



# TRANS SCRIPT

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## Trans Am Club of America - Golden State Chapter Newsletter

### Upcoming Club Events

- **Sept 23** - Church Car Show, Meet @ 7:45AM - Call Robert 770-826-3962.
- **Oct 12** - Club Meeting - Hof Brau - 7PM
- **Oct 21** - Apple Hill Run, Meet @ Cal Fit on Sunrise/50, 7:30AM, leaving @ 8AM. Lunch @ Red Hawk Casino.
- **Oct 21** - Elk Grove Cars & Coffee - Cars Under the Stars Trunk or Treat - 4PM - 9221 Bendel Pl, Elk Grove.
- **Nov 18** - Movie Night - More info to come

### Birthdays

- MICHELLE BROWN - **SEPT 14**
- MIKE PELLETIER - **SEPT 14**
- KATHERINE PRINZIVALLI - **SEPT 29**
- MARY MARTIN - **Oct 07**
- **Birthday Party Announcement**
  - **Frank Brown's 80th - NOV 25**
  - **Formal Attire, James Bond Theme**
  - **RSVP by November 1st**
  - **Call Mary Brown 916-686-1339**

### July Treasurer Report

Starting Balance: **\$1620.93**

Monthly Income: **\$50**

- Dues - Jeff & Ricki Goepfert

Monthly Expenses: **\$9.99**

- Internet

Ending Balance: **\$1660.94**

- Submitted by J.O. Raff

## Presidents Message

Good Morning all,

Part of the October's meeting will be nominations for next year's officers for our club. I would really like to see some of you step up and take an active part in the leadership of our club.

We are in desperate need of a Secretary especially, as JO has stepped back into the position, due to our replacement having felt not ready to take over.

Our club cannot continue without people being willing to step up and help out. I promise that it does not take up much of your time to do these jobs, and it will help improve OUR club with new perspectives and outlooks.

The only way to relieve the burden that a few people are carrying right now, is for everyone to take an active role in guiding our club to a new and better direction.

Participation in the last few events have fallen off greatly, and we need new ideas and people to guide us in a new direction!

A club is only as successful as the people of the club are willing to make it!

Thank you,

Ted Bechtel

President Trans Am Club of America, Golden State Chapter.





### Member Spotlight - Soos Family

My love of Pontiac's goes back to when I was just 5 years old watching Knight Rider. As I grew up, I learned more about the car itself being a Pontiac Trans Am. So I knew as soon as I had the money that's what I would buy. When I was 18 I had saved up enough money and found an 87 T/A WS6 - LB9, 5-Speed that was repainted in Bright Blue Metallic. Unfortunately I did what many 18 year olds did with their sports cars at that age and beat on her pretty badly. She did however get me across the country from Boston, MA to Sacramento in 2003. During the trip, the input shaft gave up halfway on the NWC T-5 (due to a history of clutch drops) which I replaced with a WC T-5, which let go about a year later due to a reverse clutch drop then a Tremec TKO was installed. Then about 6 months later the motor went. (valve dropped into the #5 hole) With 188k on the clock, burnouts and donuts weren't a good combination, but I enjoyed her so much I just couldn't keep my foot out of it. Once the motor went, I couldn't afford to keep up with the repairs and parted her out. In 2007 I met my wife Leah. We met because she was driving a 95 Camaro and I had to ask her about it. A girl who loves F-bodies? How could I get so lucky? Unfortunately that car had the 3.4L and the head gasket went soon after we began dating but we have been together ever since. Some years later, I knew I wanted another clean well taken care of WS6 and in 2014 I found my current car. It is a 2002 one owner Garage and Mod Queen with 74k miles that the original owner had built up for Auto-Cross. I've added a few things since I got her but she's generally a show and shine car that maybe gets 2-3k miles put on her a year. My daughter Raya really hopes that she will get the car when she gets older and enjoys coming out in the garage to help whenever I'm adding parts and Leah affectionately calls her "The Mistress". We're excited to be a part of this club and look forward to getting to know you all more.



### Meeting Minutes

The September 2017, General Membership Meeting of the Trans Am Club of America, Golden State Chapter, met at Sam's Hof Brau Restaurant, 2500 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA. Members present were Jonathan Soos, Robert & Fay Holland, Ted Bechtel, Don Scalise, J.O. Raff, James Nakata, Brian & Brady Rankin, Keith Thorson, Frank and Michelle Brown. There were no new members or guests. President Ted Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the August 10th, 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the Trans Script. The Treasurer's Report for August, 2017 was presented by Treasurer J.O. Raff.

**Old Business:** Ted reported that the 2nd Annual Firebird/Trans Am Regional Car Show at Famous Dave's BBQ in Tracy on Aug. 19th was attended by a combined total of 29 Cars. The food was good and a good time was had by all. Muscle Cars in the Park on Sept. 10th was poorly attended by the Club with only 2 cars out of 10 or 12 Firebirds, more or less. Ghirardelli Square in Lathrop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th. The Club will meet at the Park & Ride, Laguna & I-5 at 10:30, leave at 11.

**New Business:** The Fulton Avenue Car Show will occur on Oct. 7th. The fee to enter a car in the show will be \$40 to \$45 but no charge to watch. Meet at 8:30, leave at 9:00 AM. The Church Car Show will be Sept. 23rd. Meet at Robert Holland's at 7:45 and leave at 8:00 AM. The Apple Hill run, scheduled for Oct. 21st will meet at California Fitness on Sunrise Blvd. at 7:30 and leave at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be at Red Hawk Casino. Also on Oct. 21st there will be a "Trick or Treat" Car Show, more info to follow. Movie night for November is the 18th. Frank Brown's Birthday Party will be Nov. 25th. The theme is "Casino Royale", coat and tie required, cocktails 3:00 to 5:00 PM, approx. 250 people expected. More info to follow. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 9th, also more info to follow.

Frank Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, J.O. Raff



# Officers and Directors

President	Ted Bechtel	916-367-1483
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Competition Director	Open	



Yearly Dues: \$40 per person, \$50 per family. Adult family members additional.

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