

Pontiac excitement started for me in May of 1968. My brother, Don, returned from Vietnam in March 1968 and in May he purchased a new 1968 G.T.O.....2-door hardtop, 4-speed, 400 ci (6.5 litres) Maize (yellow) with a black vinyl top. I was wow'ed! This car was awesome, and being a teenager without a car, I was overjoyed when this came rolling in the driveway, Martinez, Ca. I even have 8mm movies of this event. I wanted to drive this car soooooo bad, however, I was "shiftless" and needed lessons.

My dad came to my rescue (as he always does) and told me he would teach me how to drive a stick. "Yeah? But what car am I going to learn on?".....He said "This one, get in". Naturally he didn't have to say it twice. Yep, I learned to drive a stick in the G.T.O. What a great car to drive. It was so easy to learn to shift, handled like a dream and the power was awesome......This was my first experience of Pontiac "excitement"......I wanted this car!

November 1969, Walnut Creek, Ca., once again my brother came into the driveway with this car, only this time he wanted to sell the car. By this time, I had graduated and was working for the railroad. Who better than to buy it but a working girl saving her money for a car. I gave him \$900 and took over the car payments (\$94 per mo.) and the G.T.O. was mine!.....YAHOO....., my second Pontiac "excitement" experience. Being a long time horse lover, I suddenly had 350 of them under my right foot! (continued page 3)

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The Prez Sez:

Summer is finally here. Let's get the cars out and start showing your *Pontiac* pride. I must say, I was disappointed with the turn out of cars at the last meeting. I realize the economy is tough, but *Pontiac* needs your support more than ever. Let's fill the parking lot at the next meeting.

Onward.....We are planning two events that will be announced at the June meeting. They are a drive-in movie night and a trip to the dirt circle track in Fernley, for a night at the races. Both are budget friendly and rest assure, Grant will not be picking the movie!

Congrats go out to Bill and Cindy, the winners of our trip to the POCI co-vention in July. I'm sure they will represent our club well. Also, if you ever wanted a souvenir from Dayton, Ohio, just give

STEVE O'BRIEN



your list to Bill. I'm sure he wouldn't mind doing a little shopping while he's there. I also would like to thank Ann for putting together that great album for the club. It truly looks sharp.

That's all I have this month, as always......get the cars dusted off and out on the road. Happy Motoring......The Prez

NOW HERE'S A GOOD IDEA.....Joe, the average worker says:...Like a lot of folks in this state, I have a job. I work, they pay me. I pay taxes and the government distributes my taxes as it sees fit. In order to get that paycheck, I am required to pass a random urine test with which I have no problem. What I do have a problem with is the distribution of my taxes to people who don't have to pass a urine test. Shouldn't one have to pass a urine test to get a welfare check, because I have to pass one to earn it for them? Please understand, I have no problem with helping people get back on their feet. I do, on the other hand, have a problem with helping someone sitting on their lazy butts, doing drugs, while I work. Can you imagine how much money the state would save if people had to pass a urine test to get a public assistance check?

Guess we could title that program, "Urine or You're Out!

Submitted by: Jack Sutton

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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 **FIFTH** day of the month. Submissions received after that will in the next newsletter. Submit to: <u>ldywriter@sbcglobal.net</u> **OR MAIL TO:** Ann Sweder, 225 Hercules Dr., Sparks, Nv. 89441

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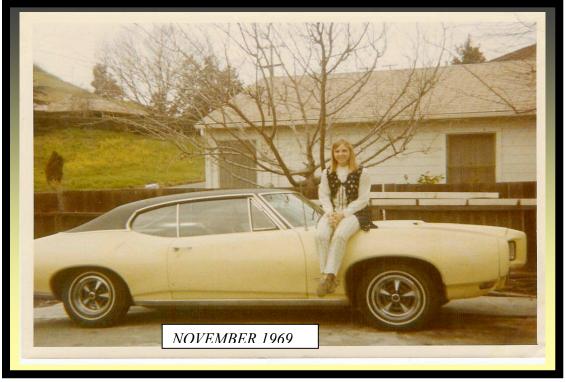


SILVER STATE PONTIACS

SVIEDEB°S PONTLAG EXCITEMENT (Contr.)

As it turned out, I really didn't buy the car, I rescued it! My brother had really put this car through it's pace's and over every limit it had. His philosophy was "You break'em in fast, they run fast!" Well, I must admit the car does run fast. Luckily, it was still under the 5 year, 50,000 mile warranty.

I took it to the Pontiac dealer and they replaced the clutch, syncronizers, rear wheel bearings, u-joints and other necessities. Luck was still with me...a family friend was head mechanic at the Pontiac dealer. Pontiac could of said we're not covering it because it was abused. I would have had to use the ole.... "Naaahhhh, not this car!...but I didn't have to. The family friend had them cover it under warranty......WHEW. (Thanks again to dad to the rescue)



July of 1980, the G.T.O. and I moved to Nevada. We like it here, more open space to roar down the highway. This car has never left me walking.....even when it blew the ring and pinion gear when I was on my way home from work (at midnight in the early 80's). I drove it home, super slow, called the mechanic's shop the next morning and drove it to the mechanic. They couldn't believe I drove it as far as I did, let alone at all. I told them "I take care of it and it takes care of me." Plus I believe it was grateful for being rescued. It will be with Karl & I forever.

Karl enjoys everything about this car and is the car's mechanic and advisor. He has replaced the 14" Rally II rim's with 15" Ansen Sprint mags, found the rear fender well moldings, replaced the radiator, put on a radiator fan and a chrome overflow tank. This car does not run hot.

Yes, this is truly a great car and such a fun car to drive. Getting out and driving the car is what Karl and I like to do. Just cruising the country side is the greatest. Karl likes it when I drive, because he says, "people think it's his car and he is such a nice guy letting a girl drive his classic car!" Of course, when something goes wrong, he gets to figure out what's wrong and fix it!

I would say our favorite song would be... "Riding along in my automobile, my baby beside me at the wheel. Cruising and playing the radio, with no particular place to go." That would be us.

Still Cruisin with Pontiac "excitement"......Ann & Karl Sweder

FBOM BHONDA'S NOTEBOOK

Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Steve welcomed everyone to the 165th meeting of the Silver State Pontiacs. No new visitors. The March Minutes were not read as they were in the most recent newsletter. They were motioned and carried for approval. Brian read the Treasurer's Report which was motioned for and barely passed by the club. Steve offered Bryan a value pin for doing such a wonderful job. Steve asked for "Airing of Grievances". It was pretty quiet until Jim aired he was upset about the parking for his car.

Old Business:

Jim LeBar gave an update for the car show. The car show will be on Sunday, September 13th. Hugo gave a website update. He still needs pictures of our cars! His email address is in the newsletter. Steve thanked Dwala and Cindy for their hard work on the roster. We have a new updated roster now that annual dues have been paid. Ann gave the newsletter report and thanked everyone for their article contributions. All article contributions are appreciated and you can send old photos you have also. Send all articles in by June 1st. If you send something to Ann, please send a copy to Hugo also, so that he may put it on our website.

Activities:

The Curly cruise has been postponed. Diane is not here to talk about Hot August Nights event Plans, but the club is locked into Thursday night of Hot August Nights to direct traffic at Victorian Square, in Sparks. The cruise is from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. The club is also working the Grand Sierra, directing traffic during Hot August Nights. Norm & Bird's grandson asked if we would be guest wine pourers at an art gallery downtown during Hot August Nights, but we do not know what day it will be. We cannot respond until we know what day it will be. The Hot August Nights kickoff party is on schedule for August 1st at Barkley Ranch. We will have a sign-up sheet for the food at the June meeting.

Yes, we are going to do the drive-in again. More info coming up on this. Expect it to be this summer! Go carts coming up this summer too. Expect it in June.

BREAK 7:30PM - 7:40PM

New Business:

Some up coming car shows were reviewed. Hot August Nights registration was sent out this week. Don't forget to register for 2010 HAN. They upped the price by \$10 and add 500 more cars. Steve asked the club about the drawing for a trip to the POCI Co-vention in Dayton, Ohio, this July. If you win the drawing, you will be required to set up our table and represent our club. May meeting, there will be a group photo of our club in the parking lot. Dress is as much Hawaiian garb as possible. Also, we need to get the chief! Steve is also looking for the banner that says Silver State Pontiacs. Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM



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FBOM BHONDA'S NOTEBOOK

Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2009

Steve called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. No new members or guests. He asked for a moment of silence for the passing two deaths: Pontiac Automotive after 82 years and The Chief. Bryan brought the chief in after getting him from Jack Sutton and it appeared the chief had a head injury. Anyone know how to recreate a paper mache head for The Chief? Steve thanked Ann for doing an outstanding job of our newsletter binder for the POCI Co-vention in July. If your car picture is not on the Website, then it won't be on the binder cover either. Newsletter contributions need to be sent to Ann by June 5th, earlier if possible. Brian read the **Treasurer's Report** and we have money. The report was motioned for approval by Steve and carried by the club. Jim LeBar gave an update from the **car show Committee**, reminding all members to bring in something for the raffle. Also, we need tables and canopies for the show. Hugo Tafel gave the **Website update**, asking members to email their car pictures or bring them to him on CD.

Old Business:

Steve passed around some activity sign-up sheets. Curly had no idea when the Curly Cruise to Chilicoot will be. We've heard nothing back from David White for the Hot August Nights downtown wine tour. A sign-up sheet for working downtown Sparks on Thursday during Hot August Nights was passed around. The Big Springs Garden cruise, luncheon-barbecue to scenic Sierra County is set for June 20th. There are brochures and a sign up sheet for this event. Hot August Nights is looking for volunteers to work downtown Reno. The photographer still hadn't shown up. The Topaz Lodge Classic Cruise Show-N-Shine is May 29th thru 31st. Karl and Ann Sweder, will be attending. Anyone interested in attending, please see them after the meeting. Steve asked for a show of hand for Go-carts. Not too many. Lot's of hands up for Friday or Saturday nights to the drive-in this summer.

New Business:

.Todd is organizing a night out at the Fernley Racetrack. Expect more info at the next meeting. Steve announced the drawing for the POCI Co-vention in Dayton, Ohio to be held this evening. The photographer showed up. Everyone shuffled outside for the picture while Steve Reminded everybody "this is not a break". After the pictures, Steve wrote the names of all Members interested in attending the POCI Co-vention and drew a winner, (TA-DAAA!)..... Cindy Rentsch! The Chief did not make the picture, but maybe next month he'll be ready, as Jack Sutton took him home again for a facelift. Hugo will bring a poster sized photo to next month's meeting.

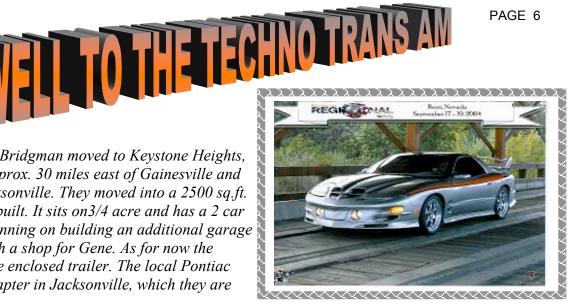
Break 7:45-7:55PM

Signup sheets came back to the front. There are 19 signatures for the undated Curly Cruise. After some elementary math there are 23 people working downtown Sparks Thursday night for Hot August Nights Cruise at Victorian Square. Mike Nowicki did birthdays and anniversaries. Bill and Andrew did the raffle. Gary Geyer won the first raffle prize. Grant Pitches did the card drawing and pulled the Queen of Hearts. Next month's bounty will be.....no mention. Steve asked if there were any grievances. None. He reminded everyone about the Hot August Nights kick-off party August 1st at Barkley Ranch Park. Michael Burmer did the fines with lots of chatter going on. Steve's \$20 earrings......

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM per Michael Burmer. Thank You!

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Gene and Marti Bridgman moved to Keystone Heights, *Florida. They are approx.* 30 *miles east of Gainesville and* 30 miles west of Jacksonville. They moved into a 2500 sq.ft. home, that they had built. It sits on 3/4 acre and has a 2 car garage. They are planning on building an additional garage for the Trans Am with a shop for Gene. As for now the Trans Am stays in the enclosed trailer. The local Pontiac Club is the Dixie Chapter in Jacksonville, which they are looking into joining.



Marti was originally from Florida, before Gene moved her to Nevada. Marti's daughter lives close to them, so she is happy to be back to her origin.





Gene has been commuting back and forth between Florida and Nevada, getting the home here ready to sell, and Marti has been getting everything settled in the new house. So their retirement has been a lot of work so far. Gene was a engineer on the railroad and that's where I met him. I got him to join our club, after winning the Trans Am in a Hot Rod Magazine contest he entered. He is a lucky duck!

They did take a long needed vacation.....a 14 day Trans-Atlantic cruise to Europe, which gave them a much needed time to relax and enjoy life.

I know they will enjoy their retirement and hope to hear from them and their adventures with the...Techno Trans Am! Article by: Ann Sweder



Gene probably stopped at a lot of these on the way to Florida.



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(ref: Pontiac G.T.O. by Steve Statham)

- Rally II wheels, introduced in 1967, were available continuously until the end of the G.T.O's life in 1974.
- In 1966, a careful shopper, could order his G.T.O. maximized for drag strip action. The option list included: 4.33.1 rear end gears, Safe-T-Track differential, Close-ratio 4 speed, heater deletion, Transistorized ignition, Superlift rear shocks, heavy-duty radiator, Tri-power 389 with Ram Air.
- The first G.T.O. television commercial debuted in 1965. Narrated by William Conrad, the ad featured a tiger jumping under the hood of a G.T.O. "Some sporting cars are only pussycats, Pontiac's G.T.O. is all tiger" Conrad rumbled.
- Convincing a tiger to jump into an engine compartment was no easy feat. The crew finally resorted to placing 40 pounds of raw meat under the hood.
- In 1966, power windows were a \$100 option, with the switches mounted in a row on the drivers door.
- In the 1970's, Pontiac adjusted it's metric measurement, due to an increase in displacement. The Trans Am's 400 ci V-8 was listed at 6.6 litres on the car's shaker hood scoop.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS TO PONDER

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden" and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English Language.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king in history..Spades – King David, Hearts – Charlemagne Clubs – Alexander the Great, Diamonds – Julius Caesar

There are more collect calls on Fathers Day than any other day of the year.

If you were to spell out numbers, you would have to go to One Thousand before you found the letter "A".





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1970 - Bryan Cunningham on a Harley with his new G.T.O. in background.

From VIA magazine (AAA)



NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM Reno. "The finest collection I've seen," says Charles McIntosh of Carson City, Nev. "It starts with vintage oneof-a-kinds and unfolds in four galleries. Among the Packards and Rolls-Royces is a 1936 Mercedes Type 500K roadster—perhaps the most beautiful car ever built." (775) 333-9300, automuseum.org.

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BLACKHAWK MUSEUM Danville, Calif. "This place is so elegant it's easy to imagine you're a mogul or a movie star," says Carol Gilbert of Palo Alto, Calif. "It combines 'international treasures' with art and technology displays. And because it's in a shopping center, you can make a day of it." (925) 736-2277, blackhawkmuseum.org.

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HAROLD E. LEMAY MUSEUM Tacoma, Wash. "The book *Guinness World Records* once listed LeMay's private automobile collection as the planet's largest," says Joel Hayflick of Palo Alto, Calif. "A related museum is acquiring vehicles dating from 1903, including virtually every U.S. make. Hundreds are on display." (253) 779-8490, *lemay museum.org*.

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HAYS ANTIQUE TRUCK MUSEUM-HEIDRICK AG HISTORY CENTER Woodland, Calif. "See how things were done before your car's GPS unit could pinpoint your location," says Noah Kameyer of Woodland. "You'll be amazed by the antique agricultural equipment here, as well as a separate collection that takes you back through the history of trucking." (530) 666-9700, truckmuseum.org.

PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM Los Angeles. "Something for everyone," promises Sunny Iboshi of Hillsboro, Ore. "Movie buffs love the Hollywood gallery and young folks love the Hot Wheels exhibit. My favorite is the Streetscape, where I'm sure I've smelled warm doughnuts on the Helms Bakeries truck—a cherished childhood memory." (323) 930-2277, petersen.org.

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM Sacramento. "One peek inside this museum and you'll understand our country's love affair with cars," writes Steve Freund of Vallejo, Calif. "You'll find everything from a 1904 Ford to a 1954 Cadillac Coupe De Ville to a 2003 fuel cell-powered Mercedes." (916) 442-6802, toweautomuseum.org.

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A & W - WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN – 6PM – 9PM – PLUMB LANE, RENO – STARTING MAY 6TH

A & W - TUESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN –6PM – 9PM – BARING BLVD, SPARKS-STARTING JUNE 2ND

RENO/FERNLEY RACEWAY – FRIDAY NIGHT STREET DRAGS – EVERY FRIDAY STARTING JUNE 12TH – STARTS 6PM - SPECTATORS: \$5 DRIVERS: \$30 CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: RENO/FERNLEY RACEWAY.COM

103.7 THE RIVER CRUISE – JUNE 17TH – MISSION CAR WASH – 6355 S. MCCARRAN BLVD. 6PM – 8PM

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103.7 THE RIVER CRUISE – JULY 15TH – TAMARACK JUNCTION – S.VIRGINIA & DAMONTE RANCH PKWY – 6PM – 8PM

SUN VALLEY FUN SUNDAY – JULY 19TH – 9AM – 4PM SUN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK ON THE GRASS – SUN VALLEY BLVD. & W. 7TH AVE. ENTRY FEE: \$35

103.7 THE RIVER CRUISE – JULY 22ND - SUMMIT RACING EQUIP. – 950 E. GLENDALE SPARKS - 6PM – 8PM

103.7 THE RIVER CUISE – JULY 29TH – COSTCO – 4801 GALLERIA PKWY. SPANISH SPRINGS 6PM – 8PM – LAST ONE BEFORE HOT AUGUST NIGHTS STARTS

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS – AUGUST 3RD THRU 9TH - RENO/SPARKS

BEACH PARTY – SEPT. 6TH 9AM – 4PM SPARKS MARINA - ENTRY FEE \$35

SILVER STATE PONTIAC CAR SHOW –SEPT 13TH - A & W ON PLUMB LANE. 10AM – 3PM Volume 16, Issue 4

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CLUB EVENT

Regular Club Meeting

Regular Club Meeting

H.A.N. Kick Off Party

Hot August Nights

Regular Club Meeting





June 18th July 16th

DATE

August 1st

Aug. 3rd - Aug. 9th

August 20th

LOCATION

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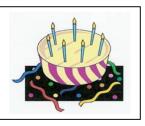


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JULY

Patricia Ludi -5^{th} Susan Greco -20^{th} Arlene Trematore -21^{st} Jack Rankin -29th





JUNE

Fred & Peggy Lanman----- 50 yrs. Nick & Noreen Horning------ 40 yrs. Gary & Kelly Geyer ----- 36 yrs. Hugo Tafel & Susan Greco ---- 4 yrs.

JULY

Rich Stefani & Debbie Bartgis ---- 24 yrs. Mike Nowicki & Symantha Miller-- 8 yrs. Grant & Lisa Pitches------ 4 yrs.

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