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President's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELL, GANG, I GUESS MY REIGN AS YOUR LEADER IS COMING TO AN END. AND JUST WHEN THINGS START GETTING COMFORTABLE. I'M SURPRISED I WASN'T IMPEACHED OR ASSASSINATED... LOL. I GUESS THAT'S NOT FUNNY.. HUH. THROUGHOUT MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN A CLOWN. I ENJOY MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH, AND I GUESS YOU ALL HAVE SEEN SOME OF MY ANTICS. YOU FOR SURE KNOW NOW. BEING THAT I HAVE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT MY LIFE'S LITTLE STORIES, I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THEM AS MUCH AS I ENJOYED TELLING ON MYSELF. **ITS BEEN FUN** AND CHALLENGING, AS I HAVE NEVER HAD TO OR EVEN WANTED TO TALK IN FRONT OF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE. IT HELPS THAT YOU KNOW MOST EVERYONE BUT STILL YOU'RE UNSURE OF YOUR SELF AND YOU WANT TO IMPRESS PEOPLE AS TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE JOB OF LEADING A GROUP OF PEOPLE. I THANK ALL THE OLDER MEMBERS THAT HELPED ME DO THE JOB AS CLUB PRESIDENT BY INFORMING ME EITHER BY SUGGESTING DURING THE MEETING OR BY E-MAIL AS TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE POSITION AND THANK YOU TO ALL INCUMBENT OFFICERS FOR MAKING MY JOB EASIER BY DOING THEIR JOBS. BARBARA FOR HAVING TO PUT UP WITH MY LENGTHY PRESIDENT MESSAGES AND MY HABIT OF STARTING EVERY WORD WITH A CAPITAL LETTER I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET AWAY FROM DOING THAT. OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS AT THE RANCHOS CAFÉ THIS YEAR ON THE 10TH OF DECEMBER STARTING AT 6:00 PM. ALSO THIS YEAR ON THE 11TH WE HAVE AN EVENT WITH THE 50S PLACE THAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING, 3548 AVE 400 KINGSBURG CA. BRING A MAIN DISH OR DESERT. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012.

HERE IS ONE FINAL STORY ABOUT ME. THIS JUST HAPPENED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. I WILL TITLE IT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE LAUGH " DID YOU EVER FALL OUT OF A GARBAGE CAN? "

YEP, THAT'S ME. I WAS BEING CHEAP BY NOT WANTING TO COST MYSELF ANOTHER 90 CENTS BY PUTTING OUT AN EXTRA CAN FOR GARBAGE PICKUP, I CLIMBED UP AND GOT IN THE PLASTIC CAN TO STOMP IT DOWN AND OVER I WENT, CAN AND ALL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I HIT MY CALF ON BUT TO THIS DAY THERE IS A LARGE KNOT ON MY CALF AND ITS VERY TENDER. IF I STILL HAVE IT WHEN I SEE MY DOCTOR I'LL ASK HER TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT. BUT I KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING TO TELL ME ALREADY... " STAY OUT OF GARBAGE CANS, " AND CHARGE ME \$120.00.

Pontiac History -- 1974 Pontiac GTO

Wanting to avoid internal competition with the "Euro-styled" Pontiac Grand A, and looking for an entry into the compact muscle market populated by the Plymouth Duster 3, and AMC Hornet X, Pontiac moved the 1974 GTO option to the compact Pontiac Ventura, which shared its basic body shell and sheet metal with the Chevrolet nova. Critics dubbed it "a Chevy Nova in drag". The \$461 GTO package (Code WW3) included a three-speed manual transmission with Hurst floor shifter, heavy-duty suspension with front and rear anti-roll bars, a shaker hood, special grille, mirrors, and wheels, and various GTO emblems. The only engine was the 350 CID (5.7 L) V8 with 7.6:1 compression and a single four-barrel carburetor. It was rated at 200 hp at

4,400 rpm and 295 lb-ft at 2,800 rpm. Optional transmissions included a wide-ratio four-speed with Hurst shifter for \$207 (Code M20) or the three-speed Turbo Hydra-Matic. Power Steering was a \$104 option (Code N41) as well as Power front disc brakes for \$71 (Code JL2). The GTO option was available in both the base Ventura and Ventura Custom lines as either a two-door sedan or Hatchback Coupe. The base Ventura interior consisted of bench seats and rubber floor mats, Bucket seats could be added for \$132 (Code A51), while the Ventura Custom had upgraded bench seats or optional Strato bucket seats along with carpeting, cushioned steering wheel, and

custom pedal trim. Bias-belted tires were standard equipment, but a radial tuned suspension option added radial tires along with upgraded suspension tuning for improved ride and handling. Cars Magazine tested a 1974 GTO with the optional four-speed and obtained a 0-60 mph time of 7.7 seconds and a quarter mile reading of 15.72 seconds at 88 mph. Sales were an improvement over 1973, at 7,058, but not enough to justify continuing the model.

JACK FUSARI, POCC PRESIDENT



Upcoming Events

December

10th - Club Christmas Party, Ranchos Cafe

11th - 50th Place Pot Luck

January

10th - Meeting, 7pm, Yosemite Falls Café

26th - Ladies Luncheon, TBA

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2011 BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by our Club President, Jack Fusari.

Guests were introduced: Ivo Foster and Sandy Stairs from Allied Appraisal Service, Phillip & Katherine Harkins.

The minutes from October 10, 2011 were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Bill Truckell. We have 37 paid members and 18 associate members.

Our newsletter editor was not present. Brian Massey reported on the Webmaster, it is up to date and he will be adding pictures from the Toys for Tots Event. Jack Fusari received a call from Tony Bettencourt, who was a charter member, he said that our web site was the reason a stolen car from Hanford was located in Tulare. It was found in a field thanks to our Web site.

Old Business: *Sam Fisher was the chairman for our Amended Bylaws. Judy Garrett made a motion that we accept the amended by laws, it was seconded by Ron Berglund, The motion carried. Sam reported that he will send them to POCI and that they must approve them also.*

Sam Fisher handled the Election of 2012 Club Officers,
President.....Keith Watts
V. President.....Darrol Walter
Secretary.....Janet Massey
Treasurer.....Bill Truckell
Activities Chairman.....Ron Berglund

Judy Garrett moved we approve the election of our 2012 officers; seconded by Jack Fusari; majority were in favor.

New Business: *Sandy Stairs was our speaker for the evening. He reported on appraisal services for automobiles. He also does work for Insurance claims and he spoke on stated value policies, cash value and replacement value. His*

company Allied Appraisal Service does certified appraisals.

Past Activities: *Jack Fusari reported on Toys for Tots car Show held on November 5, 2011. We had 111 cars registered, received \$1337, cash and 250 toys which were turned over to the Marines for Toys. He said people were very generous this year. Our expenses were \$550.00*

Future Activities: *Victor Weitzel reported on the November 18-20, 2011 Motor Trend Show. We have approx 16 cars going.*

Meet at the parking lot behind Starbucks at the Shields & 41 exit by Manchester at 8am and we leave by 8:30.

We will be on Inyo & M streets by the convention center.

Also if you have any old Smoke Signals or Pontiac magazines you would like to get rid of, bring them and we will hand them out We are requested to stay until 5:00.

Dec. 10, 2011 is our Club Christmas Party. Brian sent information to everyone about the party, He also collected for the dinner.

Dec. 11, 2011 is the 50's Place Pot Luck Christmas Party.

Ron Berglund talked to the Shriners about borrowing their trailer for the Christmas Tree Lane Event. Ron also held discussions on our future activities. They have some new ideas and are open for suggestions.

Jack Fusari thanked everyone for their help and support. Attendance drawing for \$20 was won by Jack.

Meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be January 9, 2012 at Yosemite Falls.

*Respectfully,
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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

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.

Wanted: Dash pad with black vinyl for 1971 GTO. Call Curt 559-292-3771.