



# The Straight Arrow



**The Monthly Newsletter of the Pontiacs of Central California  
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**Car Shows Galore - Who could ask for More!**

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## President's Message

### *Rob's '36 Chevy Romo Auto Wrecking*

In last month's president's message, I wrote about my dad's service station, which was located at Cedar and Church Avenues in the community of Calwa. Sometime around 1960, a shopping center was built across Cedar Avenue from my Dad's property. In this shopping center was a liquor store operated by Luke Genco. Luke had a son, Rob, who was about my age. Rob and I came to be good friends.

We were both fascinated by the automobile and spent many an hour building model cars and building and racing slot cars. Sometime around 1968 or 1969, when we were both in junior high, a guy, down on his luck, came around the area trying to sell a 1936 Chevy sedan. He first approached my dad, who was not interested. He eventually found his way to Genco's Liquors. Luke thought that this might be something his son would enjoy tinkering with, so he purchased the car for the sum of \$100. This would be my first foray into automobile restoration.

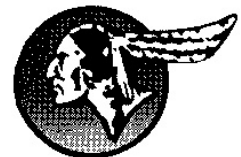
The Chevy was in running condition and the body was fairly straight with little or no rust, as I recall. The interior was in ragged condition, and nearly every mechanical component on the car needed rebuilding. I helped Rob work on the car a few times and I recall helping remove the engine from the car so it could be sent out for rebuilding.

We also made numerous trips to Romo Auto Wrecking on Motel Drive (now called Golden State Boulevard) between Ashlan and Shaw Avenues. I think Rob's dad knew the owner, so we were able to roam about the place as we desired. Rob's mom would drop us off (we were still too young to have a drivers license) and we would spend the afternoon locating and removing the parts that Rob needed. This being the late 1960's, there were numerous cars from the thirties and forties in the wrecking yard. We also went to a few swap meets at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

We eventually got the old Chevy mechanically road worthy, although I do not recall that any body or upholstery work were ever done. I remember that the engine and engine compartment sparkled when Rob was done with it. I think he redid the dashboard also. Rob never did drive the car much. It sat in his parent's garage through most of high school and college. He eventually moved the Chevy to his home in another city. I have not had any contact with my friend in a number of years, but I would be surprised if he still has it.

I hope to see all of you at the June meeting.

Dave Valla  
2010 President



## Upcoming events

### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Club Night at Fat Jack's** 6:00 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> - Northside Church show  
6<sup>th</sup> - Belmont Concours D'Elegance  
12<sup>th</sup> - Dinuba Car Show. Application at [dinubacarshow.com](http://dinubacarshow.com). Caravan down together and park together. Pre register if you are going. Contact Ron Berglund.  
12<sup>th</sup> - Club Night at Chubby's.  
14<sup>th</sup> - Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café, 7PM  
19<sup>th</sup> - Madera Armory, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash Contact Carl Smith.  
30<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Luncheon, location TBD  
26<sup>th</sup> - Lawson Motorsport Tour. Contact Keith Watts. Meet at 9:30 at West Shaw Costco parking lot; leave 9:45 to caravan to Lawson's Motorsports, a short distance away. Lunch after at Yukon Jack's.

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Club Night at Fat Jack's** 6:00 PM  
10<sup>th</sup> - **Club night at Chubby's**  
12<sup>th</sup> - Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café, 7PM

### October

8-9 - Annual club trip to Cayucos.

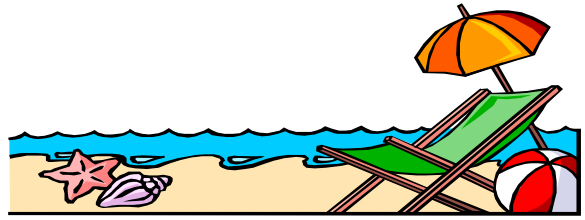
----- Ongoing Events -----

**Friday Night Cruise-In** - Me 'n' Ed's at Fowler & Shepherd every Friday, 5PM.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of every month** - Lunch gathering at the In 'n' Out Burger at Clovis & Herndon, 10:30am, organized by the Mopar Club.

**Clovis Cars and Coffee** - Every Saturday morning 7-9am, SE corner of Herndon & Clovis at Judy's Donuts. If you are an early riser, Have a cup and shoot the bull with other car folks.

## Cayucos October 9, 2010



Host hotel: Vagabond Inn, Cayucos  
501 South Ocean Ave, Cayucos  
800-750-2133

[Vagabondcayucos.com](http://Vagabondcayucos.com)

Rooms available Friday & Saturday or just Saturday: King, Double Queen or King Suite

All rooms priced at \$89 per night, includes continental breakfast. Hotel is 2 blocks from the beach and 6 blocks from the Truckell home.

Mention Judy Kaspar or Pontiacs of Central California when reserving. All unreserved rooms will be released 30 days prior to event

If you are planning to RV, this is also Columbus Day weekend, so reservations should be made ASAP. Bella Vista RV Park is already full. There are some good ones in Morro Bay, just a few miles south.

We will continue the BBQ tradition on Saturday afternoon. You all know the menu by now. October is known for great beach weather so hopefully we can have another phenomenal bonfire like last year.

As always, we really look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Minutes of the May 10 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by 2010 Club President, Dave Valla. He introduced guests, Tom & Lori Sandelin, Steve Delgado, Ed Laphy, and Steve & Peggy Bissell. Welcome everyone.

Dave Valla sent a Thank you note around from the Valla family, in the passing of Tina's mother. Dave introduced Melanie Pursell, She is having the Claude Cartes' 60<sup>#</sup> Birthday Bash, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Madera National Guard Armory. Be there by 5:30. She needs twelve cars for a mini car show. Carl Smith will call and confirm that we have twelve cars coming to the bash.

Minutes were approved from the April meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Truckell reports that the club has 43 members and 16 associates.

The POCI Regional report was given for the fiscal year April 1, 2009 thru April 1, 2010. We have a 23% increase in members.

**Newsletter update:** Sam Fisher will be doing the editing duties for July, August, Sept. and October newsletters.

**Webmaster Report:** The ad that we sold will be on our web site. There is also a second ad that will be posted for \$50.00. Brian Massey thanked everyone for the pictures of our summer Games at Victor's, especially Ron Berglund.

**Old Business:** Carl Smith thanked everyone for the help at our POCC Central Valley car show. Food was excellent and we will invite them back for next year's show. Bill Truckell gave the financial report for our show. We had a nice profit. There were 81 cars the day of the show.

Dennis Baker made a motion that we purchase a trophy for Don Bonander and present it to him. The motion was seconded and passed. Dennis Baker also made a motion, then amended it to say that we make a donation to Wish Upon a Star in memory of Ken Mueller. Discussion was held. Judy Garrett, seconded and the motion passed. It will be presented at our July meeting.

**Past Activities:**

Twelve cars were at the Kingsburg Car Show. The ladies had lunch at the Patio Café.

Thank you to Victor Weitzel for "The Beginning of Summer Games." We are planning on doing it again next year.

May 8<sup>th</sup> was the Clovis Jamboree, and four members attended. Dave Valla won 1st place.

We also received an award for club participation. Randy Beavers won \$100.

Ron Berglund reported on the May 8<sup>th</sup> Shriner's Show. Ron won 1st for his car.

May 8<sup>th</sup> was also Club night at Chubby's.

**Future Activities:** Joel Garrett reported:

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Club night at Clovis Fat Jack's, 6:00.

May 15, Visalia Car Show. Steve Delgado reported on the show.

May 22, Fresno Dragways at Dos Palos. If you are going, meet at the Burger King at Herndon and 99. They will leave at 8:30. E-mail Joel if you are going. Cost is \$10; plus \$10 if you race.

May 26, Ladies Luncheon at the Joy Luck at the corner of Blackstone & Nees at 11:00.

June 4, Club Night at Fat Jack's at 6:00.

June 5, Northside Church car show at Chestnut & Willow.

June 6, Belmont Concours. Saturday afternoon there is a mini show at Fig Garden Village.

June 12, Dinuba Car Show, Applications can be downloaded from [dinubacarshow.com](http://dinubacarshow.com). We will caravan down together and park together. Let Ron Berglund know if you are going. \$20 fee.

June 12, Club night at Chubby's

June 26, Keith Watts and the Chevy Club invited the Pontiac Club to tour a museum with them.

October 8-9 Annual Club Trip to Cayucos. Let Judy Kaspar know if you have a problem booking your room.

Judy Garrett reported on Sam Troncoso and how he is doing.

As there was no further business, the attendance drawing was conducted by Bill Truckell. The winner of the \$20 was Glen & Carol Igo. They were not at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Yosemite Falls Restaurant.

Respectfully

Paula Yost, Secretary

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General Membership meeting is held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month  
Yosemite Falls Café, Ashlan & 99 at 7PM. Interested visitors are welcome.

**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 on request 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.