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DAVE & CAROL'S PONTIAC GTO



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DAVE'S STORY

I'VE WANTED TO OWN A GTO SINCE I WAS A TEENAGER. MY FRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL HAD A BROTHER WHO OWNED A BLACK 1968 TWO DOOR HARDTOP GTO WITH RED INTERIOR. I WATCHED HIM WIN MANY DRAG RACES! Cont. on Page 3

PREZ SEZ:

Here we are, the end of summer, darn it ! Man that was quick (almost as quick as Brian selling his Grand Prix). I am sure everyone made the most of it and had a great time. Air Races, Hot August Nights, Rib Cook-off, Camping, vacation type trips, Mowing the grass and maybe some Gardening too. But now it's time to get our second wind and celebrate our Club this Saturday. Looks like it will be a great event. A nice local cruise, take in a nice memorabilia display looking back at the last 20 years of our cool club and then burn some rubber over to Idlewild park for a quality BBQ. Soon we will be prepping for the last official events of the year; please step forward and give your thoughts. Many good times were had and let's keep the tires rolling. We have some dough so let's spend a little.



Thanks Everyone, look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting and at the 20 Year Extravaganza.

—Todd



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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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ONE AFTERNOON IN 1996, WHILE EATING LUNCH AT A MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN SAN JOSE, CA, I SAW THIS GTO ON THE STREET WITH A "FOR SALE" SIGN ON IT. IT WAS RED WITH RED INTERIOR AND HAD A WHITE TOP. I CALLED AND WAS ABLE TO TEST DRIVE IT THE NEXT DAY. THE OWNER LIVED IN A TRAILER PARK AND HE SAID HE WANTED TO SELL THE CAR BECAUSE THE DISC BRAKES KEPT FAILING, AND HIS WIFE WAS TIRED OF CURBING IT TO STOP IT. THE OWNER LET ME TAKE IT OUT FOR A SPIN. WHILE STOPPED AT A LIGHT, A GUY IN THE CAR NEXT TO ME ASKED ME HOW MUCH I WANTED FOR THE CAR. I TOLD HIM I WAS BUYING IT! I DROVE BACK TO THE TRAILER PARK AND BOUGHT IT. NEEDLESS TO SAY I DIDN'T TELL THE OWNER THAT SOMEONE ELSE WANTED TO BUY IT WHILE I WAS TEST DRIVING IT!

OVER THE PAST YEARS, I HAD THE BRAKES REPAIRED, THE TIE RODS, BALL JOINTS AND THE TRANSMISSION REBUILT, AND HAD A SHIFT KIT ADDED. I HAD IT PAINTED APRIL GOLD, AND DYED THE INTERIOR SADDLE TAN MYSELF.

CAROL AND I ENJOY DRIVING THIS GTO CONVERTIBLE AROUND TOWN, AND ENJOY THE FEEL AND SOUND OF A REAL MUSCLE CAR. WE FEEL LUCKY TO OWN ONE OF 9,980 1968 GTO CONVERTIBLES PRODUCED.

DAVE SMITH



Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on. The first surgeon, from New York, says "I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything is numbered."

The second, from Chicago, responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surgeon, from Dallas, says "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

The fourth surgeon, from Los Angeles, chimes in "You know, I like construction workers...those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over."

But the fifth surgeon, from Washington, DC, shut them all up when he observed "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains, and no spine...plus the head and the ass are interchangeable!"

Get ready for **Tiger Run 2014** and the **50th Anniversary of the Pontiac GTO!**

NEW CHANGES: We recently conducted a respond-by-vote survey, the results being that we are changing the specific days of Tiger Run. After tallying votes, the final count showed that 65% of those answering the survey voted to have Tiger Run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Sunday available for an extra activity. Read on.

Tiger Run 2014 will be on June 19-20-21 – Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Be sure you have the dates correct when making reservations at the host hotel. Thursday the 19th will be registration and cruise-in to the Pilot Butte Drive-In, Friday the 20th will be the car show and Awards Banquet, and Saturday the 21st will be drag racing in Madras. We will be planning an extra activity for Sunday the 22nd, such as a cruise around the Bend area, maybe to Sisters, Oregon, or other type of activity.

The new Tiger Run host hotel is the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel in Bend, located at 3105 O.B. Riley Rd. – next to the Bend Riverhouse, which was our 2013 host hotel. For host hotel Shilo Inn reservations in Bend, the phone number is 541-389-9600. **Note:** We have negotiated a room rate of either \$117 per night or \$129 per night, plus tax* (see below), depending on the type of room you request. The Shilo, located on the banks of the Deschutes River, is a full service hotel and restaurant. There are over 140 rooms available for our group, and each room overlooks either the Deschutes River, or the outdoor pool and fountain. And, a full hot breakfast is included each morning for hotel guests! Each room also includes a microwave oven, refrigerator, coffee maker, and other amenities. The Shilo also has indoor and outdoor pools, a spa, sauna, steam room, fitness center and guest laundry facilities. Of course, there are additional room charges for such items as extra guests over the room limit, rollaway beds, pets and so forth. Check with the hotel for extra amenities charges. The Shilo will also be our hotel and caterer for the Tiger Run Awards Banquet. We are also contracting for the Shilo Inn to be our 2015 Tiger Run host hotel, as their room rates will rise only 3% over 2014 rates. We hope you will be able to join us for Tiger Run 2014, and help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pontiac GTO!

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I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with your husband. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?"

All the women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, some yesterday, some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: *"I love you, sweetheart."* The women were then told to exchange phones and to read aloud the text message responses.

Here are some of the replies:

1. **Who is this?**
2. **Eh, mother of my children, are you sick?**
3. **I love you too.**
4. **What now? Did you crash the car again?**
5. **I don't understand what you mean?**
6. **What did you do now?**
7. **???**
8. **Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?**
9. **Am I dreaming?**
10. **If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.**
11. **I thought we agreed we would not drink during the day.**
12. **Your mother is coming to stay, isn't she??**

The Pontiac - A Story of Trial and Error

From [Tony and Michele Hamer](#), former About.com Guide

Did you know we have Cadillac to thank for the birth of Pontiac. Actually, we have many people to thank for the birth of Pontiac, but the story begins with two gentlemen – Edward Murphy and Alanson Brush.

Murphy was the founder of Pontiac Buggy Company in Pontiac, Michigan which produced horse-drawn carriages, and was looking to evolve into the automotive age. Brush, who was responsible for the design of early Cadillacs, later became an engineering consultant in Detroit. When the two met in 1906, Brush showed Murphy his design for a small two-cylinder car that Cadillac had rejected. Murphy bought Brush's automotive idea, and decided it should carry the name "Oakland" as did his horse-drawn vehicles.

During the summer of 1907, Murphy organized the Oakland Motor Car Co. His lack of sales with the Oakland, a two cylinder vertical engine that rotated counterclockwise, convinced him that Cadillac might have been right in rejecting the Brush design. In 1909, a line of 40-hp four-cylinder cars with sliding-gear transmissions was introduced, and more successful. Unfortunately, Edward Murphy didn't see the increased sales due to his sudden death in 1908.

Shortly before his passing, Murphy had met with another former buggy man named William C. Durant. Soon afterwards, Oakland became part of Durant's General Motors Empire and its design would evolve under his rule. Oaklands most recognized model was produced in 1924, the "True Blue Oakland Six" which came with a new L-head engine, four-wheel brakes, centralized controls and an automatic spark advance, and painted with a Blue Duco nitro-cellulose lacquer.

In 1926, Alfred R. Glancy, Oakland's assistant general manager introduced the Pontiac - a quality six cylinder engine car designed to sell for the price of a four. This new "companion" car to the Oakland was an instant success and Pontiac had been born!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB EVENT	DATE	THEME	LOCATION
Regular Club Meeting	September 19		Dennys
20th Anniversary Party!	September 21		Hobey's
Regular Club Meeting	October 17		Dennys

LAST CHANCE CAR SHOWS!!

Sept 28: Silverado Casino Classic, Fernley, 9A—3P, \$25.

Sept 27-29: Run for the North Lake Tahoe Fall Colors, \$1500 cash prizes, poker run, more, 530-541-7300, \$50.

Oct. 4-6: Fall Colors Car Show, Bishop, CA, owensvalleycruisers.com, \$60.

Oct. 6: Martin's Country Cruise, Smith Valley, 8A—3P, \$40.

Oct. 11-13: South Tahoe Classic Car, Truck, Heavenly Village, poker run, \$25,000 Raffle, more, 530-541-7300, \$40.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Kathi Juarez	1st
Jennifer Burmer	6th
Curly Horning	7th
Wally Humphreys	10th
Donna Oliver	11th
Terri Schuff	17th
Judy Zmak	18th
David Lynch	21st
Hugo Tafel	23rd
David Schuff	25th



OCTOBER

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



OCTOBER

Hal & Pat Irwin	54 yrs!!
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