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PARTY ROOM



PONTIAC CLUB TURNS 15!

15 YEARS OF GOOD TIMES!



JOEL & ARLENE



BRYAN, STEVE, PAUL, VICKI, CAROLYN

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The Prez Sez:

STEVE O'BRIEN

Merry Christmas to all, from my house to yours. The annual club Christmas Party is approaching and I hope everyone can attend. It is a time for the club to relax and celebrate another year together. The Party is Dec. 20th, at the Elks Lodge in Reno at 6pm. If you have questions about what to bring, call Diane Horning. She has quite the agenda for us at the party, with prizes and gift exchange. It's sure to be another great party.



Merry Christmas
and

Happy Motoring,
The Prez

WEB MASTER UPDATE:

I'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NEW CLASSIFIEDS SECTION ON OUR WEB SITE. IT CAN BE ACCESSED FROM OUR WEB SITE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.SILVERSTAEPONTIAC.COM/CLASSIFIEDS/CLASSIFIEDS.CGI](http://www.silverstaepontiac.com/classifieds/classifieds.cgi)

IT FEATURES CARS FOR SALE, CARS WANTED, PARTS FOR SALE, PARTS WANTED AND TRADES AND SWAP AREAS. IF YOU CAN THINK OF OTHER CATEGORIES TO ADD, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.....HUGO TAFEL....WEBMASTER.

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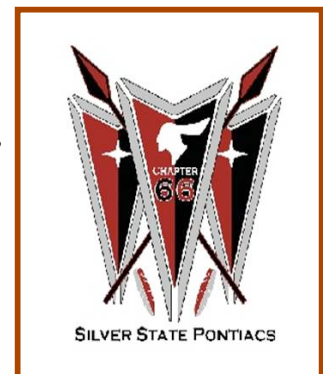
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EDITORS CORNER

PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCI. I need members to submit articles, jokes and life experience stories. New members, we would like to hear your car stories. This is your newsletter, all articles are appreciated. Let me hear from you. LET'S TALK PONTIAC. Submissions are due on the **FIFTH** day of the month. Submissions received after that will be in the next newsletter.

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ANNIVERSARY PARTY WAS AWESOME!

THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY HELD AT RUSS AND DIANE'S "TIGER DEN" WAS AN ABSOLUTE BLAST! AS USUAL THERE WAS A WONDERFUL ARRAY OF FOOD. MIKE ZMAK WAS THE CHEF BARBEQUEING THE FOOT LONG HOT DOGS. THERE WAS ALSO A POKER WALK, RAFFLE PRIZES AND GAMES. WHICH INCLUDED BUBBLE GUM BLOWING AND MARSHMALLOW TOSS. IT WAS A FUN EVENT WITH FUN PEOPLE.



DWALA, ARLENE, BRYAN, CAROL



JUDY HANDLES A POKER STOP-HUGO DRAWS



LISA PREPARES FOR THE MARSHMALLOW TOSS



DIANE DRAWS FOR PRIZES



RUSS, NICK, DIANE, JAN



KARL TRIES HIS LUCK A JUDY'S STOP



THANKS RUSS & DIANE FOR HOSTING A GREAT PARTY!



VICKI & CAROLYN ENJOY THE SNACKS!



MARSHMALLOW GAME IS GREAT LAUGHS.



RUSS EXPLAINS THE TIGER DEN



JIM & DWALA MAKE ROOT BEER FLOATS!



LINDA & NORM CHECK OUT THE FLOATS.



HUGO GOES FOR THE CATCH!

FROM RHONDA'S NOTEBOOK

Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM. Steve welcomed guests, Bill and Marsel who own a 1962 Pontiac. Dwala explained we'll bring them on board in January, since we only have one meeting left this year. **September Minutes** were not read because they were in the October newsletter. I motioned that they be carried and the club passed them. Bryan read the **Treasure's Report** which was also motioned for and barely carried by the club. It's also that time to think about what charity we want to give the fine money to and he explained the fine money accounting system. He quizzed us to see if we were listening. Everybody was! (Hee-Hee) Bryan made a plea for members to please cash their checks if they've received any because it's harder to reconcile the monthly statement.

Old Business:

The club is providing the cars for Reed High School Homecoming Game on Friday, October 17th. Mike N., Grant & Lisa, Bill & Cindy, Steve & Julia, Bryan, Nick and Curly committed bringing their topless rides for the Homecoming court. Club members are invited to the school barbecue before the varsity game which begins at 7:00PM. Everybody should meet in the east parking lot at 6:00PM. Beer drinking at Steve's house after half-time festivities.

Steve asked if everyone is getting their newsletter. Even Chuck is getting a wrinkled one. After some discussion it was decided that Fallon needs to do something with their postal service, because this happens frequently even with his car magazines. The website is going great.

Airing of the Grievances: There are none.

Bill has sold \$400 in tickets for the Coke machine raffle. It was agreed we're going to put some money into the Christmas Party. We are giving the Elks club \$400 as guaranteed bar tab for member drinks and \$1000 will be spent on raffle prizes. We voted there is a two prize limit per club member. The food for the party will be discussed at the next meeting, whether to do pot luck or cater.

New Business:

Steve needs an updated copy of a club roster. Upcoming elections in November. Steve nominated Bill and Bill says he won't be here.

Break 7:25-7:35

Mike N. and Jan did birthdays and anniversaries. Jim and Bill did the raffle. Carolyn drew the card for November's meeting. Jim drew the card for the 50/50. Next month we're up to \$115. Todd and Steve did fines.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15PM

NOVEMBER MINUTES WILL BE IN THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER.



AAAAHHHHHHH.....NITRO!

Friday, July 25th, Karl & I loaded the car and headed to Walnut Creek, Ca. to stay with my dad (Axel).

Saturday, July 26th, Karl, Dad and I loaded up Dad's car (a Pontiac Montana) and headed to Infineon Raceway (formally Sears Point) for the FRAM Autolite National Drag Races. We met my two brothers, Dave & Don, plus a niece (Carrie) and a nephew (Norman) at the gate for a group race day.

Roaring engines, screaming tires and very fast cars were all around us. Karl and I were in heaven! It was a perfect day and we had great seats, under the cover at the top of the grandstands.

The performers were: Sportsman (Street Racers), Pro-Stockers (cars & motorcycles), Top Fuel (Dragsters & Funny Cars) and rear end dragsters.

The Sportsman were running 9's & 10's (sec) and Top Fuel was running 3's & 4's. When the Top Fuel's went off the line, it was deafening and you could feel the "WAVE OF POWER" as they went by. It was INCREDIBLE!!!

The Sportsman Class, was fun to watch....All the great street cars, including several Pontiacs, which did quite well.

The track motto of the day was "I am woman, hear me roar!" And roar they did!! Yep, the two women, Ashley Force and Karen Stoffer posted the TOP qualifying times in Funny Car and Pro Stock Motorcycle. Ashley had a time of 4.096 seconds (301.60 mph) and Karen's time was 6.962 seconds (191.21 mph). It is only the second time in NHRA history that two women have had the best time in the field at the same event.....and we were there to see it. The speed they travel was so fast, if you blinked, you missed them.

Karl and I strolled around the pit area. We saw most of the drivers and their cars, dragsters or motorcycles. The John Force team was there with their six cars, with a semi-truck to go with each one plus a motor home or two. All the racers had semi-trucks with a covered work area next to it. They were the biggest portable garages I have ever seen.

The Top Fuel cars and dragsters run one race and are completely rebuilt afterwards. We walked by one pit area and one mechanic was checking the wear on the clutch parts. It was still smoking from the race the car was in 30 minutes prior! The drivers of Top Fuel are in charge of mixing their own fuel for their car. When they test the Top Fuel cars in the pit area, CLOSE is NOT where you want to be! Your eyes water and it burns your nose and throat.....AAAH...NITRO!

I bought a white hat, which carried the "Pontiac Racing" logo (of course). I took it around the pit area and had the drivers sign it, including Ashley and Karen.

It was such a great day. We are all planning on attending next year.

It was a thrilling experience!!

NHBA PHOTOS



FUNNY CAR IN PIT GARAGE



ANOTHER SIGNATURE ON MY HAT



DRAGSTER LEAVING THE PIT



SPORTSMAN CARS STAGING



KAREN STOFFER SIGNS MY HAT



NOVATO POLICE CAR

PONTIAC CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 20th, is the club annual Christmas Party. This will be at the Reno Elks Lodge, from 6pm till 12am.

This is a potluck, so please bring a dish that you would like to share with the rest of the club. And let Diane Horning (826-0490) know what you are bringing so we don't get too many of the same things.

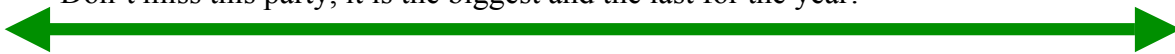
There is also a gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or more.

Please mark this gift squaw for a lady's gift or brave for a man's gift.

Don't forget to bring your Pontiac Indian Coins! For every coin you turn in, you will receive a raffle ticket towards many, many prizes that you might have the good fortune to win. (You can win up to 2 times).

Everyone will also receive a free drink ticket to be redeemed at the bar.

Don't miss this party, it is the biggest and the last for the year!



PONTIAC FUN FACTS

Did you know.....?

The Silver Streak trim was banished from Pontiacs in 1957.

In 1959, Pontiac established a new identity with "Wide Tracks."

Along with "wide track", the split grille design came into play, which is the Pontiac face ever since.

The one exception to the split grille, was in 1960 when Bill Mitchell (GM styling chief), demanded it's removal. The split theme was reinstated in 1961.

Pontiac was the first American car company to label the V-8 engine in litres instead of cubic inches.

The first run of approximately 2000 G.T.O. Judges were all painted Carousel Red. After February 1969, the Judge could be ordered in any G.T.O. color.

The rarest 1969 G.T.O. model was the Judge Convertible, with only 108 made.

1971 was the final year of the G.T.O Judge. Only 374 were sold, 357 were hard tops and 17 convertibles. All 1971 Judges were powered by the 455 engine.

In 1966 Pontiac began painting it's engines Silver-blue metallic, replacing the Robin's egg blue used in the 1964 and 1965.

The 1968 G.T.O. models were the last G.T.O.'s to have the vent windows. This year also had a special Pontiac crest-shaped side marker lens and G.T.O. decals on the rear fenders. Both were only used in 1968.

(Source: Pontiac G.T.O., by Steve Statham)

JOKES AND THOUGHTS TO PONDER

The Center for Disease Control has issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand and even electronically. This virus is called Weekly Overload Recreational Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from you boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever, DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come into contact with WORK, you should immediately leave the premises. Take two good friends to the nearest grocery store and purchase one or both of the antidotes- Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE) and Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system. You should immediately forward this medical alert to five friends. If you do not have five friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life.



These were written by Andy Rooney, who says so much with so few words.

I've Learned....That being kind is more important than being right.

I've Learned.....That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end the, faster it goes.

I've Learned.....To ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've Learned.....The best revenge is doing well.

I've Learned.....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

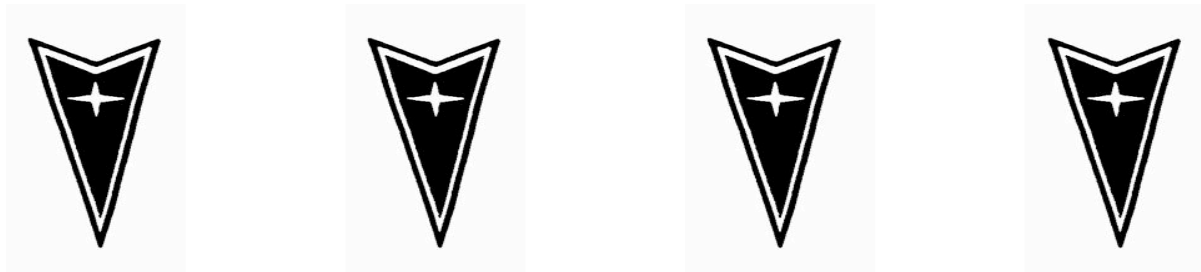
I've Learned.....A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've Learned.....When your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that your hooked for life!

I've Learned.....One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

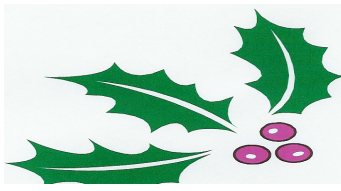
CLUB EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Club Christmas Party	December 20 th @ 6PM	Reno Elk's Lodge
Regular Club Meeting	January 15 th	Denny's
Regular Club Meeting	February 19 th	Denny's



BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

- Elaine Humphreys – 2nd
- Steve O'Brien – 6th
- Paul Douglas – 8th
- Bryan Cunningham – 14th
- Norm Okada – 15th
- Hal Irwin – 16th
- Todd Kelly – 16th
- Bart Daniels – 22nd
- Bill Rentsch – 26th
- Alan A'Neals - 29th



ANNIVERSARIES



DECEMBER

- Ray & Jan Hollingsworth-----37 yrs.
- Joel & Arlene Trematore-----38 yrs.
- Jack & Jane Sutton -----41 yrs.



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 1996 JUNIOR CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

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NEXT MEETINGS AT DENNY'S

JANUARY 15TH @ 7:00 PM

ANYTIME AFTER 7PM, BE

PREPARED FOR THE

FINE GUY