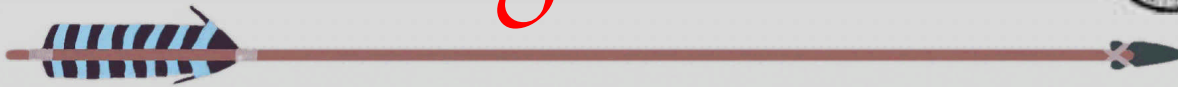


The Straight Arrow



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Happy Mother's Day

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President's Message

The other Saturday night Judy and I decided to take a late afternoon cruise in our latest addition to our fleet, a 1981 Trans Am. The seasonably warm evening drive with the T-Tops off was very pleasant. With the wind blowing through our hair, (OK, her hair), we drove by the Dairy Delight on Cedar near Gettysburg to check out their first of the season cruise in. There were only about 20-25 cars there, but we still got out and walked around the show. I saw a guy with a 1968 Camaro who looked familiar. Turns out I had bought a car off of him a while back (yeah, I know "Big Surprise" there). His Camaro was totally "old school". He had flared fender wells front and back, Old style Aluminum slotted mags with BIG tires in the back. A roll bar and side pipes. While discussing his car he mention that his Camaro was a replica of the 1968 Camaro from a movie called Aloha Bobby and Rose made in 1975. Last week Judy and I requested Aloha Bobby and Rose from Netflix and watched it. It starred Paul Le Mat, who also played John Milner in American Graffiti. This movie was bad. I mean really bad. The Camaro scenes in the movie were OK, but those scenes were too short, and too sparse compared to everything else that went on in the flick. We thought that this movie may be the reason that Paul Le Mat never went anywhere after American Graffiti, and just about everyone else connected to it became quite famous. In one scene Bobby (Le Mat) who was working as a auto mechanic, was having a discussion with another employee who had just graduated from Transmission school, and was bragging that now he would be earning \$6.50 an hour as a Transmission Tech. Bobby said he was doing just fine with his \$3.25 per hour. Just think, working at a full time job and supporting a "cool car" on \$3.25 an hour. Made me think of some of the vintage coffee shop menus we saw at the

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Minutes of March 10, 2008 Meeting

Minutes not received.

789 Chevy

This car is built by N2A motors (No Two Will Be Alike). Cost is \$40,000 over the cost of a new Corvette C6, meaning you can own one for around \$85,000.

The company is planning a production run of about 100 vehicles. It sits on a Corvette C6 chassis, with the front styled like a 57 Chevy, the side like a 58 and the rear like a 59. Hence the designation '789'. What about a 789 Pontiac, though I think I would really prefer a 8910 Pontiac, but then again maybe not!!!



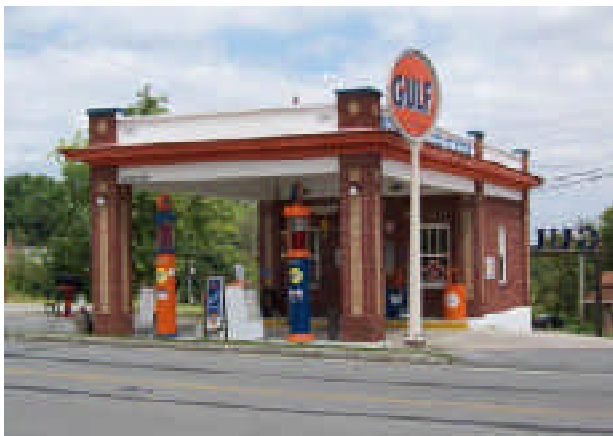
President's message continued.....

Coalinga Museum. Burger and fries, 45 cents, coke or coffee 5-10 cents and a steak dinner for under a buck. And of course the Restored Gas Station in Coalinga showed 19 cents a gallon for ethyl. Sure makes us old people nostalgic. Cars that are worth \$50K today, we bought and thrashed for under a grand back then. A car payment was \$75 a month, and a house payment was \$200 or less. AHH, what I wouldn't give to go back in time. Wait a minute, what about Korea and Vietnam, the Watts Riots, the draft, protests everywhere, Woodstock, Flower children, high performance cars had 175hp, Jimmy Carter and 15% interest rates and of course lets not forget the movie Aloha Bobby and Rose. Really makes me think that spending \$4 plus for a gallon of gas may not be so bad.

Joel

Some More Old Gas Stations

Several of these old gas stations are still pumping gas, just not at the old prices. Sent to me by several different memberes, but Ron Berglund's was the first one I could find in my e-mail, so thanks to Ron and the others who sent me these photos.

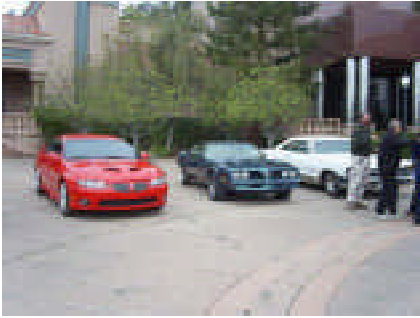


Notice the little girl jumping on the hose that rang the bell. Remember doing that as a kid? Most of you will say "No", but I don't know if that means you never did it or you can't remember doing it!!!!

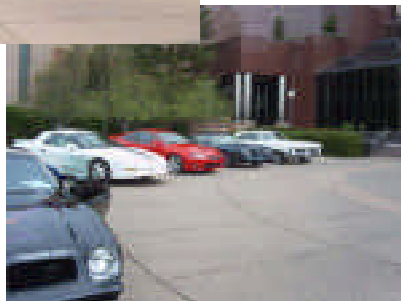
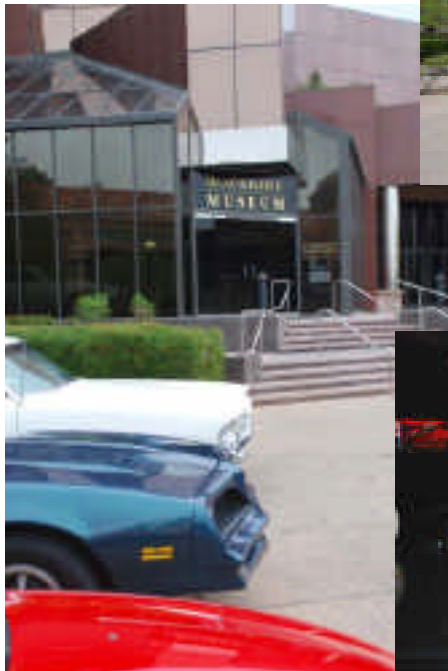
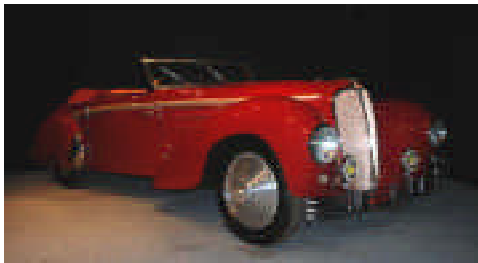


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Blackhawk Auto Museum



A great trip to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville was enjoyed by all. The museum even had a couple of cars that were almost as nice as ours!!!!!!



Thanks to Matthew Schubring and Dan Seibert for the pictures. Big thanks to Dan for planning and leading this grand adventure.

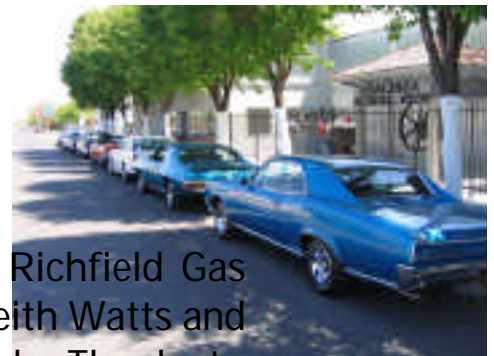
Coalinga Gas Station



Hope everyone took advantage of the great prices and filled up like Dave did!!!!!! Don't forget to check the oil, water, tires, clean the windshield and sweep out the interior. Remember those days??



Don't forget to use the facilities before heading home. At least it looks clean.



The trip to the Coalinga Richfield Gas Station was planned by Keith Watts and made with the Chevy Club. Thanks to Joel Garrett for the pictures.

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.

May

2nd: San Simeon 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 Friday, May 2nd. 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.

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

24th: Progressive Dinner. Details to follow.

June

7th: Grant Grove Cruise and car show.

9th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

July

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

August

11th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

September

8th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

13th: Eighth Annual Chowchilla Pre 72 Classic Car Show. Moved back to Veterans Park, parking starts at 8 am and show starts at 11:00 am. Entry fee is \$25, after August 15 fee is \$30. Vehicle must be a 1972 or earlier. Participant judging, raffle prizes, 50-60's music, food booths and more. Contact Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce at 559-665-5603 for entry forms.

25th-28th: Western Regional Pontiac/Oakland Convention: The convention starts on Thursday night and concludes Sunday; all at the beautiful Pines Resort at Bass Lake. Info to follow.

October

13th: General Membership Meeting at the Yosemite Falls Café.

November

8th: Toys for Tots Car Show; Info to follow.

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



Thanks to All

Thanks from the the Rollins and Fisher families for the thoughtful plant when Elaine's father passed away in April. Also thanks to the many club members who sent cards and made phone calls to extend their sympathy. Your thoughts, prayers and kind words were a comfort and greatly appreciated during a difficult time.

For Sale

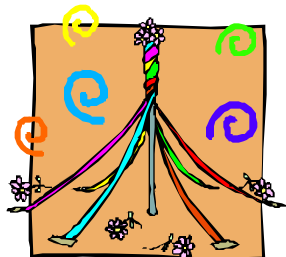
Tempest, GTO & LeMans 1964 to 1967 parts. Left & right fenders, some trim, lenses and miscellaneous parts. Call Andy Hoff at (559) 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

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

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 . Rick



Old Gas Stations continued.....





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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