

## This Issue: THE VETERANS MUSEUM

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### President's Message for April, 2024

I had the opportunity a couple of weeks ago to have a cool drink with an old friend from my working days so long ago. We shared a couple of retirement updates family stories before she asked "are you still fooling around with old cars?" 'Why yes, yes I am.' She seemed puzzled but gave me a look of sympathy and gentle acknowledgement. Not approval or enthusiastic support, but a look someone would display when seeing a tired old dog paired with glint of pity.

Don't get me wrong, we are friends but my interest in classic cars is pretty much a direct opposite of her interests. We continued our chat and finished up with a promise not to wait several years to chat again.

When you talk to others outside of the car hobby, do you get a similar question? It seems that the other person expects that you would have outgrown the need to be around old cars or to simply stop living in the past. 'That is an expensive hobby' they say only for you to reply that those old cars get more valuable each year, maybe even beating the rises in the stock market. You must be a genius, you think.

It's easy to forget the breakdowns and the multiple times you have crawled under that car to fix something or banging your head on the underside of the hood. Oil stained clothes, exhaust soot on your face, cuts or grease stains on your hands that take days or weeks to disappear. Having to explain to neighbors why your car hasn't been around for a few days.... weeks.... or months. Small electrical fires, coolant temperatures above 230 degrees, stalling, or having to explain why there is an old junk car in your side or back yard. Yes, these are all part of the journey of owning an old car or cars.

So, what do we get from this? Anticipating the next time, you get to drive it. Opening the garage door and pulling the cover off your classic and falling in love yet again. Driving down the road and getting a thumb's up from other drivers, even those much younger than us. Having strangers walk over while you are putting in another 15 gallons in the tank asking what year it is and telling you 'What a beautiful car.' Sitting behind it at a show and hearing dads tell their sons and daughters what it is (or isn't). Meeting people who are so excited about your car that they have a moment right there.

So, do I still fool around with old cars, yes, yes, I do. 두







### MINUTES

#### **Pontiacs of Central California**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

#### March 11, 2024

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome Andy Hoff called the meeting to order at 7PM
- Introductions of Visitors and Guests
   Glen McGhie a previous club member and president was present. He was interested in rejoining the club. Glen stated that he has a 1968 Firebird and 1995 Trans Am.
- 3. Additions to the Agenda and Approval The agenda was accepted as submitted.
- Treasurers Report
   Dave Valla reviewed current financial information of the club. He also stated that he has 25
   members who have paid their dues for 2024.
- 5. Newsletter Update John Berglund reviewed status of the newsletter.
- 6. Webmaster Report Bill Richards reviewed status of the new website. We are getting several emails through the website with many different requests for information. Some updating is also occurring.
- Facebook Update
   Sheryl Hammans reviewed the status of the clubs Facebook sites. Many new members are joining the Group.
- 8. Health and Welfare of Members and Friends
- 9. Birthdays/Anniversaries Diana Hoffs birthday.



- 10. Old Business
  - A. May Show N' Shine

Andy Hoff stated that the planned Show n Shine had to be cancelled due to insurance issues involving Campus Point management and FSU. We will work on a backup plan for the site for 2025 show which could include Riverpark. It was also suggested that Fresno City College be considered.

### MINUTES

#### B. Toys for Tots Car Show

Mark Lanier confirmed that the show will be at Riverpark.

11. New Business

#### A. Club Placards

Andy Hoff reviewed the current status of designs for the clubs' placard. He also presented a sample of the new placard.

Motion by Arnie Schweer second by Diana Hoff and approved to buy a supply of new placards

C. Building Our Membership

More membership cards were distributed. These should be utilized as needed for potential members.

#### 12 Activities

Diana Hoff reviewed the Mystery Cruise that occurred on May 17. Several members attended a tour of the Fresno County foothills ending with a good lunch at the Red Caboose Restaurant. The next club activity will be on March 23. This will be a tour of the Legion of Valor at the Memorial Auditorium in downtown Fresno followed by lunch. Several club members attended the Blossome Trail Car Show in Sanger on March 9. Sheryl Hammans won the Hudson Family award for the best GTO.

Bill Richards reviewed the status of the small car show that will occur on March 15 at the Wellbe Senior Center in Fresno. 4 -5 volunteers will be needed to present a car display for the Seniors at this facility.

Andy reviewed a few upcoming local car shows and suggested that the club members attend the new Tower Show together.

Arnie Schweer asked for members that may be interested in participating in a wooden Boat Show at Bass Lake. There will be room for 10 cars and he solicited volunteers.

#### 13. Ladies Lunch

The February Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at Mimi's Cafe in Fresno.

14. Announcements

#### 15. Attendance Drawing

John Berglund won the attendance drawing. 두



# POCC OFFICERS

#### PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA OFFICERS, 2024

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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

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Membership effective d	ate	
	<u>or</u> \$2 per month if joining Fe	
Associate Member: \$5		<u>م</u>
		Total paid \$

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 <u>www.poci.org</u> 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



<b>POCI</b> Membershi	p RENEWAL Form
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due. If the renewal date o 2020 and Mar. 31, 2020, pl	n your mailing label (which is ease complete this form and r	bership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International may be s to the right of your membership number) is between Feb. 1, return it immediately with payment (photocopies are accept- <i>ke Signals</i> or any other important information about POCI.
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### Join POCI Now! NEW MEMBERSHIP Form

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

## Ladies Luncheon

POCC club member and March birthday gal Diana Hoff, selected Mimi's Cafe for the March lady's luncheon. Those whom attended enjoyed eating appetizers, a great lunch and even a piece of cake.

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## ACTIVITIES





Pontiacs of Central California was well represented at the Webber Car Show in Sanger. We met up and drove in together we had three GTOs and a Trans Am. A beautiful Chevy Truck joined us and we entered the too. Great time!

This show had about seven categories and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Three Pontiacs took awards in two of the categories, which is very impressive, as there were 300 cars in the show.

There was a memorial award for Best GTO in the Show. Sheryl's '64 was selected by the Hudson family for the "Earl Hudson Memorial Trophy". There were 4 generations of the Hudson family at the show to present the trophy. The Hudson's are Pontiac people from way back, but '64 GTOs are very special to them because that's what Earl Hudson drove. Sheryl



# SANGER CAR SHOW



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### ACTIVITIES



**POCC Welbe Car Show** 

During February 2024, a request came through the Clubs Website asking if we do car shows for other organizations and, if we did, what the charge would be. In the answer to this request an explanation was received that indicated that they would like to have several classic cars available for viewing by the clients of a senior care facility. I indicated that we normally would not charge but they offered to provide us lunch anyway. As we were scheduling this event some difficulties came up, the first being that they didn't have a place to hold it. After several discussions and wondering if we could even do the event, they were able to reserve parking spaces in the city parking lot next door.

On March 15 several club members participated by bringing 5 Pontiacs and 1 Cadillac for the viewing by the clients of the Welbe Senior Center in downtown Fresno. We had a great time showing our cars and talking with the patients from this center. It was a very worthwhile activity and ended with a great lunch at the senior center.



## HEALTH FAIR SHOW



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## ACTIVITIES



POCC Day at the Museum of Valor on Fresno Street in Downtown Fresno. Over a dozen club members visited the museum housed in the old Memorial Auditorium. As with some of our recent activities, many in the group had never visited the Museum although they had driven past many times over the years.

Once inside the museum really shined with dozens and dozens of well laid out displays recounting the history of our military from the Revolutionary War to the most recent conflicts in the Middle East. Included were displays of military uniforms, guns, models of ships and planes plus dioramas of war scenes and a most impressive display of model Navy ships.

Many members could find displays that related directly to their military service or the service offered by family members in all branches. Retired members of the military were on hand to answer questions and direct visitors to specific areas or displays. The museum was a tangible example of how a community and country can say 'thank you for your service.'

The visit was followed by a lunch at BJ's Restaurant at Fashion Fair. Those attending included new/old member Glen McGhie, Bill and Cheryl Richards, Sam and Elaine Fisher, Mark Lanier, John Berglund, Paula and Tom Yost, Andy and Diana Hoff, Jeannie King and Jan Bianchi.







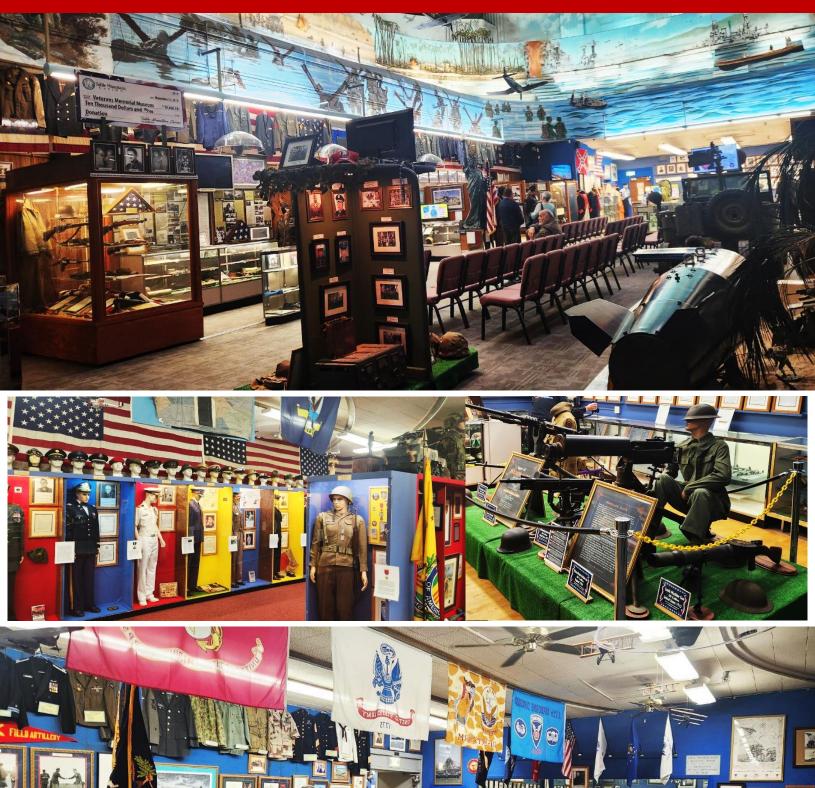




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# PONTIACTIVITIES



#### **Pontiacs of Central California Calendar**

- April 8 Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Yosemite Falls Café on Cedar between Dakota and Ashlan. Socializing at 5:30
  - 24 Ladies Luncheon
    - 27 Cruise and lunch. Details to follow
- 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

#### **Other Events in Our Area:**

April 13 Water Tower Show in Old Town Clovis (New Tower Show) The Visalia Car Show

- April 20 Kingsburg Car Show
- April 21 Cherry Avenue Auto Swap
- May 4 Mariposa Butterfly Car Show

May 11 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show Veterans Park Porterville

Jefferson Car Show Clovis

May 18 Visalia Downtown Car Show

Old Town Motorama Car Show Clovis

## Check out past club activity photos and newsletters at **pontiacsofcentralcalifornia.org**

#### PontiActivities for April, 2024

We saluted all veterans on March 23 as club members gathered at the Legion of Valor Museum on Fresno Street in the old Memorial Auditorium. It was quite a place. See the write-up in this issue of Straight Arrow.

For April, we will take to the road for a cruise and great lunch. Meeting place and schedule will be shared at the April Meeting and via email plus reminders. This promises to be a great day on the road. Stay tuned!

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.

We also hope you will add attending club meetings, spring car shows and activities to your calendar. We have a great time enjoying our cars and each other's company. Watch you email and our club Facebook page for pop-up car shows, Cars and Coffee events and much more. Hope to see you soon!

Diana and Andy Hoff

# MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW



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### **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.

Poster to the First 250 Pre-Registered Cars Colossal Hot Dog, Chips & Drinkfor All Participants (2 Par Entry)

**FREE DRAWING FOR** PARTICIPANTS ONLY! Presented after Awards, Must be Present to Win.

1st Prize \$250 \$500 in Cash Prizes!

2nd Prize \$150 3rd Prize \$100

OVER 60 AWARDS AND MAJOR AWARDS GIMEN 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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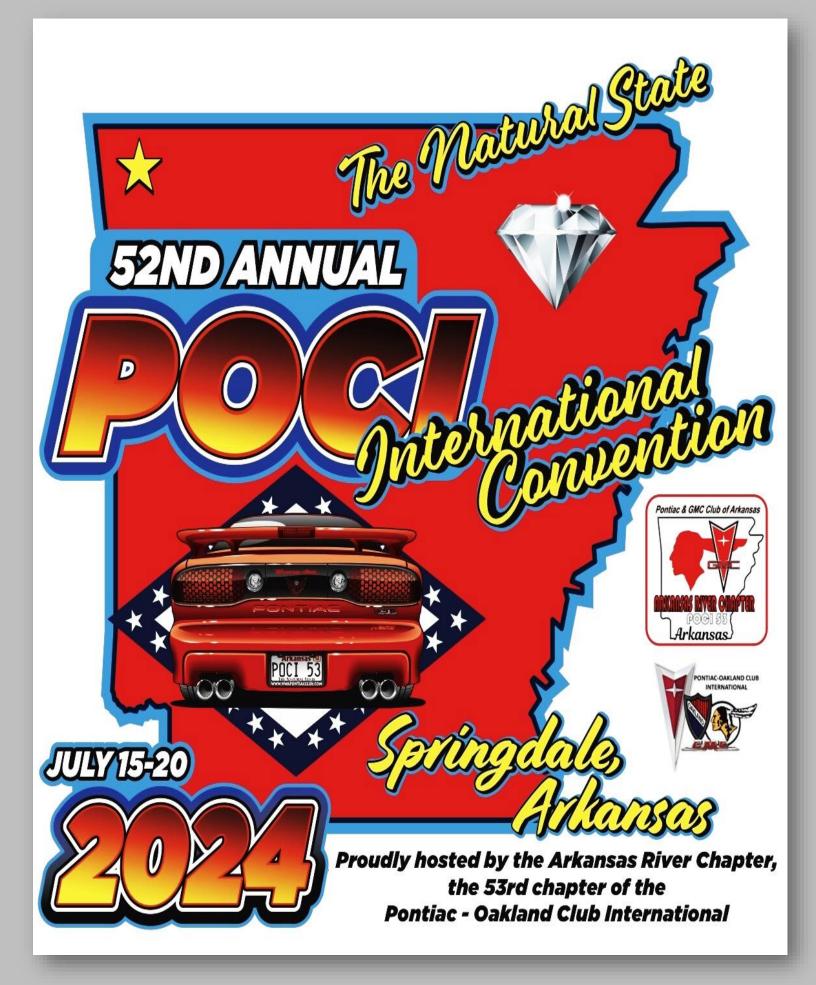
NEW! Pontiac Corral designated parking area for 50 Pontiacs, first come, first parked, must be a participant. Each entrant will receive a custom designed t-shirt. Special judging awards for this area. Pontiacs will also be eligible for awards from the main show. Limited to 50 Pontiacs only! Sponsored 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. CT ..... 

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### POCI CONVENTION



### POCC





2024 POCC Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Of the Month, held at:

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

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

