

The Straight Arrow



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Happy
Valentine's
Day

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President's Message

The other night I went to the movies and saw the Bucket List. I am not here to review the movie, but it was OK if you like a movie where every woman and some of the men (not me) end up crying at the end. The gist of the movie, is that there are these two guys that meet in a hospital because they both have terminal cancer. They make a list of things that they feel they should do before they "Kick the Bucket", hence the Bucket list. It is not really a car guy movie, except that one of the items on his/their list is to drive a 1966 Shelby Mustang. So they show them having some fun at the California Motor Speedway in a Shelby and a Dodge Challenger. Pretty cool.

I recently turned 50, and have come to the realization that my life is more than half over, (maybe way more than half over), so I decided to make my own Bucket List, but I am calling it My "Rust-bucket List". This is a list of cars / car stuff /car related activities that I would like to have/experience before I kick the bucket. In no particular order here.

JOEL'S "RUSTBUCKET" LIST

CARS

1969 Hurst Olds: I have one, and am not planning on selling it.

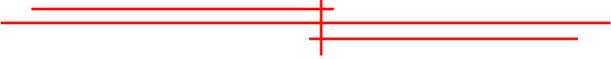
1964 Olds Starfire: My dad bought one new in '64, and I took my drivers license test in it in 1973. I recently found one and bought it. It is also a keeper

1957 Plymouth: When I was a kid, my dad had four 57 Plymouths, a Convertible, a 2 door Fury, a 2dr Belvedere, and a station wagon. He also had a spare steering column with steering wheel that we set up as my own "driver simulator" that I would pretend to drive with for hours on end. That black and white steering wheel is one of my best childhood memories. One of these days I am going to find the "RIGHT" 57 Plymouth and buy it.

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Minutes of January 14, 2008 Meeting

Minutes not received as of yet. Will re-send the news letter with minutes if I get them in the next few days or so.



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.

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



President's message continued.....

1963-1967 Corvette Convertible: I had a 1964 Corvette Convertible in High School and it was a big part of my social life and identity. These cars are worth a ton of \$\$ today, but you never know when a "deal" may come along.

Late Model Corvette: I just like them, and think I would like to own one.

VW Bug: Over the years I have owned lots and lots of VW's, but have never really finished one just the way I wanted it. This will be the one

STUFF

A house with a huge shop to store and work on all of my "Rust-buckets".

A lift in my huge shop to work on my "Rust-buckets"

A wife that understands my need for the above items (already got it)

A bank account to afford the above items

ACTIVITIES

Drive a 10 second car down the 1/4 mile. So far the quickest car I have drag raced is about a 13.5 second car.

Drive a 4x4 at Pismo. Friends do it, sounds like fun, and have never been

Go to the Peterson Auto Museum. Just a few hours away, and never been there.

Take a driving vacation in a big, new, expensive Motor home. Lots of people enjoy it, never tried it.

Go to Barrett-Jackson. I hate crowds, think Craig Jackson is 100%, but would still like to experience it.

Do a complete frame off auto restoration. I don't think I have the patience, but would love to try in my huge shop with my own lift while my understanding wife helps.

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

I am sure there is a lot more I can add to each category, but this is a good start. Some of the above items I have already achieved, (thanks to that understanding wife) some will take a large amount of money (at least more than I have now) and some are easily and cheaply achieved.

My point is we are all getting older, and like me, we are probably feeling it. Maybe this is the time to make your own "Rust-bucket" list. Even if you can only check off a few of the items on your list, you will leave this world a happier person.

When you have come up with your own Rust-bucket list, I am sure Sam Fisher will be glad to put it into our newsletter. Can't wait to see what's on your list.

JOEL

Editor's Note: If you want to send me your personal "Rust Bucket List", feel free to do so and I'm sure I can find room to publish it in a future newsletter.



From time to time I get articles or pictures from members who feel they might be appropriate for the newsletter. Too often I do not have the room to publish them. But this month the opportunity arose, so here is some of the items that I have received. Thanks for the input and please keep sending things to me, I enjoy them even if they don't make the newsletter..

Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road?

How others answered this question.

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on 'THIS' side of the road before it goes after the problem on the 'OTHER SIDE' of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his 'CURRENT' problems before adding 'NEW' problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

Why men don't write advice columns

Dear Walter:

I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbor lady making mad passionate love to her. I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore.

Can you please help?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila Usk

Dear Sheila: A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the jubilee clips holding the vacuum pipes onto the inlet manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.

Walter

from Dave Valla

Car Alarm In An Emergency

Your car keys and car alarm can be good for more than you can imagine! If your car has an alarm or horn that can be remotely activated with a key fob, it just might be the best bargain you ever purchased.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until you turn it off or the car battery dies. Odds are the burglar won't stick around when your car alarm goes off. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see what is going on, and that's not what the criminal wants.

And remember to carry your keys in your hand while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Persons who have health conditions, or the elderly, should carry their car keys with them when they are home or out in the yard. Should they fall, or suffer a sudden debilitating condition, they can activate the car alarm alerting others that there's a problem.

A car alarm is a security alarm system that you probably already have and it requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. Depending on distance, it normally works whither you park in your driveway or garage.

If this is an idea you can use, take the time to talk to your neighbors and let them know to check when the alarm goes off and continues for any length of time. Also pass it on to elderly loved ones and alert their neighbors as well.

from Brian Massey

Some Interesting Signs



I wonder if Batman and Robin know their secret is out???

No secret ingredients for these guys.



You think!!!!



This sign obviously means you do not need an EXIT sign or maybe that is how you get in!!!!



Maybe the sign is upside down, or backwards or just plane wrong.

Do you think the government knows their secret is out????



My personal favorite, direct and to the point.

Thanks to Greg Griggs for the signs.



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.

February

11th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café. NOTE: We will have a guest speaker at the February meeting from Toys For Tots. Get the lowdown on how the toys we collect are issued.

16th: Valentine Mystery Cruise. Full details at Feb meeting.

23rd: Hillmar Cheese Factory Tour. Meet in the Wendy's parking lot at the Pilot Truck Stop at Highway 99 & Avenue 18 1/2 in time for an 8:15 departure. The tour starts at 11:00am and we will have lunch after the tour. Hilmar is on Highway 165 between Los Banos and Turlock (closer to Turlock).

March

1st: Blossom Trail Cruise. Meet at the Cinnamonster at the NE corner of Nees & Willow in Clovis in time for a 9:15 departure. Poker Run with lunch at the destination before returning home.

10th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

28th to 30th: Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival on Oakhurst. Featuring racing films, documentaries, never before seen footage and premieres. Other activities include Super Poker Run, Automobilia, Automotive Authors and

Artists, Collectibles, Motorsports Exhibits, Silent Auction, Go Karts and Kidracers. Visit www.southernyosemite.com or call 800,443.0268 for full details and to buy advance tickets.

29th: Spring In The Sierra Car Show in Oakhurst, limited to sports and race cars. Classes from Alfa's to Vipers. Visit www.springinthesierra.com for more details. Being held in conjunction with the Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival.

April

12th: Cat Haven in Dunlap California. Meet at the parking lot at Shields & 41 in time for a 9:30 am departure, we should arrive at the park at about 10:30am for the one hour tour. After the tour we will have lunch and then head back home. You may buy your lunch there or you may bring it with you. There is a park with tables. Prices: General admission is \$8.50, with discounts for kids from 5 to 12 years of age \$5.50 and seniors 62 years and older \$7.25. Group rates are available to groups 20 or more \$6.75 adults & \$4.50 kids. For more info their web address is www.catheaven.com or contact Greg Griggs.

14th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

May

2nd: The yearly fun trip to San Simeon has been moved to May for this year since we will be hosting the Western Regionals in September. See full details for the trip on page 7.

12th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

Thank You From Dennis & Diane Simonson

To Pontiacs of Central California Club
Members

Thank You so much for the beautiful plant
you sent for Diane's Mom's Memorial Service
on January 18. It's always good to know
friends are supporting you. Janet and Brian
Massey came and represented the Club.

Dennis and Diane Simonson

Yearly Dues Are Due

Just a reminder that your POCC 2008 dues
are due. Dues are \$24.00 with associate
member dues for wives/significant others at
\$5 per year. Associate dues are strictly
optional. Dennis will be happy to accept your
check and will probably even take cash. If
you prefer you can mail your dues to Dennis
at 754 W Paul, Clovis, CA 93612

Dues not paid by the first of March will see
you dropped from the active roles, no longer
eligible for the monthly drawing and having
your name removed from the newsletter
mailing list. So pay early and avoid all that
hassle.

Also don't forget to pay your POCI dues when
that membership expires. All POCC members
must also be members of POCI.



San Simeon/Morro Bay Cruise

This year's trip to the coast has been moved
to May 2nd since we will be hosting the
Western Regional in September when we
normally have the cruise. Activities include
the Morro Bay Car Show, beach party,
shopping and of course the Saturday night
BBQ at Bill and Judy's beach house in
Cayucos. For those of you who will be
entering your cars in the car show or if you
just want to cruise over early plan on meeting
at the parking lot on Shields and Freeway
41, southeast corner (the usual meeting spot)
in time for a 11 am departure. At present
there are no plans for those of you who might
want to cruise over together on Saturday.
Regardless of when you drive over be sure to
make your reservations at the San Simeon
Lodge, 9520 Castillo Drive, San Simeon.
Phone number 866-990-8990 (this is a
change in motels, so if you already made
reservations at the Silver Surf Motel (800-
621-3999) you might want to cancel them.
Rooms at the San Simeon are \$75 per night
for an ocean view and \$65 per night without.

For the Saturday night BBQ, the club will
again furnish the meat, salad and rolls. Be
sure to bring what you want to drink, chairs
to sit on and blankets, jackets and flashlights
for the bon fire on the beach.

For any questions or further information you
can contact Dan Seibert at 289-1775.



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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