

# TRANS-SCRIPT

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Trans Am Club of America, Golden State Chapter, Inc.

The meeting was held at Lumberjacks Restaurant 5820 Madison Ave Sacramento and the meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Sgt. of Arms Brian Rankin

Member Presents where – Don Scalise, Terry Trimble, Jim Nakata, Petra Martinez, Brian Rankin, Ted Bechtel, Ken Lazzarini, Robert & Fay Holland, David Tan

One guest – Linda Riley, she let us know she was selling a 1996 Trans Am that needs work, once she sends me information and pictures I will post it on our FB page.

There were no corrections to the July 2022 minutes in the News Letter, Jim Nakata made a motion to accept the minutes and Robert Holland seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

## Treasurers report –

The Treasurer's report as of 8/11/22

Bank balance -----\$1,475.28

Deposits from Dues where \$40.00

Expenses - 8/1 Homestead.com \$11.74

Taylor's Restaurant 7/16 \$24.44

**Old Business** Our club event on July 16<sup>th</sup> went to Taylor's in Loomis, we met at the Park and Ride on Orlando St which is next to a Shell gas station in Roseville at 9:30 and departed at 10:00, The members that attended where Don Scalise, Ted Bechtel, Jim Nakata. The reason for a smaller turn out of members was because a few of our regulars were on vacation. After arriving we had a guest join us from the Camaro Generation Club who's name is Raymond, He own's a very original 1968 Camaro. Through the years of going to car shows I have seen his car and talked briefly to him.

We all left there around 11:30, the temperature outside was getting hot already.

The club paid for the club members milk shakes, from time to time this will happen.

### **New Business —**

Our annual club Barberque is Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at my house. Please RSVP and what you will be bring to share. Members that said they are going to attend are

Don Scalise --- hamburger and hot dogs

Terry Trimble --- Paper goods, plates, cups, napkins

Jim Nakata --- Hamburger and hot dog buns

Petra Martinez & 3 guests --- Salads

Ken Lazzarini ---- Condiments

Robert and Fay Holland --- Dessert cake

TACA club will supply the Soft drinks and decorations

### Announcement

We also discussed our club outing to Monterey on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be visiting the aquarium and making this outing a two day event. These are the members that said they will be attending

Myself and Terry Trimble

Robert & Fay holland

Jim Nakata

Petra Martinez

Our Christmas dinner this year will be held at Pheasant club and the club will pay for the dinners.

Later this year we will have a club outing to Leatherbees in Elk Grove and the club will be paying for the club members.

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## 1970 1/2 Firebird Trans Am For My Wedding Day as told by Gerry Jones, Citrus Heights, Ca

Living in Cheyenne, Wyoming during the summer of 1970, with my impending wedding scheduled for the end of June, I was anxiously awaiting my new-car arrival notification from the Pontiac dealer for my bronze 1970 Firebird Formula 400, equipped with the ram air III 400 engine and a 4 speed.

Less than two weeks before my wedding date, the sales manager called and told me to meet him at the dealership. Once there, the sales manager drove me to the Cheyenne rail yard. At the rail yard, he pointed to a blue Trans Am on the top row of one of the rail cars. The sales manager said, "there's your car." Confused, I explained that I wanted a bronze Firebird Formula 400. He

responded, "This is the best that I can do to have a new car your wedding." I relented, and agreed to purchase the car. A few days later, the salesman called me back to the dealership. Once there, he told me, "we've had a lot of interest in this new Trans Am, so I need a deposit to hold it for you," we agreed on ten dollars. Shortly thereafter, the purchase was finalized with a check for \$3,800, along with a 1964 Corvair Monza as a trade in.

I picked up the Trans Am on June 16, 1970, and then drove to Arizona, where my wife-to-be, Mary, lived and we were married in Las Vegas on June 27, 1970. Over the years, she and I both used the Trans Am as a daily driver, commuting back and forth to work, shuffling our son, Christian, to and from school and running our typical weekly errands. The Trans Am was never garaged and was used in all weather conditions.

Rex Hutchinson completed work on the short block during the 1980's; it was bored .030 over, blueprinted, and balanced. A major restoration was completed in 2014, and the Trans Am was displayed in the 2014 and 2015 Sacramento Autorama.

Estimated production numbers show that this 1970 1/2 Lucerne Blue Trans Am, equipped with the Ram Air III 400 engine, M20 4 speed transmission (without the center console), and 3.73 positraction rear end, is one of 265 built.

After 45+ years, Gerry and Mary, along with their beloved Trans AM, are still going strong and they are now residing in Citrus Heights, CA.

Thank you Cruisin news for letting us re post this great Article.

On 7/17/22 I attend a Car Show in Carmichael and Christian was there with the 1970 1/2 Trans Am and we talked for a while,

before he left he gave me a fun ride in this car. I guess these are the perks of being President.

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J.O. Raff is now residing in a rest home which is located at 7418 Stock Ranch Rd. in Citrus Heights 95621 room 1212. If you get a chance please stop by and visit him

Once a month we plan on having an article from one of the members about their Trans Am or Firebird. I am asking members to write articles about your Trans Am or Firebird, please e mail it to me with a picture of your vehicle.

This evening I donated another door prize, it was a 1998 United States proof set. The lucky person that won was Jim Nakata

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Next month I will be donating Sacagawea proof coin.

**The 50/50 Drawing** - This evening the 50/50 lucky drawing winner was David Tan of a 45.00 Jack Pot, his half was \$22.00



Charlene Thomson 8/2

Don Scalise 8/17

Pawlu Camilleri 8/24

**Adjourning** - Jim Nakata made a motion and Petra Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> it to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Everyone voted in favor of closing the meeting.

**Classified Ads —**

If any members have Pontiac related items they would like to sell, please send me an e-mail of your items and I will post them in the Trans Script.

These businesses are supporting our club. Please patronize them

Here is a link to [www.norcalcarcluture.com](http://www.norcalcarcluture.com) who has a free news letter that comes out every week, it has a list of car shows, Classified Adds, etc. All you have to do is give him your e mail address

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**Yearly Dues:** \$40 per person, \$50 per family.

Thank you Terry Trimble for proof reading this News Letter

Respectfully Submitted by

President Don Scalise

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