



The Straight Arrow



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!

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President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND MAY WE ALL HAVE A GREAT YEAR.

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR HAVING FAITH IN ME TO PRESIDENT FOR 2011. I WILL DO MY BEST TO FULFILL THE POSITION AND CARRY FORWARD THE GOOD NAME OF OUR CLUB. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL REELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2011.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL EVERYONE A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF. I WAS BORN IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA IN 1943, I WAS RAISED THERE ON A SMALL RANCH EIGHT MILES UP HWY 17, PAST SCOTTS VALLEY. MY GRANDFATHER AND HIS BROTHER CAME FROM ITALY AND SETTLED THERE IN THE EARLY 1900S. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY BOUGHT THE PROPERTY OR HOMESTEADED IT, AND I'M NOT SURE AS TO HOW MANY ACRES IT STARTED OUT. I DO KNOW THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON THERE WAS A 14 ACRE PARCEL THAT THEY HAD PLANTED WINE GRAPES ON, THAT WAS SOLD OFF AFTER MY GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY FROM PNEUMONIA. MY FATHER WAS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME. BECAUSE OF THE VINEYARD, VINE HILL ROAD WAS NAMED BY MY GRANDFATHER AND HIS BROTHER. THE REST OF THE RANCH WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN MY GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT UNCLE. HE TOOK THE BETTER PART OF THE RANCH HAVING AN ORCHARD WITH APPLES, CHERRIES, AND A FEW OTHERS FRUITS LEAVING MY GRANDMOTHER WITH A FEW APPLE TREES AT THE END OF THE ORCHARD. FROM THERE ON MY GRANDMOTHER RAISED ALL FOUR OF HER CHILDREN BY HERSELF, DOING HOUSEWORK FOR PEOPLE AROUND THE RANCH. THERE WERE ABOUT 20 ACRES OF HERS THAT WERE LOST BECAUSE I WOULD IMAGINE OF THE DEPRESSION. IN THE 30'S HER OLDEST SON STARTED A LOGGING MILL THAT WENT BROKE AND WAS LOST DUE TO DEBT. THE PROPERTY WAS DIVIDED IN TWO WHEN HWY

17 WAS BUILT IN THE 30'S LEAVING ABOUT 25 ACRES ON ITS EAST SIDE AND THE REST ON THE WEST SIDE. IT LEFT THE RANCH WITH PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF HWY 17 FOR AT LEAST A MILE, THE HWY CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN 1934 AND ENDED IN 1940.

I LEFT HIGH SCHOOL IN 1962 TO JOIN THE US NAVY AND FINISHED WHILE IN THE SERVICE. I WENT TO WEST PAC ON THREE 11 MONTH CRUISES ON THE USS KITTY HAWK, THE NAVY'S LAST OIL FIRED AIRCRAFT CARRIER, I MET SUE AFTER THE FIRST CRUISE WHEN I WAS HOME ON LEAVE. I MEET HER AT THE SANTA CRUZ MOTEL. WAIT A MINUTE! I SAID THAT WRONG. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL THINKING. HER PARENTS OWNED THE MOTEL AT THE TIME AND THAT'S WHERE I TOOK HER AFTER I MET HER...NO, WAIT, I BETTER STOP TRYING TO EXPLAIN. WE GOT ENGAGED JUST BEFORE MY SECOND CRUISE AND MARRIED ON AUGUST 20TH OF 1964 WHEN I GOT HOME FROM THE SECOND CRUISE. OUR DAUGHTER, JACKI, WAS BORN WHILE WE WERE LIVING IN SAN DIEGO BEFORE LEAVING FOR MY LAST AND THIRD CRUISE.

HERE ARE THE JOBS THAT I PERFORMED DURING MY WORKING CAREER. THE FIRST ONE AFTER BEING DISCHARGED WAS A MAINTENANCE MECHANIC IN THE DOCTORS HOSPITAL IN SAN JOSE CA, OFF BEARER ON A PAPER CORRUGATER FOR INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY, CULLIGAN SOFT WATER REGENERATION, MANAGER AT A MOHAWK SERVICE STATION IN SCOTTS VALLEY, GRAPETT BOTTLING COMPANY AS A RETAIL DELIVERY DRIVER, AT THE SAME TIME I ALSO WOULD LEAVE THAT JOB FROM REDWOOD CITY AT 4 PM AND DRIVE TO LOS GATOS AND RUN A TEXACO SERVICE STATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DID IT BUT OUR OLDEST SON, BRYON GLENN, WAS BORN IN 1968 WHILE I WAS WORKING TWO JOBS. AFTER THAT SUE'S PARENTS OFFERED TO FINANCE US BUYING INTO AN ENCO SERVICE STATION. AND THAT IS HOW WE

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ENDED UP IN FRESNO IN LATE 1969. LATER THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO EXXON IN THE LATER PART OF 1970. IT WAS LOCATED AT 4010 N. WEST AVE. OUR THIRD CHILD, CRAIG ALLEN, WAS BORN IN THE OLD SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL IN 1971.

WHEN I GOT TIRED OF HAVING A SERVICE STATION AND OPERATING IT WITH A PRICE WAR GOING ON ALL THE TIME THAT I HAD IT, AND SELLING GAS FOR AS LITTLE AS 17 CENTS PER GALLON FOR REGULAR, I SOLD ALL THE GAS OUT OF THE GROUND AND MOVED ALL MY STOCK HOME TO MY GARAGE AND WENT TO WORK FOR A CUSTOMER OF MINE THAT HAD A PAVING COMPANY. WHILE WORKING FOR HIM WE DID ROAD BUILDING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE DEPARTMENT UP AROUND PLACERVILLE AND BUILDING DEMOLITION BOTH IN THE FRESNO AREA AND OAKLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO, THEN I JOINED THE OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION IN 1977 AND WORKED FOR VARIOUS COMPANIES AROUND CALIFORNIA INCLUDING CANAL WORK ON THE WEST SIDE AND GRANITE BALL AND GROVES, AT THE HELMS PROJECT IN EASTERN FRESNO COUNTY, I FINALLY ENDED UP ON THE LAST JOB OF MY WORKING CAREER IN VALLEJO CA. FOR SYAR INDUSTRIES. I WAS EMPLOYED BY THEM AS A HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC. I STARTED RUNNING THEIR LUBE MAINTENANCE DEPT AND TOOK THEIR LAKE HERMAN QUARRY INTO THE 20TH CENTURY. I STARTED ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT ON SOS OIL SAMPLING (SCHEDULE OIL SAMPLING). THE JOB THAT MY TWO CREWS WERE DOING WAS VERY DANGEROUS, THIS QUARRY RAN 24 HOURS A DAY AND SOMETIMES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WE HAD TO SERVICE MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT BY PULLING IT FROM OPERATING SERVICE AND SERVICE IT WHILE IT WAS STILL AT OPERATING TEMP, TAKING APPROXIMATELY 10 SAMPLES OF ALL OILS

AND WATER. THEN CHANGE ALL OILS AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS, CHANGE FUEL AND AIR FILTERS THEN GREASE THE WHOLE MACHINE, ABOUT 30 TO 40 FITTINGS, CLIMBING ALL OVER AND UNDER IT. IT WAS VARY SLIPPERY FROM THE RAIN AND OR OIL THAT HAD LEAKED. WE HAD TO DO THIS RAIN OR SHINE AND AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE, SO, TO MAKE IT FASTER AND SAFER, I INCORPORATED THE MAIN SHOP TO CHANGE ALL FUEL, OIL, AND GREASE FITTINGS ON ALL THE COMPANY EQUIPMENT TO WHAT WE CALLED REMOTE, DONE FROM ONE POSITION AND CLOSED COUPLING. THIS SERVICE HAPPENED TO ALL OF OUR EQUIPMENT EVERY 400 HOURS. OUR LARGEST LOADERS. AT THE TIME, WERE CATERPILLAR C'S THAT HAD 12 YARD BUCKETS THE TIRES STOOD OVER 12 FEET HIGH. THE LAST THREE YEARS I WORKED FOR THEM THEY PUT ME OUT TO PASTURE BY GIVING ME A VERY EASY JOB. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS MAINTAIN A DOWN HOLE DRILL FOR BLASTING THE ROCK OUT OF THE QUARRY. I HAD TO KEEP IT FUELED AND WATERED FOR DRILLING. THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG, SO I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY DRIVING ALL OVER THE QUARRY VISITING ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES AND MAINTAINING GREAT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND THE COMPANY. I RETIRED IN NOV 2003, AND SUE AND I MOVED BACK TO MADERA WHERE WE HAD A HOME WAITING FOR US.

YOUR 2011 PRESIDENT
JACK FUSARI



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING: to be approved at January 10 meeting

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY OUR CLUB PRESIDENT, DAVE VALLA. NO VISITORS OR GUESTS WERE PRESENT.

OCTOBER 11, 2010 MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY RON BERGLUND AND CARL SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT. BILL TRUCKELL REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 44 MEMBERS AND 16 ASSOCIATES.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE: BARBARA NICHOLS WAS NOT PRESENT.

WEBMASTER REPORT: BRIAN MASSEY THANKED EVERYONE FOR SENDING THE PICTURES. EVERYTHING IS CURRENT, THRU THE TOYS FOR TOTS SHOW.

OLD BUSINESS: JACK FUSARI THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP. HE SAID 140 CARS REGISTERED, AND WE DONATED 325 TOYS AND \$514.45 TO THE MARINES. SAM & ELAINE FISHER DONATED AN EXTRA \$100. SEAN FORD THANKED US FOR THE GIFT CERTIFICATE AND SAID THEY ENJOYED THE DINNER. JACK REPORTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S SHOW, THE MARINES REQUESTED THAT WE NOTIFY THEM FORTY FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE TO BRING THE LARGE TRUCKS OUT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON OUR APRIL SHOW IN MADERA. SAM FISHER ASKED IF WE SHOULD INCREASE OUR ENTRY FEE BY \$5.00. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARL SMITH THAT WE LEAVE THE PRE REGISTRATION FEE AT \$25.00, THE DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION WILL BE RAISED BY \$5.00. THE MOTION WAS 2ND BY DARROLL WALTER, AND A MAJORITY WAS IN FAVOR. BRIAN MASSEY SHOULD HAVE AN ANSWER WEDNESDAY FROM SMOKING COAL BBQ AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ. REN HALLETT HAS THE ROOMS DONATED.

NEW BUSINESS: STEVE DELGADO QUESTIONED IF WE HAVE A FACE BOOK PAGE. IT WOULD BE AN EASY WAY TO KEEP IN TOUCH. WE DO HAVE A FACE BOOK PAGE UP AND RUNNING. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PICTURES POSTED ON IT AT THIS TIME. IT IS UNDER POCC.

BRIAN MASSEY ASKED IF WE SHOULD HIRE A GRAPHIC ARTIST TO DRAW HIGH RESOLUTION VERSIONS OF OUR LOGO. SAM TRONCOSO MADE A MOTION THAT WE ALLOW \$300 FOR A GRAPHIC ARTIST TO DRAW A HIGH RESOLUTION OF OUR LOGO. THE MOTION WAS 2ND BY RON BERGLUND. THE MAJORITY WERE IN FAVOR. BRIAN WILL CHECK WITH JUDY KASPAR ON OUR JACKETS AND WILL ALSO LET VICTOR KNOW.

VOTING FOR 2011 CLUB OFFICERS.
NOMINATIONS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING:
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR.....CARL SMITH
TREASURER.....BILL TRUCKELL
SECRETARY.....PAULA YOST
VICE PRESIDENT.....SAM FISHER
PRESIDENT.....JACK FUSARI

BILL RICHARDS MADE A MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 CLUB OFFICERS, THE MOTION WAS 2ND BY BRIAN MASSEY. THE MAJORITY WERE IN FAVOR.

PAST ACTIVITIES: LADIES LUNCHEON WAS AT PIAZZA DEL PANE, EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES.
-THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON FOR THE LADIES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER.
-MAY 6-7, 2011 CLOVIS MOTOR SPORTS JAMBOREE-CRUISE & CAR SHOW. PONTIAC, BUICK AND OLDSMOBILE WILL BE THE FEATURED MARQUES IN 2011.
-SOME OF THE MEMBERS WILL BE REPRESENTING THE CLUB IN THE FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE.
-CARL SMITH WILL BE WORKING ON AN ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY. MAYBE ANOTHER BOWLING EVENING.

- CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS DISCUSSED. MARLENE BERGLUND IS IN CHARGE OF DECORATIONS. JOEL GARRETT MADE A MOTION, 2nd BY RON BERGLUND, AND MAJORITY IN FAVOR THAT WE ALLOW \$100 TO SPEND ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. WHAT IS NOT SPENT ON DECORATIONS WILL BE USED FOR CAKES. THE PARTY IS DECEMBER 4TH AT 6:00 AT THE SILVER DOLLAR HOFBRAU ON EAST SHAW AVENUE. WE WILL EXCHANGE \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATES, LIKE HOME DEPOT, STARBUCKS, WENDY'S, KRAGEN, ETC.

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THERE WAS A NICE ARTICLE IN THE FRESNO BEE. DAVE VALLE AND RON BERGLUND WERE INTERVIEWED ABOUT THE LAST OF THE PONTIAC'S.

SEAN FORD WILL USE OUR WEBSITE AT NO COST.

GTO CONVENTION WILL BE IN JULY 2011 IN PORTLAND. ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RED LION INN.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING WAS FOR \$30.00 AND IT WAS ANDY HOFF, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER, JUST THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE 4TH.

RESPECTFULLY,

PAULA YOST, SECRETARY.

2nd "Annual" CHRISTMAS TREE LANE CRUISE

Barbara and Don Senior want to thank everyone who came. What a surprise when 30 people showed up for dinner! The restaurant handled the unexpected crowd with finesse, and by 7:45 we were off to creep down the Lane. The weather was threatening rain so most didn't bring their classics, but the brightly decorated homes and holiday music never disappoint. It was a fun way to end the year.

Upcoming events

Jan 10th - Meeting, 7pm
Yosemite Falls Café

Feb 14th - Meeting, 7pm
Yosemite Falls Café

March 14th - Meeting, 7pm
Yosemite Falls Café

April 11th - Meeting, 7pm
Yosemite Falls Café

May 6-7 - Clovis Motorsports Jamboree

July 4-8 - GTOAA National Meet
Portland, Oregon

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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.

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.