

SILVER STATE

# PontiAction

## LOWERY'S CUSTOM CATALINA



The original owner of our 1953 Pontiac Catalina was a man named Lou Simpkin, who ordered the car with almost every option available that year. These options included, under seat heater and defroster, traffic light viewer, autronic eye, rear fender panel, windshield sun visor, electric radio antenna, illuminated hood ornament, dual back up lamps, under hood lamp and much more. We know nothing about his long ownership of the car. Sometime in the 1970's, my dad, Charles Lowery, traded some mechanic work on Mr. Simpkin's truck for the Pontiac. By this time, the desert sun had bleached the car. It was still in running condition and with all original parts, except the tail lights. Charles moved the car to his ranch where it sat for another several years gathering sand and providing a home for field mice.

Charles had been a mechanic for a Pontiac dealership in Sudan, Texas, in the 1950's and had a "Doctor of Motors" Certificate from Pontiac. He had a real soft spot for Pontiacs. Finally, in the late 1990's dad started working on the '53, with some transmission work and an engine rebuild. Dad passed away in 2002, without finishing the restoration.

My two brothers and I took Dad's Catalina to B & T Restoration in Sparks for rechroming, paint, and interior work, done in original colors. My brother, Jerry and I rewired and did the detail work on the engine and under the hood. We feel the finished product fulfills the vision Dad had for her and I see him smiling every time we get behind the wheel. The car has a Flathead Straight 8, 122 H.P., Dual Range Hydra-matic, Button Tufted Laurel Green upholstery and paint color is Laurel Green.

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# Mz. Prez Sez:

LISA PITCHES

Reminder that July 24<sup>th</sup> is the Hot August Nights Kick-off party at Bartley Ranch. Sign up for food dishes will be at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please sign up your favorite dish. Rhonda has put together some great stuff and it's a good way to relax with club members. If you can't make the meeting, contact Rhonda Kelly for party info.



Our club car show is quickly approaching and Jim LeBar needs help with getting trophy sponsors and any donations for raffle prizes. Also, every club member and associate needs to bring in a raffle prize for the car show. Please get them in early, we are doing the raffle a little different this year and the earlier we get the raffle prizes, the easier it will be to put together. The money we make from this show helps to pay for our most enjoyable Christmas Party every year.

Let's get our club support behind this show and help Jim LeBar make this a huge success. Remember the club meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup>, mark your calendars and hope to see ya at the meeting.

.....Lisa Pitches

## LIFE AS A SENIOR

*A man's wife asked why he didn't do something useful with his time. She suggested he go down to the senior center and hang out with the guys. He decided to try it and see what they had to offer. When he arrived home that evening, he told her that he had joined a parachute club. The wife replied, "Are you nuts? You're 73 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"*

*Proudly he showed her that he even received a membership card.*

*She said to him, "You idiot, where are your glasses!? This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!"*

*The husband was in trouble again and didn't know what to do. He had signed up for five jumps per week!*

*Life as a senior citizen isn't getting any easier.*

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## EDITORS CORNER

PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCL. I need members to submit articles, jokes and life experience stories.

New members, we would like to hear your car stories. All articles are appreciated. Let me hear from you. **LET'S TALK PONTIAC**. Submissions are due on the **FIRST** day of the month. Submissions received after that will in the next newsletter. Submit to: [ldywriter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldywriter@sbcglobal.net) OR

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# LOWERY'S '53

Dad's '53 has her own little showroom in Sparks. D & D Plumbing, 655 Greg Court. You're welcome to stop by and take a look at her..... Dale and Jacque Lowery



## 103.7 THE RIVER CRUISE. SPONSORED BY HOBEY'S



This was a great evening with the classics. Hobey's went all out, dash plaques, T-shirts, poker walk, plus a \$10 dinner in their steak house.....delicious! There were contests, prizes and trophies! Fun, Fun, Fun!!!!



Mike & Todd discuss the poker walk!



Curly checks out the beer booth!



# TOUR de GARAGE

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.....The Pontiac Club met at A & W, on Plumb Lane, for the start of "Tour de Garage".....10 cars and 16 members. We purchased a poker hand sheet for \$5.00, in hopes of making this fun event a little profitable.



A & W Meeting Place



Once the finances were handled, we headed out for:

**The First Stop**.....Spence and Janet Wharton in Reno. They had coffee, donuts and a fruit plate for our enjoyment. They have a wonderful backyard with a large covered patio and a huge shady lawn area. Looked like it was just waiting for a party to happen. Here we drew our first 5 cards. The first draw always looks like your going to get some good hands and leaves you feeling very confident. Once everyone had sampled the goodies and drawn their cards, we headed out for:

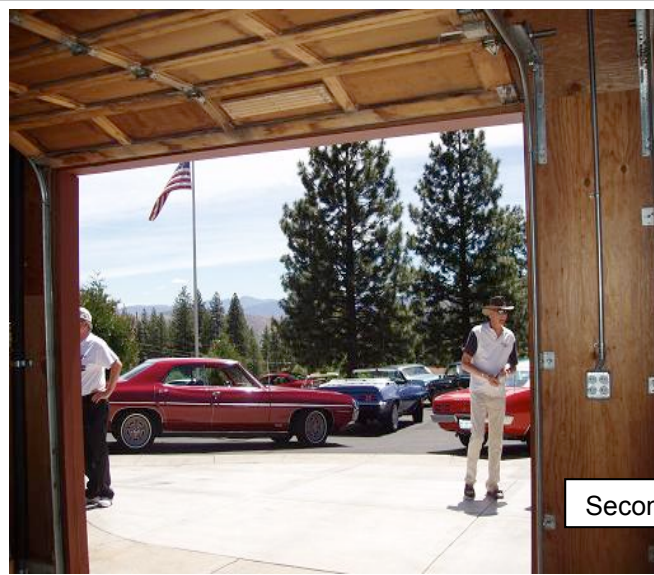


First Stop



**Stop Number 2**.....Joe and Michelle Schenck, in the Hills west of Verdi. We drove through west Reno and onto Mayberry Drive. Then through Verdi and over the bridge on Dog Valley Road and up the hill. We were actually in California. Joe and Michelle live up on the hill over looking the valley. This was a nice setting for the Pontiacs. Here we found, muffins, fruit plate, juice and Starbucks Coffee for an Octane boost. Joe has a 1965 G.T.O. he is restoring. He is in the beginning stages and had just got the block back from Ames. Everyone drew their next 5 cards.....Poker prospects still looking good. With the goodies diminishing, it was time to head out for:

## *TOUR de GABAGE (Conti)*



Second Stop



**Stop Number 3.....**Galen & Marianne Judisch in west Reno. Here we found wonderful open face German sandwiches, with chips and salsa.....killer good. Galen has a back yard that has a wide variety of garden veggies growing, with 2 small greenhouses, filled with vegetables. We'll have to hit him up for fresh veggies this summer. In Galen's garage was a 1965 G.T.O. having transmission work done. Needs a little more restoration, but will be a great car when completed. We drew 5 more cards, placement of cards on the sheet is starting to get harder....don't want to ruin any potential hands. We finished the great sandwiches and headed for:



Third Stop



**Stop Number 4.....**Ken & Lynn Burney in Spanish Springs. We went around the back of the house, which had a spectacular view of the mountains and valley, plus they had a wonderful waterfall on their patio. The garage was at the back of their property, which had 10 foot ceilings so a car lift was possible, which they had. There was a nice spread of sandwiches, potato salad and fruit, with tables set up for us to enjoy the goodies and visit. Time to draw 5 more cards and now placement is critical, and sacrificing hands, to try and keep the possible great hands.....it's all in the luck of the draw. With everyone feeling very full and all the cards drawn, we headed for the last stop.....

## *TOUR de GARAGE (Conti)*



Fourth Stop

**Stop Number 5.....**Mike Nowicke & Symantha Miller on top of the hill in Spanish Springs. Good thing we had plenty of nourishment, since the name of the street to turn off the main road was left off the direction sheet, we all went past the turn off. Knowing we weren't close, we called Mike to see if he would give us directions to his house.....he did. Once we discovered the location, we found this was the desert stop. Root Beer Floats and Chocolate Cake.....Yum! Mike and Symantha have a great view of Spanish Springs Valley. Great barbequing backyard with a fire pit. His garage walls were covered with Pontiac pictures and posters.....nice touch. Here we drew the final 5 cards. Now the best come out on top.



Fifth Stop

The winners were:

Tyler (Joe Schenck's son) with the lowest hand.

Three way tie for second – Peggy DeMichele, Ray Hollingsworth and Ken Burney.

The big winner with the highest hand – Lynn Burney.

What a fantastic, fun day. The weather was perfect for getting together with club members to drive the Pontiacs, eat and socialize. A HUGE Thank You to Diane Horning for planning and putting this together. Another HUGE Thank You to Jan Hollingsworth, for handling the poker draw and card placement on the everyone's poker sheets. And to the 5 club members that hosted the stops Thank You, Thank You for making a great club outing even greater!!!!

Editor: Ann Sweder

# TIGER RUN 2010

**Tiger Run 2010** at Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon, was the grrrreatest yet! It seems like every year it can't get any better than this and the Goat Herd of Oregon out did themselves, again this year. Of course, this was a special year – their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Chuck & Georgia Maze, drove Jezebel up to Redmond on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Russ and Diane Horning and Jim and Dwala Mandas drove up on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Maze's went shopping on Thursday and, of course, we hit Fred Meyer and then, by mistake, found a great antique mall, Old Farmers Co-op, where we spent three hours there and really didn't see everything they had. It was loaded from ceiling to floor, plus a basement full of antiques too. It was a fabulous place and brought back lots of childhood memories. Yes, they had items that old and even older! The late afternoon cruise to the Sisters was cancelled due to rain and thunderstorms, so we hung out at the Eagle Crest Resort.

Early Friday, Chuck and I helped with setting up registration, information, for sale tables, raffle and Silent Auction tables. Then around 10:00 am, registration was open for business. Total count for registration was 142 and there were 138 Pontiacs on the show field. Diane and Dwala went shopping during the day and the guys hung out at Eagle Crest Resort. The cruise to Bend Pilot Butte Drive-In was from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Of course, they had the special G.T.O. Burger with fries and soft drink. Chuck and I shared one because they are soooo big! Friday night was casino night and some great raffle prizes were given out at 10:30pm. Funny thing, the Nevadans didn't gamble, but we got some raffle tickets and didn't win anything.....no luck there.

Saturday was Show Day, which started with Chuck washing Jezebel and I was at registration for late comers until 10:00 am. After which, I put the finishing touches on Jezebel for the show. Jezebel had a very special passenger this year, which took up the whole back seat.....a big white tiger named Humphrey. The weather was very cooperative that day, with sunshine, some clouds, but no rain until late evening so all the great Pontiacs showed off their shine. The Nevadans did well with winning raffle prizes, so our luck was back from our unlucky Friday night! Of course, there was trading going on between us with the prizes and even gave some away. The Silent Auction went very well for me. I bid on six items and won two....yeah! The bidding for the other four went way above what I wanted to bid or should say, could afford.



Tiger Run Winners: Diane, Russ, Jim and Chuck

## TIGER RUN 2010 (cont'd)

Nevadans luck continued into the night at the Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Food was delicious and of course, the Grand Poobah, Jim Gulley, was in his best of form. Awards were presented to those who attended all **20 Tiger Run** shows and the ones who attended 19 or 18 out of the 20 received the "Close but no cigar" awards which were solid chocolate fat cigars! They looked real until you held it in your hand.....heavy cigars!!! Now, onto the car awards, which again, the Nevadans won in their classes. Diane (or is it Rob now?!) won 1<sup>st</sup> in her '65 G.T.O. convertible. Jim and Dwala won 1<sup>st</sup> in their '55 Chieftain convertible. Chuck won 2<sup>nd</sup> in our '72 LeMans convertible. Also, they were raffling off a beautiful framed mirror with this year's logo etched on it and guess who won it? One of those same old winners.....Russ Horning!!! It was the grrrrreat day and evening for the Silver State Pontiac participants.

Sunday, Drag Race Day, began with a complimentary breakfast at the Eagle Crest Resort's Birdie Cafe. Actually, they served this complimentary breakfast everyday we were there from 7:00 am till 9:00am. They said they started this the first of this year for registrants at the Resort only. The Horning's and the Manda's took off for their journey back home and the Mazes took off in Jezebel for the races. It was another "fine" day for the Mazes. Chuck raced Jezebel and Georgia, the spectator, handled the raffle tickets and the camera, which is the only time I had to take pictures during the whole weekend. BIG mistake, because I'm not a camera buff, as you can see in the photos I took at the races. Yes, Chuck's name was drawn along with two others to race against the GeeTO Tiger (owner is Jim Wangers), the godfather of the GTO, but driven by Dave "Big Injun" Anderson. Well, I hate to tell ya, but Chuck didn't win. He red lighted which was the only time in all his runs that day. As a matter of fact, the other two selectees red lighted too! I guess the anxiety of racing the GeeTO Tiger got them! Chuck still won after all because he received the 66 GeeTO Tiger Limited Edition collectible signed by Jim Wangers with a note on it reading...."To Chuck, it was only a little red..." While Chuck was busy taking runs, I happened to have one of the raffle tickets they called out and I went to collect the raffle prize, which was a Madras Drag Raceway T-shirt, lubricant, decals and a deep fried Twinkie. It was the first for us and probably the last deep fried Twinkie we'll have. The Twinkie, alone, is all sugar to begin with and add batter, deep fry it and coat it with powder sugar.....we were on a sugar-high and we had only three bites each!!!! I think that's why Chuck broke out on his second run in eliminations and I'll use it for another reason why I'm such a lousy picture taker!!! To finish off Race Day, we all headed back to Eagle Crest Resort for the infamous BBQ chicken, cooked by "The Chief" of the Goat Herders, DuWyne Geist. Yes, we ate a half a chicken each plus salads, rolls and beans. He had a bunch of chicken left and we managed to bring back two halves with us. We enjoyed one half and froze the other half for another day. One thing about the Goat Herders, there is no lack of good food and lot's of it. I think that also applies to the Silver State Pontiacs. We just had happy tummies and good times all weekend long.

Monday, we loaded up Jezebel.....and she was loaded!! Had our complimentary breakfast, said our goodbyes and off we went at around 8:30 am. We made it back home to Fallon around 7:30 pm..... we do make stops along the way.

Last of all, I want to thank all the Goat Herders of Oregon (special thanks to Frank Salerno, Holly and DuWyne Geist, Kathy Richards and family.....and of course, the grand Poobah, Jim Gulley and his partner-in-crime, Tom Foster, who I'm sure was smiling down on us all from heaven. The other car club members including the Canadians, who pitched in to help make **Tiger Run 2010** a grrrrreat success!

There will be no **Tiger Run 2011** because the Goat Herders will be hosting the GTOAA International Convention in Portland, Oregon the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **Tiger Run** will be back in 2012 at the Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon.

Thanks to the Veterans and active service members throughout the world. Without them we would not be having the freedom we enjoy today. God Bless the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

Submitted by: Georgia Maze





Jezebel & Humphrey



Good spare tire cover!

# TIGER RUN 2010 PICS



Chuck tacks up the tires.....Smoke 'em Chuck!



GeeTO Tiger



Chuck takes Jezebel down the strip.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>CLUB EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Regular Club Meeting	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Denny's
HAN Kick-Off Party	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bartley Ranch
Contact Rhonda Kelly with what you are bringing.		
Regular Club Meeting	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Denny's
Regular Club Meeting	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Denny's



## BIRTHDAYS

### ***JULY***

Spence Wharton – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Susan Greco – 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Arlene Trematore – 21<sup>st</sup>

### ***AUGUST***

Jim LeBar – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Cindy Rentsch – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Joe Schenck – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Jacque Lowery – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Lynn Burney – 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Gary Geyer – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Marianne Judisch – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Georgia Maze – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Michelle Schenck – 27<sup>th</sup>



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ***JULY***

Rick Stefani & Debbie Bartgis .....25 yrs.  
 Mike Nowicki & Samatha Miller ..... 9 yrs.  
 Grant & Lisa Pitches ..... 5 yrs.

### ***AUGUST***

Galen & Marianne Judisch ..... 47 yrs.  
 Mike & Judi Zmak .....42 yrs.  
 Dale & Jacque Lowery ..... 41 yrs.  
 Chuck & Georgia Maze ..... 40 yrs.

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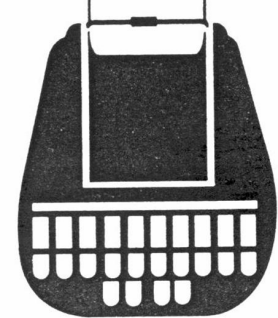
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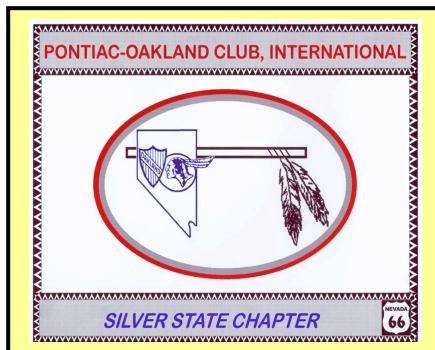
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