

SILVER STATE

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# PontiAction

## HUGO & SUSAN'S "GLORIA"



It all began at a Silver State Pontiac Club meeting.....Someone said a man was selling a pair of '55 Chief-tains.....and that's all it took. Seemed like kismet, the man lived here in Fallon, as we do. We went out to see the cars, which were stuck in mud next to the man's house. He (Charlie) told us he had bought them as projects, he was going to restore them and he and his wife would drive side by side at HAN. Then life happened. His wife was diagnosed with cancer and died shortly after. He sold us the cars for a fair price so he wouldn't have to look at them. We took them to the shop and parked them. For four years.

At another Pontiac club meeting, early spring of this year, Mike Burmer mentioned that, as past president of the club, he received e-mails intended to be shared with the club. He said a car show was looking for collectors whose collections had become a little too much to handle. Hugo asked for their email address and the rest is history!

# PREZ SEZ:

Hi all,

Gobble Gobble, Ho Ho, the busy Holiday Season is upon us and this year New Officer Elections come with it. Our Tribe will have a new and improved "Chief" and "Vice Chief" that will be announced at the Christmas party to lead you to the promised land of many Pontiacs, smiling faces and friendly handshakes. I was very fortunate to work with a great team of officers. Thank you Dale, Jim, Terri, Jacque, Dwala, Cindy and Hugo.

Thank you all for being great members and supporting our club. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party having a nice dinner, telling stories, stealing gifts and having a cocktail.

Thanks again.

Shifting to Fifth Gear,                      - - Todd



Todd Kelly



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### EDITOR'S CORNER

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](mailto:nevadabird@charter.net) **OR** **MAIL TO:** Jacque Lowery, 12520 Westridge Dr., Reno, NV 89511



A mere 4 weeks after sending an e-mail to "N\*\*\* TV", we were getting ready to film. A "specialist" came out and estimated the value of the cars we would need to sell to finance our project. The '55 was not our choice, we would have preferred to get our '69 Firebird made into a "resto-mod," but they had other ideas. They loved the idea of making "one out of two" and were enchanted by the fact that a tree had grown up between the car and bumper. We told them that since they were going to do that, we wanted to name the car Gloria, after Charlie's wife. We explained that we name all of our vehicles, the Lyndabyrd, Topless, Turbota and Last Ride to mention a few. We met the designer, Rick D\*\*\* who

asked us our vision of the car.... we told him we liked blue and preferred the Classic look. Later I went to his website and was shocked by what I saw.... I was afraid our car would be very low and have wagon wheels.....There was a lot of "acting" required by us, and I had to wear the same outfit for 3 days running. We even got to have Chuck Maze bring his Le Mans for the guys to arrive in. ( Word is they paid him well).... There were two main people, Rick D\*\*\* and Chuck P\*\*\*\*\*, a former wrestler turned bike and car restorer.

After three days of filming, the crew took our '41 business coupe, our '71 Datsun 240Z and both of the Chieftains and left us with a cleaner yard and several cars waiting for buyers.

The cars began to sell and trailers showed up to collect them and pretty soon we were down to a few cars. This show made us realize how many cars we had, are you ready? 53!!

In late June we were to get our first glimpse of the "Gloria." We had asked Charlie to come over to the unveiling, and I got the idea of having Charlie be the first to start the car up. They (the show people) loved the idea.

As we were getting ready for the unveiling at our house next door, the producer came over to prep us and meet some of the guests. Hugo introduced him (the producer) to Charlie and his "girlfriend" whom Charlie introduced as Gloria. After chatting with them for a few minutes, the producer (an English gentleman) asked Hugo for a word. He said he thought Charlie's wife had died??? Hugo said, "That's what we were told, let me find out."..... and after talking to Charlie was able to ascertain that his wife had died and the new girlfriend coincidentally happened have the same name.

After what seemed like hours, we got to see her.....What a surprise! It was not overdone, but well done! The color is amazing, the headlights and tail lights were frenched in, the door handles were shaved. The interior was a beautiful pearl white and the package tray was wrapped with the hood ornament in it....and on the radio grille, in script, was the name "Gloria" The car was well shod in chrome wheels and period-correct tires.

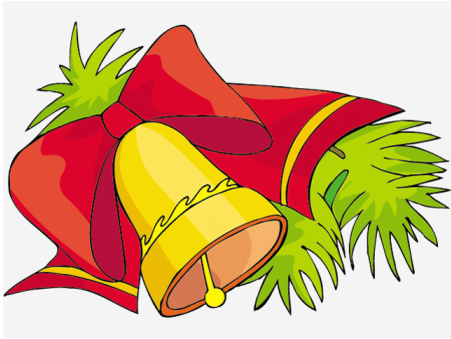
As we got ready for the shot of Charlie starting the car, a butterfly flew directly over the car, catching Charlie's eye.

This was related to me by the wife of the car designer, who said she thought the butterfly was Gloria, showing her approval. A few days later, Charlie and his girlfriend (Gloria) came into our store. I asked him about seeing the butterfly, and at first, he denied it. After I pressed him, he admitted to it saying "I've seen a lot of them since my wife passed."

Now, when we get the Gloria ready for a car show, we place magnetic butterflies on the radio grille and in the engine area. The "Gloria" had her first public outing at the Fernley forth of July parade and car show. We brought her to the HAN kickoff party, and actually won a prize at HAN. (Never again, way too much work, we like to party at HAN, not work!!) We won the celebrity choice award from Renown Health. They asked about the butterflies and were intrigued with the love story of Charlie and Gloria. We have had some mechanical issues with the car which are currently being addressed. It was a fun experience and I can't wait to see the show whenever it airs and whatever they call it, we will let you know!

Susan





# SAVE THE DATE!!

## SILVER STATE PONTIAC CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

HOBEBY'S CASINO, SUN VALLEY, 6 PM

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- Windshield wipers were invented by a woman
- The city with the most Rolls Royce's per capita is Hong Kong.
- Ferrari makes about 14 cars every day.
- The heaviest limousine, "Midnight Rider", weighs 50,560 pounds. It houses up to 40 passengers, has three lounges and a separate bar.
- First car radio was invented by Paul Gavin in 1929.
- Car airbags kill one person to 22 lives they save.
- You pay 8 times more for a gallon of Grande Latte Starbucks than for a gallon of gaso line.
- It would take more than 150 years for a car to drive to the Sun.
- While 53 percent of car owns wash their cars once a month, 16 percent never wash their cars.
- Red cars are prohibited in Shanghai, China
- Drivers kill more deer than hunters.
- Being used in the movie Gone in 60 Seconds, the 1967 Shelby Mustang GT-500 is recognized as one of the most famous cars in the world ever.
- There's one car per person in the U.S. (including babies).
- The largest number of people stuffed in a Smart Car is 19. Pakistan Crashers man aged to do that at Defence Authority Creek Club in Karachi, Pakistan, on December 15, 2010.
- The biggest speeding fine ever given is \$1,000,000 to a guy who was doing 180 mph in Switzerland. The penalties are based on the speed and the salary of the driver there.
- The average American spends approximately two weeks of his life being stopped at red lights.



**The most expensive car ever sold is the 1931 Bugatti Royale Kellner Coupe with a price of \$8,700,000.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	DATE	THEME	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting	November 21		Dennys
Christmas Party	December 7		Hobeys
Regular Club Meeting	December 19		Dennys

## *The 5 Second Rule!*

Next time you drop your beloved Oreo cookie on the floor, think twice about putting it back in your mouth. We have all heard of the 5 second rule and have probably used it more than once but it isn't real. I know, you just had a traumatic flashback of finding out Santa Claus didn't exist. But unfortunately it's true; germs can get on a piece of dropped food within a millisecond of them hitting the ground. So next time you want to ingest a little salmonella, dirt or e-coli, help yourself to a heaping platter of floor food.



## BIRTHDAYS

### **NOVEMBER**

Joel Trematore	2nd
Dianna Daniels	7th
Rick Stefani	10th
Ken Burney	14th
Kelly Geyer	16th
Dale Lowery	29th



### **DECEMBER**

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

## ANNIVERSARIES



### **NOVEMBER**

Dan Adams & Kathi Juarez	23 yrs
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### **DECEMBER**

Ray & Jan Hollingworth	42 yrs
Joel & Arlene Trematore	43 yrs
Hugo & Susan Tafel	1 yr
Bart & Dianna Daniels	26 yrs

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**NEXT MEETING  
NOV. 21st 7 PM**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 7**