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# PontiAction

## DALE'S STREET ROD



### 1939 Pontiac 2 door

Firebird front and rear end, 326 LeMans V8 engine

I have been contemplating finding a “hot rod” for the last few years. Sometime in 2012 I saw an ad in Smoke Signals for a 1939 Pontiac in Michigan that had been converted into a street rod. My wife informed me I couldn't spend that kind of money on a car and there was no room for it in the garage. I kept an eye on the ad and by September the owner had reduced the price a little; by spring of 2013 he had reduced it a little more. I decided to call him and ask for more photos which he sent and I made an offer which he turned down. (Cont. Page 3)

# PREZ SEZ:

Just a few short days til Fall begins; why does summer seem to just blast by? Haven't had nearly enough free days to cruise the Pontiacs and it's almost time to put them away until Spring.

There was a lucky winner of the card draw at our last meeting; my wife, Jacque, won \$100 (and she didn't offer to share with me!). So we start a new one at the next meeting with the prize at \$50, increasing by \$5 for each unlucky draw. One more great reason to attend our monthly club meetings and buy some raffle tickets.

The All-Pontiac Cruise during HAN was a lot of fun and I hope we will make it a new annual tradition. Luckily I wasn't the only one whose car overheated, or my name might have been mud for slowing everything down. The ice cream at Scoopers definitely capped off the night. Let's have the same great participation for our SSPC showing at the Silverado Casino in Fernley on Sept. 27th. And make sure to mark your calendars for Bowling Night on October 24.

See you at Denny's!

Dale Lowery



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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



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A few more phone calls were made during the year; the owner spent the winter in Florida, and still rejected my offer on the car. Fast forward to April 2014 — the owner called me, said his circumstances had changed and he would accept the price I had offered. My wise wife said I should not buy a car sight unseen and we explored the logistics of flying to Michigan to take a look.

After several more phone calls, I felt really comfortable with the honesty and integrity of the owner (he was retired from the Pontiac plant in Michigan) and made the deal. After he received my cashier's check he even bought a new battery for the car and changed the spark plugs! I found a trucking company to bring the car to Reno and waited somewhat impatiently for all the arrangements to be made. I brought the wife on board with the idea that I could certainly sell the car for a profit if it was not all we imagined it to be.



On the Sunday before Hot August Nights started, the car arrived. We met the truck at the Alamo Truck Stop; they backed it out of the carrier, I jumped in it and headed for the Bonanza Show and Shine! We were both really pleased with the condition of the car; it was all that was promised and more. And, without too much protest, the '39 has replaced my wife's car in the garage. I'm looking forward to doing some minor fun things to the car.



- Dale Lowery

### CAR SHOWS & CRUISES

#### LAST CHANCES BEFORE OLD MAN WINTER ARRIVES!

- SEP 14      Gilson Auto Body Charity SNS, Glendale Avenue, Sparks, 8 A-3P, big raffle, food available, awards, \$25
- SEP 21      Classic Chevy Fall Swap Meet, A&W Reno, 6 A-3 P, Bill 424-3805
- SEP 20      Dayton Valley Days, downtown Dayton, 8:30 A-3 P, entry fee includes t-shirt, poker walk, awards. Dennis 775-246-7283, \$30
- SEP 24-28   Street Vibrations Fall Rally, roadshowsreno.com, 329-7469
- SEP 27      **SSPC CLUB EVENT**—Silverado Classic Car Show, Silverado Casino, Fernley 9 A-3 P, music, raffle, cash awards, \$25
- OCT 3-5      North Shore Run for Fall Colors, car-bike show, cash prizes, poker run, drink deals, Tom 530-541-7300, \$50
- OCT 5        Martins Country Cruise, Smith Valley, Wellington. Music, raffle, awards, \$40
- OCT 10-12   South Shore Classic Show, trophies, poker run, vendors, raffle, Tom 530-541-7300, \$40
- DEC 6        Sparks Hometown Christmas Parade 1 P-3 P

After 35 years of marriage a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, “This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?”

(Wait for it— - - - -)

“Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish.” !!!!

## ALL PONTIAC CRUISE EVENT – A DEFINITE RE-DO!

Tuesday, July 30 the weather cooperated and a great looking group of Pontiacs gathered at A&W in Reno by 6:30PM. What a great night for a cruise. An ALL PONTIAC CRUISE that is! As Todd and I pulled up we were excited to see some fellow Pontiac'ers /invited guests that we'd met at Grand Sierra came to join our local POCI chapter for an All Pontiac Cruise. There were two GTO's, a green '68 and a 1970 HO along with a few Grand Prix's and a yellow '69 Firebird. An excellent turnout for sure, SSPC members and invited guests were gathered in a herd at A&W while the cruise route was determined by the route leaders.

After hanging out for about 20 minutes while introductions were made and everyone checked out the Lowery's new Pontiac we took off in a long line of Pontiacs. From our position, second to the last car, it wasn't originally clear who was leading our parade. Was it Hugo and Susan, Dale and Jacque, or Dave and Carol? It was Dale and Jacque, although we were unsure where they just came from...

We cruised down Plumb Lane to Virginia Street heading to the Peppermill, and then on to the Atlantis. At this point in the cruise most everyone parked their cars in the back of the HAN lot for a few minutes as some of the (un-named) cars were overheating. The Billygoat was parked horizontal across three parking spots and Todd took up two spaces longwise amid other similar parking jobs made among the camaraderie.

After the cars cooled down we hit Kietzke Lane to Sparks and abruptly everyone deserted the Open Cruise on Victorian Avenue in favor of Scoopers. The Open Cruise was crowded and NOT moving!

Arriving at Scoopers I saw a beautiful sight. Pontiacs dominated the parking lot and friends were gathering. There was lots of ice cream and laughter precluding a fun week that most of us look forward to. After leaving Scoopers around 9:30 Todd and I opted to cruise Victorian which had dwindled down considerably to a lot less cruisers but we did see one BAAAD GTO next to us!



**Thank you to Dave and Carol for getting us all together for the HAN club cruise! What a wonderful event and excellent turn-out of members and new Pontiac friends. It was so awesome to see the long line of Pontiacs cruising together. Giving this one a thumbs up as far as events go and really look forward to doing this again in the future.**

— Rhonda Kelly, Activities

**You  
gonna  
drink  
all  
that  
beer?**



**It's hard being the  
President.**



**Question**—I was at a car show recently and met a man with a 1957 Pontiac that was manufactured in Canada. He claimed it was an import and always puts it in the import class at shows. Is it really an import?

**Answer**—The car in question is definitely a foreign vehicle. It wasn't until 1965 that the Auto Pact between the U.S. and Canada opened up tariff-free auto trade of new vehicles, essentially erasing the "foreign" and "domestic" labels between us.

Canadian Pontiacs rode on a shorter-wheelbase chassis shared with Chevrolet, and they had Chevrolet pattern engines built by McKinnon Industries (a subsidiary of GM Canada). They were not "Chevrolet" engines but Canadian Pontiac engines, though that is splitting hairs, really, since most parts were interchangeable.

Interestingly, the bodywork was based on the U.S. Pontiac patterns, modified to fit the Chevrolet chassis. That is because Canada's population was about 1/10th of America's and GM Canada had to find economy of scale in order to make cars even remotely affordable. Even so, cars were (and still are) significantly more expensive in Canada.

(From Hagarty magazine, Summer 2014)

#### **A little HAN Trivia for the Pontiac Club**

-Which member sold one of his cars Friday at the Barrett Jackson Auction?

-Which member won the Dick Gammick Celebrity award at Saturday's Show n' Shine with his "F" car?

-Who was caught sleeping while supposedly guarding three cars in Sparks on Saturday?

-Who was "winking" at everyone while working the Sparks cruise on Thursday?

-Whose grandson knows his Grandpa's car radio is "hot"?

-Who worked the most hours at GSR this year?

-Which one of our SSPC members' alter-ego is Elvis?

-Who show n' shined his Pontiac at home and lost to his truck?

-Who had to go back to the Atlantis after leaving Scoopers to look for their door handle?

-Who got kissed while working the Sparks cruise?

-Who got yelled at by Sparks P.D. while working the cruise?

-Whose car was still cool and flew out the exit of the Atlantis parking lot while everyone else was cooling off their car?

-Who turned 21 during HAN?

-How many people showed up representing the SSPC to work the Sparks Thursday night cruise?

-OK, and who had the best dance moves while working the Sparks Thursday night cruise?

**(The surprising answers will be revealed at the September meeting!)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting	September 18	Dennys
Out of Town Cruise	September 27	Silverado, Fernley
Regular Club Meeting	October 16	Dennys
Bowling Night	October 24	TBA

### Being Old Is Great

An old Woman was asked, "At your ripe age, what would you prefer to get : Parkinsons or Alzheimers?"

The wise one answered, "Definitely Parkinsons - Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle."

## BIRTHDAYS

### *SEPTEMBER*

Kathi Juarez	1st
Jenniver Burmer	6th
Curly Horning	7th
Wally Humphreys	10th
Terri Schuff	17th
Judi Zmak	18th
David Lynch	21st
Hugo Tafel	23rd
David Schuff	25th



### *OCTOBER*

Dwala Mandas	7th
Russ Huggins	10th
Sue Miller	13th
Marianne Judisch	31st

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**NEXT MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 18**

**7:00 PM**

**DENNYS**