2008

Listed below are your new officers for the 2008 year.

President- Joel Garrett

V-Pres. - Dave Valla

Treasurer - Dennis Baker

Secretary - Dennis Schwarz

Activities - Greg Griggs

Newsletter - Sam Fisher

Webmaster - Brian Massey



President's message continued.....

We are always looking for ways to better our club, so if you have any comments or suggestions please bring them to the meetings, and oh yeah, please make the meetings so that you know the direction your club is headed.

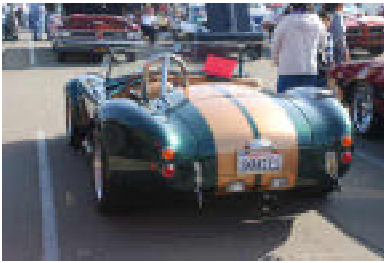
Early on I said "Ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club".

I know that you may have heard someone else say something close to this line but it is true.

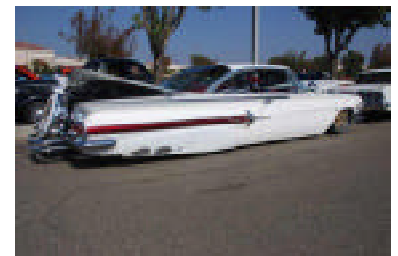
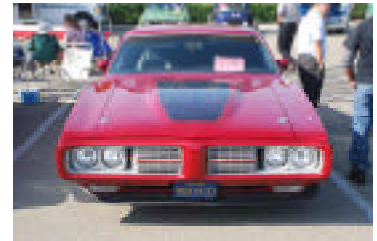
Singing off as your 2007 Club President

Greg Griggs

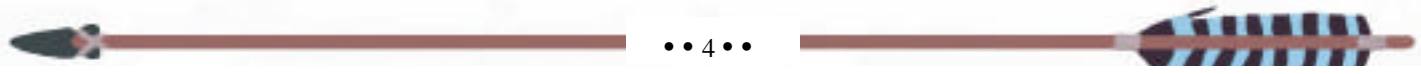




*The 9th Annual Toy's for Tots benefit was absolutely great. With 115 cars and more than 400 toys and perfect weather we truly out did all past shows. Thanks to all participants and club members who helped to make this the best ever.*



*Thanks to Brian Massey for the pictures.*



# Cruise To Three Rivers

By David Valla

On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> Pontiacs of Central California conducted its first ever cruise to Three Rivers California. While the destination was not a mystery, our route and the dining establishment at which the club was going to have lunch, was a mystery, known only to myself and one other club member.

Three Rivers is a small community in rural Tulare County nestled along State Highway 198 in the Sierra Nevada Hills east of Visalia, California. The easiest route to Three Rivers from the Fresno-Clovis Area would be to travel south on Highway 99 to Highway 198 and head east to our destination. This would not be much fun, so my wife Tina and I came up with a more scenic/rural route.

We began gathering in the shopping center parking lot at Fowler and Ashlan Avenues at 8:30am. Twelve vehicles showed up for the cruise most of which were classic Ponchos. Some members left their cars at home and rode with other members. The weather was cool and overcast, as it would be for most of our cruise. Since this was also to be a poker run, everyone drew a card before departing.

Upon leaving our gathering place, we headed east on Ashlan Avenue, and then turned south on Academy Avenue. From Academy, we headed east on Highway 180 through the tiny communities of Centerville and Minkler, before turning south onto Reed Avenue. We continued south on Reed to the city of Reedley at which we made our first stop. At this time POCC members Dan and Debbie Seibert joined us in their newly acquired 1965 Bonneville. Richard and Nanette Schmitz were also along for the ride. After another round of cards was drawn, we were on the road again.

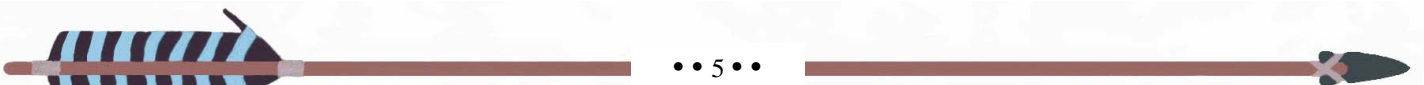
From Reedley we headed east and south, leaving Fresno County, and entering Tulare County. After passing through the small city of Dinuba, we headed south on Road 88 and then east on Avenue 384/ Highway 201. After passing through the tiny communities of Yettlem and Seville, we made a stop along side an Orange orchard at the base of the Sierra foothills. After a short break and another round of card drawing, we were on our way once again.

We resumed our cruise by heading south and east along Highways 201 and 245 and then Highway 216 which we picked up in the city of Woodlake. All three of these highways are rural and essentially just two lane country roads. We continued along Highway 216 to its junction with Highway 198. We headed east on 198, and after a short drive we stopped at Lake Kaweah for another draw of cards. We resumed our cruise by continuing east on Highway 198 and into Three Rivers.

After passing through town, we arrived at our destination, The Gateway Inn and Restaurant. We dined on a covered deck overlooking a creek. At about the time we arrived at our destination, the overcast skies turned to mostly sunny. The service and food were good. Joel Garrett was the poker run winner and ate lunch courtesy of the club.

After leaving the Gateway Inn, We headed back into town, and stopped at an ice cream/candy store, where some of us satisfied our sweet tooth. Before we left the Gateway Inn, the manager told us of a friend of his in town that restored Mopars. He said we were welcome to stop by his shop and gave us directions. Several of us took him up on his offer and stopped by on our way out of town. I do not recall the gentleman's name, but he had an early seventies Barracuda and Challenger that were both near completion. These were first class restorations on very desirable cars. In one corner of the shop, a Plymouth Superbird was waiting to be restored.

Also on the way home, some of us stopped at the Reedley residence of Dan and Debbie for Seibert for desert. Thanks Dan and Deb! The perfect end to a perfect Day!



# 2007 POCC Christmas Dinner

## The When, Where and How To Get There

When - December 15 at 6:00 pm  
Where - Brian and Janet Massey's Home

36473 Blossom Ave  
Madera Ranchos 93636

Phone - 908-9431

How to get There:



**From Fresno** head north on Highway 41 making a left turn onto Avenue 12. Head west on Ave 12 through the business part of the Ranchos. After passing the Valero and Shell gas stations Road 36 1/2 is 1/2 mile on the right. Start watching for Loren Way and

Trieste Drive as they are right before Road 36 1/2. Make a right onto 36 1/2 and proceed to the stop sign. The Massey's home is located on the north west corner of this intersection. **From Madera** head east on Avenue 12 until you get to the stop light at Liberty High School (Road 36 and Ave 12). Continue east for 1/2 mile to Road 36 1/2, turn left onto 36 1/2 and proceed to the stop sign. The Massey's home is located on the north west corner of this intersection.

**For the Christmas Dinner** the club will again buy a Ham and some trimmings. You are asked to bring the following based on the first letter of your last name, please bring enough to serve at least ten hungry fellow members.

**A to M - Salad or Appetizer**

**N to Z - Dessert**

Don't forget to bring your \$10 to \$15 wrapped present for the Pirate Gift Exchange

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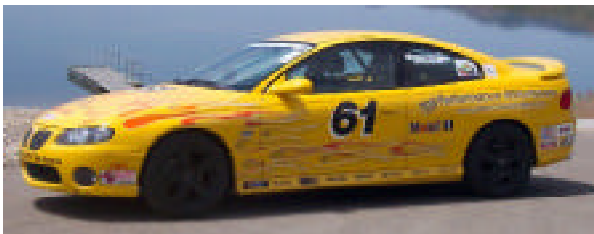
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Contact Sam Fisher at 559-664-9431 (home) or 559-718-9350 (cell) for more info or to make an offer.



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



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