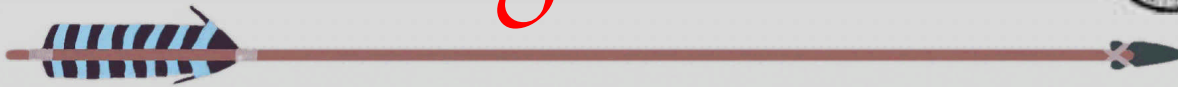


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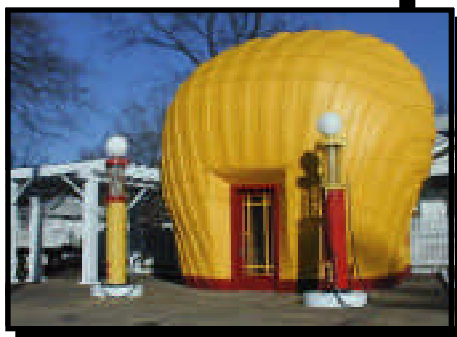
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President's Message

This last week I attended my first Grizzlies game at Chukchansi Park. I am not a real baseball fan like I was when I was a kid, but I looked at it as more of a social outing than a sports-fan activity. We went with some friends and I had a good time, (the team I was rooting for even won). For some reason attending this game made me think about NASCAR events.

I guess because I am not a big NASCAR fan either, though I really wasn't as a Kid either. I will admit that on any given Sunday afternoon I may watch "the race" for 5 or 10 minutes, but that is usually enough for me to find something else to do.

One of my problems with NASCAR is the name. I am not exactly sure what all the letters in NASCAR stand for, but I know 2 of the letters stand for Stock Car. Come on, Stock cars???. Years ago there were minor modifications and many "unofficial modifications" done to pretty much the car you could find in your Dealer Showroom on the Monday after the race. Pontiacs as well as other makes, pretty much had a close resemblance to the car anyone could buy with a slightly modified "stock" engine under the hood. There were even some rules that stated you had to make a certain number of similar cars available to the general public to actually prove they were racing stock cars. This not only made some really special cars available to Joe Public, but when you rooted for "your car" to win, it really meant something when a Pontiac beat a Plymouth, or a Ford beat a Dodge. Today the NASCARs are all pretty much the same "for fairness they say" and the make of a certain race car means little to the general public. The people in the stands are NOT rooting for their favorite car, but they are rooting for their favorite driver/and or team. Its just not the same. You may say, but wait, Richard Petty is/was an Icon of NASCAR and I would agree, but for a short time when

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Minutes of July 14, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President elect Joel Garrett.

There were no guests present, but long time club members Paul & Frances Duran attended the meeting.

The approval of the July minutes was postponed until later in the meeting. Copies of the minutes were passed around for members to review.

There was a brief comment that sign-up sheets need to be filled out for the Western Regional and for all members that haven't signed up to talk with Judy Garrett after the meeting.

Dennis Baker gave a Treasurer's Report. We now have 40 regular members and 11 associate members in the P.O.C.C.

Sam Fisher gave a Newsletter Report. He needs feedback on the electronic Newsletter. If you are having problems getting the electronic Newsletter, please let Sam know so he can address the problem.

Brian Massey was not in attendance, so there is no Webmaster report. Those members that haven't entered their vehicle in the Western Regional please send your information to Brian with the entry fees so he will have them when he gets home.

Old Business

Information was passed around that showed what is in the P.O.C.C. treasury at this time. The treasury looks good now, but the members were reminded how much the costs would be to put on the Western Regional.

New Business

Not all of the club members have sent in their registrations for the Regional Show and/or the banquet. Now is the time to do this so you

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won't be left out. Get that information to Brian as soon as possible.

Past Activities

Gayle Huls attended Hot August Nights and said the show was good, but he was disappointed about the swap meet part of the event.

Victor Weitzel attended the P.O.C.I. Nationals at Spearfish, South Dakota. He said that it was a great event with about 260 entrants.

Keith Watts and a few other club members attended the North Fork Show. I was a small event that funded the Recreational Center for the youths of the North Fork area.

Upcoming Activities

August 15th is the Clovis Elks Hot August Days Show. This is a free show for all entrants.

August 15th is our club night at Chubby's. Be there about 5pm.

August 16th the North Point Church free car show. There will be raffle prizes, venders and plenty of food.

September 13 is a busy day. There is a Cruise the Lake event at Bass Lake for member that would like to attend. There is also the Chowchilla Car Show that is a morning event.

The big event on the 13th is the Chubby's Car Show. It is a special event with a \$10 entrant fee. Every entrant gets 1 raffle ticket for each car entered. Those raffle tickets are entered for a drawing for a \$1,000 cash prize and possible one or more \$500 prizes. There will be no raffle tickets sold for those cash prizes. Only entrant tickets are eligible. There will be some race cars at this show and get there early if you want to attend the event.

October 4th -Keith Watts has set up a club event at Cap's Powder Coating. It will start at 10am with a tour and then lunch. There is also a car show at Sierra Vista Mall for the Entrepreneur's Club. Contact Andy Hoff about

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"The King" switched from Plymouth to another manufacturer, the fans were outraged. Plymouth, even had a color called Petty Blue. Kind of like when baseball players played for THEIR/OUR team, not just the franchise that offered them the most \$\$\$. That's when I stopped being a fan. I have a couple of friends that are huge NASCAR fans. They attend many races, travel thousands of miles a year doing it (and spend a lot of \$\$). But the strange thing is (to me at least) is that they are not "car people" They know all the drivers, the teams, if it's a Ford Fusion, Dodge ??, or a Chevy ?? And they even know they don't like Toyota. But they know nothing about cars, what makes them go, stop, or turn...etc. If NASCAR is suppose to be a "Motor sport" how come most of the fans are not motor-heads????

Just my opinion.

Joel

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this for more info.

A Progressive Dinner event will be scheduled for sometime after the Western Regional-possible Oct. 11th.

November 8th - The P.O.C.C. Toys for Tots Car Show (the second Saturday of Nov. this year). Bring an unwrapped \$10 or more toy for your entrant fee. Bill Richards volunteered himself as well as Dennis Schwarz and Carl Smith to handle this event.

P.O.C.C. Christmas Party - There was discussion about having the party somewhere other than a member's home, due to the number of people that usually attend. A motion was made to form a committee to find a location/establishment that would fit our needs. The motion also included the Club would pay for the dinner. The motion passed.

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The committee of Judy Garrett and Gloria Griggs will get information and report back to the members.

2008 Western Regional Convention & Show

Ron Berglund gave a report on the awards – Plaques and 3 special awards/Vases.

There will not be any dash plaques but a pin with the Western Regional artwork on it.

Ron also discussed the committees and manpower that is needed to get all the jobs accomplished for this event. Members need to check the schedule for areas where they can fill in where more help is needed.

Victor Weitzel talked about the event apparel and wants all the members to bring their orders with payment to the next month's meeting. This will give him enough time to get the orders filled.

Carl Smith is handling the Goody Bags and there are plenty of things already collected.

Dave Valla and Family are handling the raffle. Contact him and let him know what you have to be included in the raffle. Also, before the event these items should be delivered to Dave.

It is still not known if the Bass Lake Queen will be available or if the pontoon boats will be how the Wine & Cheese Cruise will be done. Dennis Simonson is in charge of the Wine & Cheese Cruise. Contact him if you can help out piloting one of the pontoon boats. If the Bass Lake Queen is available, you can always be reassigned for other duties. We have plenty of wine thanks to the Twin Rivers Vintners, Mission Belle Winery, Chateau Lasqoity Winery, Quady Winery, and Ficklin Vineyards. Representatives of the Twin Rivers Vintners and Ficklin Vineyards will be in attendance at the hospitality area for sampling and information about their wineries. Sequoia Brewing Company is supplying a keg for the

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OFFICER ELECTIONS JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AWAY

As you read this (the 3 of you that do) we are just a few months from the end of another year. That means we will soon be looking for new club officers. As your current President, I am asked many times during each month for my opinion on various aspects of our clubs well being. At first I felt that maybe my opinion should not carry any more weight than any other member's, but as I thought about it, I realized I was elected by a unanimous vote to serve as your President. I am hoping that means that you all have faith in my ability to steer the club the way we would all like it to be going. Or maybe after asking just about everyone else, I was the only member who agreed to take the job. I hope it was NOT the latter. The reason I bring this up is I think we should all consider the future of our club, and the future club officers and make sure we are choosing people we think can run the club as we feel it should be run. In addition, if you feel strongly on what you would like to see for the future of our club, consider stepping up and becoming the club President or another club officer. We all have the same purpose, to keep/make Pontiacs of Central Calif. The best car club it can be.

Joel

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hospitality area and possibly some bottles for the cruise.

Helen Huls is in charge of the food preparation for the hospitality area. She needs help early Friday morning for food preparation. She will also need extra refrigeration space to keep the food cold until Friday afternoon. Contact

HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE REGIONAL

Thank you to all of those who signed up at the July and August meetings to help at the Regional. We still have some blank spaces so if you were not at those meetings, the sign up sheet will be, for the last time, at the September meeting. If you can't make the September meeting, please call Judy Garrett at 292-9130 so she 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

Helen if you have extra space in your room refrigerator.

Any P.O.C.C. members that haven't already signed up for something to help out at the Regional please contact Judy Garrett and she will let you know where help is needed. If you can, help out with more than one job. There is a lot of work to do and plenty of jobs that still need to be assigned. Some members are doing more than one job already, so help out when and where you can for the success of the Regional.

The members present have had time to review the minutes of the July meeting. The July minutes were approved.

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. The winner of the \$10 is Randy Beavers.

Submitted by

Dennis Schwarz



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.

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 Cap's Powder Coating; Be there by 10am, lunch will be provided by Cap's. Cap's is located at 4460 South Chestnut Ave in Fresno. Call Keith Watts for additional information - 225-8515.

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

6th; Annual Christmas Party at the Plaza Ventana Mexican Restaurant starting at 5:30. More info to follow at the September meeting and in future newsletters.

REMEMBER: No regular meeting in December, the Christmas party is the meeting.

For Sale

1996 Ford Thunderbird. Exterior color is dark green with tan interior, AT, AC, PDL, PW. Under 44,000 miles, looks and runs great. Has always been garaged and well maintained. Asking \$3500. Call Sam Fisher at 664-9431 (home) or 718-9350 (cell).

1965 Lemans front end complete with bumper. Some surface rust because of old thin paint. There is no other rust, it is solid and straight, Great Calif Parts. Can be a GTO with hood change. I would like to trade for a 71/72 Endura front end, hood, head lights ect. for my Lemans Sport conv. Pictures on request via e-mail. Contact Dan @ 559-908-1450

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.

Weather striping, seat covers, head liners, sun visors, seat belts and carpets for most makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, (559) 322-8441.



Regional Update

The 2008 Pontiac/Oakland Western Regional Convention is just a few months away! Where are we?? Getting close! We now have over 130 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!

One last time to sign up for jobs (yes, jobS) during the September meeting. If you cannot make the meeting and have not previously signed up for a job or two then contact Judy Garrett and let her know what job(s) you would like to do. Every chairperson will need 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 jobs and their chairpersons in no particular order:

Program Advertising/Sponsorships/Vendors: Ren Hallett (We can still use ads and sponsors)

Raffle: Dave Valla: He 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 cars.

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 apparel (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 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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