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DWALA'S DREAM - JIM'S NIGHTMARE

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"THE CHIEF" – aka "R CHIEF"

Somewhere between 1955 and 2009 – **The Chief** has been driven up and down the streets of Ely and McGill – kidnapped by the owner's sister – used as a pickup to haul deer and geese out of the wilderness – parked under a juniper tree for 38 years and finally after hundreds of hours and hard labor – it's back to it's original beauty.

The project started in November 2003, when **The Chief** was resurrected from a ranch outside of Ely. The original owner was paid \$4,000 – CASH – in \$50 bills! Obviously he didn't want the IRS to know he had sold the car for more than he had paid for it back in 1955!

Doing a complete "frame-off" restoration involves hundred of hours of labor – in this case the car had sat for 38 years, covered with a piece of tin and a tarp; so dirt, pine needles and mouse droppings were more visible than the car itself.

The seats were removed, and the dash dismantled so it could be pressured washed. Finally you could get near the car without a dust mask. Suddenly, capital expenditures were on the horizon! You must have the proper equipment if you are going to do the job right. For starters, you need a hoist, media blaster, 7.5 horsepower compressor with an 80-gallon tank and if that wasn't enough, you must have a Whirly-Jig.

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The Prez Sez:

STEVE



O'BRIEN

It is with sadness and glee that this will be my last letter as President. It has been a wonderful term in office and I'd like to thank you all for believing in me and supporting not only me, but the club for the last two years. I ran the club on the platform of let's have fun and hopefully I won't piss too many people off (if I did it was not my intention). Well, I can't speak for the later, but I do know for sure, we had a good time. I must now pass the torch on to next person, whomever he or she may be. I will see you all at the Christmas Party on December 19th.

Thank You again to all the people that assisted in making the last two years as smooth as possible.

Happy Holidays and Happy MotoringThe Prez



THE OLD COWBOY

Ya think you have lived to be 71 and know who you are....then along comes someone and blows it all to the dickens.....

An old cowboy sat down at the Starbucks and ordered a cup of coffee. As he sat sipping his coffee, a young woman sat down next to him. She turned to the cowboy and asked "Are you real cowboy?" He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life breaking colts, working cows, going to rodeo's, fixing fences, pulling calves, bailing hay, doctoring calves, cleaning my barn, fixing flats, working on tractors and feeding my dogs, so I guess I am a cowboy."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women. When I shower, I think about women. When I watch TV, I think about women. I even think about women when I eat. It seems that everything makes me think of women."

The two sat sipping their coffee in silence.

A little while later, a man sat down on the other side of the old cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?" He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out that I'm a Lesbian."



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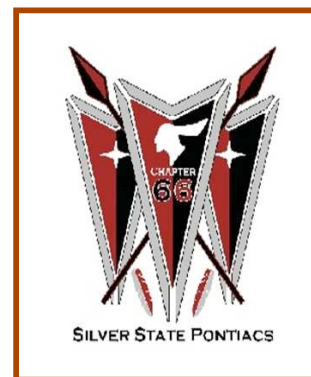
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PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCI. I need members to submit articles, jokes and life experience stories.

New members, we would like to hear your car stories. 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 **OR**

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



Dwala's Dream-Jim's Nightmare (conti)

The car was taken apart piece by piece, nut by nut, bolt by bolt until it could be removed from the frame and put on the Whirly-Jig. Body off, the frame exposed, a motor that was totally encased in oil, dirt and years of grime. Along with the transmission, driveline, and exhaust system, the frame itself was a sight for sore eyes! At this point the car was ready to go to the stripper in California where they would remove the remaining "gunk" and paint.

Mission completed, the car and the frame were clean and "shiny", and ready for primer. Meanwhile the motor, transmission and rear end were in the process of being completely rebuilt, painted and powder coated!

From this point on, it took forever to get everything on **The Chief** exactly like Jim wanted it to be PERFECT! There were numerous "doings" and "re-doings" from inside to outside and back again. Finding the right fabric for the convertible top and the flooring was a challenge! Trying to keep the car as original as possible created some of the problems.

Finally, after five and a half years, the car was ready for showing and it's first outing was the 4th of July parade in Ely this year. Since the original owner had passed away, his sister drove the car in the parade (with Jim as her bodyguard)! **The Chief** looked very proud, as he once again was "dragging main" in Ely!

Jim & Dwala Mandas



PONTIAC CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

When?: Saturday, December 19th

Where?: Elks Lodge on Redfield Rd. Reno.

What Time?: 6:00 PM till 11:00PM

What to Bring: This is a Potluck; please let Diane know what you are bringing

A.S.A.P. If you were **not** at the meeting and would like to attend, let Diane know this

A.S.A.P. It will make Diane's job a little easier. Diane does a fabulous job putting this party together; so let's help her out by letting her know who is attending and what you are bringing.

This is also our (OH-SO) famous Gift Exchange.

Please bring a gift for a man, marked-BRAVE and a gift for a Lady marked-SQUAW.

These gifts should be wrapped and also be valued at \$20.00 each.

You are not obligated to participate in the gift exchange, but it is OH-SO fun if you do.

If you want to get a gift, you have to bring one. This is the highlight of the party, so try to join in on the festivities.

Don't forget to bring your wooden coins that you have been saving for the entire year. These coins will earn you raffle tickets towards some great prizes.

This Christmas Party is when we will announce our new officers!

Please sign up for the party and let me know what food item you are bringing.

Diane Horning – 826-0490

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2010!

Dues: \$25.00 per Membership – from January 1st to December 31st

If joining after July 1st – 50% of the yearly dues

Dues must be paid by March 31st to maintain your club membership and to continue receiving a club newsletter.

You do not have to fill out a "new" application this year – the application you completed last year is your **Permanent record**. If during the year or at renewal time there are any changes – please let the membership committee know and we will be happy to make the necessary updates. We hope this will simplify our system and make it easy for the members.

The membership committee has made this a painless process for our club, so let's make it easy on them and get the dues paid early. Send your dues check to:

Silver State Pontiac Club, P.O. Box 4521, Sparks, Nv. 89431

GIT-R-DONE!

FROM RHONDA'S NOTEBOOK.....

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. No new members or guests were present tonight. The September minutes were not read due to minutes being in the newsletter. They were motioned for approval and carried by the club. Bryan read the treasurer's report, which was motioned for approval by Steve and carried by the club.

Steve reminded everyone about the Christmas Party on December 19, 2009 at 6:00 pm and it will promptly snow. Food sign-ups will be at the next meeting.

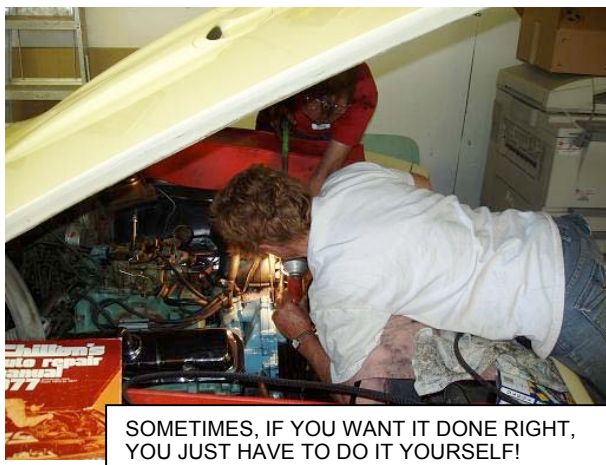
New Business:

Steve mentioned that our elections are right around the corner and nominations are being accepted. The next meeting will have a forum for the nominees before the ballots are distributed. Ballots will be in the **December** newsletter, if your newsletter did not have one in it, call Ann Sweder. Ballots will **need to be received** in Steve's mailbox by **December 19th**. Any thing received later than that will not be accepted. Grant put in his two cents about being an officer and that it really isn't that long of a term. Steve admitted to having fun as president and is glad he did it. The floor was opened to nominations. Nominations so far include: President: Lisa Pitches (she volunteered) and Todd Kelly, Vice-President: Grant Pitches, Michael Burmer and Diane Horning, Secretary: Carolyn Irwin and Jim LeBar, Treasurer: Mike Nowicki (he volunteered).

BREAK 7:45 – 8:00 PM

Mike Nowicki did birthdays and anniversaries. Bill and Jim did the raffle. The 50/50 pot is now at \$80.00. Steve and Todd did fines. Grant was fined for losing a toe. No explanation on that one!

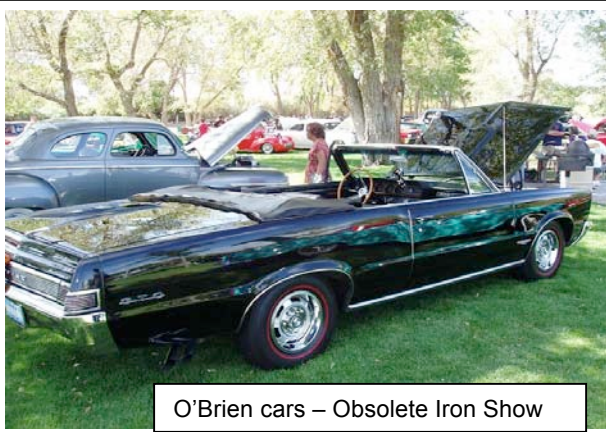
MEETING ADJOURNED(approximately) 8:30PM



SOMETIMES, IF YOU WANT IT DONE RIGHT, YOU JUST HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF!



RENTCH'S GMC PONTIAC SHOW A&W



O'Brien cars – Obsolete Iron Show



DIANE & TOP CAT HAN SPRING FLING

BETHEL ISLAND 50'S BASH

Friday night, July 17th, Karl and I brought out the G.T.O. and headed to brother Don's house in Oakley, Ca. We were up early Saturday and headed for Bethel Island (10 min. drive). The car show was on the main street. There is only one street in Bethel Island. We found a spot in front of a Restaurant/Bar, very handy. In need of breakfast, we headed in to satisfy that need. Afterward, we hit the street and checked out all the cars. Quite a good turn out of cars.

This car show is a two day show, put on by the Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce. The second day use to be just motorcycles, however, this year they had a second chance car show on Sunday for \$20.

Dad and niece Carrie met us out there and we all huddled in the shade of the easy up and attempted to stay somewhat cool in the 100 degree heat. Making trips to get flavored Icee's across the street and ducking in the bar for a beer, somewhat helped tolerate the heat.

This was the most entertaining car show we have ever been to. In the city park, they had an array of vendors, from food to interesting crafts. They also had catfish races.....complete with a betting board so you could bet on your favorite catfish to win. They had 4 long Plexiglas tanks, stacked on top of each other. They dropped the catfish into tube chutes and the race was on. This was an all day event. There was quite a lot of betting on these fish!

The bar we were parked in front of had a "50's Pinup Girl" contest. All these girls were walking around and they would pose by your car, if that was your option. Karl and I sat in the shade with the Misty Mate and enjoyed the show passing by in front of us on the sidewalk.

Upon our departure, a police cars pulled up next to us and behind us were two girls face to face in a heated argument. Time for a quick exit. Probably because too much alcohol and it was the end of a very hot day. Never a dull moment at this car show.....We will be returning next year,
 "This Bash was a Blast!!!!"

When we got back to Don's house, the entertainment continued. He turned on the TV and tuned in "Car Soccer"....Oh my gosh that was funny. Old beat up cars (not classic's), and a huge steel ball painted like a soccer ball, with goal posts to get the ball too. The cars drive into (more like crash) the soccer ball and moved it around the arena to score goals. Yes it was possible to do this and it was quite funny to boot.

We headed home on Sunday and the Pontiac did perfect in all the heat. The temp gauge never moved and it was 105 degree's going through Sacramento. We were melting, so we drove faster to get to higher altitude. We went highway 50, so when we got to Tahoe it was quite pleasant. Our calendar is marked for July next year for another fun filled trip.





Hugo and Susan met up with some friends in the Bay Area and had a nice cruise with 11 first generation Firebirds. This picture was taken at a closed down Pontiac Dealership. What a great picture!



NOW HERE IS "FOUR OF A KIND" OR MAYBE "TWO PAIR"



PAUL HADEN



Haden's Pontiac – Obsolete Iron Last Bash

BACK TO NITRO !!!

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Once again it was time to head to the bay area and enjoy a family reunion at Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Ca., for the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Races, Saturday July 25th. This was qualifying day for Sportsman's class through Top-Fuel Classes.

The **Stock Cars** were first out on the strip.....Karl and I love this class, since we can easily identify the make of car. Most were doing a wheel stand off the line, like the Pontiac Firebird in the picture on the next page. There were several Pontiacs from Firebird to the newer Trans Am's. The Stock Cars were "bracket" racing, which means if they were in the 10.05 bracket, the car closest to that time won. Hence, they would get on it off the line, back off and then nail it again in order to be closest to the time. Not quite as fun to watch as just nailing it all the way off the line and may the fastest car win!....Don't get me wrong, it was still fun watching them burn off the line and down the track.

Sportsman Class was next. These were like miniature dragsters, a lot smaller than the Top Fuel dragsters, and of course, they were gasoline engines (no Nitro here). This class was also doing "bracket" racing....on the gas, off the gas, on the gas. Still an interesting class to watch.

Pro-Stockers were the best in our book. Two Pontiac GXP's, sponsored by Summit Racing. They raced against each other and **both** cars qualified for the finals.....Yahoo...Pontiac still got it.

Pro-Stock Motorcycles were next and it is amazing how they get down track in 4 seconds at 295 MPH! Karen Stoffer races Suzuki for Geico Powersports. She has a new bike this season and loves it. Karen lives in Minden, Nv. Her husband, Gary, is her Crew Chief. Karen did qualify for the finals.

Top-Fuel Dragsters (Nitro) with Antron Brown sponsored by Matco Tools. Antron has won the 3 other races on the West Coast, so naturally he qualified for the finals. These dragsters are running 3 and 4 seconds. Loud, fast and awesome!

Top-Fuel Funny Car with all four members of the John Force team qualifying for the finals. They were all on their game Saturday.....AAAAAAHHHHHHH.....NITRO!!!

It was a very cool day Saturday with the fog hanging over the track most of the day till about 1pm. Jacket weather. I believe the cars were loving the weather. All were running at peak performance.

We went to Nitro Mall to see about getting another hat for driver signatures. Looked high and low for a Pontiac Racing Hat.... not to be found. We went with a Chevy Racing hat (we have a Chevy too) and headed for the pit area to see how many drivers we could get to sign the hat. We have all four members of the John Force team's signatures....plus all the other drivers....way cool.

We were watching a pit crew rebuild a Top-Fuel engine. Each team member is assigned a different part of the engine. He works his engine part to the specs. When all members are finished, it is all put back together. Now that's organization to the max! Seems I learn a little more each race I attend.

On Sunday evening, Karl and I watched the finals on TV. Here are the results:

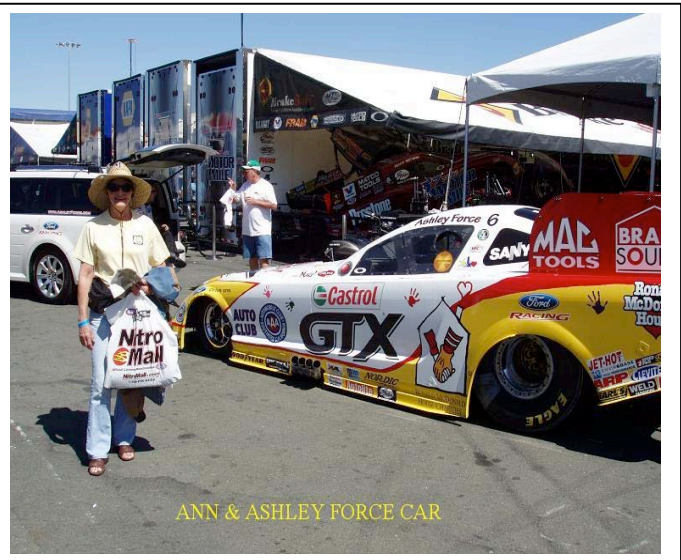
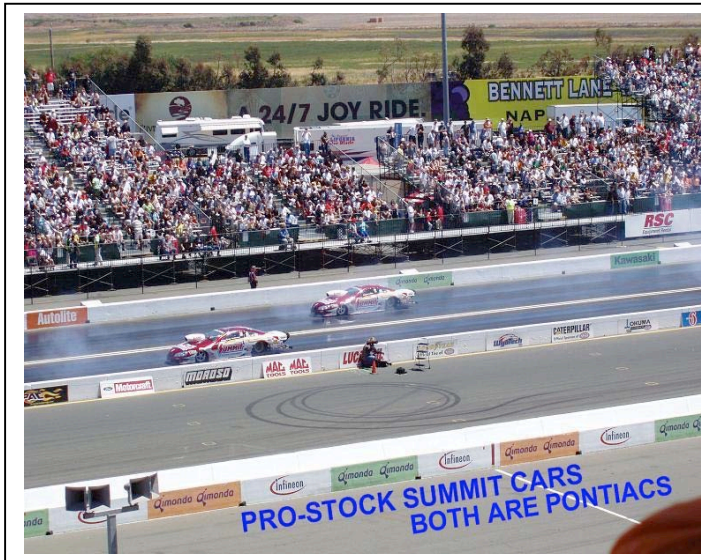
Pro-Stock Motorcycle: Andrew Hines, Harley, Screamin Eagles Team – speed 289MPH. Both members on this team raced against each other in the finals. Karen Stoffer was late getting off the line and lost in the first round of finals.

Pro-Stock Cars: Jason Line, Summit Racing Pontiac GXP-208MPH- 6.63 seconds. Greg Anderson (Jason's team mate) raced against Jason in the finals. Both cars beat their competitor's through all the semi-finals. Greg was top qualifier in his class and his top speed was 210 MPH against Jason, however, Jason had a quicker reaction time at the "tree". That was the greatest, 2 Pontiac's , the top two cars.

Top-Fuel Dragsters: Antron Brown, Matco Tools, won with a speed of 299 MPH – 3.99 seconds. It was also his fourth win in the Western Series, called the "Western Swing Sweep". He is the 7th driver to sweep the Western Swing Sweep. He received a trophy and a broom!

Top-Fuel Funny Cars: Tim Wilkerson – speed 284MPH – 4.24 seconds. John and Ashley Force had tire slip after take off and went out in the first round of finals. The other two Force drivers, Neff and Hight, made it to the semi-finals before being beaten.

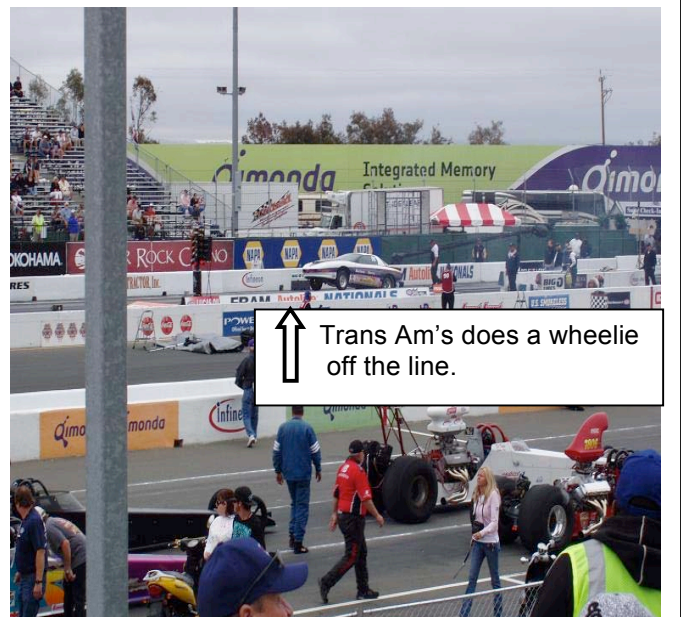
NHRA Drag Races are a thrill.....looking forward to next years family reunion.



ANN & ASHLEY FORCE CAR



JOHN FORCE CAR LEAVING PIT AREA



↑ Trans Am's does a wheelie off the line.



Trans Am's in the the Stock Class



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Annual Christmas Party Gift Exchange, Prizes Come celebrate the season with the club. Call Diane Horning for food details: 826-0490	December 19th 6pm to 11pm	Elk's Lodge Pot Luck
Regular Club Meeting	January 21 st	Denny's
Regular Club Meeting	February 18 th	Denny's
Regular Club Meeting	March 18 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

- Jack & Jane Sutton42 yrs.
- Joel & Arlene Trematore.....39 yrs.
- Ray & Jan Hollingsworth.....38 yrs.

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