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1940 2 DOOR HARDTOP



Wow......We saw this car in a parking lot and instantly fell IN LOVE!!!!! We found the owner and made him an offer he couldn't refuse. We practically stole it!!....It is perfect in every way. It has a 350 Ram Jet engine, that puts out 355 HP. It is computer fuel injected with a 4 speed overdrive transmission which makes for fast get aways. It looks good, rides great and the black color is perfect for our night jobs. The trunk has plenty of room, for storage of all our job related tools. We love the style of this car, which makes for a classy ride. Can't believe we got this car for next to nothing! We apologize for not making it to the meetings, as our agenda is quite full, since we make all our money at night. We always seem to be in a hurry, so when you see this car zooming by, it's just us....

> Your Pontiac Friends, Bonnie & Clyde

Thank you Paul & Vicki Haden, for allowing me to have some literary fun with your car. They have owned this car for 41 years and put 5000 miles on it last year. Including the Once around Nevada Run, which they tell me they had a great time!

The Prez Sez

STEVE O'BRIEN

Your probably asking yourselves, what can we do to earn extra Pontiac Bucks? I know I am, so here it goes:

DOUBLE BUCKS EARNED FOR ENTIRE NIGHT:

Being the first or second to buy the club officers a beer on meeting night.

Wearing Hawaiian garb.

Getting fined more than 5 bucks.

THREE BUCKS:

Ratting out five people or causing one person to pay a total of 5 bucks in fines. Smokey burn out in parking lot after meeting.

Wearing swimwear and a sash that read Miss Pontiac-must have picture taken with at least 3 members.



Bringing in new members that pay dues.

TP'ing another members house. Must have pictures (bonus buck if house is that of an ex-club president) If you'll write this damn article next month for me.

FIVE BUCKS:

Heading any committee.

Hosting a poker night.

Planning any club event (must be a pre-approved function, not 3 guys fishing with a cooler of beer).

50 BUCKS:

Stealing Joel's garden gnome and driving to Graceland with at least 3 members and taking pictures of the gnome along the way. Must mail copies to president and Joel along with the ransom note.

As Always, Happy Motoring, The Prez

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PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCI.

I need members to submit pictures of their cars with a story about the car. New members, we would like to hear your stories. Submissions are due on the **FIFTH** day of the month. Submissions received after that will be in the following months newsletter.

Submit to: ldywriter@sbcglobal.net (Note I now have my own e-mail address).

OR MAIL TO: Ann Sweder, 225 Hercules Dr., Sparks, Nv. 89441





FROM RHONDA'S NOTEBOOK:

MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM. Steve welcomed everyone and introduced new members, Michael, Jennifer and Andrew Burmer who own a 1967 Firebird they're currently working on and hope to be cruising by spring. He welcomed special guests Mike and Raylene from A&W. I read the January minutes. Steve motioned for approval, which were approved by the club. Bryan gave the Treasurer's report. Steve motioned for approval, that barely passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve asked for a report from the name badge committee, which was not present. We moved onto the activities committee. Bart asked for people willing to host Poker/Bunco games for the upcoming months. No one is here from the car show committee, but Galen asked if we could start collecting raffle contributions for the show, which is supported by the current administration. Next was the Coca Cola Machine raffle committee report. Mike and Raylene are supporting our raffle. There was some discussion on the price of the raffle tickets. It was agreed ten tickets per book at \$2 per ticket and each member will be responsible for selling two books. We have no date yet on when we'll start selling the tickets but we'll be raffling the prize off at our Christmas party this year.

Ann shared the newsletter report. The bottom line on printing our newsletter is the bigger the printer the more costly for us to print. We need to limit newsletters to eight pages. There will be an insert in the next newsletter to give members the option of whether or not to have the newsletters mailed or e-mailed. Steve will continue bringing this up at each meeting until every member is happy. The newsletter will still be available on our website. We need contributions so please send in your pictures and articles. Steve reported that ten percent of what we spend at this Denny's will start coming back to our club. Not just at our meetings, but anytime you may visit this Denny's.

<u>Airing of Grievances</u> – Steve doesn't like filling out the forms. Thanks to Diane for the continuance of filling out insurance forms for all our club activities. Also, everyone needs to make sure to get your bill during our meeting break and pay it before the meeting is adjourned. If you don't pay your bill the club ends up being responsible for it.

BREAK: 7:35-7:45

Hugo gave the website report. The website is up. The current newsletters are on it. Everything is functional. He still needs car pictures for the photo gallery. He will be contacting Ed to see if we're moving our website over to his server.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack will be picking up the mail and periodically sharing some letters in his mailbag. Our new birthday anniversary presenters, Mike Nowicki and Jan Hollingsworth, did their presentation and eventual sale of sweets. Steve passed around a sign-up list for members who need a new name badge. I read a thank you letter from An Exceptional Christmas organization, which I passed around so members can see the pictures that were included.

Bill nominated Mike and Jim to be lifetime members of the "Silver State Pontiacs Hall of Fame" due to their raffle contributions to our club. Steve deferred a vote to past presidents that was approved. Bill, Jim and Andrew did the raffle. Andrew pulled the first ticket, which made his parents responsible for March's raffle. Mike N. drew for the 50/50 raffle but pulled the ace of diamonds. Next month the 50/50 amount will be \$80. Mike and Raylene described the selection process for the calendar cars. Please see or ask them or me if you have any questions about this. Todd did fines. Club apparel is for sale.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:31PM

RHONDA'S NOTEBOOK (CONTI)

MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2008:

Meeting called to order at 6:59:59 PM.

Special thank you and welcome to our members who travel to the Truckee Meadows from out of Town (Fernley, Fallon, Minden and Gardnerville).

Norm and Bird White will be driving their 55 Pontiac to Phoenix Arizona again for a show and drag race. They will be participating in both events (this could be their 3rd trip). We look forward to a full mile by mile report from the White's at the next meeting.

Thank you Susan for baking special cookies for the birthday and anniversary's. Ed DeMichele gave a preliminary club car show report.

Thank you to those that signed up for the car show committee.

Everybody sang Happy Birthday to Michael Burmer then Mike Nowicki, Susan and Jan passed out the birthday and anniversary goodies.

A **BIG** thank you to Kevin for showing up, then immediately was fined for wearing a tie and was also Given his 2007 vice president award.

Steve encouraged everybody to rat out somebody for fines.

Brian read the treasury report and ended with the club making money. A motion was carried to accept the report.

The raffle was a great success and the 50/50 will continue to the next meeting as Mike Nowicki was Unlucky picking the Ace of Clubs.

Fines were handed out in plenty.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39PM



NOW HERE'S A STORY THAT NEEDS TELLING!



MIKE, JOEL, RUSS, RAY AND NORM



ANYONE RECOGNISE THIS CLUB MEMBER?

NEWSLETTER AWARDS OF MERIT 1995-3rd PLACE, 1996-1ST PLACE, 1997-2ND PLACE 1996 JUNIOR CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT

DATE

LOCATION

Regular Club Meeting

April 17 @ 7pm

Denny's

Regular Club Meeting

May 15 @ 7pm

Denny's

Regular Club Meeting

June 19 @ 7pm

Denny's

HAN Kickoff Party

August 2

Galena Park









BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Debbie Bartgis – 8th Norm White – 11th Walt Woodworth – 11th Symantha Miller – 14th Robert Garner – 18th Ginger Engel – 25th Mike Norwick – 29th

RIES

APRIL

Jerry & Peggy Nelms -----48yrs. Jim & Dwayla Mandas-----18yrs Michael & Jennifer Burmer ---10yrs.

MAY

Jan Hollingsworth – 4th
David Kasper – 5th
Firelei Douglas – 8th
Ray Hollingsworth – 9th
Liz Gilmore – 12th
Mart Jaama – 14th
Karl Sweder – 18th
Rhonda Kelly – 28th



MAY

David & Sharon Lynch ------40yrs. Ed & Peggy DeMichelle -----36yrs. Curly Horning & Donna Oliver – 25yrs Todd & Rhonda Kelly ------18yrs. Steve & Julia O'Brien------14yrs. Karl & Ann Sweder ------ 4yrs.

POCI ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

OFFICE: POCI BOARD OF DIRECTOR – UPPER MIDWEST DIVISION

My name is Hillis Mathes. I am running for a POCI Board of Director position for the Upper Midwest Division. Please check out my bio listed in the April issue of the Smoke Signals. This letter is to let you know a little more about my thoughts on the future of POCI.

I recently was told that the POCI membership is down below 9,000 members. The last count I had heard was around 11,000. What happened? Are we, the general membership so complacent that we don't care? Or, if we had information, would we ask why and try to help the board seek measures to reverse the downward trend?

I feel the key here is the flow of information. We, as paying members of the POCI, have the right and need for information. This can only be obtained from the Board of Directors. The Board's agenda is the member's agenda. Knowledge is the way to secure POCI's future. I would like to see at least one page of the Smoke Signals dedicated to POCI Board business.

Having knowledge of Board business and how each Board member voted on that business could help members at voting time. Knowledge could get the general membership more involved in POCI. This in return could help secure a future for POCI.

The future of POCI is in the hands of the general membership. A start will be by voting for Directors of your choice. I hope I can be one of those choices. Get involved and vote!

Thank You, Hillis Mathes

I Dave Bennett, am also running as an incumbent for that director slot and I don't want you to be mislead by the content of Hillis Mathes campaign e-mail. Hillis already knows about the membership issue in POCI because I explained it to him in January. It's not a secret-no one is trying to hide it from anyone. Below is the membership information as best as it could be assembled by the POCI office - and yes we all care!

During my six years on the POCI Board of Directors, I have fought hard to make POCI an organization where everyone has equal standing – you will get to vote on a constitutional amendment regarding that issue on this years ballot. I have fought hard to make POCI's finances as transparent as possible and available anytime to anyone in the membership that wants to know. I fought hard to have POCI properly represented as a business entity in the State of Florida.

POCI finances are made available to every board member every month-all income and all expenses-check by check. This was not possible a year ago. I fought hard to make POCI Board meetings open to the general membership to participate, ask questions and discuss any topic they want to-this also was not totally possible the last time Hillis Mathes served on the POCI Board.

As far as publishing this information in Smoke Signals, we get zero requests for it, as far as I know. However, the POCI Board meeting minutes will be published in April Smoke Signals because Hillis requested it of me in January.

Anyone can know anything they want to know about POCI anytime they want-if you ever have a question just call me. If I don't have the answer, I'll make sure you get it from the person that has the answer.

I ask for your support and rest assured that if re-elected I will continue to fight to keep this organization open to all and for all the membership. POCI is not going to revert back to being the good old boys club while I'm in office.

Thank You, Dave Bennett, POCI Vice-President, POCI Director-Upper Midwest **POCI Membership:**

 $2002 = 10,900 \quad 2003 = 11,000 \quad 2004 = 11,000 \quad 2005 = 10,000 \quad 2006 = 9,975$

Our Records: Oct. 2006 = 8583 Dec. 2007 = 8927 Jan. 2008 = 8865

PHS "NEW" CLASSIFIEDS & LISTING SERVICE

To: All Pontiac Enthusiasts,

Hardly a day goes by where we get a call from a police agency, attorney or attorney generals office over a fraudulent sale of a Pontiac or on a car sale that has gone sour! With all of this deception, misrepresentation and out and out fraud that has surfaced over the last few years, over the sale of muscle cars, we decided to try and re-establish a level of credibility for the sellers and buyers of Pontiacs.

Most anyone that is either buying or selling a Pontiac goes to the PHS web site to order the paperwork on their car or to verify the information on a car that they are looking at purchasing. as such, the PHS web site is one of the most visited sites on the internet for those interested in Pontiacs.

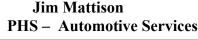
PHS has just launched a "new" classified section of the PHS web site, where sellers can have their cars listed. All cars listed must have PHS paperwork, which we will post with the car. They can submit up to (4) four photos of their car, along with their description, which we will reserve the right to audit for correctness.

All correspondence will be directly with the actual seller of the vehicle...No smoke, no mirrors, no funny business!

We have brought on board Doug Gamble to oversee this new service. Doug is very well versed in the collector car market and can help to assist the sellers, as well as the buyers of vehicles from this new section of our web site. For more information, contact Doug at: dwgamble32@gmail.com or cal him at: 248-588-3502

We are very excited about this new service and hope that you are, too!!!

(Chuck Maze found this article)











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CLASSIC CAR GATHERINGS

- Lincoln Highway car show @ Austin,Nv. April 19 & 20th Cost: \$10 per car Hosted by Alviso Roadsters More info: 408-203-3942
- Cool Cars @ Deer Park May 11th 10AM to 4PM Cost: \$20 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.highmountainevents.com
- Topaz Lodge Classic Cruise Car Show @ Topaz Lodge May 23,24 & 25th Cost:\$35 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.eventman4u@yahoo.com
- Kruzin for MDA @ Diamonds Casino June 22nd 10AM to 2PM Cost: \$25 More info: 775-345-6083
- Cannibal Cruise @ Truckee,Ca. July 11,12 & 13th Cost: \$55----after June 1: \$75 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.cannibalcruisecarshow.com
- Sun Valley Fun Sunday @ Sun Valley Reg. Park July 20th 9AM to 4PM Cost:\$35 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.highmountainevents.com
- Kruzin On The River @ Siena Casino July 26th 10AM to 4PM Cost: \$35 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.highmountainevents.com
- Beach Party @ Sparks Marina August 31 9AM to 4PM Cost: \$35 More info: 775-345-6083 or www.eventman4u@yahoo.com



WHEN CARDBOARD MEN COME IN HANDY

A car gets a flat on the interstate one day. The blonde driver eases it over onto the shoulder of the road, carefully steps out of the car and opens the trunk. She takes out two cardboard men, unfolds them and stands them at the rear of the vehicle, facing oncoming traffic.

The lifelike cardboard men are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies and private parts to approaching drivers. Not surprisingly, the traffic becomes snarled and backed up.

It isn't very long before a police car arrives. The officer, clearly enraged, approaches the blonde of the disabled vehicle yelling, "What's going on here?"

"My car broke down, officer" says the woman calmly.

"Well, what are these obscene cardboard pictures doing here by the road?" he asks.

"Helllooooooo!!!!" says the blonde. "Those are my emergency flashers!"

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage in our country. Well, there's a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for that is purely geographical. Our oil is located in: Alaska, California, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Our DIPSTICKS are located in Washington, DC

A BICYCLE CAN'T STAND ON IT'S OWN BECAUSE IT'S TWO-TIRED.

A CHICKEN CROSSING THE ROAD IS POULTRY IN MOTION.

NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TAKE A SLEEPING PILL AND A LAXATIVE ON THE SAME NIGHT.









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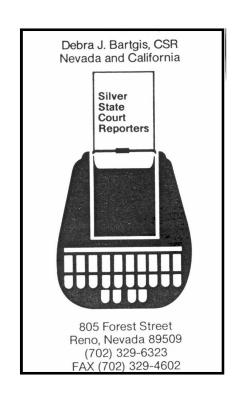
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- 3.) Curly Horning- 1965 GTO
- 5.) Gene & Marti Bridgman 1999 Techno TA
- 7.) Karl & Ann Sweder 1968 GTO
- 2.) Bill & Cindy Rentsch 1956 GMC Truck
- 4.) Todd & Rhonda Kelly 1969 GTO Judge
- 6.) Rick & Deb's 1968 Firebird

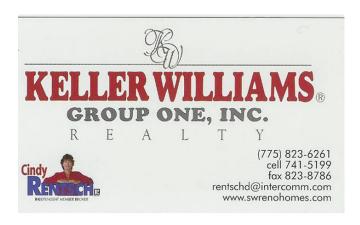
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Chuck Maze







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NEXT MEETINGS AT DENNYS

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ANYTIME AFTER 7PM, BE

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