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Trans Am Club of America - Golden State Chapter Newsletter

Upcoming Club Events

- **Aug 19** - Firebird/TA Regional Famous Dave's BBQ, Tracy
 - Meeting @ Shell 8 AM, 9100 Harbour Pointe Blvd. 95758 - Depart 8:30AM
- **Sept 10** - Muscle Cars in the Park - Elk Grove Regional Park
 - Meet @ Robert's home 8AM - Depart 8:30AM
- **Sept 14** - Club Meeting - Hof Brau - 7PM
- **Sept 16** - Ghirardelli Square, Lathrop, CA - More info to follow

Birthdays

- CHARLENE THOMPSON - **AUG 2**
- DON SCALISE - **AUG 17**
- CONNER BUSTERNA - **AUG 24**
- PAUL CAMILLERI - **AUG 24**
- LEAH SOOS - **AUG 31**
- MICHELLE BROWN - **SEPT 14**
- MIKE PELLETIER - **SEPT 14**
- KATHERINE PRINZIVALLI - **SEPT 29**

July Treasurer Report

Starting Balance: **\$1632.21**

Monthly Income: **\$0**

Monthly Expenses: **\$11.28**

- Internet

Ending Balance: **\$1620.93**

Submitted by, J.O. Raff, Treasurer

Presidents Message

Good Evening Everyone,

I wanted to welcome our newest members, Jonathan and Leah Soos and their daughter. Jon and his family joined our club at the last meeting after looking for several years for a Trans Am club in this area. He had seen our old website and had been discouraged when he saw that it was out of date.

Jon was very enthusiastic about our club and not only joined that night, but also agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Editor.

When you get the chance to meet Jon and his family, please welcome them into the fold. I am sure you will be as impressed with this young family as I am!

Thank you,

Ted Bechtel

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





Member Spotlight - J.O. RAFF

Well... It all started in November 1978 when I saw an ad for a RED 1979 Trans Am and I fell in love with it immediately! I told Irene that I had to have one and we went directly to Reliable Pontiac/Cadillac in Roseville. I don't remember the salesman's name but we sat down and ordered a Silver car to be delivered in February, 1979. I do remember the first time I saw it however. It was sitting on the lot, first in line, ready to go! We went in to pick up the keys and the salesman asked if we were interested in starting a Trans Am Club. Although I'm not a big thing on Clubs, I agreed to join and the Club started rolling. I believe that Gary Vollstedt and myself are the only remaining Charter Members and I'm older than any two other club members together. Linda Dana goes back to 1980 and Charlene Thompson goes back to 1981. Early in our history we went places, did things and had a thing going called Trans-A-Rama. There was a club in Orange County, I think, that invited us to attend one of their Trans-A-Ramas so several cars caravanned to So. Cal. We even got a "thumbs-up" from the CHP as we traveled. After experiencing the So. Cal. Trans-A-Rama and having a few car shows, our club decided to host a Trans-A-Rama of our own and we then had several in South Lake Tahoe, Reno and here in Sacramento. We've even been on the Sacramento and Sonoma raceways. My wife Irene was the long time Secretary of the Club until she passed and I picked up the job along with my positions as Treasurer and Transcript Editor. I still own the original Silver 1979 Trans Am and whenever I go out to the garage to start it, it kicks right over. I think that the valve covers have only been off to replace gaskets. New plugs and points are about the only engine work that have been done in 107,239 miles. There was a little transmission and water pump work however. I don't often attend events because I've "been there - done that" and there's no one to keep my puppy company. Being a Trans-Am-Club member and being able to associate with the other members has been one of the HIGH points in my life! {J.O.Raff}



Meeting Minutes

The August 10, 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. at 7:02 PM. Members present were Pres. Ted Bechtel, Sec./ Treas. J.O. Raff, Robert & Fay Holland, Jim Nakata, Brian and Brady Rankin, and Mike Pelletier. New Members AJ Machaevich, Dustie Bandy, Jonathan and Leah Soos as well as visitors Rick and Christian Banuelos were also present. Introductions were made all around.

The Newsletter was accepted as printed with the exception of a typo in Brady Rankin's name. Sorry Brady! Oops!

The Treasurer's Report was missed during the meeting somehow. It is, however, available in this edition.

Old Business: Pres. Bechtel reported on past events: Taylor's Restaurant on July 15th was attended by Ted Bechtel, Jim Nakata, Keith Thorson, Frank & Mary Brown, Robert and Fay Holland, AJ Machaevich and Dustie Bandy. The NHRA races at Sonoma Raceway were not attended.

New Business: There are no plans to attend Hot August Nights in Reno, Aug. 8 thru Aug. 13 or Firebird Night, sponsored by the Golden State Firebirds and Bay Area Firebirds on Aug. 12. The 2nd Annual Firebird/Trans Am Regional Car Show at Famous Dave's BBQ in Tracy, Ca., sponsored by the East Bay Firebirds, Bay Area Firebirds and TACA will be Aug. 19th. Muscle Cars in the Park will be Sept. 10th. Ghirardelli Square is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16th. See "Upcoming Club Events". Pres. Bechtel opened discussion on J.O. Raff's desire to be relieved of the Secretary and Transcript Editor duties. Fay Holland volunteered to be Club Secretary and New Member Jonathan Soos volunteered to be Transcript Editor. Fay and Jonathan will coordinate transfer of necessary materials. J.O. will retain the Treasurer position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with "car" discussion following.

(Added: Dustie Bandy has been appointed Club Historian by Pres. Bechtel.) Respectfully Submitted: J.O. Raff, Treas.

Officers and Directors

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Competition Director	Open	



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

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