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# PontiAction

## MILLER'S

## BONNEVILLE



Was there ever a car you really wanted, but knew you'd never have? Wrong time in your life, or just not enough money? Well, don't give up hope – sometimes stuff happens that you just don't expect.

A classified ad showed up in the local newspaper advertising a "1958 Pontiac Bonneville". No price. Well, if there's no price listed you can bet I couldn't afford it. Weeks later, the ad ran again, but this time it had a "minimum bid: \$9600" note included. For that much, it wasn't likely to be in reasonable shape. Curiosity prevailed, and I called the number listed, which was a lawyer handling a disputed estate case. A lawsuit had been filed and anything with a title would be put up for auction, including the car.

The estate case was to be heard by a judge and interested parties could bid during the proceedings. Each new bid had to be 10% higher than the current bid until all but one bidder either ran out of money, or desire. I was able to authorize the lawyer to bid for me, up to a limit I specified. The lawyer's office was to notify me by phone right after the proceedings if I was the top bidder.

By this time I had had a chance to look at the car – it looked pretty good, and had TRI-POWER and the original Ever-Level (air ride) Suspension . . .WOW!! I really wanted this car now! (Cont. Page 3)

# PREZ SEZ:

Hello Pontiac friends,  
Well another Hot August Nights is in the books. I would like to thank all of you who helped out during HAN whether at GSR or Sparks and some helped with both. Well done. The kick off party was a great time. Thank you Dale and Jacque Lowery for hosting. I think I know where the party should be held next year. Hint, Hint. Just keep the Mai Tais coming. I hope those who attended the summer club meetings in the park enjoyed the change. Maybe we can start that back up again next year. We will be meeting at the usual spot for the rest of the year. It is time to start thinking about the election for club officers for the next term. Nominations will begin in October. Voting will be in November and announcements of the new officers will be at the Christmas Party in December. So, be there or be voted in..... Boy, that last statement should guarantee a record turnout for the next few months. Till then,

MICHAEL BURMER



Keep all four tires on the ground but turning fast. The Prez..

After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said .... "fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 19-year-old girl.

Now .. I have a \$500,000.00 home, a \$35,000.00 car, a King bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 69-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 19-year-old girl and she would "make sure" that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

PontiAction is the official newsletter of the Silver State Chapter of the POCI. I 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



SILVER STATE PONTIACS

## MILLER'S BONNEVILLE (Cont.)

I called home from wherever I was that evening and asked if the lawyer's office had called. They had not. I had lost the car – if only I had bid a little higher . . . how STUPID! I didn't sleep much that night. Not long after getting home the next day I called the lawyer's office and was told that I did get the car! Have you ever thought how nice it would be to crawl through a phone line, and then kiss, then strangle someone? Luckily I was so happy with the news that the negative emotions got lost pretty quickly. As it turned out, had anyone bid one more time, I would have lost out.

Picking up the car was bittersweet. It was in the possession of a grandson of the original owner, who thought it would be his until the lawsuit ruined his plans. He was very gracious about it and even helped me get it started. I drove it home, but I was very happy I had my neighbor following me. The engine ran really rough and the car looked like a low rider – I was wondering how much it was going to cost me when I started to carve off the top layer of Highway 395. Thankfully that didn't happen, but I did pick up fair amounts of gravel in the swiss-cheesed mufflers as I drove in my driveway.

Over the next six years various mechanical repairs were performed, mostly having to do with the air suspension. This system was a large problem when it was introduced by GM and most cars with it were changed back to standard suspension within a year. Working with it on this car helped me understand why. The situation was much worse because parts have been nonexistent for many years.



Finally, in early 2009, work started on the engine to correct two burned valves. Finding "cancer" in one cylinder bore lead to a complete rebuild, a little work on intake and exhaust ports, and balancing to improve airflow and efficiency, in addition to helping the engine run smoother. All three carbs were rebuilt and the 10.5-to- 1 compression ratio was retained via new flat-top pistons. Hardened valve seats were installed to satisfy the suspicion that unleaded gas will cause problems. The Pertronix Breakerless Ignition System and coil were used.

The Transmission was rebuilt by Levrett Transmission. The 3 U-joints were replaced before reinstalling the driveline. The front suspension bushings are unique on this air-suspension car, and exhaustive searching failed to locate any replacements. So, drawings were made from ones good enough to measure, and the bushings were made the old fashioned way – on a lathe, one at a time, by a talented neighbor. All ball joints were replaced, as well as all steering linkage wear parts. All brake hoses and brake shoes were next, along with rebuilding the vacuum-assist power brake unit and wheel cylinders. The original air suspension had done its best, but it was time for it to retire, so a newer version of air suspension was researched, and purchased. The components came from Air Tech. They did not have a bolt-on kit for this car, so the brackets had to be engineered.

After the better part of one year to complete the above projects, it was time to get the car to B & T Custom Rod & Restoration for body work, painting, and some refreshing of the upholstery. They also sent some of the chrome pieces over to ABC Plating to be redone. The original "Calypso Green" main color was used. Then the seats were redone and new carpet and headliner were installed. The original door panels and padded dash were retained. The last step was B & T reassembling all the various parts, both interior and exterior.

At the car's third show and shine, it won the "Best Of Show" award at Hobey's Casino. That was quite an honor. We felt fortunate to have the car before that. We can now also say we're proud to have it.

Mike & Sue Miller





## FROM CAROLYN'S CORNER

Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2011

The 192<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Silver State Pontiac Car Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by our President, Michael Burmer. 22 members were present. He welcomed us all to our first outdoor meeting at Rock Park in Sparks.

### MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE

No minutes were taken at the last meeting as the Secretary was absent. There was no correspondence. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jim Lebar's car. He brought a cake to celebrate. A motion was made to accept the minutes & correspondence.

### NEWSLETTER

Jacque has an article for the next newsletter on a member's car. If anybody has fun stuff or jokes, send them to Jacque.

### WEB PAGE

Hugo reported that if anyone emails him a picture of their car, he will make sure that it gets on the website.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Nowicki read our Treasurer's report. Amounts read for the membership, raffle, fines & our rebate from Denny's. Total income and our ending balance was read. Discussion on letting anyone (other than Pontiac's) joining our club. The argument is that they must join POCI. Why do we have to belong to POCI? Insurance is the answer. Liability on club events. Treasurer's report was approved by the membership. A motion was made for the Club to pay for tonight's food. It was passed by the membership.

### NEW BUSINESS

HAN list is being passed around. Hot August Nights is coming around quickly. Michael announced that we will not be doing the auction as they could not get enough people to volunteer to do it. The HAN t-shirts are ready to be picked up. Rhonda will pick them up. Discussions followed re sign up sheets for working Grand Sierra Resort & Sparks and a sign up sheet was passed around. 500 registrations are still available for HAN.

Discussion on HAN Kickoff party on who would be responsible for cooking the meat because our chief will not be in attendance. Michael volunteered to go to Costco to pick up the meat. A sign up sheet will be passed around for side dishes. The Club will provide the cake & ice cream. Jacque will pass out maps to their house. The theme will be luau. Soda, water and the main course will be provided.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### July Birthdays

Spence Wharton - 17th  
Susan Greco - 20th  
Arlene Trematore - 21st

#### July Anniversaries

Grant/Lisa Pitches 6 yrs  
Rick Stefani & Deb Bartgis—26 yrs  
Mike Nowicki & Symantha Miller - 10

### RAFFLE

Jim Lebar drew the first ticket and will bring the raffle prizes to the August meeting. Other winners include Steve Lang, Todd, Mike Nowicki, Georgia, Ken Burney, Chuck Maze, Galen & Ken Burney (again).

Tickets for Curley's cooler are a buck apiece. It will be at our HAN kickoff party.

Everyone agreed to have our August meeting outside and to start it earlier (6 p.m.) to take advantage of the daylight. We might move the meeting to Coney Island/Spice Island because there is no airplane noise. Michael will call everyone to let us know the location of that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Irwin  
Secretary



## FROM CAROLYN'S CORNER

Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2011

The 193<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Silver State Pontiac Car Club was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by our President, Michael Burmer. He welcomed us all to our 2<sup>nd</sup> outdoor meeting at the Cottonwood Park in Sparks. He thanked everyone that helped at Hot August Nights Sparks and/or Reno. Support Staff shirts were given out to those that participated.



### GRIEVANCES

None except for the windy conditions.

### THANKS & CELEBRATIONS

Ray & Jan Hollingsworth are proud grandparents of a girl born July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE

The July minutes were read and approved. The Hot August Nights Kick-Off party was a success. The weather was great. Photos were taken and will appear in the newsletter. We raised a ton of money for the ice cooler that Curley brought to be raffled off. Also the coin sets. HAN was sold out. The registrations for next year are down from what they have been in the past.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Nowicki read our Treasurer's report. Amounts read for the membership, raffle, fines. Total income and our ending balance was read including the amount raised for Curley's ice chest. We anticipate getting the check from HAN for volunteering in the next few weeks. The Secretary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Jacque Lowery.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### ACTIVITIES

No Activities Director has been nominated yet. Diane said that the contract from Elk's Club for our Christmas party will be sent to us shortly. Michael is going to try to put together a cruise or a treasure hunt since we aren't doing a car show this year. Suggested going to the drive-in to see a show as we have done in the past. A \$5 donation was suggested to cover the costs of tonight's dinner.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### August Birthdays

Jim LeBar 2nd  
 Joe Schenck 11th  
 Jacque Lowery 16th  
 Lynn Burney 21st  
 Gary Geyer 22nd  
 Marianne Judisch 22nd  
 Georgia Maze 23rd  
 Michele Schenck 27th

#### August Anniversaries

Mike & Judi Zmak 43 yrs  
 Chuck & Georgia Maze 41 yrs  
 Galen & Marianne Judisch 48 yrs  
 Dale & Jacque Lowery 42 yrs

Cookies were passed around to everyone.

### RAFFLE

Hugo won the first number drawn. He will bring the raffle prizes to the September meeting at Denny's. Other winners were Chuck Maze, Mike Nowicki, Jim Mandis, Ken Burney, Cindy Rentsch & Georgia Maze.

### FINES

The first fine went to Brian Cunningham because he didn't drive his car to the HAN Kick-Off party. Judy & Mike Zmak for not being at the party. Jim Mandis won an award at HAN. Not driving a Pontiac tonite. The VP for being late. Not volunteering at GSR or Sparks. Judy for answering her cell phone. Ray for being a grandfather.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Irwin, Secretary

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CLUB EVENT

Regular Club Meeting  
 Kruise N Shine, Sneakers  
 Time 2 Put'em Away, Grumpy's  
 Owens Valley Show  
 Regular Club Meeting

## DATE

September 15th  
 September 25th  
 September 25th  
 Sept 30, Oct 1-2  
 October 20th

## LOCATION

Denny's  
 Stead  
 Sparks  
 Bishop  
 Denny's

My forgetter's getting better  
 But my rememberer is broke.  
 To you that may seem funny,  
 But, to me, that is no joke.  
 For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
 If I really should be 'there'  
 And when I try to think it through  
 I haven't got a prayer!  
 Oft times I walk into a room  
 Say 'what am I here for?'  
 I wrack my brain, but all in vain  
 A zero is my score!

At times I put something away  
 Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
 The person it is safest from  
 Is, generally, me!  
 When shopping I may see someone  
 Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
 Then, when the person walks away  
 I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'  
 Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
 While my rememberer is broke,  
 And it's driving me plumb crazy  
 And that isn't any joke.

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

Kathi Juarez	1st
Lisa Pitches	5th
Jennifer Burmer	6th
Curly Horning	7th
Wally Humphreys	10th
Donna Oliver	11th
Terri Schuff	17th
Judi Zmak	18th
David Lynch	21st
Julia O'Brien	21st
Hugo Tafel	23rd
David Schuff	25th
Angela Davis	25th



### OCTOBER

Dwala Mandas	7th
Grant Pitches	22nd
Galen Judisch	31st

## ANNIVERSARIES

### SEPTEMBER

Norm & Linda Okada	31 yrs
Spence & Janet Wharton	

### OCTOBER

Hal & Pat Irwin	52 yrs
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