

# The Straight Arrow



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*Happy Easter*

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# President's Message

Spring is here (almost)

Warm weather is just around the corner (and HOT weather is on the next street). The local car show season is getting into full swing and before we know it there will be at least one event each weekend until our Toys for Tots show in November. Its going to be a busy time/ huge job for our activities chairperson Gregg to keep us abreast of the car scene schedule. Lets all try and help Greg out with continuing member support and volunteers to head up individual activities and POCC Club events.

## Western Regional

Details for our Western Regional are being finalized. At the March meeting, we will be choosing a Children's Charity as beneficiary of the proceeds from the event. You should find a list of the prospective charities in this newsletter. It is important to remember that for us to have a successful (read profitable) Regional, we must have sponsorships and donations to subsidize the various costs of putting on an event of this kind. We did a fantastic job in 2005, and I am confident that 2008 will be even better.

## New idea

I have been thinking about trying something new with our club and would like some input from you, the membership. I want to involve our better halves (wives/girlfriends) in all aspects of POCC. I would like to see them attend the monthly meetings, and participate in any and all discussions. I want to see them at club cruise nights, club activities, car shows etc. In addition, I would like them to take a more hands on approach (keep it clean!) to actually planning some activities that may be more attractive to our better halves and to our female members. At present there are a few spouses that attend every meeting, activity etc, and I think they and the club have

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# Minutes of February 11, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President elect Joel Garrett.

Guests present were Matt Schubring, who owns a 78 Firebird, and Ms. Brooke Frost and Ms. Shauna Goodman. Ms. Frost and Ms. Goodman gave a video presentation about the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization and explained about how donations to their organization are used.

The January meeting minutes were not done for this meeting and will be brought up at the next meeting.

There was no Treasurer's report as Dennis Baker was not present due to illness.

Sam Fisher gave a Newsletter update. Sam said that Jim Wangers Productions had sent our club a check for \$50.

Brian Massey gave a Webmaster report. He said to send him things of interest so he can post them on the website.

## Old Business

P.O.C.C. dues are now due. Please make out your checks to P.O.C.C.

In March we will have a guest speaker from The United Way / Toys for tots.

## New Business

Joel Garrett let it be known that his son Michael is now in Japan. His website is <http://auto-otaku.com/> if anyone would like to contact him.

Curt Gunderson spoke about the possible closure of many state parks and recreational areas. This is an apparent attempt to cut state expenditures. If you want to know more about this contact Curt. His home phone is 559-292-3771.

## Upcoming activities

Valentines Mystery Cruise - Feb. 16,2008 @8:30am at Hwy 41 and Ave. 15. There will be a mileage contest.

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definitely benefited from it. I would just like to see a whole lot more of it. Our two female members (Janet and Paula) have set a fine example by having their better halves attend meetings with them.

I think it would be great if our girls planned activities just for themselves. Maybe get together for lunch, dinner or a movie, etc. Let's not forget their favorite activity shopping. This way, member participation in every aspect of our club will increase. This will hopefully create a more social atmosphere for members as well as their better halves.

On our future activities calendar, we show a progressive dinner night. This would be a great first event to be planned by the girls. If you agree that this is something we should implement, let me know. If we do this, I have come up with a few names for this auxiliary part of POCC:

Please feel free to come up with your own

LOPOCC (Ladies of POCC)

WOPOCC (Women of POCC )

SOPOCC (Spouses of POCC)

GOPOCC (Girls of POCC)

In closing, I would just like remind everyone as we live our daily lives, lets be sure we are on the Highway to Heaven, and not on the Road to Ruin. I don't think a GPS unit will help us on this journey.

Joel



## Happy 50th

We are not talking about someone's Birthday here, even though living to be 50 is pretty significant. But instead we are talking about a couple that have been married for 50 years, half a century, now that is truly awesome. So the next time you see Tom and Paula Yost be sure to congratulate them on 50 years of marriage. They celebrated in style with a cruise to Mexico with their kids and grandkids. Just think, Paula and Tom were married in 1958 (if I did the math correctly), that is before most of the cars we now own and call classics were even built. Way to go Tom and Paula!!!!!!!

Minutes continued.....

Hillmar Cheese Cruise - Feb. 23, 2008 @ the Pilot gas station Hwy 99 north of Madera by 8:15 - 8:30. The cruise will take you between Turlock and Los Banos.

Blossom Trail Cruise will be March 8, 2008. More info will be posted on the website or contact Greg Griggs for the meeting place.

Visalia Church Show will be March 15, 2008.

The Blackhawk Car Museum Cruise will be March 29, 2008. There was a straw vote taken as the Yosemite Film Festival was on the same day. A majority wanted to go to the Blackhawk Car Museum.

April 19, 2008 will be the Kingsburg Car Show.

Brian Massey discussed the Western Regional

The projected Western Regional budget was reviewed.

There was discussion on what charitable organization we were going to donate to this time. Send any ideas to Sam Fisher so he can put them in the Newsletter. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. As Dennis Baker was not in attendance, the drawing will be for \$20 next month.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz

# “Valentine” Mystery Cruise

Where to go . . .

What to do . . .

How to get there . . .

What to eat . . .

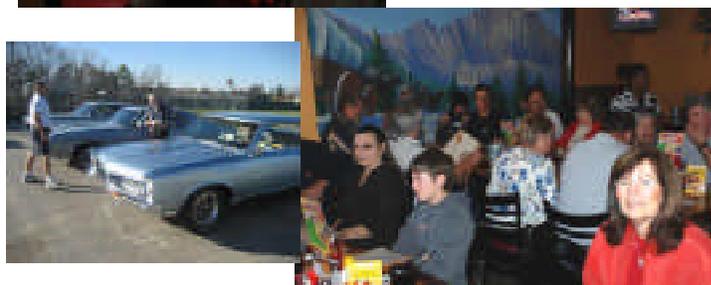
These are the burning questions we are faced with when planning a Mystery Cruise. Oh – the pressure! Just kidding! Brian & I enjoy planning a club cruise, but it’s always an adventure to plan an interesting route, searching for undiscovered roads and new scenery. Hopefully this was accomplished on the recent event.

There was a great turn out for the Mystery Cruise on February 16- eleven cars – all great-looking, gas guzzling classics (well, except for that pesky “newer” Trans Am). We drove north through the foothills and passed lots of grazing cows (Carl kept an official cow count) to the tiny town of Raymond, once a historic stage stop. After a short stop for some of us to visit the General Store, we continued on some curvy roads through scenic back country and on to Catheys Valley where we stopped again. (At this point the drivers all needed a rest from clutching the steering wheel around all the curves!) We continued on Hwy 140 and on into Merced, where we ended up at Big Bubba’s BBQ. It’s an unusual restaurant with a huge tree in the middle of the bar area (complete with a tree house), a fun shooting range and a mechanical bull. The food was good and we had a room to ourselves so we could laugh and talk a lot.

Congratulations to Jack & Sue Fusari, who won free lunches for guessing the closest mileage. Honorable mention for mileage went to Ron Berglund’s grandson, Wyatt, even though his wasn’t an official guess. Just for fun, he told me his guess first thing in the morning and he was closer than anyone! There was also a drawing for all who participated in answering questions along the drive, and that was won by Joel & Judy Garrett. Each car/couple received Valentine chocolates for the drive home.

A big THANK YOU to all who attended this event, and for not complaining about the curvy (sometimes bumpy) roads. It’s always fun to plan a POCC event, and you all made it a memorable day.

-Janet Massey



## Charity Donation

I would like to nominate big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Valley for the following reasons:

1. The executive director made a personal appearance and presentation to our group asking for our support.
2. Kids are the beneficiary in all 4 Counties in the Central Valley; Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings.
3. Expose youths to the car hobby; wax on wax off!
4. Member participation is open to all, youths and adults.
5. Locally operated in the Central Valley with offices in Fresno, Madera, Visalia, Handford.
6. Very deserving oorganization, 100 Yrs old nationally, 40 yrs in the Valley. 501C3 not for profit.
7. They need our support!
8. Current club member actively involved.

I hope all club members understand the impact of one on one mentoring, it works and is cost effective.

Mahalo, Ren Hallett

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I feel the Charity POCC should choose to support with the proceeds from the Regional should be Toys For Tots. The club has already established an association with Toys for Tots with our November show. With the \$\$ from the Regional, there are numerous ways to take that November show to the next level. We could subsidize aspects of the show to increase entries with food, entertainment, etc, we could announce that for every toy we collect, POCC will match them with additional toys. We could just take the proceeds and buy toys. We could even consider changing the Venue to make the weather a non-issue. These are just a few ideas, but bottom line is, we could make the relationship between POCC and Toys for Tots known throughout the Valley

By Joel Garrett

## Hillmar Cheese Factory Tour

On Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pontiacs of Central California cruised to the Hilmar Cheese Factory. Unfortunately, the threat of rain kept most of the classics in the garage, with only Carl Smith driving his 1967 GTO and Tom & Paula Yost driving their Fiero. Seventeen of us made the trek to Hilmar.



The weather was cool, and the only rain we encountered was a sprinkle as we neared our destination.

We left our gathering place in Madera at about 8:20 am and made one stop along the way in Livingston. After leaving Livingston we took the back roads to the small town of Hilmar and the cheese factory. The Hilmar Cheese Factory has a nice gift shop and deli style restaurant. What I thought would be tour of the plant turned out be more of dissertation about cheese making and dairy farms. It was kind of cheesy! After the "tour" the club dined in the deli. The food was good. Some of us purchased cheese and other items.

When we went outside to begin our trek home, the wind was blowing quite hard in advance of the impending storm that was forecast. We all made it home before the rains came.



# 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.

## March

**8th: 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](http://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](http://www.springinthesierra.com) for more details. Being held in conjunction with the Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival.

**29th: Blackhawk Car Museum. Meet at the Pilot truck stop in Madera at 7:30 am with a departure time of 8am SHARP. If you bring your classic we will be parking right in front of the entrance on the plaza. When we arrive we will have lunch at one of the many restaurants, your choice. Then we will tour the museum.**

# First New Members For 2008

Be sure to welcome Don Senior & Barbara of Coarsegold to the club the next time you see them. They join us with a 60's era Bonneville. Welcome Don and Barbara.



**On the way home there is a huge classic car showroom in Pleasanton we can stop and take a gander at. Call Dan with any questions, 559-289-1775.**

## 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](http://www.catheaven.com) or contact Greg Griggs.**

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

# For Sale

**1963 Pontiac Catalina 2 dr hardtop**, factory gauges inc tach and vacuum gauge, 8 lug wheels with newer tires, 4.10 posi, reverb, PW, 4 sp car w/orig tranny. 389 was the original eng but it is gone, a 455 block and misc other eng parts go with the car. \$2000 OBO. Contact Bill Richards, 431-8742 if interested.

**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

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## Dues Are Past Due

Dues are now past due. If not paid by the end of March you will no longer be a member in good standing, this will be your last newsletter and you will no longer be eligible for the monthly attendance drawing. 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

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

**1955 Front Bumper Guard Set.** I have two. One set is NOS (\$500 or best). The second set is used and needs to be rechromed (\$200 or best). Shipping not included. Please call or contact me at either 401-934-0663 or [frdigi@cox.net](mailto:frdigi@cox.net) . Rick

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## 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 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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