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—GETTING TO KNOW OUR SSPC OFFICERS —

For the next few issues the newsletter will feature a Q&A with your 2016-2018 Officers and Committees. I think we will gather some great intel on our fearless leaders and have some fun doing it!

**MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR CINDY**

1. **THE EARLY YEARS**

I was born in Richmond, CA. We lived there until 1965, then moved to Clear Lake, CA. (Buckingham Park). We bought a small boat marina and my sister, brother and I had so much fun living there. My Dad always loved boats and we always had at least two of them. We would get to water ski all the time. Chris Craft boats were very popular then. After graduating from high school, I moved down to San Francisco for three years and went to Court Reporting School. That was in the early '70's when San Francisco - particularly the Haight Ashbury District - was alive with the Hippy Generation. It was wild down there then!!

I met Bill in Kelseyville, a little town in the Clear Lake area. He was just graduating and I was a few years behind him. We started dating right after he had enlisted in the Navy for four years. During that time I went down to San Francisco to school. He ended up on the USS Enterprise and went around the world almost - finishing up in Viet Nam.

After I got out of school, I moved to Walnut Creek to start court reporting and Bill got out of the service and started working for my Dad. Dad relocated his business to Incline Village, and we got married there and that was our first home.

2. **TELL US ABOUT YOUR ADULT LIFE: DEGREES, WORK HISTORY, CAREERS, MARRIAGE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN.**

The best thing that Bill and I did was having our two kids, Dan and Heidi.

They were a joy to us since the day they were born. Dan is now an architect and a principal in an architectural firm in Santa Monica, CA. He loves it and his residential designs have been featured in several magazines. Dan and his wonderful wife live in Sherman Oaks and love their life there. Heidi is married to a great man, they live in Bend, OR and they have three kids that we just couldn't live without.

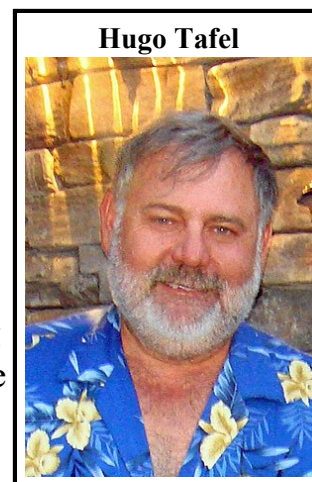
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# PREZ SEZ:

Well gang, it's been a busy summer so far.

Unfortunately the first lady and I haven't made it to too many car shows this season (it sucks to be self employed).

We did make it to the A's game (thank you Rhonda for putting that together!) which was awesome. We were upgraded to "the owner's suite" and it was a great game. We had an excellent turnout and I think everyone enjoyed themselves, as we did.



Hot August Nights is now behind us as well. We didn't have as many volunteers for the Thursday night cruise as we hoped but at least we made some money for the club. Hopefully we can squeeze in a few more car activities before the summer is over.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

— El Presidente



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## EDITOR'S CORNER

PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCL. We 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 be in the next newsletter. Submit to: [nevadabird@charter.net](mailto:nevadabird@charter.net) **OR** **MAIL TO:** Jacque Lowery, 12520 Westridge Dr., Reno, NV 89511



## MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR CINDY

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**Q. AT WHAT AGE DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN CLASSIC CARS? WAS THERE ONE INCIDENT OR EVENT THAT TRIGGERED YOUR INTEREST?**

My Dad and Bill loved cars, so I guess that's when I became interested in classic cars.

**Q. WHEN DID YOU ACQUIRE YOUR FIRST CLASSIC? WHAT WAS THE CAR AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT ONE?**

Our first classic car is our 1964 GTO. Bill wanted a GTO because his older brother had a brand new 1969 Judge and a brand new 1968 GTO. While Bill was in the Navy he saved up the money to buy a brand new 1971 tropical lime Firebird Formula 400. When we moved to Incline that car had to go because of the snow.

Years later Bill found our 1964 GTO. He still always wanted his Firebird back, though. We searched for years trying to locate that same car. We contacted the person we sold it to from Lake County, but the search went cold after that.

Finally, I think Russ told Bill that there was one on Ebay and Dan was able to make us the successful bidder and we got it. Between the GTO and the Firebird, Bill found his red 1956 GMC truck, which was in about fifty pieces, and with Jim Mandas' phenomenal help, the truck turned out great.

**Q. ASIDE FROM YOUR CLASSIC RIDE AND THE EVENTS SURROUNDING IT, WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INTERESTS OR HOBBIES? ARE YOU A WORLD TRAVELER, DO YOU PAINT OR SCULPT, RAISE CHICKENS—WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?**

Spending time with my family makes me the happiest. I love music and James Bond movies, and do like to travel. Thanks to Joel, we had a wonderful trip to Africa. We followed Heidi while she was on her year-long trip after college. We met up with her in New Zealand. She then went on to Australia and Fiji. She also lived in San Sebastian, Spain during college, and we went over to visit her there, too.

We have had many wonderful times while being members of the car club. Through the years the club has done some really fun things. We are glad to be members and have made some life-long friends.



## ACTIVITIES CHAIR

### RHONDA

#### Q. THE EARLY YEARS

I was born and raised in the South Bay Area in a sporty family that attended almost all Bay Area sport team games. We attended 49ers, Raiders, A's, San Jose Earthquakes and Sharks games. I got to attend an Olympic Soccer game at Stanford and attend game #2 of the 1989 World Series. I also participated in sports, mostly in soccer and softball, but actually lettered the one year I played basketball and ran track.

I attended Saratoga High School for all four years, and played softball and Powder Puff Football representing the almighty Lady Falcons where I scored multiple touchdowns! Hey, that's how I remember it.

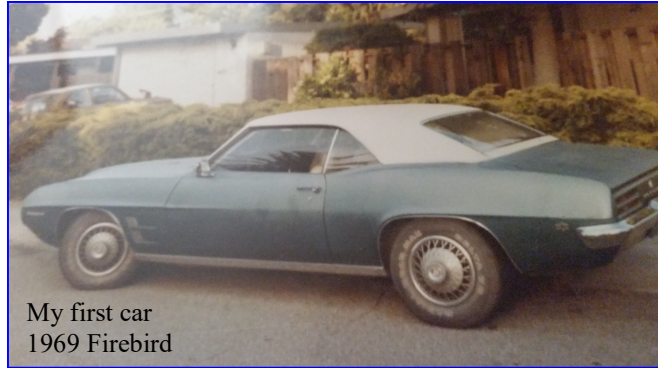
During my youth I was very fortunate my family also made frequent trips to Lake Tahoe where I fell in love with the area and skiing. I vowed to myself and my parents that I would one day move to Tahoe. But first things first –I had to finish school and become an adult.

#### Q. AT WHAT AGE DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN CLASSIC CARS? WAS THERE ONE INCIDENT OR EVENT THAT TRIGGERED YOUR INTEREST?

At 16 I got my driver's license on my first try and I was on a mission to acquire my first car. My Godmother, Auntie Mona, just happened to have a 1969 Pontiac Firebird. I badgered her, bugged and nagged her to sell me that car. It was blue with a white hardtop and black carpet and a wood grain dash.

While dreaming about owning that '69 Birdy I frequently drove my sister's 1977 Grand Prix but she'd get mad at me for driving it too much. She started monitoring the odometer and my rights to it became almost non-existent. Finally, out of the blue, Auntie Mona invited me to escort her to the local Buick dealership to help her pick out a new Regal for her. This was great news to me as once she had new wheels the Firebird could be, would be mine. I spent hours with her at the dealership. Waiting through the negotiations at the Buick dealership was painful for me, an impatient 16 year old. She finally swung her deal though and I immediately offered her \$1200 for the Firebird. She agreed to sell it to me for \$600. What a great aunt- I was ecstatic! I'd saved the money from my summer job with this specific goal in mind and now I was going to have extra \$\$ left over. I registered my car and gave my dad \$400 for my first year's insurance. He almost fell out of his chair when I gave it to him. (I guess he wasn't expecting it!) I had extreme pride of ownership though and I liked it being MINE.

It was a pretty basic Firebird, V-8 350, Automatic, with an AM radio. It was blue, with black carpet, white seats and hard top, with roll up windows and a wood grain console and dash. I wanted to know more about my car though and actually bought car magazines to learn more about it. I also learned from reading these that I wanted a convertible 1969 Trans Am and a GTO. I'd noticed two guys in my senior class had GTO's. One was a 1969 Black and the other was a 1968 white goat. The white one was more pristine and the license plates were personalized "CASPER". I thought this was so cool. Both of these Goats appealed to me back then and I was pretty certain, even then, that I wanted one.



My first car  
1969 Firebird

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**ACTIVITIES CHAIR RHONDA (Continued)**

In the meantime, one of my classmates, Dave, who owned a 1980 Trans Am borrowed all my car magazines and I never saw them again. But I do fondly recall racing Dave down Saratoga Avenue sometimes after school while on my way to work.

Back in those days I worked to afford my car. I had a car to support! I'd take my paycheck each week and gas up my Birdie for .69 cents a gallon and deposit the rest of my paycheck into the bank. \$10 usually did the trick and then I'd drive it home and wash it by hand in my parents' driveway before the weekend. I had a cruising car and it needed to look the part!

I installed an AM/FM cassette stereo to play my tunes while cruising. If you are familiar with the Bay Area back in the late 70' and early 80's then you know about cruising the El Camino and Los Gatos. I had some of the best times of my youth in that car, cruising my girlfriends around and finding adventure and looking for guys (Sorry honey)! "Cruising Gatos" was a weekend ritual throughout high school back in those days.

I remember one guy got his head stuck in my window (I didn't even accelerate and don't know why he thought he had to do that). Another night I had a guy on top of my car roof asking why I threw water balloons at him!! I had jumped out and chased him down the street because he was squirting us with water guns and my girlfriend stalled out my car because she was laughing so hard. (It was an automatic!) That should tell you how darn funny that was! Thinking about those days still puts a smile on my face.

After high school I stayed in the Bay Area to attend college, graduating from San Jose State University. I changed my major a few times but in the end I'd earned an AA in Economics, BA in Public Relations with a Marketing minor.



Shortly after turning 21 I bought my second car, a 1981 Firebird in excellent condition. It only had 2000 miles on it from one previous owner who was the wife of a bigwig Apple executive who didn't think the Firebird was good enough for her. This one was beautiful with leather seats, T-Tops, premium sound system. I was in love. But this little beauty also brought me my first car payment. I sold my '69 to a co-worker for the down payment on the '81. I held onto both cars for a while but I

had to pay my parents back for that down. I never thought I'd miss the '69 but to this day I still dream about that car.

Within a few weeks of graduating SJSU, I packed up my belongings and headed to Tahoe. I promptly had two jobs working for the North Lake Tahoe Visitor's Bureau and IVGID Recreation Department. Life evolved, and I eventually went to work for Safeway. This is where Todd Kelly found me and proceeded to stalk me. Although he originally never spoke to me in the store we actually met getting on (him) and off (me) an elevator in Incline Village where he admitted to his stalking. I thought he was cute and had a nice smile so I gave him my phone number. At the time I met Todd I had no idea what he drove. So much later, when I found out he had a 1971 GTO, he got bonus points!

We dated for nine months where he continued to sweep me off my feet and we married in 1990. Soon after we bought our first home, got pregnant, and found our 1969 GTO Judge. We had no business buying it with everything else going on. I took out a loan with the Safeway Credit Union and Todd brought it home. People laughed at us, including my mom, when he drug it home. Soon after our daughter, Rachel, was born and she was an attendee of the first Silver State Pontiac Club meeting. She came in her baby carrier and claimed the room. Two years later we were blessed again when our son, Brent, came along. It was 1995 and also the year The Judge finally made its debut at Hot August Nights.

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## ACTIVITIES CHAIR RHONDA (Continued)

### Q. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ADULT LIFE: DEGREES, WORK HISTORY, CAREERS, MARRIAGE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN

I went into management with Safeway where I stayed with them until 1999. I kept in the retail industry for a while longer before deciding to follow my heart and started my permanent makeup business. While doing PM for 12 years I also worked primarily in the payroll industry. I've always been good at it and it was the job I worked to put myself through college. Last year in May I decided to give myself more freedom and retired my PM business. I just don't understand why I'm always so busy still!

I also went back to school around this time, attending UNR to get my Human Resources certification. I always loved the HR aspects in most of my positions and thought it a great addition to working in the payroll industry. I currently work for a local payroll company doing both. Hopefully I can concentrate more on the HR aspect before I retire.

### Q. ASIDE FROM YOUR CLASSIC RIDE AND THE EVENTS SURROUNDING IT, WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INTERESTS OR HOBBIES? ARE YOU A WORLD TRAVELER, DO YOU PAINT OR SCULPT, RAISE CHICKENS—WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

My hobbies still include attending sporting events and concerts. I love music and working out. After being sidelined last year by a knee injury I can no longer partake in high impact workouts but have discovered Pilates which I've become addicted to.

My crowning achievements, (this is so cliché) are my children who are both good people. They grew up in this car club and used to attend all the meetings with us. I know all the long time members will remember this. Rachel came to the first SSPC meeting, yes, meeting #1) in her baby carrier. She was only nine months old. My babies are growing up both working, and Brent also attends school. She is 23 and he is 21. We are on the verge of being empty nesters. Although I love my kids with all my heart, I am enjoying the freedom with Todd to do things for ourselves. Time really does fly by...

The Great Race made a stop in Reno in June. Hugo and Susan went down to check it out and their report is below.

Hugo and I attended the Great Race stop at the auto museum. We found a GTO in the race and, since the owner/drivers were not around, I left a club card thanking them for representing us. (Hugo signed it) Here is a photo of Hugo and the car (you can see the card under the windshield wiper) We'll be following them on Facebook, team 90, the Stahl's of Minnesota.

Reporting from Reno

*Susan*



## CAR SHOW SEASON CONTINUES!!

- AUG 19-20: CARLIN CAR SHOW, Carlin, NV., [cityofcarlin.com](http://cityofcarlin.com) \$30.00
- AUG 26: COOL CAR CRUIZEN FRIDAYS, [Heavenly Village Gondola](http://Heavenly Village Gondola), Every Friday, 5PM-8PM
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- SEP 2: COOL CAR CRUIZEN FRIDAYS, [Heavenly Village Gondola](http://Heavenly Village Gondola), Every Friday, 5PM-8PM
- SEP 2-5: HEAVENLY VILLAGE DAYS ON LABOR DAY, [Heavenly Village Gondola](http://Heavenly Village Gondola), S. Lake Tahoe, Tom 530-541-7300, 25 trophies, dash plaque, cash drawings, poker walk, vendors, \$40.00
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- SEP 11: KARS FOR KIDS AT SKY TAVERN S'NS, 21130 Mt. rose Hwy., Benefits Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program, 8AM-4PM, raffle, auction, music, food available, "4" awards, INFO=[Bill.jacobson@indoff.com](mailto:Bill.jacobson@indoff.com), 775-857-3003, [billhenderson@skytavern.com](mailto:billhenderson@skytavern.com), [LarryAMiller@charter.net](mailto:LarryAMiller@charter.net)
- SEP 16-18: COOL SEPTEMBER DAYS, car, truck, m/c show, [Heavenly Village Gondola](http://Heavenly Village Gondola), S. Lake Tahoe, Tom 530-541-7300, 25 trophies, dash plaque, cash drawings, plus more \$40.00
- SEP 17: DAYTON VALLEY DAYS SNS, Downtown DAYTON, NV., 8:30AM-4PM, entry fee includes breakfast, t-shirt, awards, info., Dennis 775-246-7283, [dvcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dvcc@sbcglobal.net),
- SEP 23: COOL CAR CRUIZEN FRIDAYS, [Heavenly Village Gondola](http://Heavenly Village Gondola), Every Friday, 5PM-8PM

### Car Terminology—The Joy of Daughters

The daughter asks her Dad, "Dad, there is something my boyfriend said to me that I didn't understand. He said that I have a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags and a fantastic bumper."

Her dad said, "You tell your boyfriend if he opens your hood and tries to check your oil with his dipstick, I will tighten his lug nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking oil out of his exhaust pipe!"

*So You Mean To Tell Me  
a Stress Ball Isn't For  
Throwing At People Who  
Stress You Out?*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	THEME	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting		August 18	Skipolinis
Regular Club Meeting		Sept. 15	TBD

### “NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK” RECAP – July 21, 2016

It was a beautiful night for a baseball game in downtown Reno – the weather was perfect and the **Aces Won!**

The members that attended the “**Kick-Off Meeting for Hot August Nights**” got a real surprise and were treated to a **Box that was the Owner’s Suite** – what a view of the field! Everything was perfect and the food was great!

We had **two “Founding Members” of the Pontiac Club** in attendance who have been missing in action for a long time – **Judi and Mike Zmak!** Also, **two new members, Nancy and Curtis McLachlan** – they have **two Ventura Pontiac cars**. A special thanks to Mike Nowicki for telling them about the Pontiac Club.

Hope everyone had a great Hot August Nights.

—Dwala

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

Susan Greco	20th
Arlene Trematore	21st
Garrett Schuff	31st



### AUGUST

Jim LeBar	2nd
Cindy Rentsch	7th
Joe Schenck	11th
Jacque Lowery	16th

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY



Rick Stefani/Deb Bartgis	31 yrs
Mike Nowicki/Sam Miller	15 yrs

### AUGUST

Mike & Judi Zmak	48 yrs
Galen & Marianne Judisch	53 yrs
Michael & Sue Miller	54 yrs
Dale & Jacque Lowery	47 yrs



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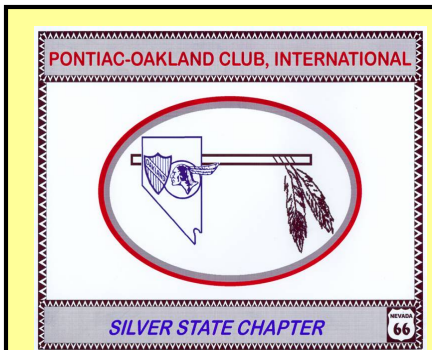
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**NEXT MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 15**

**7:00 PM**

**TBD**