



The Straight Arrow



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October's Cool Air brings Cruisin' Galore!

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are already into the month of October. Seems as though the year is flying by. This is another busy month year for the car shows in this area. Makes it kind of hard to choose which show you want to enter. Usually the free shows are the ones that tend to catch my eye.

Don't forget - October is the month to think about volunteering for a club office. I can say it's not so much work, and it's even fun....most of the time. So step up.

We just returned from a great club weekend in Cayucos. Seems like we all like to eat and share good times....and who can forget the huge circle of 30+ folks on the moonlit beach of Cayucos, as we enjoyed the great pit fire made by Bill and his trustee helpers. Thanks to Judy Kaspar & Judy Garrett for all your hard work, and also to all the other great cooks who brought those tasty dishes! We had a very pleasant weekend. And thanks to George Truckell in whose lovely beach home we gathered. And especial thanks to Bill Truckell and Judy Kaspar for having such a warm club gathering...altho, it wasn't really so warm, weather-wise..but who cares, when sharing time with such good friends. We all had a great time!

Well, hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Thanks,

Carl Smith

2009 President (written by the editor..)

Club Calendar

October

3-4 - Trip to Cayucos

10th - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford

12th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

29th - Ladies Lunch Club, Plaza Ventana

November

7th - Tots for Tots Show

9th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

December

5th - Tentative date for Holiday dinner

January, 2010

11th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

February

8th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

March

8th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

April

12th - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

AIR NATIONAL GUARD OPEN HOUSE

Sept 12, POCC participated in the annual Family Open House at the Fresno Air National Guard Base. This event is an opportunity for ANG members and their families to tour the Air Base, view static displays and meet each other. By invitation, a few car clubs provide their cars as one a display. POCC provided 10 cars of about 60 in attendance. Years ago, ANG hosted an annual public Open House that included displays of the most modern aircraft of the day. However, since 9/11, these days are gone. This was apparent in the security checks that car club members went through to get on the base. As we drove through the back gate of the facility, armed ANG personnel inspected each vehicle including the under carriage.



Lined up after going through the gate



Checking the Undercarriage of each car

Then all participants had several security briefings, including where to go in event of an emergency. The most notable warning was to leave the building immediately if the announcement "Mustang, Mustang!" occurred. Of course, we had a few Mustangs in the line up, so we just had to make sure we only looked at one at a time. After driving through a maze of concrete barriers, we finally entered a large hanger where the cars were displayed.



Two classics - cars & fighter planes



" Mustang! Mustang!"



A lot of nice cars for the ANG families

The hanger could have held almost 100 cars, but the 60 participating in the event filled it nicely. As far as where to have a car show, this was probably the best you could expect on a hot day.

During our time there several members of the club participated in a formal tour of the facility. This was impressive, especially the machine shops and maintenance areas. After the tour lunch was provided to all participants. This occurred in a military mess hall which some of us were very familiar with but others enjoyed a new experience.

At the end of the event the car display organizers presented an award to the popular choice winner as voted by the military personnel who viewed the cars. A Pontiac won! Club member Curt Gunderson's Trans AM was voted the winner. The ANG thanked all participants for helping them make the Open House successful.



2009 TOYS FOR TOTS CAR SHOW

Pontiacs of Central California will host the 10th annual Toys for Tots Car show on November 7, 2009. This annual event coincides with the kick off of the US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive. Thousands of toys are donated as Christmas gifts for needy children throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

This is a chance for car clubs and individual car owners to support this program and also have a good time. Entry for the show consists of one unwrapped new toy for each car. Of course, if you're feeling generous—bring as many toys as you like. Last year's car show had over 200 entries, resulting in the direct donation of over 500 toys.. With so many entries, we redesigned the show layout for this year to better accommodate all who wish to participate.

Regardless, if you're bringing a car or just coming to look at the cars, please bring toys! This is a great program, and all of the proceeds stay right here in the Valley to benefit needy children at Christmas. The car show is at the Toys R Us parking lot, located on Shaw Ave at Sunnyside, in Clovis, from 11am to 3pm. Considering the time of year, we had a really nice day for last year's show, but there is always a possibility of rain. The need for toys occurs on rainy days as well as nice days, so we'll be there rain or shine. Come on by anyway and enjoy some snacks and coffee with us....and please bring the toys!

For information, contact Bill Richards at
559-301-0553

POCC END of Summer Games

A huge thank you to Victor and his friends for hosting the End of Summer Games. We all made it up the hill in the heat to Mariposa. When we arrived we were greeted to a mini car show. After a bit of munching on chips, salsa, guacamole and bean dip, we got the rules of the games. Ball toss into tires, trim ring horseshoes and Frisbee throwing through tires seemed easy enough until the rules were put into place. We had to use our non natural hand for throwing. All the righties became lefties and the lefties became righties. The competition was fierce. Teams were made up by picking names out of the hat. After all of the teams were finished the winners were announced. Jack Fusari and Sam Fisher came in third. Keith Watts and Greg Griggs placed second and Joel Garrett and Mary Wolters were the first place team. They split \$54.00. Way to go winners! During the game demonstration our club photographer, Brian Massey was hit square in the chest with a Frisbee. 100 points for Victor for that awesome throw!!

The barbecues were fired up and one of the best pork loins I had ever tasted was on the grill. The burgers were cooking. Victor supplied pulled pork which was delicious. Thanks to all the yummy dishes everyone brought we had a great lunch. Cake and cookies topped off the meal. Hmm... seems our club likes to eat.

The Joel Garret look alike contest was won by Carl. Poor Robbin. I hope she is ready for that. Somehow Joel's face was put on Austin Powers body and he even talked!!

The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting and watching the wildlife. We saw a mama dear and her babies and a few wild turkeys were spotted.

We all had a great time. Good friends, good food and a little healthy competition. Victor suggests making this an annual event. What do you all think? I vote yes. As we headed down the hill we all were looking forward to our big Cayucos weekend coming up.

Submitted by Judy Garrett (thanks!)



Minutes September 14th 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm sharp by 2009 club president Carl Smith.

Guests: Present at tonight's meeting was our newest member, John Chalabian. Welcome to Pontiacs of Central California, John. John owns a 1988 Fiero.

Minutes: The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written. I would like to thank Janet Massey being the substitute secretary, as I was unable to attend the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Truckell reports that the club currently has 44 members and 16 associate members. This is a record number of POCC members!

News Letter Editor's report: News letter editor, Barbara Senior, was not present at tonight's meeting.

Webmaster's Report: Webmaster, Brian Massey, thanked Dennis Simonson and Ron Berglund for contributing pictures of the California Air National Guard Show. The website will be updated soon.

Old Business: The club Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for December 5th at the Plaza Ventana Restaurant. Judy Garrett is going to check into having the party at the Santa Fe Basque also.

New Business: Toys for Tots car show. Bill Richards (event Chairman) asked for ideas for trophies. We may use clocks similar to those we gave out to participants in the 2005 Western Regional. Robin Smith will be in charge of counting ballots.

Stolen Vehicles. Carl Smith was contacted by a member of another car club regarding the establishment of a stolen vehicle notification system, in which all local clubs would participate.

Enns Pontiac. Ron Berglund reported that Enns Pontiac in Reedley closed their doors after several decades of selling Pontiacs.

Past Activities:

August 26th. The ladies of POCC lunched at the Palms Restaurant.

August 28-29th. Several members made the trek to the Solvang car show. Unfortunately Dennis Baker lost the left rear wheel off of his 1967 GTO. Fortunately, Dennis kept the car under control. The weather in Solvang was very hot.

September 12th. About a dozen club members attended the California Air National Guard open house. The show was held in an airplane hangar. Curt Gunderson won the first place award.

September 12th. There was a good turnout for the monthly club night at Chubby's.

Future Activities:

Judy Garrett and Judy Kasper, the activities co chairpersons for 2009, provided an updated list of activities:

September 26th: End of Summer Games at Victor Weitzel's home in Mariposa. We will meet at the Chevron Mini Mart at Highway 41 & Avenue 15 in time to caravan to Victor's house by 9:00 am. The club will be providing drinks and burgers. Bring a side dish to share.

September 27th. POCC has once again been invited to display our classics at the Westwood Bluffs retirement community.

September 30th. The Ladies Lunch Club will meet at the Plaza Ventana Restaurant.

October 3-4th. Caravan to Cayucas. Once again Bill and Judy will be hosting the club at their home in Cayucas. We will meet in the parking lot of the bank at the southwest corner of Shields Avenue & Highway 41 at 9:00am. Some members will drive to the coast On October 2nd.

November 7th. Toys-For-Tots car show. Bill Richards is the chairman for this event, with assist from Jack Fuasri and Carl Smith.

As there was no further business to be discussed, the attendance drawing was conducted by Bill Truckell. The winner of the \$30 prize was Ken Mueller! Since Ken was at tonight's meeting to collect his winnings, the prize amount will be reset to \$10 at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

David Valla

FOR SALE

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, etc for my Lemans Sport convertible. Pictures via email. Contact Dan @ 559-908-1450.

Tempest, GTO & Lemans 1964 to 1967 parts. Left and 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 Stripping, Seat Covers, Headliners, Sun visors, Seat belts and Carpets for most makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, 559-322-8441.

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