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NEXT MEETING March 13th 2024

@ Maria Bonilla Mexican Kitchen, 2708 E Ft Lowell Rd eat 6pm, meeting 7pm



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EDITOR'S REPORT

Hello Ponti-ackers."

Sorry for the lateness of this issue. MATO was very good and the weather in Yuma was great.

Been busy lately with work and clubs. We are going forward with the Fiero chapter and getting some very positive results. Our emphasis is on Fieros and youth. We will see how this plays out. The BOP-C& GMC show just ended and very positive for Pontiac's.

We ran a slide show of MATO at the meeting. Next month we will cover the BOP-C& GMC show.

See Ya at the meeting.

Dave

Happy Birthday.

Dwayne Shumaker March 4

Christine Francis March 14

Joe Findysz March 15

Marguerite Hahn March 19

Barryu Sparks March 24

Anniversaries.

Mike & Robin Hurley March 8

If you want your special day listed please
contact me! alpdavegre@msn.com

**DUES ARE DUE
PLEASE PAY THEM
ASAP IF THEY ARE NOT
PAID THIS WILL BE
YOUR LAST HOT AIR
PLEASE DON'T LET THIS
HAPPEN!**



**2024
CLUB OUTINGS AND
OTHER EVENTS
OFFICIAL CLUB EVENTS**

***Little Anthony's daytime
car show March 23rd 10-2pm
show up by 9:30 for parking***

**April 6th Chevy Show at Desert Diamond
in Suaharita invites all GM products to
attend their show**

Other Events

More info found at cruisinarizona.com and
desertcruisers.com

Little Anthony's Car Show

Freddy's Oracle Cruise-in, first three
Friday nights 6-8pm. Last Saturday of the
month is a car show 4-9pm

11143 N Oracle Rd.

Crown Concepts Cars & Coffee @ Top Golf
Costco Drive near Orange Grove and
Thornsdale. Every first Saturday of the
month.

Cars & Coffee Car Show: Lowe's Center, Ina
& Thornsdale, Second Saturday of every
Month 7am-9:30am.

Late night shopping and car show Speedway
Antique Mall, 5045 E Speedway Blvd. 6-8pm

***Please check on the availability of these
shows.***

All events listed are in Tucson except noted.
***Let me know if there are more shows close to
Tucson***

**July 15-20 52nd Annual POCI
International Convention
Springdale, Arkansas**

**Please consider running
for a position**

**Election time for our club
Please consider running for
the position of president,
the position of vice-
president.**

**The position of treasurer
and editor are not up for
election at this time.**



FOR SALE AND WANTED

These ads will run for 2 months then be deleted so contact the editor before this deadline
Dave Green alpdaevegre@msn.com 520-747-2901

FOR SALE:

1986 Fiero SE V-6 AT parts car.\$ 700 or offer. Clear title Dave Green, 520-904-7325.

1964 Tri-Power manifold and carbs. Jack, 507-491-4885.

Mid-'70s-era Custom finned wheel covers, 15 inch, set of four, OEM. Call 520-250-9676.

Pontiacs for sale: 1969 Firebird 400, \$40,000 OBO; 1965 LeMans 2-door HT, roller, \$5,000 OBO; 1965 LeMans convertible, \$5,000 OBO; 1976 Formula 400, 4-speed, \$21,000; 1973 Trans Am, 455 4-speed, \$20,000 OBO. Bill Speer, 520-490-9097.

1955 Pontiac parts: Engine, P.S. column, front clip, bumpers. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

1970 LeMans Sport front clip: fenders, hood, grille, radiator support, etc. Complete, \$1,500 or better offer. Richard Johnson, 208-520-8022.

NON-PONTIACS for sale: 1986 Lincoln Continental, 56k orig miles, second owner, nice; 2004 Ford Thunderbird convertible, red w/ black interior, 61K miles; 1996 Ford F150 4x4, 300cid 6-cyl, 5-speed manual, camper shell; vintage Volvo parts. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

For Sale 1965 tri-power manifold and carbs for parts \$250 or offer. Can send pictures. Contact Dave Green 520-904-7325 leave message.

For Sale 1988 Fiero Gt with 3.4 ltr engine. Lot of extra factory options. Comes with extra parts \$21,500. Contact Bob Anderson 520-396-4079. photos available. rande3772@aol.com

2006 GTO BUCKET SEATS 6-WAY POWER with attached wiring and pigtails. *Hot Rod Magazine* said these are the most comfortable bucket seats ever produced by GM - \$500.00 FOR EVERYTHING. LES: 520-744-3939. LEAVE A MESSAGE, IF NO ANSWER. I WILL CALL YOU BACK ASAP. These are very nice seats. Prices of other aftermarket or OEM SEATS. Brackets and wiring are all extra. Once you sit in them, you'll want them for your project. LOCAL PICK-UP ONLY. LES 520-744-3939 - \$500.00 – N/W Tucson, near Marana.

WANTED:

Tilt steering column to fit 1966 full-size Pontiac. Dave Green, 520-904-7325.

1964 LeMans 2-door roller wanted for race car, have a 1963 LeMans race car roller to trade. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

Oh Brother Do as I Say, Not as I Do

by Randy Rogers

Okay club members, I have a “yarn to spell”, a story to tell! Please forgive me, but the object of this story is not a Pontiac, nor is it a GMC. It is however, a GM product, a 1997 Chevy C1500 Silverado



pick-up truck that I inherited from my Dad. When I took possession of this truck in 2017 I had been doing all the maintenance on it including oil and filter changes, coolant flushes, brake fluid flushes, tune-ups, chassis and suspension lubrication, and whatever else was due. After my Dad passed in 2008, my Mom offered the use of this truck to any family member who had a need. “Just fill the tank when you’re done”. I brought the truck home to my fleet in the summer of 2017. I schedule all the maintenance on my vehicles at the end of the year, November thru January. Last year, Dad’s truck was due a coolant flush and a tranny fluid change with filter. This year, the truck was due a spark

plug service (remove, check and re-gap), plus a brake fluid flush. I do brake fluid flushes on all my vehicles every three years. Your life literally depends upon the health of your brake system, so you better take care of that system.

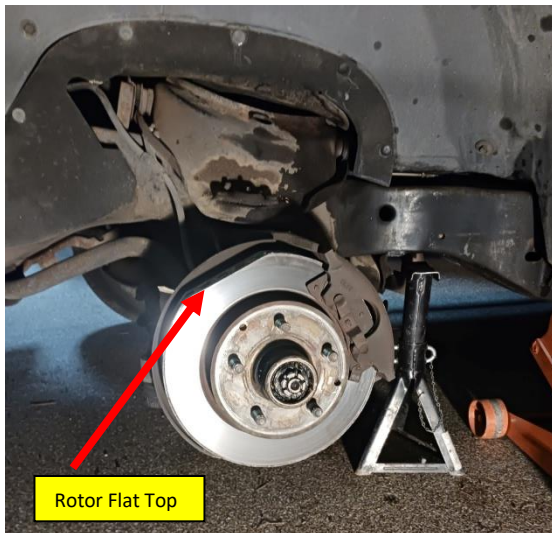
The spark plugs looked fine and were burning clean and still held their correct gap. The Chevy 4.3 liter Vortec V-6 with throttle body injection is a great little engine. Moving on to the brakes, I have a set procedure that I use to accomplish this task. I first drain the master cylinder, then refill it with new DOT 3 fluid, then bleed the master cylinder to get all the air out. Then, starting at the driver’s side rear, I bleed each brake until I see clear, new fluid and continue in a counter clockwise direction until I end up at the driver side front. I have installed speed bleeders on all my vehicles so brake jobs are a one person effort, no need to bother my wife. At each corner of the truck, I jack the vehicle up, remove the wheel, bleed the brake, replace the wheel and lug nuts, lower the vehicle to the ground, and then, using a torque wrench, I snug up the lug nuts to 130 ft-lbs. I then move to the next wheel and repeat the sequence. I have been doing this brake service for more than 50 years and have never had a problem. After I completed this service I parked the truck back in our main garage.

Three days later I had to make a run to Autozone for parts and supplies. I decided to take my four large containers of used motor oil to drop off at Autozone and therefore chose to drive the truck. I drove out our gate, turned east on Sahuarita Rd., then north on Houghton Rd. This was Sunday just after noon and traffic was pretty light. This stretch of Houghton has a speed limit of 50 but I follow everybody else and do 55. About two miles north of Sahuarita, with three vehicles approaching me in the southbound lane, without any advance warning, the driver’s side corner of the truck suddenly took a nose dive and the truck violently veered into the opposing lane. This was accompanied with the loud sound of grinding metal. I was able to steer the truck back into my lane and then began to gently apply the brakes and pull off to the side of the road. When the truck came to a stop, the reality of what happened finally registered. I HAD LOST MY FRONT WHEEL. THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF SOMETHING I MESSED UP!

I sat there for a minute or two waiting for my heart rate to return to normal. I then got out of the truck to assess the damage. I looked south on Houghton and saw about five vehicles pulled over, all with brake

lights on. I started walking towards them and after I had gone about fifty yards I heard someone calling my name. It was a neighbor. He had seen my truck and wanted to help. He drove me the rest of the way to the parked cars. As I began that walk I noticed all the cars leave except for two. When I got up to those vehicles, I noticed that the lead vehicle was a Tesla and that it sported some damage to the driver's door and the adjacent quarter panel. There was a young male behind the wheel and I knocked on his window to ask him if he was okay. He was fine. He was involved with his onboard camera system, trying to remember how to rewind it. He got out and we exchanged insurance information. He even spent 10 minutes walking the road with me trying to find my errant wheel/tire. After my tire hit his car he watched it continue north on the west side of Houghton. I thanked him for his help and told him how sorry I was to cause him this trouble.

I walked the west shoulder of Houghton all the way north to my truck without catching a glimpse of my wheel/tire. There is a cattle fence about 30 feet to the west of Houghton, I walked west to that fence line and then turned south. About 60 yards south of my truck I found my wheel/tire lying underneath a Mesquite tree. There appeared to be no damage to the wheel or tire. I rolled it out to the road and then rolled it across the road and back to my truck. I had just reached my truck when a blue Chevy Silverado



pick-up rolled to a stop behind my truck. A guy in his 30's stepped out and said "looks like you could use some help". Where do all these nice people come from? We both took a detailed look at the damage to my suspension and it looked like the damage had been confined to my rotor, which now sported a nice flat spot. The brake caliper looked fine, we did not see any angular deflection of the spindle that holds the hub and rotor. The stamped, thin wall dust shield that sits behind the rotor was torn and bent on the bottom, but I was able to bend that out of the way. He helped me jack up the truck and I replaced the wheel on the hub. I gave it a spin and it spun smoothly without any noise. I borrowed a lug nut from each of my remaining wheels and snugged those up real good. He told me to drive the truck forward slowly while he listened and watched for any wobble, everything seemed okay. He offered to follow me home. I

drove home at 30 mph without any further excitement. I waved a big thanks to my friend in the blue Silverado.

Hey club members, I was really lucky the way this accident played out. It could have been so much worse. What if my tire had bounced up and gone through someone's windshield? What if I had not been able to maintain steering control to guide my truck out of the opposing lane of traffic? What if that



young kid had panicked and jammed on his brakes causing a triple rear-ender accident? The much more basic question is how did this happen? There are only two ways you can lose a wheel off the spindle. The most likely error, and the one I fell victim to, was not tightening the lug nuts. The other is forgetting to replace the cotter pin on the castle nut that hold the disc brake

rotor and hub on the spindle. I have promised my wife Virginia that I will now use a physical check sheet when I do my brake servicing. It is hard for me to admit it, but at age 76, I guess I have lost some of my cognitive powers. I don't know what caused my inattentiveness that day I finished up my brake flush service, but you can rest assured I will not let it happen again. Happy wrenching!

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