



January 2015 Newsletter

January Meeting:

Members present : Phil & Sandy Newell, Mike Archambault, John Paval, Darrel Holmes, Rick Torres, Ted Hansen, Mike Hart, Robin Kurth, Jim Carmon, Dan & Sharon Irwin. Guest: Tom Dias.

The club Secretary Terry Trimble was not present, but the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, however, Rick asked that the minutes and the newsletter include the date, time, and location of the next club meeting.

Longtime club member Roy Sharpe has always handled getting the club meetings mentioned in the Sacramento Bee and we'd like to thank Roy for doing this for the club. The meeting information is also always available on the club's website as well as on the club's Facebook and Google+ pages.

As mentioned last month, longtime Tri-Power President John Gilbert has stepped down from the position for personal reasons. We'd once again like to thank John for all that he has done for the club over the years! With the vacant Tri-Power President position, John Paval and Dan Irwin "threw their names in the hat" for a vote to fill the position in the interim until the annual officer position election process begins in May. With 12 voting members present, the results ended in a tie. The tie-breaker was literally putting both names in a hat and having someone pull one of the names from the hat. John Paval's name was pulled, so he is now a Tri-Power President of the Northern California GTO Club. Congratulations John! He is very thankful to be voted in and brings experience to the table from other clubs he's been part of and community work he's done. John has worked for big car-makers in the past and always has trivia and fun facts items to share with the club. He's proposing that the club does more functions, such as car cruises, wine tastings, and picnics each month.

Our guest Tom Dias has a 1966 GTO that he's owned for around 30 years and he's looking for assistance with restoring it. Club member Gordon Hunt has recently restored a 1966 GTO convertible, so he'd be a great resource for Tom. While at the meeting, Tom generously donated a GTO Restoration Guide to the club since he had an extra copy. Thanks Tom! We look forward to seeing you and your car at future meetings/events!

New club member Ted Hansen, who joined the club with his 2006 GTO, just recently purchased a 1974 GTO. We're excited to have a 1974 GTO in the club and we look forward to seeing it at club events soon!

While talking about his recently purchased 1974, Ted mentioned that it has an oil leak from the main seal. This led to a discussion about main seal replacements which led to a discussion about motor oil and oil pressure. The topic of motor oil is very complicated and we'd like to continue the discussion. Please see our Facebook page for the motor oil survey post we're asking everyone to respond to. We'll continue our motor oil discussion at the next club meeting.

Rick mentioned that neither Pontiac Enthusiast nor High Performance Pontiac magazines exist anymore. POCI has added some of the High Performance magazine's staff to their Smoke Signals magazine team and has increased the content in Smoke Signals to fill the void left by the exit of the other magazines.

During our segment of "John Paval's Show and Tell", John shared with us that he recently read and highly recommends Jim Wangers' book "Glory Days, When Horsepower and Passion Ruled Detroit" and during his sharing he had the following trivia question for a fact he learned from the book: What was John DeLorean's salary while running Pontiac Motor Division before he moved to Chevrolet in February 1969? Answer: \$650,000 per year while being the youngest president in the automotive industry – Wow!

There was a discussion about making sure we display the club banner when showing our cars as a club. The idea of having a club flag to fly in convertibles when the club participates in parades (such as the Veteran's Day parade several members participated in this past November) was also mentioned. We would need to have a flag made, so this should go up for a club vote.

News and Things:

The Club's membership application is in need of some updating now that the ByLaws have been revised. John Gilbert had started working on this and John Paval will work with him to get this completed.

Club shirts, jackets, and hats: Rick Torres will check in with John Gilbert about getting things together for producing these items.

Next Club Meeting:

Saturday February 7th, 2015 at 11:00AM at Vintage Ford - 2484 Mercantile Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

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