

PontiacAction

FROM BURGUNDY TO GOLD

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IT REALLY IS CURLY AND NICK'S FAULT!

Curly had a 1965 G.T.O. and Nick had a 1965 G.T.O. while I was in high school and they were the ones that turned me into a G.T.O. fanatic. My path out of high school was to college and my ride was a 1959 V.W. I didn't have the energy for college and a full time job; so the buying of a muscle car was put on hold. Even without the necessary funds every year, I awaited the uncovering of the new G.T.O. and dreamed of owning one. This was especially true in 1972, when I was finally getting close to my car goal. Unfortunately, graduation came in December 1972; when the 1973's were being sold. As much as I love the G.T.O., the 1973 G.T.O. was disappointing to me, so I turned to the 1973 Firebird for Diane's and my first brand new car. It was Florentine Red (Burgundy) with off-white interior, 4 speed Formula with very few options, due to budgetary constraints. What I really wanted was that 1973 Brewster Green Trans Am. However, I could not make the price tag work, so I waited almost thirty years for the price tag to go up ten fold. The Super Duty's weren't available when I ordered the 1973 Firebird, so at least I avoided the pain of not being able to order that option. I do now have my 1973 Brewster Green Trans Am. I am still looking for a 1973 Florentine Red Formula to replace the one Diane and I gave up sometime in 1978.

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Mz. Prez Sez:

LISA PITCHES

Thank you to everyone for your support, as I start my term as President. I started my year on a snowy evening and want to thank all who ventured out for the meeting. We had a lot of fun and a snowball was even thrown! (Thanks Steve). This was followed by a great night of bowling with Grant, Bill, Cindy, Ray, Jan, Karl, Ann, Gary and my sons Eric and Steven. Everyone had a great time and I would love to make this a monthly activity (at least for the winter months). Please join us for some fun competition! You might even win a prize. February's meeting had a great turnout and I enjoyed seeing everyone. My officers are doing a great job and Mike Burmer is working hard to collect money for our charities. Who knows what it could be next month, maybe you'll be fined for not being Irish!!!

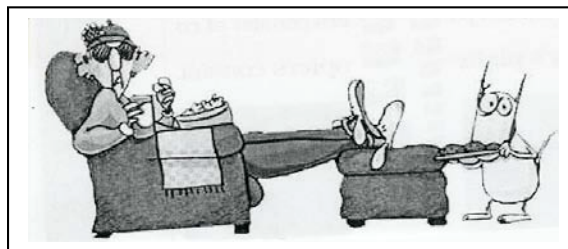


Thanks again for your support and see you March 18thLisa Pitches

INTERESTING CALIFORNIA HISTORY

Do you know what happened 160 years ago this Fall.....back in 1850?

California became a state.
 The people had no electricity.
 The state had no money.
 Almost everyone spoke Spanish.
 There were gunfights in the streets.



So basically, nothing has changed except the women had real boobs and the men didn't hold hands.

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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
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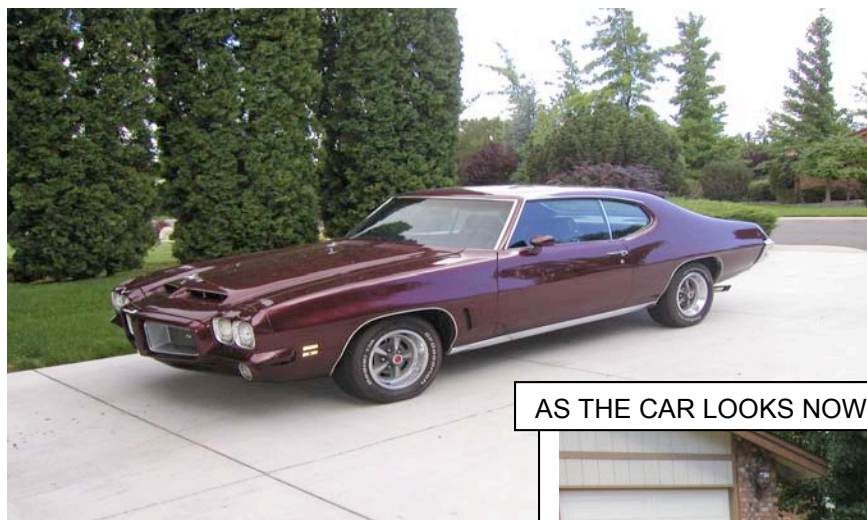
FROM BURGUNDY TO GOLD (Conti):

This brings us back to the 1972 G.T.O. Once the thought of owning more than one collector car settled in, that 1972 G.T.O. kept crossing my mind. It was the final year of what I considered to be the G.T.O. era and in 1972 serious thought was given to buying one. Sometime around 2000-2001, on a trip to the Pleasanton Goodguys Car Show, Jim, Dwala, Diane and I ran into a numbers matching 1972 Lucerne Blue, 455, 4 speed G.T.O. I decided that the guy wanted too much for the car and that I would negotiate him down over the phone. After doing some research on the 1972 G.T.O.'s, I called the owner to make a deal. Turns out he was selling the car to someone else at the very moment I called. The research told me that only 310, 1972, 455, 4 speed G.T.O's were produced. I concluded that I had let a very rare car get away from me, which was a very disappointing feeling. I decided I would keep a look out for another 1972 G.T.O.

It was about two years later I ran into an ad for one located in Monterey, Ca. It had everything I was looking for. An unmolested two owner car with the 455, 4 speed, numbers matching and he even had the original window sticker. A perfect car for restoring. So in 2003, Diane and I made the trip to Monterey and brought home our 1972 G.T.O. I knew in 2003 that I would not be restoring the car immediately, but I did not think I would let go this long. Diane keeps telling me to sell it if I'm not going to restore it, but I do not want to sell it. Someday, when I retire I will need something to do. The car will be restored to the build sheet with two dealer add on's.

1.) Honeycomb wheels and 2.) the Ducktail Spoiler, which I already have. We have submitted two pictures; one as it sits now and one as it hopefully will look like someday (front page) in it's original Quezal Gold paint and yes, it is one of only 150 that came from the factory with the 1972 G.T.O. sport striping.

Yes, it is Curly's and Nick's fault.....



Russ and Diane Horning

AS THE CAR LOOKS NOW



FROM CAROLYN'S CORNER:

MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2010

The 175th meeting of the Silver State Pontiac Club was called to order at 7:00pm by our new president, Lisa Pitches.

OLDBUSINESS:

No new guests or new members were present. No grievances were aired.

Thanks & Celebrations:

Thanks went out to the new board who helped make phone calls notifying everyone of the Carter's son's memorial service.

November meeting minutes were read, motioned by Cindy Rentch and approved by the Club.

COMMUNICATIONS: Phoenix, Az. 12th annual car show announced.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was read and we have money. Peggy moved and Rhonda 2nd that they be accepted. It was approved by the Club.

CAR SHOW REPORT: Mike Nowicki & Jim LeBar

New locations such as Deer Park, Lazy 5 or Idlewild Park were talked about, but were rejected because rental is too expensive and no amplified music is allowed. It was suggested to hold the car show later in the day when it is cooler. This issue was tabled until next month.

NEWSLETTER:

Ann needs another car picture for the next issue. She said that we are low on club shirts. Discussion of Henley vs T-shirts, cost of silk screening or embroidery. Ann will get prices and next meeting orders will be taken.

WEB PAGE: Hugo was not in attendance. He will be given new officers information.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dwala & Cindy collected dues. We have until the March meeting before we are delinquent.

TWITTER: Lisa asked if anyone "twittered". No hands were raised. It was dropped.

ACTIVITIES:

The issue was brought up of contributing to an educational fund for Nick & Joanne's grandkids. A vote was taken and turned down. The hat was passed around and a collection was taken. A card was circulated & signed by all the members present.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

There is a new law in California requiring drivers to change lanes when emergency vehicles are on the side of the road. It was mentioned that it is a law in Nevada also.

Lisa said that she checked into bowling at the Greenbrae Lanes in Sparks. It has been closed down. Someone brought up the Grand Sierra Resort lanes. A sign up sheet was passed around.

BREAK 7:50 TO 8:00PM

BIRTHDAY'S : Jim Mandas, Jan 19th and Carolyn Irwin, Jan. 31st

ANNIVERSARIES: Nick & Joann Carter, Jan. 5th and Paul & Vicki Haden, Jan. 30th

RAFFLE:

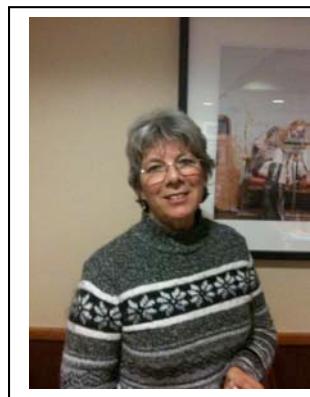
Since no raffle prizes were present, it was decided that we would have a money giveaway. Norm won \$20, Curly won \$20, Dwala won \$10 (which she donated to Nick & Joann's fund) Grant won \$0(awwww!), Ray received a years free dues, Lisa won \$10, Ann won \$10 & a \$2 bill, Gary drew a card for the 50-50 raffle, but didn't win. It is now up to \$105.

FINES:

Mike Burmer did the fines. Kevin sold his car, fines collected for anyone not attending the Christmas Party. Next meeting will be on February 18th.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Irwin, Secretary



CAROLYN IRWIN

FROM CAROLYN'S CORNER:

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2010

The 176th meeting of the Silver State Pontiac Club was called to order at 7:00 pm, by our President Lisa Pitches. Thirty-three members and guests were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tonight we had 4 new guests who introduced themselves and told us what model Pontiac cars they have.

THANKS & CELEBRATIONS:

Lisa thanked those who came out to bowl at the Grand Sierra Resort. It was duly noted that Russ Horning is now officially a "Senior Citizen". January minutes were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from the Boys & Girls Club was received thanking us for our donation. A letter from the Sparks Chamber of Commerce re: membership in the Chamber. A thank you card from Nick & Joann Carter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Nowicki reported on our total balance. The treasurer's report was approved by Cindy Rentch.

CAR SHOW REPORT – Mike Nowicki & Jim LeBar

It was discussed still having the show at the A & W. Also, having it later in the day. No date has been set. Perhaps a Saturday. Mike and Jim will discuss and get back to us next meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

Ann reported on the club shirts. Prices on the Henley & cost of T-shirts were reported. An order sheet was passed around. Prices on club hats to be given later.

WEBPAGE: Ann is sending pictures of cars to Hugo to put on the website. Hugo is working on a current list of our e-mail addresses.

MEMBERSHIP: Dwala noted that about half of our membership has paid their dues. New members can join tonight. If name pins are wanted, please see Dwala.

TWITTER: It was noted on our Twitter page that if any member wore purple Mardi Gras beads, they would receive an extra Pontiac Buck.

ACTIVITIES:

Everyone had a great time bowling at the Grand Sierra Resort. Do we want to do it again on Feb. 25th? Spring Cruise – Markleyville was discussed and another option is Nevada City. Curly talked about doing a cruise down Highway 49. Tour de Garages was suggested as an activity and explained to our visitors what it is by Diane. Six people volunteered their garages. More details at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Sutton told about the history of our Chief and how he came to be. He also read a letter from Aunt Flo, about the chief, which had us in stitches. He ended the report by saying the Chief has been fully repaired and restored. There is a fund raiser car show at the Save Mart grocery store on Keitzke on May 23rd from 11am to 3pm.

BREAK: 7:50PM – 8:00PM

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: February Birthdays: Chuck Maze, Joann Carter, Vicki Haden, Russ Horning, Sharon Lynch, Dan Adams, Stephen Lemm, Nick Carter & Peggy Nelms.

February Anniversaries: Bill & Cindy Rentch and Ken & Lynn Burney.

RAFFLE: Mike Nowicki won the first raffle. Judy Zmak, Jim Mandas, Russ & Diane Horning & Mike Nowicki won raffle prizes. The 50-50 raffle is now at \$110 after no one pulled the Ace of Clubs.

FINES: Anyone wearing glasses, females that didn't do anything for mate for Valentine's Day, anyone who ate just dessert, members not wearing ID and not paying attention during the raffle.

Next meeting will be on March 18th.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted: Carolyn Irwin, Secretary



GUESS WHO ONCE OWNED AND RACED THIS CAR?



If you guessed Ray Hollingsworth, you would be right. Yep, this was Ray's first Pontiac. A 1972 Ventura. In 1983, Ray raced it on the Oval Track in the T-car Races in Carson City. Ray enjoyed oval track racing. From the looks of the car in this picture, he was quite good.....even had sponsors!

DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 31ST

If you have not paid your dues for 2010, this will be your last newsletter.

Dues are \$25.00 per Membership

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 a they will be happy to make the necessary updates. Make checks payable to: Silver State Pontiac Club

*Mail to: P.O. Box 4521, Sparks, Nv. 89432 or bring your check to the March 18th Meeting
Direct any questions to the Membership committee:*

Elaine Humphreys: 626-7545

Dwala Mandas: 323-3211

Cindy Rentsch: 849-3274

The Membership Committee has made the dues paying process quite effortless, so help them out and get those dues checks in to make their job easier.

GIT-R-DONE!

THE CHIEF'S LETTER

Dear Nefew Jackie:

I'm writing this letter slow, because I know you can't read real fast.

In this manuer crate, you'll find your "**Old Indian Chief**". When we all was packin up after Eunici's funeral, there in Reno, Uncle Zeb saw him laying under his car and thought it was cousin Billy Bob drunk again and he put him in the rumble seat of his '32 Poontiac for the trip home to Alabama. We hit a pot hole in Kansas and the **Chief** fell out and broke his head on the road. That's when we realized it wasn't Billy Bob, because the **Chief** had way too many brains spill out. Anyway, we picked up the pieces and packed him back in and brought him home. Zeb put im together as best could and glad we could send him back.

Lot's going on since we got home. We don't live where we done when you were here. Grandpa read in the paper where most accidents happen within 20 miles of your home, so we moved. I can't send you the address because the last folks who lived here took the house numbers so they wouldn't have to change their address. This new place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not real sure about it. I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain. We haven't seen them since.

Bubba locked his keys were really worried because me and pa out. Your sister haven't found out what it is an Aunt or a Uncle.

Three of your friends went Butch was driving and he swam to safety. But your other they drowned because they

Cousin Sonny finally started got this real nice girlfriend now with her ever since he read that bathroom wall at the truck stop

You remember your blonde was nearly killed in a horseback rode before, but climbed right on motion. Well, everything was ok She tried to grab the horse's mane slid down the side of the horse and along. Finally Bridgette tried to foot became entangled in the mercy of the horse's pounding against the ground over and over. She was mere moments from unconsciousness when to her great

fortune, Bill, the Wal-Mart greeter, sees her and unplugged the horse.

There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much out of the normal ever happens around here.

Enjoy the **Chief**! I'm sure he's glad to be home.

Love, Your favorite Aunt,
Cousin Flo



in the car yesterday. We it took him two hours to get had a baby this morning. But yet, so I don't know if you are

off a bridge in a pickup truck. rolled down the window and friends were in the back, and couldn't get the tailgate down. dating outside the family. He He has been wanting to go out stuff about her on the two years ago.

cousin Bridgette? Well, she riding accident. She never and immediately sprung into until Bridgette began to slip. but couldn't get a grip. She the horse just kept galloping throw herself to safety but her stirrup and she was at the hooves. Her head struck

Submitted by: Jack Sutton

GOODGUYS CAR SHOW - PLEASANTON, CA.

In November, Karl and I decided to go check out the Goodguys car show in Pleasanton, Ca. Plus we could see dad and brother Don and get them to go along, which they were very willing to do. Saturday morning we all headed to Pleasanton from Dad's house in Walnut Creek. It started out raining on the way there, however, by the time we arrived, it had stopped and the sun came out....bonus. We started out at the indoor cars on display. They were all outstanding. Soooo many beautiful cars. Checking out one row of cars we came across a black, 1965 G.T.O. convertible. Could it be? Could Steve O'Brien have entered his car in this car show? We actually looked around for the tall Steve O'Brien. Upon closer inspection of the car we found it was not Steve's car. So we took this picture of it to show Steve what his car could look like if he wanted it to.



Moving on, we went out to check out the swap meet. It was quite huge.....lot's of good stuff out on display for sale. Karl found some valve covers at a good price and I found some old Coca Cola trays that were in pretty good shape. My Dad and brother Don rode around on their scooters to scout out bargains, which proved to be very helpful.

We went over to the grassy tree lined lot, to check out the cars for sale. There was a large variety of cars for sale. We did not find any we could not live without. We did find a 1961 Catalina like Jim LeBar's. We took a picture of the car and the for sale sign for Jim to compare (see page 9).

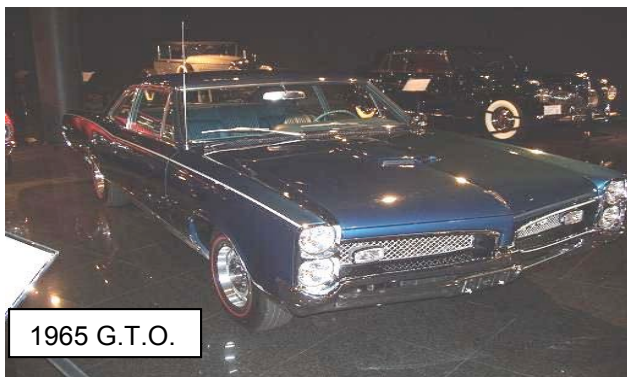
They also had a short road course in the small parking lot. That was fun to watch! The cars running this course were all classics. The entrants could run the course as often as they wanted. They even had two professional road course drivers running the course. Naturally they did the best. The cars that you would think would do the best, didn't and the ones that you thought would do terrible, didn't. It was a lot of fun to watch. Hot August Nights should add a short road course to their venues. It was very entertaining to watch and it did not take a very big parking lot. Karl and I had a great day at this show. We will plan another trip to another Goodguys show.



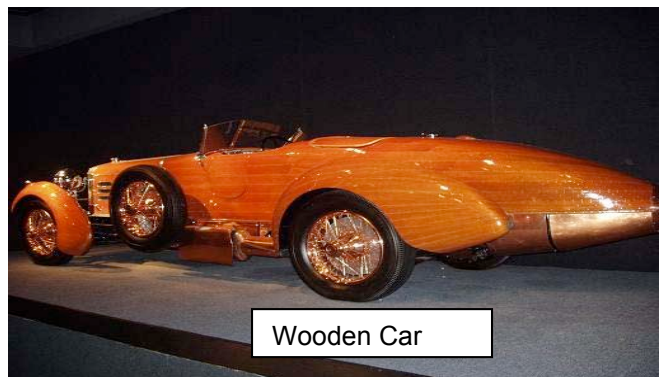
1961 Catalina Bubble Top

BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM

Sunday, Karl and I decided to go visit the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville, Ca. The museum is located in a outdoor mall with a water theme. When we approached, the local Challenger Club was touring the museum. All their new Challengers were parked out front of the museum. Quite a gathering and a nice exhibit before entering the museum. This museum has a very impressive display of cars. It has two floors of cars. The first floor has 50's, 60's and 70's classics. The second floor has very old exotic cars. They even had a car made out of wood. They had a display of 3 Alfa Romeo's with different style bat wings on the back. Very unique styling. We even found a 1965 G.T.O. Except for the color, it looked like Russ & Diane's! Whoa.....Pontiac Club car look-a-likes everywhere we go! Dad went with us and he is quite knowledgeable in his cars. He shared some interesting car facts with us. If you are ever in the Danville area we recommend this museum. It is near Pleasanton Goodguys Show.



1965 G.T.O.



Wooden Car



Alfa Romeo cars



Overlook of the first floor
50's, 60's & 70's cars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting	March 18 th	Denny's
Bowling Night	March 25 th @ 7 PM	Grand Sierra Bowling Alley
Regular Club Meeting	April 15 th	Denny's
Bowling Night	April 22 nd 7 PM	Grand Sierra Bowling Alley

President Lisa has put together a bowling night, one night a month at the Grand Sierra Resort. The cost is minimal and the fun is extraordinary! If this is something you would like to do, contact Prez Lisa. It has also been discussed to have a "Tour De Garage", which we have volunteers to host this event. There are plans in the making for a Club Cruise and a evening at the Drive-in this summer. These are all great events for members to participate in and show off their Pontiac's. It is also a great way to get to know members outside of the regular meetings. Mark your calendars and join the fun.



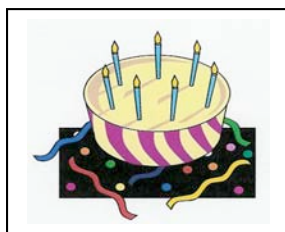
BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- Monica A'Neals – 1st
- Linda Okada – 1st
- Galen Judisch, Jr. – 7th
- Diane Horning – 11th
- Michael Burner, Jr. – 20th

APRIL

- Darwin Ludi – 5th
- Debbie Bartgis – 8th
- Walt Woodworth – 11th
- Symantha Miller – 14th
- Ed DeMichele – 18th
- Mike Nowicki - 29th



ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

- Wally & Elaine Humphreys..... 46 yrs.
- Russ & Diane Horning.....38 yrs.
- Stephen & Sue Lemm.....20 yrs.
- Bradley & Kristina Ray.....13 yrs.

APRIL

- JERRY & PEGGY NELMS..... 50 YRS.**
- Jim & Dwala Mandas20 yrs.
- Michael & Jennifer Burner..... 12 yrs.

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