

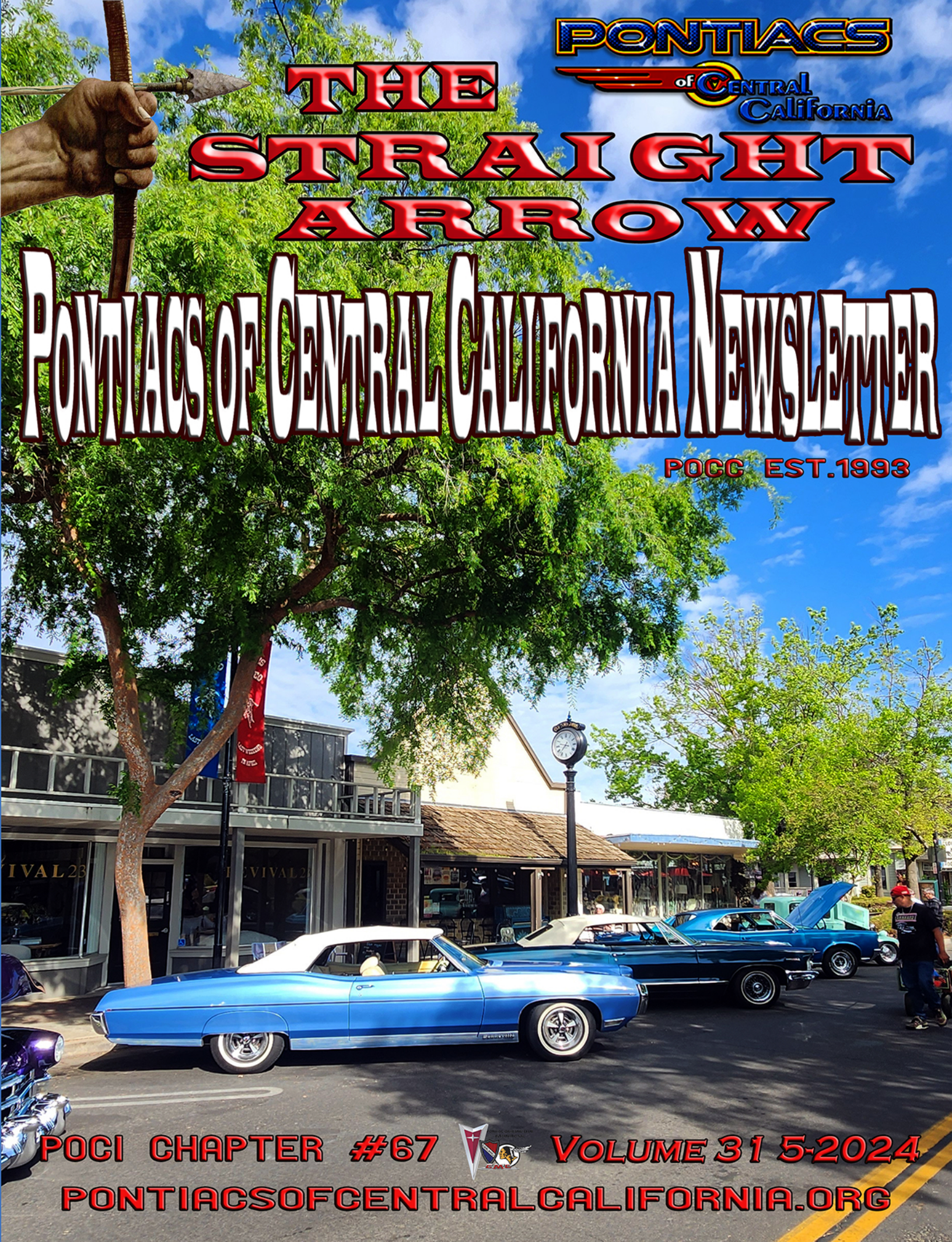
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message for May 2024

Some traditions die hard, don't they? After a series of delivery issues, changing formats and a disturbing editorial, we made the decision to end our subscription to the Fresno Bee. I don't know about you, but we have been subscribing for decades, enjoying the ritual of getting up early, going out to pick up the paper and getting the 'news' first thing in the morning. Sorry that era has ended.

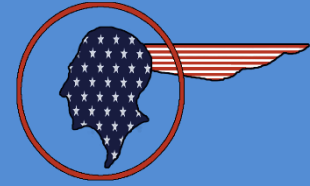
As we get older, we sometimes spend time lamenting or raging about how society has changed, some young people are postponing becoming adults, how institutions have lost their way and how the nation is straining at the seams over almost everything. It sure isn't like the days of our youth or middle age. That's probably the same general conversation our great-grand parents, our grandparents and our parents had decades or a century ago. Specific things change however the process doesn't.

We lived through most of the greatest generational change in automotive history. From rather fragile but noteworthy cars of the thirties and forties to the great era of highway building in the late forties into the seventies. Local travel gave way to state-wide travel, then cross country travel. Cars became more reliable (except for the late 70's to the mid- 80's), more comfortable, better handling and, of course, faster. Most of us spent our high school years dreaming about or driving some of the most iconic brands and models that we will ever see.

The sameness of today's cars is stunning if you pay attention. Do you notice how the front and back sides of most modern cars/SUVs look so similar? Hard to tell one brand from another, and, when you try to read the make or model name on the back, it is often so stylized that it is unreadable. When we drive our classic Pontiacs, we push back against that reality, bringing the best era of the automobile back and parking it in front of today's generation. They seem to be interested, and often sorry they missed out on a wonderful time to grow up. Let's keep it going.



Pontiacs of Central California Meeting minutes April 8, 2024



- 1.
2. Call to Order and Welcome
Andy Hoff called the meeting to order at 7PM
3. Introductions of Visitors and Guests
No Visitors or Guests were present. Dennis Simonson announced that he had a 30 year POCI pin to present to Andy Hoff which was done.
4. Additions to the Agenda and Approval
Taken as issued.
5. Treasurers Report – Dave
Dave Valla announced that we have 29 members with 13 associate members.
6. Newsletter Update – John
John reviewed the newsletters and asked if the website was in need of any photos.
7. Webmaster Report – Bill
Bill Richards stated that he will be asking members for pictures of their cars to include on the website.
8. Facebook Update – Sheryl
Sheryl Hammons stated that nothing new to report. The Facebook Site has received excellent ratings.
9. Birthdays/Anniversaries and Health/Welfare of members and friends
Dave and Tina Valla celebrated their 35-year anniversary.
10. Old Business
 - A. Toys for Tots Show
Flyers will be prepared in the early fall
 - B. Building Our Membership
There was a discussion on recruitment efforts for the club. Bill Richards reviewed his suggestion that we offer a period of time for new members where they would not have to pay dues. This would encourage immediate membership for new contacts especially if it is a contact at a car show.
10. New Business
 - A. Club Placard

Andy Hoff spoke about purchasing new club placards. He provided samples of the proposed placards. Dennis Simonson brought stands for the placards and these were also reviewed. It was suggested that current club members pay 10 dollars for each placard they want. It was also proposed that newly recruited members be given a placard at the first full meeting they attend. Andy Hoff asked Bill Richards to provide a report on this proposal as well as the new recruitment proposal for the next meeting.

B. Reunion in October

The idea of having an annual reunion party instead of or in addition to, the Christmas party was discussed. This will be on a later agenda for further discussion.

11. Activities

A. Past Activities

Club members recently visited the Veterans Legion of Valor Museum in the Memorial Auditorium in Fresno. Paula Yost had some WWII vintage pictures that she donated to the museum while we were there.

B. April Activities – Diana

The April club activity will be a Mystery Cruise on April 27.

12. Ladies Luncheon – Cheryl

Cheryl Richards said that the April Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for April 24

13 Announcements

14. Attendance Drawing – Dave

Mark Lanier won the monthly attendance drawing.



POCC OFFICERS

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Pontiacs of Central California Mission Statement:

OUR MISSION, FUN!!!

We are made up of a group of people with various backgrounds who have one thing in common, we LOVE **PONTIACS**. We drive 'em, work on 'em, polish 'em, restore 'em, break 'em (even cuss 'em) and have a lot of fun doing it. Be it an old '52 Chieftain straight-eight, a new WS6 Trans Am, or anything in between.

We are individuals, couples, and families that like to get together for a variety of activities. We host an annual judged car show and participate as a club in other local and regional car shows. We have informal BBQ Show and Shines and get together for Brunch and Dinner Cruises. We also attend the local Cruise Nights as a group. The cars in the club range from Concours cars, daily drivers, drag racers and cars undergoing restoration. Our goal is to have FUN while enjoying our **PONTIACS**.

*If this sounds like something you would enjoy,
JOIN US!!!*

General Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, at Yosemite Falls in Granite Park at 7PM. interested visitors are welcome.

POCC Past Presidents

Bill Richards	2023
Dennis Simonson	2021-2022
Andy Hoff	2020
Joel Garrett	2019
Frank Mascola	2018
Bill Richards	2017
Dennis Simonson	2016
Dean Davison	2015
Ron Berglund	2014
Bill Richards	2013
Keith Watts	2012
Jack Fusari	2011
Dave Valla	2010
Carl Smith	2009
Joel Garrett	2008
Greg Griggs	2007
Bill Richards	2006
Andy Hoff	2004-2005
Ron Berglund	2003
Joel Garrett	2001-2002
Dan Seibert	2000
Michael Yoshihara	1999
Glen McGhie	1998
Joel Garrett	1996-1997
Ron Berglund	1995
Jeff Boyle	1993-1994

Recruit a New Member!!!



PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Associate Member's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

POCI Membership Number _____

(If you are already a member of POCI)

Pontiacs You Own _____

Other Classics You Own _____

Dues

Membership effective date _____

Member: \$24 per year or \$2 per month if joining February or later \$ _____

Associate Member: \$5 per year \$ _____

Total paid \$ _____

Mail application and check payable to Pontiacs of Central California to:

Dave Valla
2839 McKelvy
Clovis CA 93611

POCC is a chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) and we would like for our members to also be members of POCI, but it is not a requirement. The yearly membership fee for POCI includes a subscription to POCI's monthly magazine the Smoke Signals. The \$39 annual membership fee includes the Smoke Signals sent via U.S. mail while the \$25 annual membership fee is for an E Membership with full member privileges and online access to the Smoke Signals. Please visit www.poci.org for further details.

Join POCI!



Keeping the Pontiac Legacy Alive...

Formed in 1972 by a small group of enthusiasts who wanted to pool as much Pontiac and Oakland information as was possible, the first convention was held the following year in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Since then, POCI chapters have formed all over the country and POCI Conventions have been held every year in a variety of locations. The events include a car show, tech seminars, presentations, drag racing and a great swap meet. GMC trucks were included in 1998, due to their close relation to Pontiac.

The club's magazine, *Smoke Signals*, also started in 1972 and has evolved into a world-class, award-winning monthly that continues to raise the bar for non-commercial publications. *Smoke Signals* was redesigned in 2006 and again in 2013. Today, it is a 92- to 100-page, full-color publication printed on heavyweight paper and also comes in digital form.

We are very excited with the future of the Pontiac hobby and we invite you to join POCI and start receiving *Smoke Signals*. Please note that members get access to download our digital editions that go all the way back to 2006.

We welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in Pontiacs, Oakland's and GMCs of any age or type to join us. Just use the membership form provided and get in on the action.

Whether you have an early Pontiac, a muscle-era GTO or Firebird, a full-sized Wide Tracker or late-model Trans Am, Solstice, or G8, we have a place for you and your car.

We thank you for your time and look forward to seeing you at a POCI event soon! (Taken from) www.poci.org

POCI Membership RENEWAL Form

Your subscription to *Smoke Signals* magazine and membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International may be due. If the renewal date on your mailing label (which is to the right of your membership number) is between **Feb. 1, 2020 and Mar. 31, 2020**, please complete this form and return it immediately with payment (photocopies are acceptable). We don't want you to miss a single issue of *Smoke Signals* or any other important information about POCI.

- \$25.00..... Worldwide E-Membership: Web Site access & downloadable version of *Smoke Signals* (NO *Smoke Signals* magazine is mailed)
 - \$45.00 U.S. Membership (Includes 2 Associates)
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Join POCI Now! NEW MEMBERSHIP Form

Pontiac Oakland GMC

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

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Annual Membership

- \$25.00..... Worldwide E-Membership
- \$45.00 U.S. (Includes 2 Associates)
- \$74.00... Canada (Includes 2 Associates)
- \$74.00... Foreign (Includes 2 Associates)

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Visa Mastercard Discover

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(s): _____

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Signature _____

COUNTRY: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ REFERRED BY (Name & Member #): _____

Make checks payable to: POCI • **Mail to:** POCI World HQ, PO Box 421, Long Lake, MN 55356

Ladies Luncheon

The April 2024 POCC Ladies Luncheon was held at the BJ's restaurant in Fresno. This month not only did we have a ladies table; we also had a men's table. April birthday lady Renate shared a delicious chocolate cake and everyone (even the men) had a great time!



ACTIVITIES

HOT RODS FRESNO PRESENTS 2024 WATER TOWER CAR SHOW

PONTIACS
of **CENTRAL**
CALIFORNIA

April 13th, 2024

Clovis, CA Water Tower Car Show, Car Show was Rain or Shine

We assembled at corner of Pollasky and Shaw Ave at 6:30 AM. There was no rain in sight, which was good. Finding our favorite place to park was easy. Not many vehicles had arrived at the time. I feel it was because having to deal with rain approaching? As the morning went on, several more cars arrived. I was told approximately 250 cars was the total. There was lots of foot traffic all day with people enjoying their favorite car. In the afternoon, the winds picked up, the Show officials started announcing car winners and the trophy for best car. All proceeding were done by 1:30 PM, with no rain falling. For those who held back coming to show because of rain, they missed a very nice Show.

I will admit the drive home out in the country was very windy and dusty.

Dennis Simonson



WATER TOWER SHOW



ACTIVITIES



April 20, was a beautiful day for the Castle AFB Bombs Away Car Show. There were 177 cars and trucks registered for the show. The cars were displayed right next to the magnificent aircraft. It was great for taking awesome pictures. Two of the 6 Pontiacs and 3 of the 4 GMC Trucks received awards. To top it off, the food was delicious. I had a fabulous catfish lunch. This is absolutely a do again next year show.



CASTLE AIR SHOW



CASTLE AIR SHOW



2024
BOMBS AWAY
SPRING CAR SHOW

11th ANNUAL GIFT SHOP

ADMISSION RATES
Adults (18-61): \$25
Seniors (62+): \$20
Youths (6-17): \$15
Children under 6: Free
Active & Veterans: \$20

CASTLE AIR MUSEUM
EVENT 9-4pm
APRIL 20, 2024
5050 SANTA FE DRIVE, ATWATER CA 95301
WWW.CASTLEAIRMUSEUM.COM



ACTIVITIES



The annual Kingsburg car show had as many cars participating this year as it has ever had. We arrived about 8 am and the Main Street was absolutely full. We drove through the crowd to A side street which proved to be a great location as it was green lawn and shade for most of the day. It also proved to be one of the main entrances for the public which created a steady stream of visitors to our cars. We spoke with many people including several Pontiac owners. This was a very successful car show and one that we should keep on our calendar for next year.



KINGSBURG CAR SHOW





Oh, the Things We Will See

A couple of weeks ago, ten members from our club met up at the Starbucks in Fowler to take a little drive back in time. Those attending included the McGhie's, the Richards, the Hoffs, the Fishers plus Mark Lanier and Dave Valla. It was a simple cruise with fewer turns than usual as the focus was on landmarks rather than scenery.

After a bit of breakfast coffee, we were off and cruising. We stopped at the corner of Elm and Adams so that each car could be photographed in front of a fading sign on the side of an old auto shop or gas station. One could make out the name of the gas sold as 'Richfield' which eventually became ARCO (Atlantic Richfield Company). Hard to say how long ago the station closed or how much longer the build will stand, but it was a unique bit of motoring history.

Further on, at Elm and Mountain View Avenues we stopped at our second photo op. Many of you probably remember driving down Elm years ago looking for the airplane on the roof of the gas station. Well, it's still there! Just an old military training aircraft that was purchased and placed there as an advertising piece. There was a time in America after World War II when thousands of surplus military planes and other equipment was sold as salvage. Savy sellers often purchased them for pennies on the dollar and turned them into monuments, advertising signs, cafes, bars, restaurants, and even homes. This is one that still survives.

After each car was photographed at both locations, we made our way to the City of Hanford and had a great time socializing over lunch at Applebee's. It made for a nice day.

MYSTERY CRUISE



MYSTERY CRUISE



Clovis Rodeo Parade

Clovis, CA Rodeo Parade, April 27th, 2024

The Clovis Rodeo started in 1914 which was under the title of Clovis Festivals. They also included the parade at that time. Although the roads which were not paved yet were used, the dust and droppings from horses were tolerated. Although the roads are now paved, you still had to dodge horse droppings. You couldn't just wave to the crowd; you had to pay attention and drive accordingly. They tell me it is a part of the challenge.

John, Arnie, Larry, James, and I assembled at 8:30 AM at the corner of Sunnyside and Barstow. Then, we made our way to the front of Division number two. In the original planning of the parade, I had been asked to escort military members who were surviving POWS. It also included the wives who lost their husbands in a prison camp. Once each passenger was seated in a vehicle, we were ready to roll. Officials said the parade would start at 9:30 AM sharp, and it did. Many people, including children were standing or sitting along parade route. They were all enthusiastically cheering, clapping, thanking, and waving for the military. It was extra impressive with our fine cars.

When we finished our part of parade, we motored to the Triangle Drive-in to enjoy a lunch of egg salad sandwiches and bread and butter pickles.

A great time was enjoyed by all. 🇺🇸

Dennis S



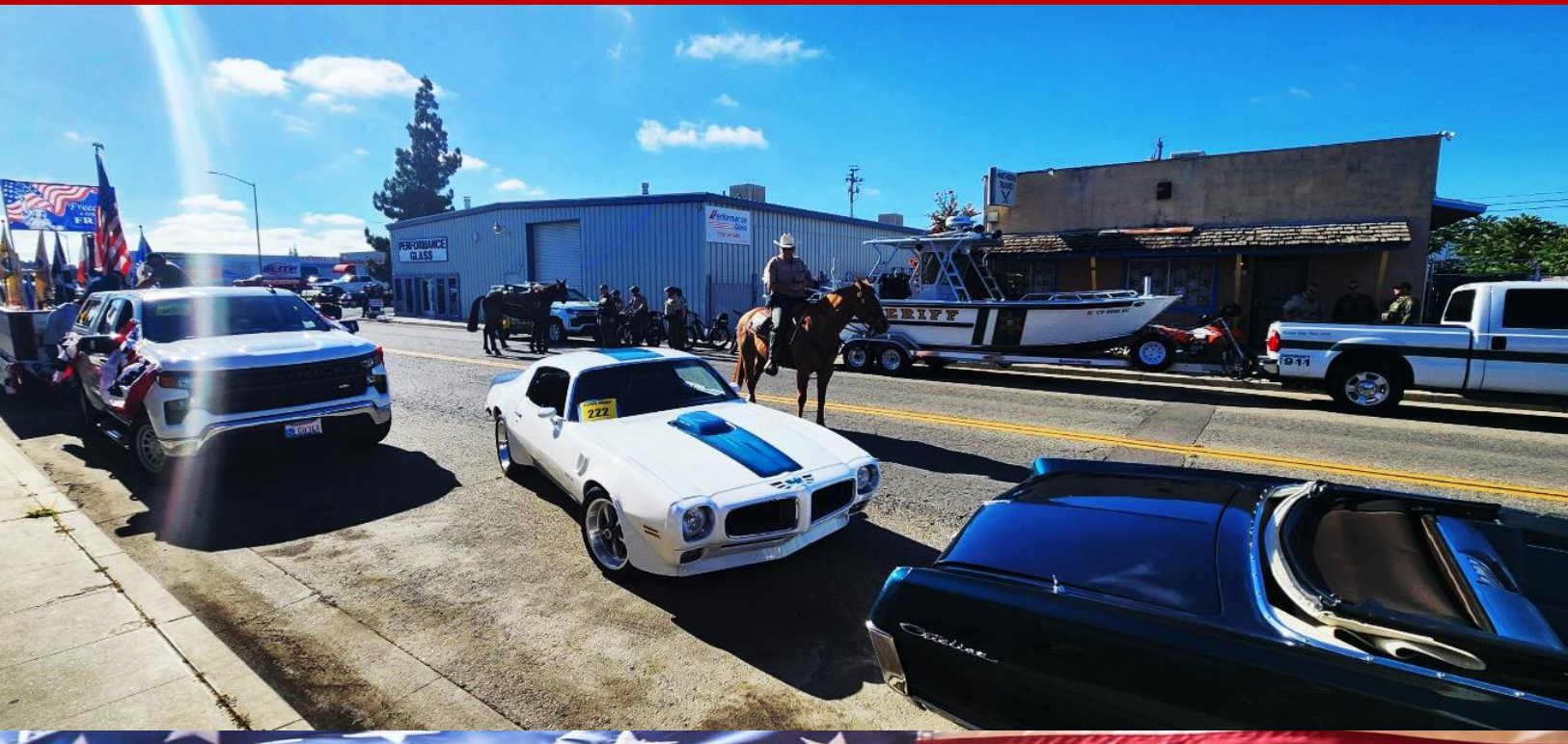
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PONTIACACTIVITIES

2024 EVENTS

PontiActivities for April, 2024

Our April cruise included two great photo ops along Elm Avenue south of Fresno and lunch in Hanford. The group was small, but enthusiastic. See the write-up and pictures in this issue of Straight Arrow.

For May, we have two great activities. On May 4th our early risers will meet at BJ's Kountry Kitchen at Cedar and Herdon for a little car talk and more talk over one of their great breakfasts. Later, on May 25th, we will visit with Glen Rudolph at his shop north of Kerman. He always puts on a great event with a special nod to our club. More details to come. Members are attending some of the many Spring car shows in the area while other events such as cruise nights provide even more opportunities to bring our own special Pontiac vibe along. Get out there before it turns into summer!

We are working hard to plan the best activities possible for 2024. If you have visited a unique or tasty place that you feel others might enjoy, please send that information to us at andiana766@gmail.com so we can add it to the list of new places to go.

Need Activity Info?

Contact:

Andy Hoff

559-304-8836

andiana766@gmail.com

May 4 POCC Cars and Coffee at BJ's Restaurant on Cedar just south of Herndon. Meet at 8:00 am

13 Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Yosemite Falls Café on Cedar between Dakota and Ashlan. Socializing at 5:30

25 Glen Rudolph's Show (Club Activity)

29 Ladies Luncheon

June 10 Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Yosemite Falls Café on Cedar between Dakota and Ashlan. Socializing at 5:30

22 POCC Club Event – Details to Come

26 Ladies Luncheon

July 8 Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Yosemite Falls Café on Cedar between Dakota and Ashlan. Socializing at 5:30

31 Ladies Luncheon

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only so long as it is the home of the brave*



GRAFFITI CLASSIC

2024 GRAFFITI CLASSIC at McHenry Village

JUNE 2, 2024 • SUNDAY • 9AM TO 3PM

\$45.00 Pre Entry Fee Until May 21st • No Mail In Entries After May 21st • (**\$50.00** Day of the Event)

Early Registration Packet Pick Up on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 • 4-6pm, McHenry Village Back Parking Lot

Participants will also be able to late register this day.

FREE Poster to the First 250 Pre-Registered Cars
Colossal Hot Dog, Chips & Drink for All Participants (2 Per Entry)

FREE DRAWING FOR PARTICIPANTS ONLY!

Presented after Awards, Must be Present to Win.

\$500 in Cash Prizes!

1st Prize \$250

2nd Prize \$150

3rd Prize \$100

OVER 60 AWARDS AND MAJOR AWARDS GIVEN

Police Chief • Fire Department • Modesto Mayor • Sheriff's Award • McHenry Village Award • Faro's Award

DRAWINGS AND RAFFLE PRIZES GOING ON ALL DAY!!



There are 2 entry points off of Briggsmore Avenue, gate number 1 and 2. Car owners who have their show credentials from the Saturday night "Early Registration Pick Up" will enter through gate number 2, the **FastTrac Lane**. Cars entering through the **FastTrac Lane** must have their windshield credentials placed on their windshield before entering. **"Note"** you can only get your **FastTrac** credentials on Saturday night, June 1, 2024 between 4pm - 6pm.

All other car participants will enter through gate number 1. This entrance will be for pre-entered (who did not pick up their packet on Saturday night) and late registration or day of show registration.

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NEW!

Pontiac Corral designated parking area for 50 Pontiacs, first come, first parked, must be a participant. Each entrant will receive a custom designed t-shirt. Special judging awards for this area.

Pontiacs will also be eligible for awards from the main show. Limited to 50 Pontiacs only!

Sponsored by Neville Bros. Automotive.

PLEASE Enter on Briggsmore Avenue - Just Follow The Signs!

NO CHARGE to Spectators • Car Registration Opens at 6:30am • No Early Entry into the Show Area
Pre-Registration Strongly Advised • Limit: 500 Cars • Classic Cars must be in place by 9am to be eligible for awards.

GRAFFITI CLASSIC ENTRY FORM-OPEN TO ALL YEARS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Year of Car / Make / Model: _____

Club Affiliation (if any): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone () _____

Liability: In consideration of the acceptance or participation in the GRAFFITI CLASSIC, by execution of this form, I hereby release and discharge MASRA, their directors, officers, representatives, and anyone else connected with the management or conduct of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any member to his person or property. Further, each applicant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, persons and bodies of and from all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of the applicant or any member assisting or cooperating with the applicant and under the direction or control of the applicant.

Application MUST Be Signed

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to MASRA. Mail check and entry to Ray Lee - 406 Davison Rd., Modesto, CA 95357

All Event T-Shirts \$25.00

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Confirmation Card will Indicate Shirt Pre-Order, Pick up at Event

Pre Registration @\$45.00 \$ _____

Additional Meal Tickets @\$8.00 Each \$ _____

Shirt Total @\$25.00 Each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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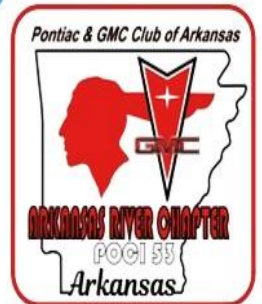
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2024

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**2024 POCC Meetings 2nd Monday
Of the Month, held at:**

**Yosemite Falls Cafe
4020 N. Cedar Fresno [Granite Park]**

**Dinner: 6:00PM / Meeting: 7:00PM
www.pontiacsofcentralcalifornia.org**

