



The Straight Arrow



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President's Message - Roads

Being the automobile enthusiasts that we all are, most of us have a general idea as to how our cars function. As far as our classics are concerned, most of us are probably too familiar with how these vehicles are put together and function. But have any of you ever wondered how the roads we drive on are designed and built? After all without roads our cars would not be very useful. If you would like to learn a little about road design and construction read on.

As a land surveyor, I have been involved in the construction of many roadways and streets. This involvement includes conducting preliminary surveys which will be used by engineers to design the new roadway, as well as setting construction stakes for the contractors who will build the road.

When a roadway is going to be widened or realigned, one of the first things the design engineers need to know is what objects are going to be within the proposed right-of-way of the new road. This is done through a combination of aerial photography and actual ground surveying. If you have ever seen a large white cross or a large "V" painted in the middle of a road (or anywhere), these are reference points for aerial photos. Using aerial photos that show existing structures, utilities, trees, watercourses, and other objects, the designers can determine exactly how the road should be aligned (curved, angled, or moved) in order to keep the relocation of utilities and the demolition of structures to a minimum.

If the road crosses a stream or canal, the bridge at this crossing will have to be widened or reconstructed. This requires that measurements be made within the water channel, both up and downstream from the crossing in order to determine the volume of water that can flow through the channel. This information is used to help design the new bridge. Any irrigation structures (standpipes, vent pipes, valves, etc.) that will be within the proposed roadway will have to be relocated. This will require irrigation pipeline design work in order to insure that water will continue to flow to the land that is being irrigated.

Since we do not want water standing on our road, the design engineers will need to make sure the new road has adequate drainage. The storm runoff can flow along the road in gutters or swales. At certain locations the water may flow into storm drain pipes. New road construction can also involve the installation or modification of underground sewers, water lines, and gas lines. Above or underground electrical and telephone lines may also have to be relocated.

Up to this point, we have been addressing the obvious parameters involved in designing our new road. Now it is time to address the not so obvious. Now we need to take soil samples in order to determine the mechanics of the native soil upon which we are going to build our road. Generally, sandy or coarse grained soils make better road beds than clay type soil. The better the characteristics of the native soil which will provide the bed or subgrade of the road, the thinner the structural section of the road can be.

The structural section is defined as the vertical distance from the subgrade (native soil) to the finished grade of the road (top of the asphalt paving). The other factor that is used to determine the thickness of the structural section, is the quantity and type of traffic that will travel on the road. A typical structural section might consist of several inches of aggregate base (crushed rock and sand) and three or four inches of asphalt pavement. If the native soil that will form the road bed is of poor quality and/or there will be a large number of heavy trucks on the roadway, the road designers may require that a subbase consisting of high quality soil be placed on the road bed before the aggregate base is hauled in.

Well, now you know the basics of road design. Perhaps more than you wanted to know!

I hope to see all of you at the April 12th meeting.

Dave Valla

2010 President, P.O.C.C.



Casa de Fruita Cruise

The weather could not have been better for our day spent at Casa de Fruita . About 8 club cars met at the Burger King at Hwy99 and Herndon, and headed out via Ave 7 for our cruise to Casa de Fruita to meet up with members of The Golden Gate Goats. After a very pleasant and uneventful drive we arrived at Casa de Fruita to find that we not only beat the GGG's there, but that the people at Casa de Fruita were nice enough to cordon off an area for us to safely park and display our cars. Soon the GGG members showed up in force with at least 15 nice GTO's (and Lemans) and even a brand new Dodge Challenger. One of our newest members ,Mark Klein, from Pacific Grove, joined us in his very nice 1967 Grand Prix convertible. Every one enjoyed an afternoon of visiting, looking at nice Pontiacs, and eating. Ron Berglund was even nice enough to spend some time with new member Mark, by pointed out all the items on Marks GP that needed attention. (car looked pretty good to me?). Mark said he appreciated the input, but I am not too sure that his wife did. It was a very enjoyable day, and hopefully next year we can have see a greater number of our members attending to really impress the GGG with our club participation

Thanks to Judy Kaspar for setting up this fun(hope to become annual) activity.

Upcoming events

April

- 2nd - Meet at Fat Jack's in Clovis for dinner and some tire kickin' at 6:00PM. We will be doing this the first Friday of every month as long as weather permits.
- 10th - Chubby's at First and Gettysburg. Arrive about 5:30. *Note club night is changed to 2nd Saturday of the month.*
- 12th - General Membership Meeting
- 17th - Kingsburg Car Show. We will caravan down together. Be sure to pre-register.
- 24th - Club Car Show in Madera City Park. BBQ on Friday night at Bonander Pontiac.
- 28th - **Ladies Luncheon, location TBD**

May

- 7th - Meet at Fat Jack's in Clovis 6:00PM.
- 8th - Club night at Chubby's, First & Gettysburg, 5:30.
- 10th - General Membership Meeting
- 15th - Fresno Dragways Reunion - Dos Palos. Car show and 1/8 mile drags.
- 26th - **Ladies Luncheon, location TBD**

Ongoing- **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.

Minutes of March 8th 2010 meeting

The meeting was called to order by 2010 club president, Dave Valla.

Dave introduced Paul Castro who spoke about Team in Training for the Leukemia Association. Paul is riding 100 miles and asking for donors to sponsor him. His company will match what he can get donated.

A card was passed around from Judy Mueller, thanking us for the plant and our kind support.

Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Truckell reports that the club has currently 44 members and 15 associates as of March 1, 2009.

News Letter Editor's report:

Editor, Barbara Senior will be in town for the next two meetings, she also thanked Dennis Baker for helping her with the newsletters that needed to be printed.

Webmaster Report: Brian Massey was not present.

Sam Fisher informed us that we need to vote for POCI officers. The club with the most voters will receive \$200.00

Old Business: All members of POCC must also join POCI.

New Business: Joel Garrett made a motion that we not invite Jim Wangers out to dinner on Saturday night. He will be invited to our Friday night BBQ. Members were in favor.

Sam Fisher suggested that this year only we dedicate our Madera show in Remembrance of Ken Mueller. We will wait until after the show in regards to donating all or a portion of the proceeds to Wish Upon A Star.

Carl Smith reported on our car show. Everything is going smooth, we have twelve entries. Brian Massey has mailed the flyers. The Food and entertainment is taken care of. A Sign up sheet was passed around for everyone to sign up for helping. Each member is to bring a raffle prize plus the club is donating \$200 for raffle prizes. Let Andy Hoff know before the show what your raffle prize is. Dennis Baker reported that the trophies are running over budget. He will need sixty trophies and they are running at

\$30.00. That doesn't count the dash plaques and the six large trophies. He will have a final report in April. The next meeting for our car show is March 22 at Carl's at Willow and Shaw at 6:30.

Past Activities: Carl Smith reported on the Selma Swap Meet. We may get two new members from the Swap meet.

Reports were made on the Valentines Mystery Cruise and Ladies Luncheon.

Keith and Ellie Watts reported on the Hemming Cruise to the Mexican Rivera. Next year the cruise will be on the Oasis of the Seas and they will be going to the Caribbean.

Future Activities: Chairman, Joel Garrett

March 20th - cruise to Casa De Fruita to meet up with the Golden Gate Goats. Bring a picnic lunch. We will meet at 8:30 at the Burger King at Herndon and 99. We will leave at 8:45. Madera folks can meet up with us at Avenue 7 and 99. Bring chairs.

March 31-Ladies Luncheon at the Daily Grill at the corner of Palm and Nees. 11:00 A.M.

April 2nd meet at Fat Jack's in Clovis for dinner at 6:00

April 10th Chubby's at First and Gettysburg, It is the second Saturday of the month.

April 17th- Kingsburg Car Show-- we will caravan down together. Be sure to pre register.

April 23-24- our Annual Madera show and Pre Show BBQ at Don Bonander's.

Judy Kaspar will be checking into lodging for the October Cayucos Trip.

Future Car Shows:

March 27th Galvin's Classic Car Show

April 10th Tower District

April 8-11 Pontiac Heaven Surprise, Arizona

April 17th Polk Elementary Car Show

April 17th Kingsburg Car Show

May 8th All Pontiac Car Show, Lake Forest, CA

Gloria Griggs received a message from someone wanting vintage cars at the Warner Theater some time in April. They will be showing the movie American Graffiti. Joel Garrett will get more information for us.

As there was no further business the attendance drawing was conducted by Bill Truckell. The winner of the \$20.00 prize was Carl Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

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.