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CURTIS' VENTURA



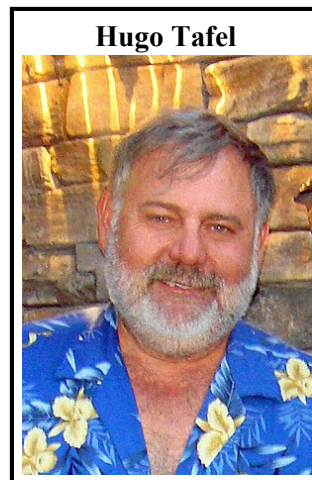
Engine: 350 CI
Color: Merlot Wine
Upholstery: Stock Oatmeal

Transmission: 350 Auto

In 2004 my daughter wanted a Chevy Nova, but couldn't find one. But I did spot a '73 Ventura on a used car lot in Reno. It was all there but needed lots of help. He wanted \$2500. I offered \$1300 and I drove the car home. My daughter drove the car for about a month before I was ready to start working on it. (Continued Page 3)

PREZ SEZ:

I can't believe that it's November already! Not too long ago we were all enjoying the summer and participating in lots of car shows and cruises and all kinds of fun stuff (well, some of you were while the first lady and I were slaving away at our store :- () But it's now time to get ready for Thanksgiving, Black Friday and then Christmas (Ayy ayy ayy, I haven't bought one gift yet!) but I do look forward to our yearly Christmas party.



Well, almost one year under my belt as El Presidente, so we'll see what next year brings. Happy Holidays to all and we hope to see everyone at the party!

— El Presidente



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PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCI. 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 OR **MAIL TO:** Jacque Lowery, 12520 Westridge Dr., Reno, NV 89511





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I needed to find a “donor” car to replace the hatchback door that was too far rotted out. I found a ‘74 in great shape with no motor or tranny for \$200. I started rebuilding the 350 motor and putting a shift kit on the 350 transmission. Next came the paint, which is a deep wine plum color, and then the stock interior.

After driving the Ventura for three or four months, my daughter came to me and said that she needed a car with a warranty (??). I said, “I thought I was the warranty.” So she went out and bought a Subaru and brought the Ventura back to me. At the time I bought this car I didn’t know that the 1974 Ventura became the last GTO!



Sadly, the Ventura/GTO models are not so popular with car guys and no one in the after-market parts industry carries their parts. So it’s very hard to find anything unless you have another parts car.



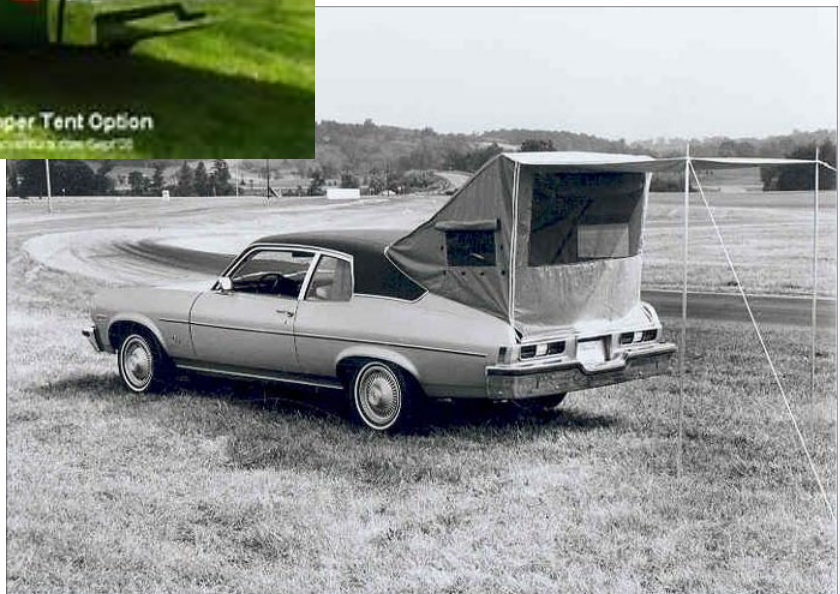
I took the Ventura to Reno Fernley Raceway on an open race day. I had a great time, lots of fun!

—Curtis McLachlan

Along with the history and photos of his 1973 Ventura, Curtis also provided information on an interesting original equipment option available for GM hatchbacks from 1973-1979. Thought our group would find it interesting.



It would appear you have a place to sleep, but didn't you just lose any available space for clothes, food, etc. while you are occupying the sleeping area? Have any of you seen one of these up close & personal?



1973 OLDSMOBILE OMEGA HATCHBACK WITH TENT
Oldsmobile Public Relations
Lansing, Michigan 48921

A 5-year old and a 4-year old were upstairs in their bedroom. "You know what?" says the 5 year old. "I think it's about time we start swearing." The 4 year old nods his head in approval. When we go downstairs for breakfast I'm gonna say "hell" and you say "ass", OK?"

"OK" the 4 years old agrees with enthusiasm. The mother walks into the kitchen and asks the 5 year old what wants for breakfast.

"Aw, hell, mom, I guess I'll have some Cheerios." WHACK!! He flew out of his chair, tumbled across the kitchen floor, got up and ran upstairs crying his eyes out.

She looked at the 4 year old and asked with a stern voice "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?" "I don't know" he blubbers, "but you can bet your ass it won't be Cheerios."



**SILVER STATE
PONTIAC CLUB
2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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Hey Clubbers!

We are sitting a month away and need your commitment now. I am not sure when I have to give Pinocchio's the final headcount as communication has been fairly informal on its part but I'd like to be on the safe side and have a total by our next meeting on *November 17th*.

We'll do our traditional Christmas gift exchange. For those who'd like to participate it was decided at the last meeting that we'll keep the gift amount around \$25. Also, no re-gifts. If you'd like to participate please bring a gift.

We'll be raffling off additional drink tickets at the November meeting raffle. Congratulations to Susan and Dwala for winning two additional drink tickets each at the October meeting!! See if you can win this month! More to give away!

Please remember to send in your check for the Christmas party and I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting!

~Rhonda

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	THEME	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting		November 17	Dennys
Christmas Party		December 2	Pinochios
Regular Club Meeting		January 19	Dennys

—A Test for People Who (Think They) Know Everything—

1. There's one "sport" in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. Name the only sport in which the ball is always in possession of the defense and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
6. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

(The answers will be provided at the November meeting. And they may appear somewhere on the SSPC website in the near future!)

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Joel Trematore	2nd
Dianna Daniels	7th
Rick Stefani	10th
Kelly Geyer	16th
Dale Lowery	29th
Nancy McLachlan	29th

DECEMBER

Bryan Cunningham	14th
Harold Irwin	16th
Todd Kelly	16th
Bart Daniels	22nd
Bill Rentsch	26th



ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Dan Adams & Kathi Juarez	26 yrs
John & Bonnie Saludes	45 yrs

DECEMBER

Ray & Jan Hollingsworth	45 yrs
Joel & Arlene Trematore	46 yrs
Hugo & Susan Tafel	4 yrs
Bart & Dianna Daniels	29 yrs
Curtis & Nancy McLachlan	20 yrs



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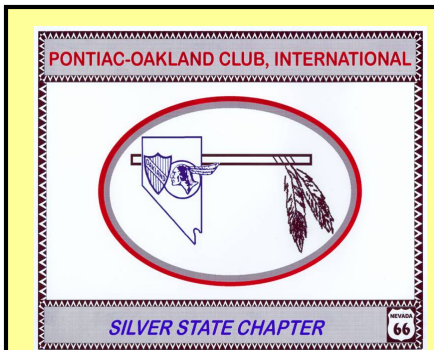
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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 17 7:00 PM

DENNYS