

# The Straight Arrow



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*Merry Christmas To All*

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# President's Message

Its hard to believe that this is my last Presidents message(I hope for a few years at least). As I look back on 2008, I feel privileged to have been the leader of this organization.

As a club we have experienced a year of many good times as well as some sad times. Members celebrated birthdays, graduations, and even a 50th wedding anniversary. We also mourned the loss of loved ones. We laughed . We cried.

Our club activities included the annual trip to the coast where Bill and Judy again opened their home to us. We went to the Blackhawk Museum, We attended monthly cruise nights, and many local shows. We won trophies, We ate, We won money, We ate, We made new friends, We ate.

We started the year by donating to a member's friend whose family suffered a devastating fire. We cared.

As a club, we worked our collective a\*\*es off planning, hosting, and running a Western Regional that hundreds of attendees enjoyed. We were so successful that as a club we will be donating \$9000 to a local charity. We gave.

Then to finish off a great year, Our annual Toys For Tots car show broke all previous records for entries and toy donations. We also ollected over \$700 in cash that was also donated. We helped.

Wow. What started off 15 years ago as a small group of people who liked Pontiacs, has become one of the longest lasting, well known, and envied Car clubs in the Valley.

I am proud to be able to say that I was/am a member of this great organization.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve

Joel



# Minutes of November 10, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President elect Joel Garrett.

There were no guests present, but Jack's back. (Jack Fusari).

The October minutes were approved with 2 exceptions.

A Treasurer's report was given by Dennis Baker. The P.O.C.C. now has 41 members and 11 associate members.

A Webmaster report was given by Brian Massey. The Toys 4 Tots Show pictures will be posted soon.

## Old Business

A summary of the 2008 Western Regional event was given. The 2008 Western Regional was more successful than the Western Regional the P.O.C.C. put on in 2005. There was discussion on what the donation would be to Wish Upon A Star. After quite a bit of discussion, Bill Richards made a motion to donate \$9,000 to Wish Upon A Star and the motion was seconded. The motion passed.

The election of club officers for 2009 is as follows

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| - President     | Carl Smith                 |
| -Vice President | Bill Richards              |
| -Secretary      | Dave Valla                 |
| -Treasurer      | Bill Truckell              |
| -Activities     | Judy Kaspar & Judy Garrett |

## Appointed positions

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| -Newsletter Editor | Barbara Senior |
| -Webmaster         | Brian Massey   |

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Minutes continued.....

The add in the Fresno Bee about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month being a P.O.C.C. club night at Chubby's has been removed for now.

#### New Business

There will be discussion at future meetings on how the club funds are going to be used.

Bring your ideas to the January meeting for discussion.

#### Upcoming Activities

Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting on upcoming club activities for 2009.

Call Judy Garrett for the location and time. (559) 765-4865.

The P.O.C.C. Christmas Party will be on Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Plaza Ventana Restaurant – 5088 N. Blackstone Ave. There will be no gift exchange but there will be a surprise. RSVP to Judy Garrett by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - [calbug61@aol.com](mailto:calbug61@aol.com) or 765-4865.

The P.O.C.C. Central Valley Classic will be April 25. Entry fee will be \$25 by April 15<sup>th</sup> and \$35 after that date. Additional vehicles will be \$10 less per vehicle. Jim Wangers will be in attendance and will be giving out the Gary Kaiser Award. Dash Plaques will be given to the first 100 entrants and the field will be limited to 125 vehicles. The Elks Club is being contacted for the food. Bill Richards will be the chairperson for the event.

#### Past Activities

Capp's Powder Coating tour – For those that missed it, the tour was very informative. After a tour of the facility and explanation of what all the different machines did, Capp's provided a great lunch for all that were present. They also handed out raffle tickets to everyone and gave out a lot of raffle prizes. A big thanks to Keith Watts for setting up and organizing the tour. Bill Richards will be sending out a thank you letter to Capp's along with some gifts from the P.O.C.C.

The P.O.C.C. Toys 4 Tots Car Show was another big success. This year there were over 150 vehicles and we surpassed the toys collected in 2007. This year we decided to try a 50/50 drawing to see if we could generate more for Tots 4 Tots. As a result, over \$900 worth of tickets were sold. When the winning ticket was announced, the person holding the winning ticket was yours truly. There was one small problem, the ticket didn't belong to me. I was holding the ticket for Sam Troncoso, who was very happy that I sold him those 2 tickets. As a result of the 50/50 drawing and donations collected at the coffee/donut table, a check for over \$750 was also presented to the Marines for Toys 4 Tots. Thanks to all of the P.O.C.C. members for making this another big success.

As there was no further business to discuss, the attendance drawing was done. The winner of the \$20 this month is Judy Kaspar. She said thank you very much.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully, Dennis Schwarz



The 2008 Pontiacs of Central California Toys for Tots Car Show was held on Saturday, Nov 8th. The event included the entry of over 200 cars and occurred in cooperation with the US Marine Reserves' kick off weekend for the 2008 Toys for Tots drive, in the Central Valley. At the conclusion of the event and after the official count by the US Marines, it was determined that over 500 new Toys had



been donated. This year it was decided to add a 50/50 drawing to the event with 50 % going to the drawing winner and 50 % to the marines for the Toys for Tots drive. The winner was Sam—I only bought 5 tickets—Troncoso. He walked away with about \$473 but, more importantly, the Marines received almost \$800 from the 50/50 and the direct cash donations made by many of the car show participants.

Even prior to the official car show start time it was apparent that the number of cars was rapidly approaching the maximum we could fit in to the designated space for the car show. We had about 2/3rds of the Toys R us parking lot, which we filled including a lot of the aisle space. In addition, many cars were seen parked in the other 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the lot that was left for Toys R Us customers. Although we had 185 registered cars, after running out of window placards and looking at the number of cars parked outside the show area, the real total was well over 200 cars. I guess we should explore some alternatives for next year as this show has consistently gained in popularity over the last 3 or 4 years. The many people who jumped in to assist with parking also made a difference. It turned a situation that could of upset participants into at least something that was bearable and understandable by the participants.

A special thanks to Judy and Joel for taking care of the awards portion of the show. The voting and counting process is a very difficult job that was amplified by the larger than expected attendance—the bobble heads were great too! In addition, Sam and Elaine did a great job with registration especially by adapting and improvising when we ran short of registration supplies. Thanks to Brian and Janet for providing their motor home, which always helps. Janet was pleased that she didn't have to spend most of her time making coffee as in the past. Also a thanks to *Kitahara Pontiac* for the donation of \$500 cash to buy toys and the loan of a vehicle to bring them to the show, *Toys R Us* for the generous use of their parking lot, *Sean Ford (Dr. Moonstone)* for donating his DJ services and *Starbucks Coffee* for the great coffee;



Thanks to the US Marine Reserves for this worthwhile program, it was an honor to help out!





# 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.

## December

**6th; Annual Christmas Party at the Plaza Ventana Mexican Restaurant, at 5088 N Blackstone, phone # 229-2189. The restaurant is located just north of Shaw on the east side of Blackstone. The party starts at 5:30. Hopefully you have RSVP'ed to Judy Garrett by now because if you have not there may not be room for you.**

**Due to space restrictions there will NOT be a Pirate's gift exchange this year.**

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



# For Sale

**New Item: 1965 Pontiac Shop Manuel** on a CD (genuine GM issue). Contains all of the information listed in the regular shop manual and more. Contact Dave Lander, parts department of Vintage Buick, Pontiac, Cadillac and GMC in Madera. Cost is around \$65. Phone Dave at 674-0011 and ask for parts.

**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.



# 2009 Officers

Listed below are the elected and appointed officers for the 2009 year. Congratulations to all.

President - Carl Smith

VP - Bill Richards

Secretary - Dave Valla

Treasurer - Bill Truckell

Activities - Judy Garrett & Judy Kaspar

Appointed by the above elected officers:

Newsletter - Barbara Senior

Web Master - Brian Massey

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## My Last Newsletter

This will be my last newsletter for the club. As most of you probably know Barbara Senior has volunteered to take over the position. Hopefully you will give her your support, articles and pictures as you have done for me over the past seven or eight years that I have been doing the newsletter.

I would like to thank all of you that never turned me down when I needed an article or some pictures to fill up space in the newsletter. Your support and willingness to contribute made my job much easier that it could have been. Hopefully you have enjoyed the effort I put into the newsletter each month and I'm sure Barbara will now take it to even greater heights.

Now as the rest of you currently do, I will be looking forward to receiving the Straight Arrow each month instead of trying to get it out before each meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Sam & Elaine

# How Fights Get Started

or

## Things To Avoid Saying During The Holidays

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive.... so, I took her to a gas station and then the fight started.

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$17.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream. And that's when the fight started.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?' 'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.' 'My God!' says my wife, 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?' And then the fight started

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well I couldn't believe it he was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!' So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?' And that's how the fight started.

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first 'I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please.' He said, 'Aren't you worried about the mad cow?' 'Nah, she can order for herself.' And that's how the fight started.....



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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