



# The Straight Arrow



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*It's Finally May! Let the Car Shows Begin!*

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## President's Message

Hello Everyone:

In continuation of last month's letter, I will tell what happened to my second '67 GTO.

About two years after losing my first GTO, I was able to buy another. It had a nice new paint job on it - great looking car, but it did need some new wheels and tires. So I went out and bought some, put them on, and, boy, did that car look awesome.

At that time I was living in a apartment complex, we only had one designated parking spot. So I had to park my car in the visitors area but that was ok because I could look out my front window and see my car setting there.

One night just as we were going to bed, I looked out the window, and said to my girl friend (who soon became my second wife), "Wow! Look at those wheels and tires, I hope no one steals them off the car tonight." I was just joking, and off to bed we went. Then at about 2:30 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning, there was a loud knock at our door. I answered the door, and it was the Police. They asked me if I owned a 1967 GTO, I said yes, they then asked if they could see the keys, so I showed them my keys. They wanted to know if I had loaned the car out, I said of course not! They said they didn't think so because the car had been stolen and it had been hot wired. Then they began telling what happened.....

A twenty-one year old had been drinking and stole my car to go joy riding. The police began chasing him, they didn't say why, but their speeds got up to 110 MPH and the police said they had to back off so he would slow down, but he soon ran through a red light and smashed into a station wagon

with two older gentlemen in it, they were on their way to early morning deep sea fishing. The crash was enormous, he had killed the two men in the station wagon and also killed himself. Both cars were completely totaled. My first reaction was a very angry one, but soon realized that the lives of these three guys was much more important. Needless to say my car was done for.

It was about 10 years later (1988) that I was able to get my third GTO, which is the blue one I have now. I later bought my fourth GTO here in Fresno, it was one that a father and son had been working on and the son lost interest in it. They had been trying to make a hot rod out of it, So I was able to get it a very good price, I later sold it so I could paint my blue GTO. My fifth GTO is the one that I an now trying to restore. And that just about covers all the GTO's I have owned over the years and hope I will be able to keep these for awhile.

Thanks for listening,  
Carl Smith, 2009 President

## MADERA CAR SHOW

The annual club show was a big success, with great weather, beautiful cars, and lots of prizes.... The proceeds of the Bass Lake show - a whopping \$9000 - was presented to Wish Upon A Star. Don Bonander was, as usual, a great host, and the Friday Bar-B-Que was tasty and lots of fun. Thanks to everyone who helped out to make it another great club event.

## Club Calendar

### **May**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cruise to Railtown in Jamestown, CA
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Shriner Car Show, Sierra Vista Mall
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Lunch Club

### **June**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - New Wrinkles, starring Berglunds
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day Car Show
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Lunch Club

### **July**

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Aaron Davlin's Church's show

### **August**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Lunch Club
- 28-29 - Club Caravan to Solvang car show

### **September**

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

### **October**

- 3-4 - Trip to Cayucos
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Club night at Chubby's w/Sean Ford
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

### **November**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Tots for Tots Show
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cruise to Jamestown**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - Shriner's Car Show.**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Club caravan to Railtown in Jamestown. We'll park on the grass in the shade and ride the steam train. Bring a picnic lunch. Meet at the Pilot Truck Stop at Avenue 18 1/2 & SH 99 at 8:30am. Curt Gunderson leads.

May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Shriner's Car Show at the Sierra Vista Mall in Clovis. Joel Garrett is in charge.

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is a group outing to see "New Wrinkles" starring our very own Ron and Marlene Berglund.

June 21 - 4th Annual Father's Day Car Show at Valley Christian Center.

July 18<sup>th</sup> is a group caravan to a show at Aaron Davlin's church.

August 28-29 - Club Caravan to Solvang car show. Best Western in Buellton.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> is our annual trip to Cayucos for fun and games, dinner and Sunday breakfast at Bill and Judy's. Make reservations at San Simeon Lodge. Please make your reservation ASAP since we must guarantee 10 rooms to get the group rate of \$70 per night plus tax. Let them know you're with the Pontiac club. November 7<sup>th</sup> is our Toys 4 Tots show.

At monthly meetings, the Judys will give updates on past and upcoming events.

From The Judys

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## **Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Present at tonight's meeting were Mark Rowe and Armando Lozano. Mark has a 1980 Trans Am and is considering becoming a member of our club. Welcome Mark! Armando was at the meeting to inform our club of the Belmont Concours de' Eleganza on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Truckell reports that the club currently has 38 members and 14 associate members that have **paid** their 2009 club dues. Bill also reports that he has received the sponsorship check (for the central Valley Classic Car Show) from Don Bonander.

**News Letter Editor's report:** News letter editor, Barbara Senior, asked members to submit ideas for feature articles for the news letter. Members may also submit articles that they have written. Contact Barbara if you are not receiving the news letter.

**Webmaster's Report:** Webmaster, Brian Massey, reported that the upcoming events schedule and roster of current officers has been updated on the website. If any members would like to submit any stories, photos, etc; Brian will gladly post them on the website.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** There was discussion as to whether or not associate members should receive five, ten, or fifteen year pins for their name badges. Ron Berglund made a motion to give the pins to associate members with their anniversary date being that of the year the member joined the club. The motion passed.

### **Past Activities:**

March 25<sup>th</sup>: The Ladies Lunch Club met at the Macaroni Grill in River Park.

March 28<sup>th</sup>: Galvan's Classic car Show. Several members attended this event.

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Tower District Car Show. Several members attended this event which had 400+ entries.

April 11<sup>th</sup>: POCC night at Chubby's. We had about a dozen cars at the show. Victor Weitzel won a second place award for his custom 1969 Firebird.

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

April 18<sup>th</sup>: Club cruise to the Kingsburg car show. We will meet at the Starbucks in Fowler at Merced & SH 99.

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Central Valley Classic Eve barbeque at Don Bonander's Vintage Pontiac/GMC in Madera.

April 25<sup>th</sup>: Central Valley Classic Car Show in Madera. Ken Mueller (registration chairman) reports he has received 53 entrants thus far. Wish Upon a Star will be present to accept our donation from proceeds from the Bass Lake show held last fall. They will also be selling tickets for the raffle of a motorcycle. There will be a car show meeting at Carl's Jr. on Shaw Avenue in Clovis on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Gayle Huls reported that the club's coffee pot no longer functions. A motion was made by Judy Garret to purchase a new one. The motion passed. Sam Fisher reported that he would like to make modifications to the (class) signs used on the show field. Ron Berglund made a motion to purchase the materials needed for the modifications. The motion passed. Ken Mueller made a motion to spend \$250.00 of club funds for raffle prizes for the car show. The motion passed.

April 29<sup>th</sup>: The Ladies Lunch Club will meet at Sakanaya Japanese Restaurant in Fort Washington at 11:00am.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Club caravan to Railtown in Jamestown, CA. Curt Gunderson is heading this up. We will meet at the Pilot Truck Stop at Avenue 18 1/2 & SH 99 at 8:30am.

May 9<sup>th</sup>: Shriners Car Show at the Sierra vista Mall in Clovis. Joel Garrett will be in charge. Details TBA.

June 4<sup>th</sup>: The Berglunds are in the play "Wrinkles" at Fresno City College. The club is going to attend the play as a group.

June 21<sup>th</sup>: Club caravan to the Valley Christian Center Car Show. Details TBA.

July 18<sup>th</sup>: Club caravan to the car show at the church that POCC member Aaron Davlin attends. Details TBA.

Other car shows mentioned at tonight's meeting were:  
The Clovis Motorsports Jamboree on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Downtown Reedley Car on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
The Belmont Concours d'Eleganza on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

As there was no further business to be discussed, the attendance drawing was conducted by Bill Truckell. The winner of the \$40 prize was Bill's dad, George Truckell. Since he was not present, the lucky winner at the next meeting will receive \$50, if they are in attendance. Since there was no further club business to discuss, 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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