

NEXT CLUB MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 pm, SPECIAL LOCATION!

(see below for details)

Valley of the Goats

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Letter from the Editor

I'm writing this after my recent vacation to Homer, Alaska. In addition to sharing good times with family (parent's 50th wedding anniversary and Father's Day), I checked out the local bone yards. The car of choice in Alaska is the Subaru – strong, hardy, and plenty of extra parts available. Not too many Pontiacs, other than a ratty 50s-era Pontiac Woody wagon I found in the back yard of a local gift shop. The owner was clearly a Chevy fan, with a bunch of '57s in various states of restoration. He has a 57 fuelie Corvette inside that had been restored.

In Homer, cars basically find their final resting place on the side yard of the house. The weed growth tells you how long they have been there. And the rust – its everywhere.

I'm looking forward to attending the POCI Nationals in Ontario, Calif., next week. Hope to see you there.

— *Mark Neumann*



News Notes

• **This month's meeting: pizza, movie, gearheads:** what could be better than a slice of pizza, a movie about muscle cars, and hanging with Pontiac lovers? Not much. So find out for sure this Wednesday at our monthly Cactus GTO Club meeting. "Finish Line: A Cruise Down Memory Lane" is being provided by club member Dan Huskinsson. **Free pizza and soda pop available to make the party complete.** We will meet at Truly Nolen (Scott Svenheim's workplace near 40th St & Van Buren) 307 N Gateway Blvd., Phoenix. Scott's cell (if you should get lost) is 480.225.6084
Come check it out, enjoy some pizza, and catch up on Club happenings for this summer. **THIS WEDNESDAY – DON'T MISS IT!**
Directions: Go to www.cactusgto.com for a detailed map. Want more info on the movie? Visit the website: <http://www.finishlinemovie.com>. Please RSVP to Scott or Thom if you plan on attending so we can get enough to eat.

• **Valley loses big Pontiac fan.** Bill Ruminer, a fixture in Pontiac circles in the Valley, died May 30 at the age of 67. Bill, a retired airline pilot, was a regular at Pontiac night at the Pavilions, an active member of the Desert Renegades chapter of POCl, and always at the various Pontiac shows around the Valley with "Pinky" or one of his other restored Pontiacs

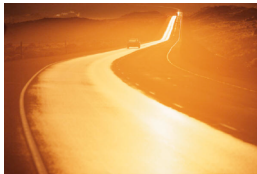
Do you want to be part of the '07 GTO Club Calendar?

Organizer Scott Svenheim needs photos of your favorite GTO...ASAP! The clock is ticking away and there is quite a bit of lead time needed to get these calendars out.

We need digital photos only, please. Contact Scott if you have any questions.

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From the Driver's Seat...

June 2006

From a number of the e-mail messages I have been getting lately, I see that many of us have headed elsewhere for at least a little while. Our club members are to be found in various places, including the Midwest and even as far away as Alaska. I don't suppose that this has anything to do with the arrival of 100+ temperatures?

Well, for those of us who are staying around, we are trying some events which are a bit different.... we managed to stay cool inside the movie theater at the Pavilions seeing "Cars" and I think that most all of the 23 people who were there (including some grandchildren) had a good time. I certainly want to get a CD so I can re-examine scenes that had a lot going on and I'm sure I missed some funny background details. Probably the only negative for me was the lack of Pontiac or GTO presence. The people who put this together seemed to have been quite a Molar group, I think.

May's run up Yarnell hill was fun for those who participated, although we only had a seven cars showing. June Smith even brought their '05 by herself since Tim could not make it. Elly and I continued on to Prescott for the car show up there, which was very good. Since it is put on by the local street rod group, they have restricted entries to 1959 and older, so we would not be able to show cars there. If you'd like to see some really nice '30's - '50's rods, though, I can recommend this as a good show to see.

Speaking of shows.... There are two coming up that we might want to consider for making a good Cactus GTO's showing. In August, there is the annual Car & Antique Engine show up in Prescott, which is a very good show but has not had much of a GTO

presence before. Would someone like to be the leader of a breakfast cruise (to Rock Springs, perhaps) and then up to the Prescott show? **Please let me know if you'd like to organize and lead this. Leadership Opportunity!! J**

Also, KOOL radio and Channel 3 are promoting a big (they hope) show for October 21st at the new Arizona Cardinals stadium. Disc jockey Lee Bortel of KOOL 94.5 FM has asked for comments and suggestions on show time, format, etc. and I had a preliminary discussion with him a few months ago. Lee sent me a preliminary show promotional flyer and I have forwarded it to several of our more active club members for comments. I also forwarded it to several other car clubs in town for comments and suggestions. Perhaps at our June meeting we can discuss whether we would like to make this an event to make a big GTO showing?

Don't forget.... Another car-oriented movie as well as pizza & soda at the June meeting!! We will meet at Truly Nolen instead of the usual meeting place - Truly Nolen's offices are on the north side of Van Buren, just west of 44th St. in Phoenix. Same time - 7 PM.

Please let George & Janie Benavides know if you are planning on attending the July 15th summer pool party at their house: 8810 W Hatcher Rd., Peoria, AZ 85345; phone: 623-594-1501 e-mail: ghb02@cox.net, and make plans for Cactus GTO bowling night on Aug. 19. All for now...see 'ya at the next meeting!!

■ *Thom Mohr*

MEET OUR MEMBERS

We often hear that one of the best things about the Cactus GTO's club is meeting other members and their families. There are some really nice folks and quite a few new members involved in our activities but never enough time to really get to know them. It was always popular when the newsletter featured a story about some member so we're thinking of doing it on a regular basis. There's a reason that each person joined and we'd like to know your story. Don't worry about the format, it can be a few lines or as much interesting information as you'd like to share. Just write and we'll put it in shape for the newsletter. We'll get your OK before we publish it. Here are some possible things that you could tell us:

1. Members of your family, wife, kids ages, interests.
2. When/where you got interested in GTOs (or other cars)
3. Describe your car(s) and other interesting cars you've had
4. Is there something special you're looking for, a favorite? Why?
5. Your occupation, other interests & hobbies
6. What can you offer other club members? (skills, parts, tools, advice, "show & tell" a collection, a place for a club party, car storage space etc.)
7. Your favorite club events
8. Things you'd like to have the club do, ideas for future activities
9. Are you looking for particular car, parts or help with something?
10. Experiences that others may enjoy hearing about...you all have them! Stories about your childhood, places you've been, people you've met (especially with your car).

Just e-mail your info (don't forget to include your name) to Elly MYLLE1@juno.com or mail it to 5546 Shangri-la Scottsdale, AZ 85254 or bring it to the next meeting you attend.

Cactus GTO - Monthly Meeting Minutes – 05/31/06

Pres. Thom Mohr called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Member Introductions were made; 17 members in attendance – no new members.

• Treasurer's Report: Elly Mohr –

Checking = \$647.04 Savings = \$7831.39

• Secretary Report: Scott Svenheim – reviewed minutes from April meeting.

Tom did a review of past month's activities:

- Yarnell Cruise – 8 cars, good day. Thom & Elly went on to Prescott car show

- Firebird Drags – Three people showed, Camaro club was a no-show. Discussion was held that directions needed to be better and that 6 pm start time was too early – 8PM next time (IF) would be better.

• AZ Auto Hobbyist Council report: Dan Huskinsson

The last meeting of the year was held at an auto museum on Greenway Road. Dan Huskinsson. reported a good time even though no Cactus GTO members attended. Dan mentioned that the Sept. meeting, the first for 2006-07, would be at held at the AAHC's regular monthly meeting location, Sanderson Ford. He would get more info to pass along at the next meeting.

Upcoming Activities –

- Attending the CARS movie – Saturday, June 10th @ the Pavilions UA Theater. Thom suggested attending as a club activity, he would find out details and times.

- Breakfast cruise to Christopher Creek – Thom polled group about a breakfast cruise to Christopher Creek in June. Idea was given a 'thumbs down,' too hot and gas prices too expensive.

- "Finish Line, A trip down memory lane" - Dan H. spoke about the DVD he purchased and suggested it for an activity for the June 28th monthly meeting. It was discussed and decided we would hold the June meeting at the Truly Nolen location and those who wish to stick around after, watch the movie on the big screen. The club will furnish pizza and pop. Scott will notify Denny's that we will not be there in June.

- July 15th – Annual GTO Club Summer Pool Party – 2 PM start - At George B.'s place, the menu will include pulled-pork.... more info to come.

- August 5th – Prescott Antique Auto Club Annual Car Show, Parts Exchange, Old Engine Fire-Up. Flyers distributed at meeting. Breakfast at Rock Springs Café and then a run up to the show. - August 19th – Bowling night TBA Thom will send out email detailing upcoming activities.

Other Business

- Website – Scott presented items from website, notified group of the 'killing' of the Forum, due to lack of use and large number of spammers signing up.

- Information was presented on car nut artist and leather dealer. No interest...by those in attendance.

National Car Shows: POCI Nationals, Ontario, Calif. – 6/27-7/2

- Discussed 2007 Club Calendar – group discussed having a calendar in 07, need to get sponsors, promos. Hold order to 250-300. Scott will do calendar again. Thom will draft a letter to send to Pontiac dealers to determine interest in sponsoring. Scott will call FX Printing to get estimate. Need to have September cut-off to get calendars. Need to get pictures (digital) ASAP. Scott will put a promo on the site.

- Cruisin' Arizona site still open. Desert Cruiser's site added to our link page and we are now listed on theirs.

- 50/50 won by Mark Delano

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

—Scot Svenheim, Secretary

KEEP OUR CLUB ON THE RIGHT TRACK!! 2006 yearly dues are needed to keep club activities on track. Your \$12 annually helps the Cactus GTO club fund this newsletter, cover our donations to charity, and pay for special events. IT'S YOUR CLUB - HELP SUPPORT IT! Go to our website at www.cactusgto.com to download a membership form.

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