



The Straight Arrow



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President's Message

I Think I Have Gone Full Circle (Automotively Speaking)

In a past message, I wrote about my first car, a 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix Model J. I purchased this car in February, 1972, and sold it about three years later. Now you are all wondering what I bought to replace the GP, right? A Firebird? A GTO? A truck perhaps? What I am about to admit could get me expelled from the club. The Grand Prix was replaced with a 1975 Volvo 242DL! I can hear your sighs and moans as you read this.

Why did I sell the Grand Prix and buy a Volvo you ask? I wanted a car with better cornering capabilities and better fuel mileage. I was also tired of listening to the rattles that the Grand Prix had. I really did not like any of the cars the American manufacturers were producing at the time. I did not care much for the styling of the period and I thought the quality of body panel fit was poor. Most of the cars I drove seemed to have more rattles than the GP had. After driving a couple of other foreign makes, I decided on the Volvo.

My Volvo was a two door sedan equipped with a 2.0 liter four cylinder overhead valve engine, 4 speed transmission, and 4 wheel disk brakes. The bucket seats were quite comfortable and were equipped with adjustable lumbar support.

The engine was equipped with Bosch "K Jetronic" fuel injection. This was primarily a mechanical system with some electrical components. This was before the age when computers controlled our

cars. I had very few problems with the fuel injection and with the car in general over the fourteen years that I owned the vehicle. The engine was rated at 120HP, which made the car somewhat under powered for its weight.

Admittedly, Volvo styling in that era was a bit boxy looking. Nineteen seventy five was the first year of the Volvo 200 series which represented a substantial styling change over the previous 100 series Volvos. I did jazz my Volvo up a bit. I installed a front air dam from a 242GT and added a pair of fog lights. I also installed a set of mag wheels and tires that were slightly wider than the stock wheels. I kept the Volvo until 1989. I sold the car shortly after Tina and I were married.

Tina came with a Toyota Celica and I also had a 1959 El Camino and a company vehicle. I had only a two car garage at the time and I did not want the car to sit out all the time. We really did not need a third car either. The Volvo had been driven about 90,000 miles by the time I sold it. It was in top condition, though it needed a clutch replacement soon. The first person to look at the car bought it.

Now you are wondering where the full circle title of this story comes in to play. Lately there have been several 1969 to 1972 Grand Prix featured in Smoke Signals and Pontiac Enthusiast that caught my attention. I started thinking it might be kind of neat to have a 1969 or 70 Grand Prix again. Maybe an SJ Model with a 428 this time! Have I gone full circle or am I just going in circles? Well, another Grand Prix was a fun thought anyway.

Please remember to vote on November second, even though all you can do is pick the individual that is in your opinion, the lesser of the evils.

"A Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have."

Thomas Jefferson

Dave Valla
2010 President, P.O.C.C.



Upcoming events

November

6th - Toys for Tots club Car Show

8th - Meeting, Yosemite Falls Café, 7PM

December

4th Christmas Party, Silver Dollar Hofbrau

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party will be held Saturday December 4th at the Silver Dollar Hofbrau. You should receive an invitation by US mail. The cost is \$16 per person. RSVP to Bill Tuckell or Paula Yost by November 27. See you all there!

CAYUCOS CLUB WEEKEND

Our annual weekend in Cayucos was once again a real treat. Twenty-four people attended, and a good time was had by all. A group drove their classic cars over on Friday, and they had a nice cruise to the coast. We had dinner at a cozy local restaurant and saved room for their fabulous desserts. Saturday was the group BBQ with many yummy dishes brought by the group. Thanks to all who contributed. The weather was beautiful, the seaside community welcoming, the wind just a gentle breeze, and the beach bonfire had a surprise ending, as Bill asked Judy to marry him in front of our close club family. Of course, she accepted! Thanks to Bill and Judy for being our hosts at the coast and congratulations!



MINUTES: October 11, 2010 MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY OUR CLUB PRESIDENT, DAVE VALLA. NO VISITORS OR GUESTS WERE PRESENT. SEPTEMBER 13TH MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY CARL SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BILL TRUCKELL REPORTED WE HAVE 44 MEMBERS AND 16 ASSOCIATES.

NEWSLETTER: BARBARA SENIOR NEEDS MORE INFORMATION WHEN WE SEND HER PICTURES, ESPECIALLY IF SHE IS NOT AT THE EVENT.

WEBMASTER REPORT: BRAIN MASSEY SAID TO KEEP SENDING PICTURES.

OLD BUSINESS: JACK FUSARI GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOYS FOR TOTS SHOW. HE HAS TAKEN CARE OF THE TROPHIES: NEXT YEAR THEY WILL BE EVEN BIGGER. THE COFFEEIS DONATED AND THE MARINE'S TRUCK WILL BE PRESENT. SEAN FORD WILL BE THE DJ. DON SENIOR MADE A MOTION, 2ND BY CARL SMITH, ALL WERE IN FAVOR THAT IF SEAN IS DONATING HIS TIME WE WOULD PURCHASE A \$50.00 DINNER CERTIFICATE FOR HIM. JACK IS GOING TO ASK DENNIS SCHWARZ AND DAVE VALLA TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE 50/50 RAFFLE. SAM AND ELAINE FISHER WILL BE DOING REGISTRATION. ROBBIN SMITH IS IN CHARGE OF BALLOT COUNTING, AND SUE FUSARI WILL BE DOING THE REFRESHMENTS, KEITH & ELLIE WATTS ARE PROVIDING THEIR MOTOR HOME. JACK IS GOING TO ASK RON BERGLUND OR DENNIS BAKER TO DO THE PRESENTATIONS. EVERYONE NEEDS TO PITCH IN AND HELP ON THE 6TH.

NEW BUSINESS: BRIAN MASSEY IS GETTING THE APRIL CAR SHOW FLYERS REAADY. SAM FISHER WILL BE IN CHARGE OF PRE REGISTRATION. WE WILL INVITE THE SMOKING BBQ AGAIN. SEAN FORD WILL BE ASKED TO DO THE MUSIC THE SHOW WILL BE APRIL 30TH AT THE COURT HOUSE PARK IN MADERA. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE COURT HOUSE PARK. BRIAN MASSEY WILL TALK TO DON BONANDER ABOUT THE BBQ ON FRIDAY NIGHT. CARL SMITH WILL BE THE SHOW CONTACT PERSON. BRIAN MASSEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THE INSURANCE, PERMITS AND RESERVING THE PARK. WE ALSO WILL BE PROVIDING LUNCH FOR THE JUDGES. WE ARE GOING TO CHECK WITH REN HALLETT ABOUT GETTING THE ROOMS COMPED FOR JIM WANGERS. THE MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR OF INVITING JIM WANGER TO OUR MADERA CAR SHOW. HE WILL BE 84 YEARS YOUNG.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 CLUB OFFICERS:

TREASURER-----BILL TRUCKELL
SECRETARY.....PAULA YOST
V. PRESIDENT.....SAM FISHER
PRESIDENT.....JACK FUSARI

APPOINTED/VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR.....BARBARA SENIOR
(NEWSLETTER BACKUP.....SAM FISHER)
WEBMASTER.....BRIAN MASSEY
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR.....CARL SMITH
WE WILL VOTE AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.

PAST ACTIVITIES

SEPT. 17TH SUMMERFORD PLACE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, WE HAD A NICE TURN OUT AND ENJOYED THE BBQ. PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE. SEPT 18TH, CHOWCHILLA CAR SHOW, SAM FISHER REPORTED THEY HAD GOOD FOOD. SEPT25TH WISH UPON A STAR DINNER DANCE IN VISALIA, 12 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND WE HAD SOME WINNERS IN THE CAR SHOW. PICTURES ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE. SEPT. 29TH, THE LADIES LUNCHEON WAS THE JOY LUCK RESTAURANT. WE ALSO HAD TWO GUESTS FOR OUR LUNCHEON, ALICIA AND GADE.

OCTOBER 8-9 TRIP TO CAYUCOS, WONDERFUL TIME AND WEATHER. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DID ALL OF THE WORK TO MAKE IT SO SPECIAL. JUDY KASPAR AND BILL TRUCKELL BECAME ENGAGED. PICTURES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE AND ALSO ON FACE BOOK.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

OCTOBER 16TH LUTHERAN CHURCH 10-2 AT ELM AND LINCOLN IN EASTON
CARL HAD A PHONE CALL FROM A FRIEND ABOUT DOING ANOTHER BIRTHDAY AND DINNER. HE SAID THE SAME MENU AS BEFORE. IT WILL BE IN DECEMBER. HE WILL LET YOU KNOW MORE INFORMATION BY E-MAIL.
OCTOBER 28TH LADIES LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 4TH CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE SILVER DOLLAR HOFBRAU. RSVP TO BILL TRUCKELL OR PAULA YOST BY NOV. 27.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING WAS FOR \$20.00 AND IT WAS JEFF BOYD, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT.

WE SANG AND PRESENTED A BIRTHDAY CARD TO JUDY KASPER.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 8TH AT YOSEMITE FALLS RESTAURANT.

RESPECTFULLY,
PAULA YOST, SECRETARY

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General Membership meeting is held on 2nd 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.