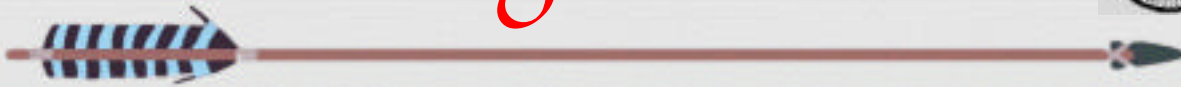
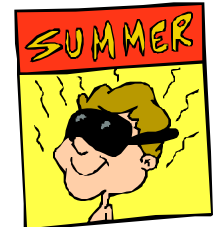


# The Straight Arrow



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# President's Message

**This month, I thought it would be fun to get a history class in.**

Although the first Pontiac car didn't debut until 1926, the division's history actually dates back to 1893, when Edward M. Murphy established the Pontiac Buggy Company in Pontiac, Michigan. The company produced horse-drawn carriages. As it became clear that motor car sales were going to eclipse carriages, Murphy wisely started the Oakland Motor Car Company, an offshoot of the buggy company, in 1907.

Two years later, General Motors acquired half of Oakland in an exchange of stock. GM founder William Durant, a friend of Murphy's, was actually more interested in his talent and expertise than his Oakland cars. But Murphy died unexpectedly the following summer. A few months later, GM purchased full control of Oakland, amid rumors that Durant paid for part of the company from his personal earnings to help Murphy's family. Oakland was very successful through 1920. Then, a minor economic depression, combined with inefficient production and Durant's drive for acquisition, weakened Oakland and GM.

By 1920, General Motors was in disarray. In just 12 years, Durant had founded the company, lost control in 1910, regained it in 1916, and lost it again by 1920. The company's seven divisions were fighting for the same customers, and none were priced to compete with Ford's \$500 Model T. At the time, GM's prices ranged from \$795 for the lowest-end Chevrolet, to \$5,690 for the highest-priced Cadillac. Since GM wasn't in the position to rival the Model T, a committee of company executives, under the leadership of new GM President Alfred Sloan, decided to create a car to fill a long-standing price gap

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# Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by POCC President Greg Griggs.

There were no guests or visitors present.

The minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Dennis Baker. At the time of the meeting there were 34 regular members and 8 associate members.

Newsletter Editor Sam Fisher gave his report. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the newsletter.

At the June meeting, a motion was made to reduce the annual dues by \$4.00, if members are willing to receive the club newsletter electronically and forgo a mailed hard copy.

Discussion regarding this matter continued. It was determined that any change in the cost of annual dues, would require a change in the club by-laws. There was then discussion as to how members were to be notified of any change in the by-laws. Gale Huls read from the by-laws that members were to be notified in writing of any proposed changes. After further discussion, it was determined that this written notification could be in the form of a hand out at a regular meeting and did not require a mailed document. The by-law/dues change was tabled until the next meeting.

Brian Massey was not present to give the Webmaster's report.

Activities Director Carl Smith gave his report. Carl and Robbin Smith hosted the annual club bar-b-que on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time playing cards, shooting pool and throwing darts in their "party" barn. Thank you for your hospitality. Pontiacs of Central California received the club participation award at the Chowchilla car show on June 16<sup>th</sup>. What a

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group! Anyone interested driving as a group to the Rods at Railtown show in Jamestown on July 14<sup>th</sup> should contact Carl Smith, Bill Richards, or Curt Gunderson.

Upcoming activities:

July 28<sup>th</sup>- Chubby's weekly car show at First & Gettysburg. Arrive at 5:30 so we can park together.

August 12<sup>th</sup>-North Point Church Free car show. Contact Bill Richards @ (559) 431-8742 for info or if you are planning to attend.

August 25<sup>th</sup>- Chubby's weekly car show at First & Gettysburg. Arrive at 5:30 so we can park together.

September 8<sup>th</sup>-Cruise to Castle Air Museum. Contact Carl Smith @ (559) 834-4933 for information.



## A Van With Sports Car Appeal ????

Look very closely at this picture, is this one car or two??? I'm sure people do double and even triple takes when they see it for the first time. In fact I've looked at it at least a dozen times and I'm still amazed.

Thanks to Paula Yost for sending this unique picture.



September 15<sup>th</sup>- Chubby's weekly car show at First & Gettysburg. Arrive at 5:30 so we can park together.

September 29<sup>th</sup>- San Simeon Trip. Lodging will be at the La Serena Inn- \$109/night (805) 772-5665. Contact Dan Seibert @ (559) 638-4866 for further information.

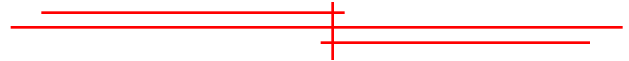
Old Business: The new club business cards should be here in time for next month's meeting, per Greg Griggs.

The meeting was concluded with the attendance drawing, which was won by Bill Richards. The prize was \$30.00. Next month the jackpot will revert back to \$10.00.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, David Valla

Thanks to Dave for taking the minutes at the July meeting.



Presidents Message continued.....

between Chevrolet and Oldsmobile. In addition, the new vehicle would serve as a platform to share vehicle components in an effort to improve volume efficiency.

So they created Pontiac, a new car line, under the auspices of Oakland.

Until next month,

Greg Griggs



# Annual POCC Summer Party

If the pictures are any indication then the Summer Bar-B-Q was a great success. Also if the pictures are any indication it looks like there was more game playing than eating going on. But then maybe that is the way it is supposed to be. It also appears that Carl and Robbin's "old" party barn is appropriately named.

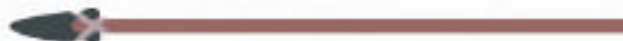
I know that everyone who was able to attend extend a great big super "Thank You" to Carl and Robbin for hosting this years summer party.



Cue ball in the end pocket, I mean the eight ball, the eight ball.



This is the only picture I received of anyone eating, though I'm sure the food was as great as the games.





Thanks to Ron Berglund and Bill Richards for the great pictures.



Pool, horseshoes, blackjack and poker, it doesn't get any better than that.



You would think that Ron is old enough to know NOT to play cards against that little guy next to him!!



# Upcoming Events

(POCC Club events are in bold).

POCC monthly meetings are held at the Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

## August:

12th: North Point Church Free Car Show – Call Bill Richards for information and if you plan on attending-559-431-8742.

**13th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>: Chubby's weekly car show at First & Gettysburg. Arrive at 5:30 so we can park together.**

## September:

**8th: Cruise to Castle Air Museum. Contact Carl Smith @ (559) 834-4933 for information.**

**10th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

**15th :Chubby's weekly car show at First & Gettysburg. Arrive at 5:30 so we can park together.**

**29th: San Simeon Trip- Lodging will be at or La Serena Inn. \$109 per night – 805-772-5665. Contact Dan Seibert for more info on this trip- 559-638-4866.**

## October:

**8th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

## November:

**3rd: 8th Annual Toys for Tot's All Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show.** Show will be at the Toy's R Us parking lot, Shaw at Sunnyside in Clovis, CA. The show will be from 11am to 3pm, and will include some special surprise awards. Entry fee is any unwrapped toy with a value of \$10.00 or greater. **The show is Rain or Shine!** If it's raining, please stop by and drop off your toy and meet some great Marines. You will also be supplied with some great coffee, coco and cookies. Info: Joel Garrett; 559-292-9130 or email [calbug61@aol.com](mailto:calbug61@aol.com)

**12th: Monthly Meeting; Meet in the banquet room at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

## December:

**?th: Christmas Party; TBD!**



**Drive carefully,  
many schools are  
now starting in  
August!!!!**

# For Sale

## **Two polished stainless steel mufflers.**

Originally bought for my '81 Corvette but will fit under a GTO. Mufflers are 14" long, 10" wide and 4 1/2" deep. Inlet/outlet size is 2 1/2" and 2 1/4". \$90 OBO for the pair. Contact Sam Fisher at 559-664-9431.

## **Tempest, GTO & LeMans 1964 to 1967 parts.**

Left & right fenders, some trim, lenses and miscellaneous parts. Call Andy Hoff at (559) 298-4527 for complete list and prices.

## **Weather stripping, seat covers, head liners,**

sun visors, seat belts and carpets for most makes and models. Call Dennis Baker, (559) 322-8441.

## **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.

## **67 Ford Fairlane GTA-390.**

\$3,200 OBO. Call Victor Weitzel at (559) 760-2313.

## **Four original wire wheel covers**

for a 68 Firebird that I once owned. They are in good condition. Call Mike at (559) 846-6584

## **1968 Pontiac GTO hardtop,**

Verdoro Green (originally April Gold) with Ivy Gold interior, 350hp 400 V8, Turbo 400 with factory Hurst His/Hers shifter, console, original carpet, remote mirror, hidden headlights (fully functional!), A/C, power steering, power disc brakes ('70 vintage factory single piston front discs), tilt wheel, factory wood wheel, full tinted glass, Rally gauges, Rally II wheels (15x7), factory AM radio (works great with new speaker), aluminized 2 1/4" exhaust with megaphone 3" chrome tips, 2.93:1 hiway gears (will wrap past end of speedo), straight body with a couple of paint chips, body was taken down to bare metal when repainted in

1998, runs strong - engine rebuilt ~ 35k miles ago. Many extra parts are included (new carpet, original "YS" coded shortblock, factory AM/FM radio, complete factory 8-track setup, power trunk release setup - not installed), extra dash bezel with standard gauges, new posi unit, etc.). Nice clean original California car with its original black/gold plates and original dealer license plate frames (front and rear). I am 2nd owner, have owned since 1997. Jim Wangers signature is on the underside of the trunk lid. Defects: A/C all there, but has bad compressor (rebuilt one included), dash lights occasionally blow fuse, tinted door glass not yet installed (clear glass currently), small oil drips. The odometer has rolled over twice, so actual mileage is 245k miles. This car has spent its entire life in California and it has been continuously registered. I have used it as my back up daily driver on occasion (once for 2 months) though mostly it has been a weekend cruiser. It has never failed me. I would not be afraid to drive this car across the country, however, I can not guarantee that. I can not deliver, however I can assist with loading for transport. \$35,000 OBO. Car located in Rocklin, CA - east of Sacramento, CA. Call Alan @ (408) 398-4094



# PONTIACS



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 \$31 per year and includes a subscription to the POCI monthly magazine - "Smoke Signals". The magazine alone is worth the \$31. 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 Yosemite Falls Cafe, Highway 99 and Ashlan Ave in Fresno, CA. Meetings starts at 7:00 pm.



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