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Upcoming Events

September 17 – Sunday

Colorado Rockies vs San Diego Baseball Game

1:10 pm

The Pontiac Club has 20 tickets to the Rockies game on Sunday, September 17 at 1:10 vs. the San Diego Padres. These are in Section 148 rows 16 and 17, which is the third base side, mid out field. They should be in the shade about midway through the game. **Best of all, they are free.** They are available on a first-come first-serve basis, limit of two per person.

If you would like to go, email Bret Johnson at abcs2304@q.com.

October Event – Auto body paint work shop session in Colorado Springs

RON CARPENTER

In early August, Ron called me because he heard I had fractured my hip and he wanted to know how I was getting along. Typical Ron, fighting his own battle with cancer and he is concerned about the welfare of someone else. Ron said that he was having trouble getting to the garage because he was exhausted and having trouble breathing. Ron lost his battle on August 21 and left a good family, a lot of friends, and many good memories behind.

Ron was the ideal car club member; he was an active member. He was involved in POCI at national and local levels, AAOC, and VMCCA. He shared his interest in cars by helping others all over the world with old car problems. About two years ago, Ron got

a neglected Oakland back into running condition for the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver. A request for help with a car always got a positive response.

I met Ron in the late 70's at a Colorado POCI meeting and the main item on the agenda was to plan events for the year. There was a date in June selected to hold a car show and the lady with the calendar said, 'that's Father's Day.' Ron responded with, 'that's a great day for a car show.'

I would bet the Ron is looking for John Sawruk to talk about the Oakland at the Forney Museum.

THERE WAS NO COLLECTOR CAR COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST, so meeting minutes

And now, you know the Rest of the Story

By Gary Canady

During World War II, the three Goldberg brothers left the family-owned automotive garage in the Detroit area to serve in the military. Norman, the oldest of the three, served four years as a Refrigeration Specialist in the Army Quartermaster Corps. He was a good auto mechanic and was well trained in the Army. During his tour in the Army, Norman maintained refrigeration units in military posts throughout the world.

The three brothers were proud of their service in the military and wanted to make a contribution to the country that had supported them during the war. When the three were discharged, they returned to the family business and began developing an idea of Norman's; a development that would improve life for Americans.

In 1948, the idea had been turned into a tangible product. In August, the three brothers had an appointment with Henry Ford. Upon their arrival at the World Headquarters of Ford Motors, they were invited to Mr. Ford's office. They declined to enter Ford's office and invited Henry to come out to the parking lot. Even though it was close to 100 degrees in Detroit, Mr. Ford accepted their offer.

The four walked to Norman Goldberg's shiny black 1948 Ford Sedan. The car was locked and there was a thermometer hanging on the mirror; the thermometer indicated 135 degrees inside the car. They got into the car and Norman started it. After starting the car, Norman's younger brother turned on their development: they had developed the automotive air conditioner. The car cooled down immediately and Henry Ford was very impressed. Henry said their development was fantastic and he invited them to his office for a discussion.

Upon arriving at his office, Henry said, "I will pay \$3 million dollars for your patent." The brothers refused his offer, stating that this was their contribution to America and they were not interested in making money from the development. All the brothers wanted were to have their name, Goldberg, on the air conditioner. Henry Ford informed the brothers that the only name on a Ford automobile would be 'FORD'. The brothers thanked Mr. Ford and got up to leave his office.

Mr. Ford asked the three to sit down and talk – he said that a compromise could be worked out. Mr. Ford had a pitcher of ice tea brought to his office and the talk began. After three hours, there was an agreement that the Ford Motor Company would donate

\$3 million dollars to a charity of the Goldberg's choice and the first names of the Goldberg brothers would be on every air conditioner built. In exchange, the Goldberg brothers would sign over the rights to the air conditioner.

Since that meeting in Detroit on a hot, muggy day, every automotive air conditioner produced bears the names of the three Goldberg brothers. Yes, every air conditioner produced has their first names on it in capital letters: **LO NORM MAX**.

And now, you know the Rest of the Story! You should also know that this story is not factual or of any historic value – but it is funny. Actually, I think the automotive air conditioner was developed by Chrysler and Walter P. Chrysler did not know the Goldberg brothers.

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For Sale. '64 4bbl carb & manifold \$50, 4-15x7 Rallye wheels \$100, 389 crank,'57 short block \$100, 57/'58 AFB carb \$25, '55 Hydramatic \$200, '67/68 Firebird side glass and wing glass, misc. 63 & 64 Pontiac and '67/68 Firebird parts, Chevy Edelbrock Torker 4bbl for small block \$50 Harlan Smith 970-352-6206.

.For Sale: 1967 Bonneville fender shirts and '63 GP right fender. Contact Lee at 303 751-6823.

For Sale: 1955 Pontiac Star Chief Catalina, 2door hard top, rust free, excellent paint, leather upholstery, ss skirts, lighted hood ornament, runs excellently. Bob Murphy 970 222-6047

For sale, 68 Firebird 400 convertible. It has the original 400 (YT), TH400 (PY), and 2.56 rear. Aegena blue, parchment interior, white top. Power windows, A/C (now Vintage Air), Bird Glass, Power brakes, front discs, console. Hood tach (not on invoice). High quality and complete, not a new restoration, shows well. 95,000 miles. \$35,000. Call or text Travis for more info, 970-222-8579..



For Sale: Parts for 1967 Catalina front clip, nos brake drums, distributor, clock, chrome trim and more. Ross Richardson, 303 3666175.

For Sale : I am parting with my 64 Catalina Sport Coupe. The car restored in 2006 in Orlando Florida. Original Florida car with factory a/c converted over to R134 but needs a new Sanden compressor.I had new 4 wheel disc brakes installed in Spring 2016.Car has 1973 GTO YS400 and TH-400 trans and 4 new tires. Clevite High Performance Cam, HEI to name a few. Car is faster than my 67 GTO but drives beautifully in traffic as a grocery getter. A few 2006 restoration photos are on my facebook album here:https://www.facebook.com/michael.mcmillan.902/media_set?set=a.113863150190.199076.501740190&type=3

I have over \$28,000 invested, my "Happy price" is \$22K, but I am open to offers between that and \$18K.

Current NADA value here: <http://www.nadaguides.com/Classic-Cars/1964/Pontiac/Catalina/2-Door-Hardtop/Values>

Mike McMillan 303 619-8962

For Sale: 1936 Pontiac Silver Streak, 4 door sedan, 6 cylinder. Restored 30 years ago, solid rust-free body, good chrome. Randy Sadler, (303) 330-3479

