

The Straight Arrow



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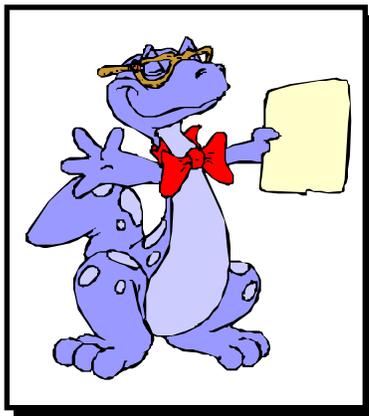
Schools are opening earlier
each year, drive carefully.

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President's Message

The other day I was having a conversation with a fellow member whom I always considered a "car guy". Boy, was I surprised when the conversation turned to "car movies" and he had never seen, or even heard of the movie "Two Lane Blacktop". I was dumfounded, how could anyone who owns 10 plus cars not be aware of one of the best automotive cult classics. It made me realize that maybe there are more of you out there that may be just as un-enlightened. So here is a list of some of my favorite "car movies" for you to (in no particular order):

TWO LANE BLACKTOP Starring 1970 GTO, 1955 Chevy, Actors Warren Oates, Denis Wilson (Beach Boy), James Taylor (Musician). Plot: Low budget Cult classic about a realistic crosscountry race?between a 1970 GTO and a Big Block 1955 Chevy.

VANISHING POINT (original made in 1971) Starring 1970 Dodge Challenger, Actor Barry Newman (TV show Petrccelli) Plot: Guy is driving the Challenger from Colorado to San Francisco with Police from three states chasing him.

GONE IN 60 SECONDS (original 1973) Starring 1973 Mustang, actor/producer/director etc HB Halicki. Plot: Famous for having the longest chase scene in a movie and destroying the most police cars

GUMBALL RALLY Starring 427 Cobra, Ferrari and many, many other cars. Actors Michael Sarrazin and others. Plot: Very realistic and humorous take on the "Cannon Ball" cross country race. This is the best one.

BLUES BROTHERS (original) Starring 1974 Dodge Police car Actors John Belushi, Dan Akroid, Plot: Cops and others chasing the famous comedy team from the original Saturday Night Live.

CARS Starring animated autos, Actors Various stars doing the voices for animated autos. Plot Nascar race premise and Old route

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Gripe Sheet for Ground Crew

It takes a college degree to fly a plane but only a high school diploma to fix one: a reassurance for those of us who fly routinely in their jobs.



After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

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New Member

Be sure to say "Hi" and welcome our newest member, Aaron Davlin. Aaron lives in Fresno and joins us with his "slightly modified" 2006 GTO. Welcome Aaron!!!

Grip Sheet continued.....

- S: DME volume set to more believable level.
 - P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
 - S: That's what they're for.
 - P: IFF inoperative.
 - S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.
 - P: Suspected crack in windshield.
 - S: Suspect you're right.
 - P: Number 3 engine missing.
 - S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.
 - P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)
 - S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.
 - P: Target radar hums.
 - S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
 - P: Mouse in cockpit.
 - S: Cat installed.
- And the best one for last.
- P: Noise coming from under instrument panel.
Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
 - S: Took hammer away from midget.



President's message continued.....

66 nostalgia that is very very entertaining.

SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT (ORIGINAL)
Starring 1977 Trans Am, 1976 Lemans. Actor Jackie Gleason makes this movie (must see uncut version) I think Burt Reynolds might have been in this movie also.

WHITE LIGHTNING (1973) Starring 1973 Ford LTD actors Burt Reynolds, Jennifer Billingsley, Ned Beatty. Plot Burt running moonshine in a souped up LTD.

AMERICAN GRAFFITI Starring 1955 Chevy (same car from Two Lane Blacktop) Duece Coup, 1958 Impala and many more. Actors Ron Howard, Harrison Ford, many others. Plot. Being a teen in Central California in 1962.

FINISH LINE 2000: Cruise Down Memory Lane starring mostly Mopars but many local cars also. Actors no one you would recognize. Plot: Locally made movie about 2 car guy friends that go to Vietnam, only one comes home. Filmed locally using local cars and locations. Straight to Video (DVD) entertainment.

DEATH RACE 2000: Starring mostly modified VW kit cars. Actors David Carradine, Sylvester Stalone. Plot; Futuristic car race where participants earn points for hitting pedestrians. Funny.

BONNEVILLE, Starring 1966 Bonneville Conv. Actors: Kathey Bates, Jessica Lange, Joan Allen. Plot: Fairly new movie about three women taking a road trip to deliver the ashes of one of their husbands.

This is just a partial list, I am sure I am forgetting many great ones, (please make your own list and submit it to Sam Fisher) but if you have not seen/scene the majority of the above movies, and consider yourself a "car guy or gal" you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Joel



Idiot Sighting 101

IDIOT SIGHTING: We had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a “large” enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, “Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower.” I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4. He said, “NO, it’s not.” Four is larger than two..” We haven’t used Sears repair since.

IDIOT SIGHTING: My daughter and I went through the McDonald’s take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, “you gave me too much money.” I said, “Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back.” She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said we’re sorry but they could not do that kind of thing.” The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change. Do not confuse the clerks at McD’s.

IDIOT SIGHTING: I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: “Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don’t think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.”

IDIOT SIGHTING IN FOOD SERVICE: My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for “minimal lettuce.” He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce. From Kansas City

IDIOT SIGHTING: I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge”. To which I replied, “If it was without my

knowledge, how would I know”. He smiled knowingly and nodded, “That’s why we ask.” Happened in Birmingham , Alabama.

IDIOT SIGHTING: The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it’s safe to cross the street. I was crossing with a coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, “What on earth are blind people doing driving”. She was a probation officer in Wichita, Kansas.

IDIOT SIGHTING: At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker. She was leaving the company due to “downsizing.” Our manager commented cheerfully, “This is fun. We should do this more often.” Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare. This was a lunch at Texas Instruments.

IDIOT SIGHTING: I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn’t understand why her system would not turn on. A deputy with the Dallas County Sheriffs office, no less.

IDIOT SIGHTING: When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the drivers side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. “Hey,” I announced to the technician, “its open!” His reply, “I know. I already got that side.” This was at the Ford dealership in Canton, Mississippi.

Editors Note: Don’t remember who sent this in, but thanks for doing so.



To Be 6 Again

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday. "I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again??" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you ding dong!" The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE REGIONAL

Thank you to all of those who signed up at the July meeting to help at the Regional. We still have blank spaces so if you were not at the July meeting, the sign up sheet will be at the August meeting. If you can't make the August meeting, please call me at 292-9130 so I can get you signed up. We especially need helpers on Friday with the Wine and Cheese boat rides and with parking cars on Friday. Again, thanks to all who have already signed up. Together we can make the Regional another fantastic show.

Judy Garrett

292-9130



A few more of those old gas stations that still exist today and take us back to a simpler era with cheap gas!!!!!!



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.

August

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

??: Movie Night

16th: Cruise to Chubby's located at the corner of Gettysburg and First.

September

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

13th: Cruise to Bass Lake; Check out the group picnic area (the Cove at Recreation Point)

13th: Eighth Annual Chowchilla Pre 72 Classic Car Show. Moved back to Veteran's 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.

October

4th: Tour of Capps Powder Coating; Be there by 10am, lunch will be provided by Capps. Keith Watts

11th: Progressive Dinner: Info to follow.

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.

December

13th; Annual Christmas Party; Info to follow



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.

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.

I have 2 GTO's for sale, a 1966 and a 1967. Both car are complete and can be for either parts or restoration. \$3500 each or both for \$6000. I can be reached at either 401-934-0663 or 401-465-7723 or frdigi@cox.net. I also have a 1965 Bonneville 4 dr that is complete but needs a frame. \$1500. Rick DiGiacomo

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

Regional Update

The 2008 Pontiac/Oakland Western Regional Convention is just a few months away! Where are we?? Getting close! We are now at 125 cars entered, and growing. I'm not sure if we will hit 160 cars, but we should come close to our mark in 2005 of 140+ cars on the show field.

One thing we need to get busy on is our own Club Display! Many clubs will be bringing a display to show off what their club has been doing, and to promote themselves. It would be a real shame if we did not have one of the best club displays there! I know we had one when we went to the regional in Ventura (was that in '03?), but I'm not sure it still exists. How about someone stepping up and taking on the job of building and setting one up! Thanks!

Now is the time to be thinking of what jobs (yes, jobS) you should sign up for. Every chairperson is seeking help to get them through, so please be ready to volunteer your time and services. You can still have a good time at the regional while pitching in and helping!

Here is a breakdown of the different chairpersons. There will be signup sheets at the July and August meetings. If you cannot make the meetings contact Judy Garrett and let her know what job(s) you would like to do. In no particular order:

Program Advertising/Sponsorships/Vendors: Ren Hallett (Needs a lot of ads and sponsors over the next month and a half)

Raffle: Dave Valla: They will need help in setting up, and during Saturday.

Wine & Cheese Boat Tours: Dennis Simonson: Help needed on Friday getting food and drinks down to the boats.

Parking/Vendor Spots: Sam Fisher: Work on Thursday morning marking the field, Friday and Saturday parking.

Hospitality on the Deck: Gayle & Helen Huls: Friday night help in getting food out to the tables.

Ponchos Around the Pond Car Cruise: Brian Massey: Help on Thursday at the bbq spot.

Registration: Joel & Judy Garrett: All day Friday and again Saturday morning.

Goodie Bag Assemble/Delivery: Carl Smith:

Pre-convention promotion: Andy Hoff:

Club Display/Photo Contest Judge: Andy Hoff

Goodie bags/wearing (at registration): Andy Hoff: Will need help during registration Friday and Saturday.

Chief Judge/Judge Acquisition: Dennis Baker:

Logo Wear: Victor Weitzel:

Goodie Bag Selection: Brian Massey/Greg Griggs

Photos/Awards slide show: Ron Berglund;

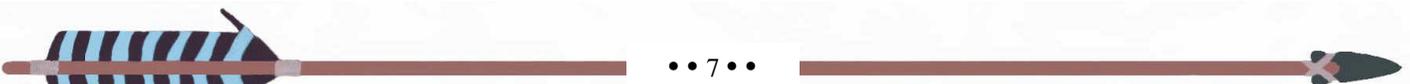
Awards Banquet Center Pieces: Marlene Berglund:

Please step up and volunteer for the jobs you would like the most. At the September meeting we will fill in the blanks as necessary and you may not wind up doing what you would have preferred.

I'm not sure where the Regional will wind up after 2008. As you recall, no one hosted a regional in 2007, and I have not heard of one being planned for 2009. Is this the last one?? I sure hope not, they are a great way to bring the Pontiac community together for a fun weekend! If this is the last one for awhile, let's make it memorable!

That's it for now, but if you have any questions, just ask!

Brian



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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