Recently, while doing some computer work one evening, I had the television on in the background and an episode of Misfit Garage was playing. Listening to the show with one ear and trying to concentrate on what I was doing on the computer, something piqued my interest that was said by one of the show’s main characters-Thomas. Thomas was in the middle of a negotiation with a car owner on the price of her car (a Pontiac Gran Prix) Thomas asked what she wanted for the car. Her response was more than what he wanted to pay. Now I know its T.V. and they have to play things up in order to keep the show interesting and moving along. Thomas’ counter was interesting and it struck me as a “teachable moment”. Thomas told the seller, “I can’t pay for sentimental value; I will pay what we agree on, without sentimental value added”.

Some years ago I was the victim of the “sentimental value”. I was selling our family vehicle prior to the birth of our second son. The vehicle was purchased new and held sentimental value for me as it was the vehicle we purchased new just before the birth of our first son. We had many trips in the vehicle; it was a solid worry free vehicle that gave us years of services and many trouble free miles. Rather than trade it in, I thought I could sell the vehicle for more then what I would have been given if I traded the vehicle at the time of the new purchase. Well, that was not the case as I fell into the “sentimental value” trap. I had several looky-lous but no takers once it got down to price. I knew I had serviced the vehicle religiously and when needed OEM parts and not aftermarket parts were used for all repairs. The vehicle was accident free. The white paint was a bit gritty; nothing a clay bar couldn’t take care of by the next owner. After several months and no takers I realized that my sentiment to the vehicle was keeping me from selling the vehicle. Once I took the “sentimental value” out of the price it quickly sold and I was able to move forward, knowing that the buyer had purchased a well maintained vehicle. It is difficult to get past “sentimental value” especially when that voice in your head keeps saying, “yeah but it’s worth every penny I’m asking”.

Last month during the meeting we had a spirited discussion regarding consideration of our Club sponsoring a POCI national convention. No convention year was targeted. Both sides; those who favored moving forward and those who did not favor the Club’s involvement, both sides made great points. As I clearly stated, as current President I could not encumber a future Club President with such a huge commitment. More information and getting into the “weeds” as to what the Club’s level of participation in the planning leading up to the convention as well as during the convention needs to be brought to the entire Club’s membership for a vote up or down on the question.

It looks as though we are close to landing a spot for our annual November Toys 4 Tots show and shine. Dave Valle has been in discussion with River Park Shopping Center and it would appear a copy of our liability insurance is all that is needed to enable us to use River Park as our location—hopefully for a number of years.

Finally, let’s not forget and keep in our thoughts, the firefighters fighting the wildfires in the northern and southern parts of the state and right here in our own backyard; and keep in our prayers those who have lost their lives fighting the fires and the civilians who also lost their lives trying to evacuate their homes.

“Firefighters are some of the most selfless public servants you will ever encounter.” Denis Leary

See you Monday; bring a member who hasn’t attended a meeting for a while.
CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President, Frank Mascola

GUEST/VISITORS: No guest were present, Twenty two members were present

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes. Minutes were approved by Ron Berglund and 2nd by Paula Yost.

TREASURERS REPORT: Given by Judy Garrett,
We have 42 active and 25 associate members.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the location for our Toys for Tots show; Dave Valla made suggestions on the Sierra Vista Mall, Penny’s home store and numerous other suggestions. No decisions were made.

John Berglund was presented a check from POCI He won the 2018 POCI National award. We were awarded the Best Social Media and Club Newsletter. We do have the best newsletter, all members agreed. Thank you, John; we appreciate all of your hard work. Ron Berglund made a comment that he has every newsletter from the beginning.

NEW BUSINESS: Frank announced that he had not heard any more from Nathan Barber in regards to being a car show sponsor. He was invited to our July 9th meeting,

REPORTS: Ron Berglund reported on our activities: Quite a few members enjoyed the Underground Gardens, Discussion was held about attending a Grizzlies baseball game, there was not much interest shown. August 18th we talked about going to the Kings speedway in Hanford, with a stop at Superior Dairy for ice cream.

POCI: They are building a second Pontiac museum; this one will be in Detroit. A large donation was received to build the second museum. If we have any memorabilia they will be taking donations. There were 400 cars at the 2018 convention.
2019 convention will be held in Gettysburg, by the battle field.
2020 will be Tulsa Oklahoma in a casino
2021 is open; they are looking to have the convention, west of the Mississippi,
Discussion was held on what would be involved having the convention...

ANNOUNCEMENT: Frank reported that Jim Wangers was given a Hall of Fame award from the Pontiac Preservation association.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES
Paula Yost, Carolyn Adams, Bill Richards and Marilyn Cox

Under Health and Welfare keep Gail Huls in your thoughts.

LADIES LUNCHEON: Cheryl announced our ladies luncheon will be July 25, at 11:30 at the Ginza Asian Bistro, corner of Palm and Nees.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Darrell and Mary’s name was drawn for the attendance drawing. They were not present. Next month will be fifty dollars. I believe their name was drawn last month also.

SURPRISE RAFFLES: Were won by Richard Meno and Marilyn Cox, they are enjoying a peach pie and a strawberry pie.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00
Next Meeting will be August 13, 2018 at Denny’s, Blackstone & Herndon

Paula Yost
Pontiacs of Central California Mission Statement:

OUR MISSION, FUN!

We are made up of a group of people with various backgrounds who have one thing in common, we LOVE PONTIACS. We drive 'em, work on 'em, polish 'em, restore 'em, break 'em (even cuss 'em) and have a lot of fun doing it. Be it an old '52 Chieftain straight-eight, a new WS6 Trans Am, or anything in between.

We are individuals, couples, and families that like to get together for a variety of activities. We host an annual judged car show and participate as a club in other local and regional car shows. We have informal BBQ Show and Shines and get together for Brunch and Dinner Cruises. We also attend the local Cruise Nights as a group. The cars in the club range from Concours cars, daily drivers, drag racers and cars undergoing restoration. Our goal is to have FUN while enjoying our PONTIACS.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, JOIN US!

POCC Past Presidents

Bill Richards 2017
Dennis Simonson 2016
Dean Davison 2015
Ron Berglund 2014
Bill Richards 2013
Keith Watts 2012
Jack Fusari 2011
Dave Valla 2010
Carl Smith 2009
Joel Garrett 2008
Greg Griggs 2007
Bill Richards 2006
Andy Hoff 2004-2005
Ron Berglund 2003
Joel Garrett 2001-2002
Dan Seibert 2000
Michael Yoshihara 1999
Glen McGhie 1998
Joel Garrett 1996-1997
Ron Berglund 1995
Jeff Boyle 1993-1994
LADIES LUNCHEON

The July POCC Ladies Luncheon was held at the Ginza Asian Bistro. The five members that attended had fun conversing with each other while enjoying great food. Birthday gal Paula Yost was given a nice dessert by the restaurant and they also sang happy birthday as well!!!

Happy Birthday Paula!!!
Old Newsletters

Some of you may have noticed I started writing what the club was doing 10, 15 and 20 years ago. I’m getting the information from old newsletters. If you look on the club website Brian has posted newsletters going back to 2002, which gives me info back 15 years. Fortunately Andy Hoff has saved and loaned to me many of the newsletters since he joined the club around 1994, unfortunately there are still some gaps. Along with using the newsletters for the 10, 15 and 20 years ago articles I have started scanning the ones that are not currently listed on our website, I plan to make these available to Brian so they can be posted. So far I have scanned years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, but as mentioned earlier there are gaps. Listed below are what is missing from those years, if you happen to have any of these missing newsletters please bring them to the meetings, so eventually we can have a complete set of newsletters from the club’s beginning.

Missing newsletters:

Any newsletters from 1993 and earlier.

1994 – Missing all except for October
1995 – Missing Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun & Dec
1996 – Complete
1997 – Missing Mar, May, Jun, Jul & Aug

Other years to follow.

If you do bring some of the above missing newsletters attach your name with a sticky note so I can return them to you when I’m done.

Sam Fisher
POCC 10 Years Ago – Aug 2008

The meeting was held on Aug 11th at Yosemite Falls Café on Ashlan. Joel Garrett was president. Joel’s president’s message listed some of his favorite “car” movies, Two Lane Blacktop, Vanishing Point, Gone in 60 Seconds, Gumball Rally, Blues Brothers, Cars and Smokey And The Bandit were some that he mentioned, he was wondering how many of these did club members remember, I’m wondering after 10 years how many Joel still remembers?

August Activities

- August 16 – Cruise Night to Chubby’s in Fresno
- Gayle Huls went to Hot August Nights in Reno
- Victor Weitzel attended the POCI Nationals in Spearfish SD
- Keith Watts went to the North Fork Show

Western Regional – Pontiacs at the Pines II

- Work and planning continues for our second Western Regional in September at Bass Lake.
  Judy Garrett requested helpers to sign up for the Wine and Cheese cruises and helpers to park cars on Friday.

POCC 15 Years Ago – Aug 2003

The meeting was held on Aug 11th at Denny’s on Shaw in Clovis. Ron Berglund was president, Dennis Baker was secretary, Sam Fisher was newsletter editor, Brian Massey was activities/webmaster and the club had 33 Paid members.

POCC was selected to be the host club for the 2005 Pontiac/Oakland Western Regional. October 7, 8 and 9 was picked as possible dates. The first order of business was to pick a host hotel and then start planning the actual event. Several POCC club members were planning on attending the 2003 Long Beach Western Regional in October to get some ideas about how to run our Regional in 2005.

One of the articles in the August 2003 newsletter listed The Wisdom of Will Rogers, even though he died in 1935, most are still relevant today. Here are some if my favorites:

- There are two theories about how to argue with a woman. Neither one works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- Lettin’ the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier’n puttin’ it back.
- After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you’re full of bull, keep your mouth shut.
- And my very favorite: There are three kinds of men. The ones who learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

August Activities

- Aug 9 – A morning cruise to Humphrey’s Station in Clovis for breakfast was planned
The meeting was held August 10th at Denny’s, East Shaw and Willows Ave in Clovis. Glen McGhie was the president and if the roster printed in the newsletter is correct the club had 39 members. Rich Smithen was the current newsletter editor, some other names you are familiar with, Dennis Baker – Secretary and Andy Hoff – Activities.

Some of the August Activities

A Mystery Cruise that was organized by Ron Berglund was held on July 25th. The cruise started out in some unknown parking lot (I told you it was a mystery cruise); first stop was at President Glen McGhie’s new home for refreshments and to get a flat tire fixed. At some point the cruise went through Auberry where you were supposed to count the many bear carvings there (the correct number is still a mystery) and finally ended up, 64.1 miles later, at Bass Lake for dinner. Apparently the group took over the diner, moving tables to get everyone closer together. The evening ended with joke telling that included a joke about a horse, one about a parrot and some pigs, one about the little green thing, another about the moon and the sun and finally one about a lady on a bus. Maybe at the August meeting Ron can tell us how many bear carvings are in Auberry and repeat some of the jokes.

August 28th was a cruise to Fosters Freeze and August 29th was a Sizzling Saturday Car Show at Fashion Fair.

Listed in the For Sale ads was a 1964 Grand Prix 389 v8 4bbl (currently has a tri power), factory 4 speed, tach, rally gauges, 3.41 rear end, ps, pb, bucket seats, rear speaker, power antenna, tilt steering, reel light and black plates. $8500 obo. (Wonder if it is still available?)
POCI Convention at Chula Vista, Wisconsin

After flight delays and changing airlines to get there, we arrived late in Minneapolis. We finally found a hotel around midnight. We were having a great start, but it got better! After we checked in to the Chula Vista Hotel at the Dells, we met up with some of our 2+2 friends and went out to dinner.

Tuesday was a long day of Director’s meetings from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. There was a lot of discussion, about several topics that need to be addressed, for the future of POCI. That evening Ames Performance provided Wisconsin cheese and cracker hors d’oeuvres, with dancing provided by a DJ.

Wednesday we toured the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Unfortunately, it was raining hard that day, but it wasn’t much of a problem, as most of the exhibits were inside. We got to see some tigers performing with their trainer, and they had a Big Top Tent with live performers doing everything from juggling on unicycles to the trapeze artist. That evening we went to the POCI Chapter Awards Banquet. After a nice dinner the Chapter Awards were presented. The Pontiacs of Central California did very well, John Berglund picked up the award for Chapter Editor and the Monthly News Letter Award of Excellence. POCC also won the Best Chapter Social Media Award, done by Brian Massey. Well done guys!
Ron Berglund & Dennis Simonson (both standing)
Visit the Ringling Bros. Museum in Baraboo WI.
Thursday was another busy day. The day started at 7:00 am with breakfast and meeting for assignments for points judging. There were 95 cars in points judging, the cars were awesome and we managed to finish up with the judging around noon. That afternoon we took in the large swap meet (lots of NOS parts). Then we strolled through the popular vote cars and road warriors. Of course, we stopped by to admire Dennis and Diane’s beautiful, freshly restored, 1969 Bonneville Convertible. They looked good cruising around the Dells in their Convertible. That evening we attended the Awards Banquet. The dinner was very good, again. Dennis and Diane won Most Outstanding in Class and received a plaque that was carved out of wood, in the shape of the State of Wisconsin. Beautifully done!

Sunday morning we said our good-byes. We headed to Green Bay to tour the Green Bay Packers, Lambeau Stadium. From there we drove to Mackinac Island, Michigan. We enjoyed trying a Pastie, which is a meat pie. The copper miners took pasties for lunch. We liked them a lot. The mode of transportation on the island is horse and buggy, bicycle or walk. They even have a street sweeper pulled by horses! After that we went to Bemidji, MN, where we saw a Regatta, a statue of Paul Bunion, and walked across the Mississippi River at Itaska State Park. We ended our trip in Ron’s hometown in New Rockford, ND. We enjoyed the 4th of July there while visiting friends and relatives.

Ron and Willa Berglund
Solvang Car Show

August 25th, 2018

Bob Stokes from the Wheels N’ Windmills Car Show in Solvang has contacted our Club to attend this year’s show. Bob indicated that the show is going to be televised by “My Classic Car”, hosted by Dennis Gage.

Registration opens the middle of May, and they only have spaces for 300 cars. Dennis Simonson and I have been invited back because of previous year’s awards. If you are interested in attending this car show, it is imperative that you get your entry fee in early, as this is a very popular show. Make your hotel reservation early as well. They always make this a fun show with a poker run for the ladies, lots of good eats, last year there was a BBQ on Friday night and some really nice cars. I hope you plan to attend!

Ron Berglund
47th Annual
POCI Convention 2019
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
July 16-21

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3rd owner with all original paper work.
Duel exhaust. Excellent driver low mileage.
Need to sell due to health issues.
11K or best offer, Steven Ratscliff 916-612-3067
A nice pair of Matching Can Ams at the POCI Nationals in Dells WI.

General Membership Meetings:
Second Monday of the Month

Denny’s
30 E Herndon Ave
Fresno, CA 93710
Phone: 559-435-5638

Dinner: 6:00PM / Meeting: 7:00PM
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