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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER'S PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cool, crisp air, leaves turning color, days getting shorter can only mean one thing…UPGRADE time! Or to others, winter is coming. Fortunately for those of us in Crazy California, the one good thing this state has going for it is the mild winters and the ability to drive our old cars almost any time we want!

I've got a few things left to do on my Firebird before sending it in for paint and now that the weather is cooler, it won't be exhausting and limited to early mornings or late nights to be comfortable working on the car. The GTO has a few things that still need to be improved upon, and I'll have a few months to do that too.

Remember, we're a club of shared appreciation of fine old (since the newest cars are now approaching 20 years, even the 'new' cars are old) Pontiacs and good friends. If you have work that needs to be done, but aren't wanting to tackle it on your own, there are plenty of us that would love to help. Whether you need hands on help, or just motivation, reach out.

We have plenty of folks with knowledge and talent in the club and nothing builds comradery like wrenching on an old car. Personally, I've helped a couple of new members fix a few little things on their cars, and I've had some members come and help me with some major work on one of my cars.

Even doing something as mundane as an annual oil change is better with some friends and a cold beverage.

On another note, don't forget the Toys for Tots show is almost here. Several of us have been feverishly passing out flyers at shows and cars 'n coffee events. Hopefully we get a strong turn-out for a great cause this year. Make sure you let every car guy and gal you know, know about the show.

Until next time,
Keep the Rubber Side Down

PONTIACS of Central California



PONTIAC-OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES

PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Meeting of Sept 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by James Schweer at 7:05pm.

Dennis Simonson was called upon to introduce new members. Several new and newer members were in attendance. These included Harold and Cristina Strand, Christoper Torres and Lee and Tina Valenzuala.

The Minutes of the August 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion by John Berglund second by Dennis Simonson and carried to approve the minutes of the August 2026, meeting as submitted.

Dave Valla reviewed the financial status of the club. He reported that there was no financial activity in the previous month. We are still planning for the presentation of the POCC donation at the upcoming Toys for Tots Car Show.

John Berglund reported on the status of the newsletter

Sheryl Hammans reported that there wasn't much new information regarding FACEBOOK to report. Some younger members have expressed interest in photos from car shows.

Bill Richards reported on the status of the Web page. We will begin advertising for the Spring Car Show soon and waiting for the Toys for Tots flyer that will be posted.

Elaine Fisher & James Schweer birthdays

Mark Lanier reported that preparations are nearly completion on the Toys for Tots Car Show. Will distribute flyers when we have them.

Dennis Simonson reported that POCC normally contributes $100 to the Veterans Parade. He requested that amount be increased to $200 this year. Motion by Bill Richards Second by James Schweer and carried by unanimous vote to increase this year's donation to the Veterans Parade to $200. POCC will also continue participation in this event

A discussion occurred on what POCC should give new members to the club. It was stated that other clubs may provide T Shirts and caps along with License plate holders. This discussion transitioned into a discussion involving club shirts and other attire. It was recognized that POCC currently does not have availability of club shirts for current members, much less new members. Bill Richards discussed the past process and stated that the club does not normally give the attire to members, but they are required to pay the club costs for them. It has been several years since the club has purchased a supply of attire for members and it is probably time to consider doing this. Past issues have included not being able to agree on what color they should be as well as how much variety we should have. Bill informed the group that when we elect to purchase attire we come up with the color and variety then we let each member make their selection. This number plus several extras of some items were what was ordered. Club members then paid the club for theirs when delivery was made.

Further discussion occurred about what other clubs do. Since POCC only has $24 per year dues it is necessary that members pay for club shirts and caps. Some clubs have higher dues or initiation fees. James requested that a committee be formed to consider this issue. Several members volunteered. These included Tina Valenzuala, Alma Schweer, Harold Strand, Chris Torres, Bill and Cheryl Richards. This committee should recommend what attire the club should have available for members. In addition, it should consider what POCC will have available for new members.

The Sept club activity is to tour the Kearney Mansion located at Kearney Park. We will meet at the Flight Line Café at Chandler Field and after breakfast travel to the Kearney Mansion.

The Sept Ladies Luncheon will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno

Bill Richards had several announcements.
Due to the recent aircraft incident at Sierra Sky Park the planned car show has been cancelled.
The Clubs annual Christmas Party will be held at the Black Bear Restaurant in Fresno on Dec 8. Further information will be provided later.
Fowler car show is on Sept 26 and several members of POCC will attend. Contact me if interested.

POCC OFFICERS

PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA OFFICERS, 2026

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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!!!

POCC Past Presidents

James Schweer	2025
Andy Hoff	2024
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.



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)*
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ASSOCIATES: _____

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VEHICLES (no longer owned): _____

Join POCI Now! *NEW MEMBERSHIP* Form

Pontiac ☐ Oakland ☐ GMC ☐

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

_____

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

_____

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

Annual Membership

☐ $25.00..... Worldwide E-Membership
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ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP + 4: _____

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Number _____

Expiration _____ Security Code _____

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 POCC September Ladies Luncheon was held at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno. This restaurant is one of our group's favorite places to eat at so there was a nice turnout of thirteen of us in attendance. We all enjoyed each other's company and talked a little bit about everything while eating wonderful Italian food. We also celebrated Elaine Fisher's birthday by singing happy birthday to her and enjoyed some pumpkin cheesecake.

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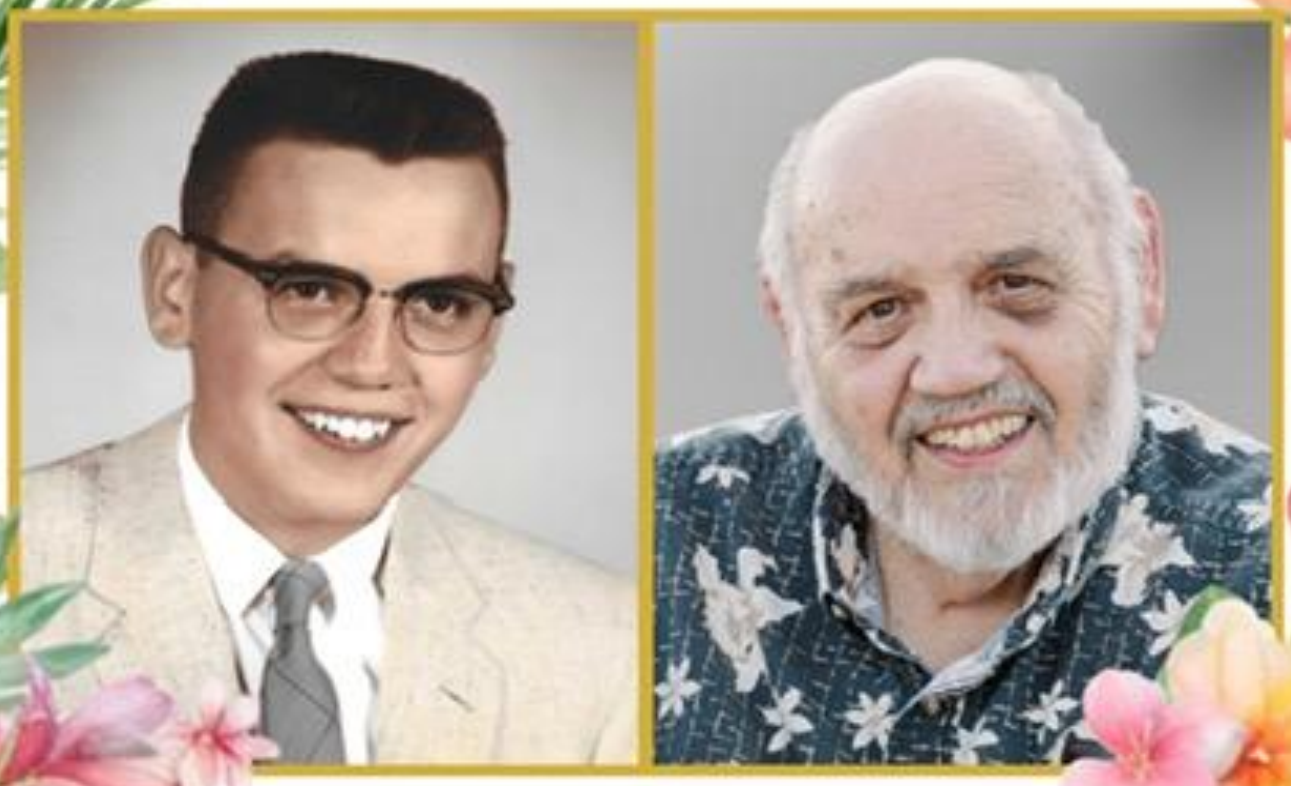


MEMORIAL

In Memory of

THOMAS EUGENE YOST

1939 - 2026



Long time POCC member Tom Yost passed away last month. His memorial on Oct. 11 was well attended by family and friends as well as many POCC members. It was an incredible tribute to who he was, the profound impact he had on so many lives, and the legacy he left behind. It truly honored his life in a way that made you feel just how much he meant to so many people.



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KEARNEY MANSION CRUISE

On Saturday, September 12, club members met at Chandler Airport's Flight Line Cafe for breakfast before heading on down Kearney Boulevard to Kearney Mansion for a guided tour.

As always, members enjoyed a delicious breakfast while socializing, engaging in great conversations and catching up. It was also fun celebrating James Schweer's birthday (same day)! The cafe staff served him a slice of their famous chocolate cake, then joined in singing Happy Birthday.

At the mansion, the tour guide, Lucius, shared a wealth of information, taking everyone back in time for a glimpse of the San Joaquin Valley's agricultural beginnings through the life and times of M. Theo Kearney. Lucius and his colleague, Misty, were very gracious and accommodating guides.

As shown in the photos, James, Dennis and Andy were allowed to temporarily park their Pontiacs in front of the mansion for a special, memory photo.

It was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect to be out with POCC friends for a really great breakfast and club activity.

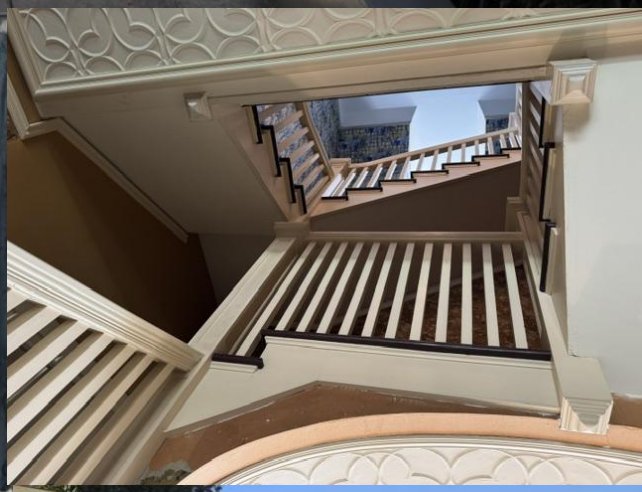


KEARNEY MANSION CRUISE











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2026 Miramonte Elementary School Car Show, September 19, 2026

On October nineteenth, I attended the fifth annual Miramonte Elementary School Car Show. The school is in the city of Clovis. Also in attendance were POCC members James Schweer and Dennis Simonson.

This is the second time I have attended this show. In previous years the show was held at the Mountain View Church, which is on Fowler Avenue a short distance from the school. This year the car show was held on the Miramonte Playground.

I would estimate that there were 80 to 90 cars entered in the show. Trophies were awarded to first and second place in each class. Dennis and I both won awards. None of us won the 50-50 raffle though!



MIRAMONTE CAR SHOW



















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IRONSTONE CONCOURS d´ELEGANCE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026, MURPHYS, CA

#1 Truck and trailer ready to be loaded for trip to leave for Ironstone Concours.

#2 1938 Pontiac Silver Streak all shined up and ready to be loaded into the car trailer.

#3 Trailer parked in entrance parking lot to be unloaded to take into show.

#4 5 and 6. The 1938 Phantom Corsair was the featured car on stage in the show arena. It was built in the pre-World War II era. It was conceived in 1938 by Rust Heinz. (Heir to the H.J. Heinz Company fortune. It was a bold vision of what the future of automotive design could look like. It was built on a modified Cord 810 chassis with its front wheel-drive layout and hidden headlights. It was powered by a Lycoming V8 engine, capable of propelling the car to 115 mph. Despite the promise, Phantom Corsair never entered production. It all came to a halt when Rust Heinz dies tragically in a car accident in late 1939. Only a prototype was ever completed, and it remains today celebrated artifact of automotive history. Its home is the National Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada.

#7, 8, 9. Just hanging out with our car waiting for the judges to come and do their evaluation.

10, 11, 12 13, 13a, 15, 17. Overview of the grounds on the upper level. Below were numerous groups of other car classes. Such as Pontiac GTO's, Pickups, full size station wagons and many more.



IRONSTONE CONCOURS

#14,14a. Buffet lunch in the Ironstone Dining room. This was a part of the registration packet for 2 guests.

#16 Large display of motorcycles, including foreign bikes.

#16a Several antique camping trailers fully equipped for travel to any destination.

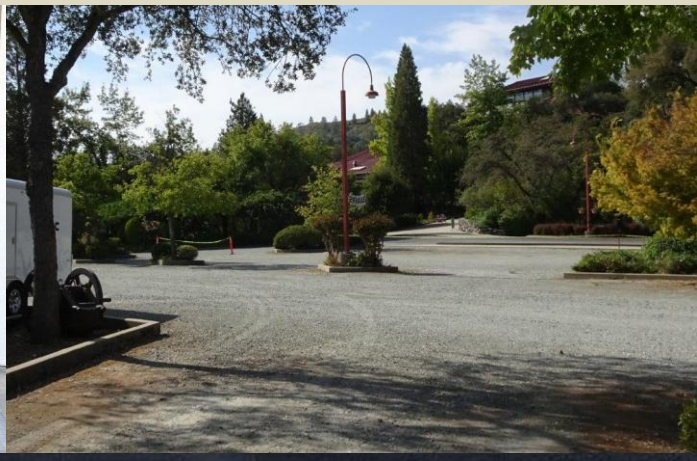
#17 Vendor showcasing how they could put any frame together you want to build your dream car.

The featured Anniversary car was the Ford Bronco, celebrating 60 years in production. There were several examples to observe.

As in the years past, we enjoyed the day in its lush green hills, ponds, and wooded areas.

Dennis Simonson







IRONSTONE CONCOURS













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IRONSTONE CONCOURS









POCC HALLOWEEN

Halloween Cruise

Saturday, October 31st @ 11 AM

Meet for lunch at the Triangle Drive-In

First & Barstow

Bring Out Your Pontiacs!

Costumes are optional!!!



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PONTIACTIVITIES

2026 EVENTS

October:

Saturday, October 31 @ 11:30 am

Meet for lunch at the Triangle Drive-In Barstow/First.

Bring out your Pontiacs!

Costumes are optional!!!

This will wrap up club activities for 2026.

November:

No planned activity due to Toys for Tots and Thanksgiving holiday.

December:

No planned activity due to Club Christmas party and the holidays.

We hope everyone has enjoyed this year's activities. Your committee has enjoyed planning and organizing them for the club.

Jeanne, Jan and Lori

Check out past club activity photos and newsletters at

pontiacsofcentralcalifornia.org

Find us on Facebook

POCC CHRISTMAS PARTY!



United States Marine Corp Reserve

Toys for Tots Car Show

26th Annual

November 14th 2026 9 to 2

River Park Shopping Center

on El Paso at the Traffic Circle

Show is open to all vehicles;

Classics, Stock, Rods, Customs, Trucks & Motorcycles. Marines will be present to accept your toys

Come out and show your support!

Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy Minimum $20 Value or cash donation

Free Coffee, Music, Awards

Show is Rain or Shine



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The winners from the Goeler show

