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Presidents Message

Well, its July already and the year 2002 is more than half over. It seems like only yesterday we were worrying over the dreaded Y2K. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people behind the scenes that invest their time and effort to insure the Pontiacs of Central California remains the healthy, fun club it is today. Take Sam Fisher for instance. Every month like clockwork he starts bugging me and Dennis Baker for our monthly newsletter contributions. Now I am sure he gets a certain amount of satisfaction producing an enjoyable and informative newsletter every month, but it is still a tremendous undertaking in which he never lets the club down. And all of the membership gets the benefit of a newsletter that we look forward to receiving every month. Sam, "THANK YOU". Then there is Brian Massey. He not only maintains our very professional looking website, he, with the help of Greg and Gloria Griggs, Ron and Marlene Berglund, and his lovely ex-VP wife Janet, take the time and make the effort to plan a variety of fun activities for the membership to enjoy. You guys and gals, "THANK YOU". How about Bill Truckell. For the last few years (when he is not streaking) he had done an excellent job keeping an eye on our finances and keeping the club from making personal loans to club Presidents. Bill, "THANK YOU". Lets not forget our Oldsmobile people. Dennis Baker takes the minutes at each meeting, and almost every month gets them to Sam for the newsletter and any day now will be a member of POCI in good standing. Dennis, "THANK YOU". I would also like to say thank you to Tim and Judy, our Merced Oldsmobile members. Here is a couple of people who don't hesitate to volunteer and donate their time and effort for the good of the club, and drive an hour one way to do it! Tim and Judy, "THANKS". I would also like to thank all the

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Minutes of the P.O.C.C June 10, 2002 meeting

After the traditional playing of "Hail To The Chief* *tain" the June meeting of the Pontiacs of Central California was called to order by president Joel Garrett at 7:40 pm. There were two guest present at the meeting, a Susan and Lawrence and their daughter. They have a very nice 1970 Bonneville convertible. And Erin with a 1970 Le Mans.

The minutes for the month of May were approved as presented in the June issue of The Straight Arrow.

The treasure's report- Bill said that as of the end of May there was XXXXXX..

Old business - The deposit for the use of the Court House Park in Madera for our 2002 Car Show was still out standing. The approved gift for Don Bonander was still outstanding. Also, the raffle prizes for the Ventura show would be decided later.

New business - A letter was received from POCI that we still had six members who were not members of POCI. It was also brought up the idea of club members name tags. Sam Fisher said he would check on the cost. A discussion is planned for the July meeting as to what the role of the Activities Committee is or should be. PLEASE plan to attend.

Past and Up-coming activities - The Concourse d' Elegance and Fergies had a pretty good turnout. The Shriners on the other hand, didn't have as many. The next event is the Racin' for a Cure in Madera on Saturday, June 22'.

POCI Western Regional - September 27-29, 2002.

The \$10 progressive attendance raffle was won by Dan Seibert.

The June meeting was closed at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Huls for

Dennis Baker

Secretary

(President's message continued)

members that attend the monthly meetings at Dennys. I know I look forward to the 2nd Monday of every month, and I know most of you do also. There are a lot of you out there that are not able to attend the meetings because of many important reasons, and I understand that, please, just keep reading the newsletter and view the website, so you can still feel a part of the club and if you are able to attend a meeting every once in a while, please do.

At this time I would also like to make the point that this club, like any other organization, is only as good as its members, and POCC has the BEST members. We all have opinions about how things should be done, and everyone is invited to share their ideas with the rest of us. If the club is doing something you don't like, or understand, bring it up at the meeting and let's discuss it. And if you don't feel comfortable talking in front of a group of people, pull me aside, and I would be happy to address your concerns. Organizations such as this, need input from its members, be they positive or negative, I just don't want to have people complaining to themselves or the guy next to them. Let's do our best to solve any problems as they arise, and move on to the fun stuff, which is what this club should be about. We will not be able to make everyone happy, but at least we will be privy to every one's feelings and opinions and we can deal with it openly and no one will feel that they do not have a say in the direction the club is going.

Just remember, there are a lot of members putting a lot of effort into making POCC a successful organization, and you can either thank them for their hard work and good job they are doing, or pitch in and help them make things even better.

Thanks for listening, Joel

Activity Committee Goals

At our recent monthly meeting some confusion arose regarding Club Events, and the procedure to put them in place. As the Activity Committee Chair I have to apologize to the club for not bringing the goals of the committee to your attention sooner; I hope that this letter will clear up any misunderstanding and confusion.

At the outset of this year, I took on the role of Activity Committee Chair with the stipulation that Greg Griggs and Ron Berglund would stand in as the two Vice Chairs. They accepted and have been working with me since. At the outset the "Tri-Power" committee had three goals:

- Keep the calendar planned several months in advance;
- Present various types of events; and
- Pace the events to keep the calendar balanced.

During the course of the year we hope this agenda will please "most of the people most of the time"; no attempt will be made to please "everyone all the time". In order to accomplish this goal, the committee feels that generally speaking, it must be in control of the calendar. This is not to say we want to "dictate" what the club does, not at all. What we want to do is keep the pace of events even and types of events varied.

To date I think the committee has done an outstanding job. Starting in February we have had two or more "Club Events" each month. The events have included an out-of-area car show, a picnic with the Mopar club, local car shows, our own car show, a Mystery Cruise and local cruise nights. I don't think that this is a bad list of accomplishments from a committee that has been in place for only 6 months. And more is yet to come!

The issue that came to the forefront at our last meeting was unfortunately, simply a case of the membership not knowing the intentions of the new committee; that is why the confusion was my fault. What happened was

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POCI WESTERN REGIONAL MEET CHIEFS ALONG THE CHANNEL



The Channel Islands Chapter is hosting the 2002 POCI Western Regional Meet in picturesque Ventura, California at the Clarion Hotel, Ventura Beach, September 27-29, 2002. Only steps away from our beautiful beaches and marinas. Downtown offers Historical sites and landmarks such as the Ventura Pier, San Buenaventura Mission and the Cross at Grant Park. We also offer antique shops, cafes, Ventura Harbor Village and many vistas.



Clarion Hotel, Ventura Beach
2055 East Harbor Blvd.
Ventura, CA 93003

Hotel Reservations

1(805) 643-6000
Special Rate
\$89.00(king) + tax
\$99.00(2/dbl) + tax

Special room rates apply for 3 days before, during and after event.

REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Current POCI # _____ Required

Registration Fee: \$30.00 non refundable

Last day of entry **September 6, 2002** - no late or day of show entries

You will receive a complete registration and activities package by return mail.

For swap meet and vendor space prices check box. Swap meet Vendor

Make checks payable to: Channel Islands Chapter, POCI

Mail to: Jan McGarry 5690 Aurora Dr., Ventura, CA 93003

Information: Dave McGarry (805) 654-0401 magoo2dave@aol.com or Jim Glaze (805) 486-0881 jaglaze@gta.net

2002 WESTERN REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

- 3:00PM** Hospitality room opens
Registration table opens
Chapter display setup
Model cars and Photo competition entries setup
- 6:00PM** Cruise to Foster's Freeze on Telegraph Rd. in Ventura
- 10:00PM** Hospitality room closes

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

- 8:00AM** Hospitality room opens
Continue registration
Continue Chapter display setup
Continue model cars and photo competition setup
Staging for car show parking
Setup for Vendors and Swap meet
- 10:00AM** Car show begins
- 1:00PM** Tech talk in conference room* (see note)
- 2:00PM** Tech talk in conference room* (see note)
- 4:00PM** Car show and swap meet closes
- 4:30PM** Hospitality room closes (all items must be removed from hospitality room prior to closing)
- 6:00PM** No-host bar opens
- 7:00PM** No-host bar closes
Awards banquet dinner
Guest speaker – Paul Zazarine, Editorial Director, Pontiac Enthusiast Magazine
Awards

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:00AM to 11:00AM** Informal farewell brunch
- GATES OPEN AT 8:00 AM** Pontiac Drag Days (Observe or race) LACR
Palmdale, California 3 Brackets, NHRA rules apply
For more information contact Dave McGarry
805-654-0401 E-Mail: magoo2dave@aol.com

* Speaker shall be Jim Wangers and Pete McCarthy. Topic to be announced.

POCC BAR-B-Q



Where: Greg & Gloria Griggs

5803 E Province

Clovis

Phone: 322-4005

When: Saturday, July 13, 2002

Starts at 5:30 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm

Club will provide meat, all paper goods/plasticware and drinks. Each family should bring their own chairs and a side dish, salad or dessert according to the breakdown below:

A to F - Salad

G to R - Side Dish

S to Z - Dessert

Please RSVP to Brian Massey NLT June 8, 2002 (645-8018 or bjmassey@bigfoot.com) so we will know how much meat to buy. Flyer and map will be available at the next regular meeting. If you cannot attend the July meeting let Brian know when you RSVP and he will mail the information to you.

Swimming pool is available, bring your own suit and towel.

Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC Club meetings are held at the Denny's on Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:30.

July:

July 8th - Monthly POCC club meeting

July 13th - Club Bar-B-Q at Griggs. See page 6 for details

July 28th - Cruise to the Malt Shop at Blackstone & Nees. 6:00 pm

August:

August 12th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September:

September 6th to 8th - Cherry's Jubilee

September 9th - Monthly POCC club meeting

September 27 - 29, 2002. The Channel Islands Chapter of POCI will host the Western Regional POCI car show at the Ventura Beach Hotel. See pages 4 and 5 for registration form and schedule of events. Remember if you plan to attend the Western Regionals you must be a member of POCI and pre-register. Deadline to register is September 6, 2002.

For Sale

Weather stripping for all makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, 322-8441.

Tempest, GTO & LeMans 1964 to 1967 parts. Fender, bumpers, deck lid, doors, some trim, emblems and tail lights. Call Andy Hoff at 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

Wanted

Need the drivers side parking/turn signal lens for a 1972 Pontiac Le Mans. Contact Aaron Busch at (559) 431-3772.

Also need the following letters that go on the hood/trunk, (S, O and I) for a 1951 Oldsmobile. Contact Aaron Busch at (559) 431-3772.

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simply one member bringing a local event to the attention of the membership, and another member requesting that the event be voted upon; this is certainly innocent enough. However, I hope that everyone understands that if "Club Events" are done in this manner, the committee loses the ability to keep the desired pace and variety.

If any member has an idea, they are encouraged to bring the idea forward. Preferably the idea would be presented to the activity committee prior to being presented at a club meeting. In this manner the committee can place the event on the calendar where it serves the best interest of the club in terms of "pace and variety". And for the record, all club members are encouraged to attend the activity committee meetings anytime they wish. If you cannot attend, then you may call or email your ideas to any of the committee members.

One member asked "what if" a few members just want to do something? Please don't misconstrue the committees' goals as meaning we don't want anyone doing anything the committee hasn't planned; absolutely not the case. Everyone is encouraged to suggest events they are interested in at a meeting, and ask if anyone else wants to go along with them; heck, I might even join you. All we are discussing here are "Official Club Events".

Beginning with the next activity committee meeting, we will bring our list of ideas to the club meetings for your feedback. We hope that this will help everyone understand what we are trying to accomplish, and give each of you an opportunity to voice your opinion.

Thanks for your support,

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Ron Berglund: 559-449-0645 or email to; pontiac335@aol.com

Greg Griggs: 559-322-4005 or email to; usa_sleep_center@hotmail.com



Pontiacs of Central California (POCC) is a club for owners and lovers of Pontiacs. The club members range from young guys and gals to old guys, who own all types of Pontiacs from the Muscle to the Luxury cars. A few members don't even own Pontiacs, they simply like them. Club dues are \$24 per calendar year or \$2.00 per month for the remainder of any calendar year. Members must also join the Pontiac/Oakland Club International (POCI). POCI dues are \$25 per year and includes a subscription to the POCI monthly magazine - "Smoke Signals". The magazine alone is worth the \$25. It's full of interesting Pontiac stories, tips on doing Pontiac things, as well as free advertising for members. Since this magazine goes out world wide, it is a great place to find parts or that special Pontiac you have been searching for.



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Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Denny's restaurant at 710 West Shaw in Clovis. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Please feel free join us.