

# Nuts & Notes Newsletter

## HIGH ROLLERS LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.

### January 2022



**Our January Activity is:**

**Dust Off Breakfast - Snorkel Factory Tour - Saturday 1/15**

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## January Birthdays

Jeanie Prouty 1/4

H.B. Calder 1/9

Larry Daum 1/11

Joyce Burke 1/12

Joan Saucier 1/22

Jon Mason 1/22



## February Birthdays

Jackie Rutkoskie 2/3

Kaleb Munoz 2/7

David Keetch 2/9

Betty Rowlett 2/14

Lois Derr 2/15

Joe Baudoin 2/18

Richie Clyne 2/23

Karl Ferazzi 2/26

## February Anniversary

Dennis & Jackie Rutkoskie 2/21

# President's Message



Hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for 2022.

As we all know, it makes a big difference when you are centrally located and the food is good. 31 showed including 2 guests. Judy and I got there early and started getting things set up and moved around. We still had room for 16 more. Thank you everyone for attending.

For those of you who missed the Christmas Awards Banquet, you really missed a great dinner. I couldn't find anyone that wasn't happy with the food or could say anything negative. I want to thank our host Bob Dierken and Jenn for doing a great job. I'm holding on to plaques and certificates for those of you who didn't attend.

You will see a list proposed activities in the newsletter which Some of you have signed up to volunteer to host but we need more hosts for activities. Please take the time to host one or more activities.

We have a great line up this year, two of which will take some planning and organizing. Danny and John M. have volunteered to host the Peterson and Nethercutt Car Collections in Southern CA so be on the lookout for more details.

January 15th we are having our annual Dust - Off Breakfast and Tour of the Xtreme and Snorkel manufacturing facilities. If you ever wondered how telehandlers, articulated booms and scissor lifts are built, this is your chance to see our assembly lines and displays.

We will need a host for the Valley of Fire Tour and luncheon in Overton in February.

For those of you that are unsure of what needs to happen when hosting an activity, the description is below.

We will be having a board meeting in January at Jason's Deli Located at 7305 Arroyo Crossing Pkwy, Ste 100, Las Vegas. It's located off the 215 between Rainbow and Buffalo south of Walmart Super Center.

See you at Dust – Off Breakfast,

John Pendergast

## HIGH ROLLERS EVENT HOSTS LIST

- Plan the event: Block rooms at hotel if it's an overnight event.**
  - Coordinate with restaurants to accommodate large groups.**
  - Provide a sign-up sheet at the General Membership Meeting a couple of months prior to the event.**
  - Provide an itinerary at the General Membership Meeting prior to the event. (Including costs and due date for any fees)**
  - Provide the Secretary with the itinerary and a list of members who signed up for the event so an email reminder can be sent. The itinerary should include the following:**
    - Place and time to meet for travel together**
    - Hotel and/or meal places and time**
    - Event meeting place and time**
  - Provide the Newsletter Editor and the Phone Committee Chair with the itinerary for publication.**
  - Be at the event early to orchestrate the event and answer any questions.**
  - After the event compile a short write-up for the Newsletter Editor.**
- Thank you for hosting a High Rollers event.**

### Dust of Breakfast

Mark your Calendar January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022! The High Rollers will meet at the Ahern Hotel for Breakfast at 8 Am and then head to the Xtreme / Snorkel Factory at 9:30 for the tour of the plant where these are built. The factory is located at 8350 Eastgate Rd. Henderson, NV. at Eastgate and E. Lake Mead across from the Fiesta Henderson. If you want to see how these magnificent machines are built, this is your chance. The Snorkel Factory also houses all the models of Xtreme reach Fork lifts, Snorkel Scissor lifts and Telescoping Booms. No guests or pictures allowed. If someone wants to attend the tour, they can become a member and we will be happy for them to sign up and attend. John Munoz will be hosting.



## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2022**

President John Pendergast called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President John Munoz. Secretary Judy Pendergast announced the Roll Call: All were present with the exception of Vice President/Club Store/Phone Committee Chair Stacia Walker, Activities VP/Sunshine Chair Carla Adsit, Publications VP/ Web Master Fosco Picchi and Tour Master Tom Rowlett. There were 29 members and 2 guests present.

President John Pendergast welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming. He welcomed our guests; Harry's son Jason and Danny's friend Kelvin, who plans on joining the club. He also thanked Bob Dierken and Jenn for the successful Christmas Awards Banquet. The President called for a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Jerry Myers made the motion. It was seconded by Bob Dierken. Motion passed.

Treasurer Judy Pendergast gave the November and December reports. President John Pendergast called for a motion to accept the reports. Motion was made by Don Derr and seconded by Harry Ransom. Motion passed.

Secretary Judy Pendergast reminded the membership that 2022 dues should be paid by now. If not, please see her after the meeting.

Vice President John Munoz announced that the Dust-Off Breakfast will be Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 8 AM at the Ahern Hotel. We will all leave together at 9:30 for the Xtreme Snorkel Tour which begins at 10 AM. A motorized cart will be available for those who need it.

The Children's Laps for Charity at the Speedway is being held January 30, 2022. You must pre-register and pay online. The donation is \$65.00.

A host is needed for the February 19th Valley of Fire Tour and Photo Shoot. Lunch will follow in Overton.

Harry Ransom will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12, 2022 in Henderson. He will gather the green squares that need to be on each car's windshield and be waiting for us on Ocean Av.

Western Region Director Dion Stams reported that the Cottonwood Tour was great and advised us to take the Copper Museum Tour if given the chance. He will be attending the BOG in Tempe, AZ this month.

Old Business: Joe Provenza discussed the Scholarship Program for McPherson College. He said the agreement is ready to be signed and we need to begin setting up our fund raisers. He will be seeking a committee.

Bob Dierken is asking for at least 5 members to volunteer their help with the Show & Shine which will benefit the McPherson College Scholarship Fund.

New Business: Bob Dierken volunteered to host the 2022 Christmas Awards Banquet. Danny Barnett volunteered to research and possibly host, a tour of the Peterson Museum and the Nethercutt Museum.

The 50/50 split was won by Ron Holmes who donated it back to the club (Thank you Ron) and Jeanie Prouty.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donny Warmus and seconded by Skip Yarema. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pendergast, Secretary

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2021

The meeting was held at Marie Callendar's on West Sahara at 6 PM. Present were: President John Pendergast, VP/Past President John Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Judy Pendergast, Activities VP Stephanie Ferazzi/Carla Adsit, Membership VP David Keetch/Bob Dierken and Publications VP Fosco Picchi. Quorum was met. Also present was our Western Region Director Dion Stams and Members At Large Joe Provenza and Barbara Baudoin.

Judy Pendergast gave the Treasurer's report, listing the CDs in force for both the General Membership and Western Region.

Secretary/Treasurer Judy Pendergast reported that there are currently 4 Life Members that require a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them. The question was: Should Life Members be charged the extra \$20.00 for mailing costs? Motion was made to NOT charge these members, seconded and passed.

Activities were discussed at length with many suggestions offered by Board members and other members as well. Following are the activities on the tentative list for 2022:

January 15<sup>th</sup> – The Dust-Off Breakfast will be at the Ahern Hotel. We will then travel together to the Xtreme Snorkel Plant for a 10 AM tour. Our host is John Munoz.

February 19<sup>th</sup> – A tour to Valley of Fire with a photo shoot of each individual car in the park. Lunch to follow in Overton. A host is needed.

March 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Henderson. A host is needed.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Western National Tour in St. George. Our chapter has agreed to help out in any way we can. See John Munoz to volunteer.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Car Show at Las Ventanas. Our host is John Munoz.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Club Picnic at The Orchard. Our host is Bob Dierken.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Tentative: A bus trip to the Petersen Museum and/or the Nethercutt Museum. Cost of the bus and Covid protocols need to be researched. A host is needed.

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Run at Rosati's. Our host is Barbara Baudoin.

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Heinrich's Car Collection Tour. Our host is Bob Dierken.

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuachan Tour and Show TBA. Our host is Carla Adsit.

October – Tentative: Show & Shine and/or Turkey Shoot.

November – Goffs' Schoolhouse Tour.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Santa's Electric Light Parade in Boulder City.

December – Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

President John Pendergast reported that Don Derr has agreed to send out an email blast for events and meetings. A possible template has been designed by Nancy Myers.

Joe Provenza laid out the plans for going ahead with the scholarship program with McPherson College. A committee would need to be formed and ways to raise funds would be needed. Concerns were raised in regards to this program and Joe addressed them all. Fund raising projects were suggested: Raffles, car show, ads in the Bulb Horn, etc. A motion was made to

go ahead with the scholarship program, seconded and passed. Joe will be the Chair on this and will be selecting his committee.

President John Pendergast passed around a possible ad to be placed in the Reno/Tahoe newspapers announcing plans to start a new chapter in that area. Fosco offered to re-do the ad to incorporate the VMCCA logo and photos of cars. Lee Wilkes of Reno met with John in October and discussed this. Lee is in agreement to help get a new chapter started. In the future the ad will run and a date set for an initial meeting with Lee, John, Dion and hopefully, interested people to begin work on a new chapter.

President John Pendergast asked everyone what they thought of the new venue – Marie Callendar’s. All were invited to look at the room we’ll be meeting in beginning in January 2022 and most agreed that it would work out fine. There will not be a fee charged for the room if \$250.00 in meals/drinks is met each night. If not, the club will have to pick up the balance. So, we are hoping everybody shows up to the meetings each month.

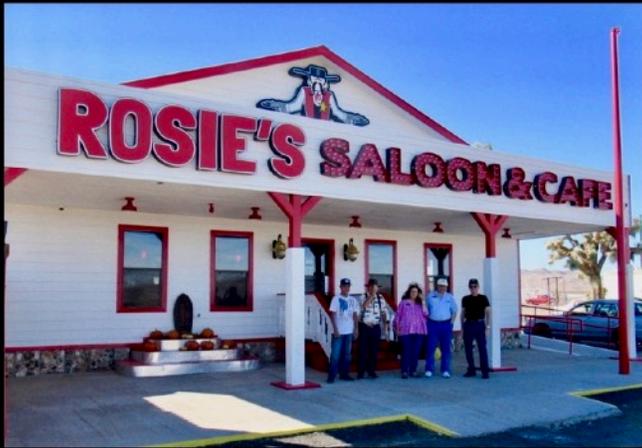
Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pendergast, Secretary

HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER’S REPORT		HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER’S REPORT	
NOVEMBER 2021		DECEMBER 2021	
General Membership Account:		General Membership Account:	
Beginning Balance	\$ 5168.94	Beginning Balance	\$ 5215.06
Deposits:		Deposits:	
Memberships	\$ 350.00	Memberships	\$ 655.00
50/50 October	\$ 50.00	50/50 Christmas Party	\$ 90.00
Mailing 2022 Newsletters	\$ 40.00	Mailing 2022 Newsletters	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 440.00</b>	Christmas Party	\$ 1485.00
Expenses:		<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 2270.00</b>
VMCCA Memberships	\$ 240.00	Expenses:	
Copy Cat (Oct. & Nov. Newsletters)	\$ 54.60	VMCCA Memberships	\$ 280.00
WR Memberships	\$ 18.00	Jim Marsh Refund Dues	\$ 45.00
H & J Trophies	\$ 81.28	WR Memberships	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 393.88</b>	H & J Trophies	\$ 83.45
<b>ENDING BALANCE GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,215.06</b>	Secretary of State	\$ 50.00
Western Region Account:		(License/List of Officers)	
Beginning Balance	\$2265.03	Judy Pendergast (Office Supplies)	\$ 47.00
Deposits:		Ahern Hotel (Christmas Party)	\$2274.75
Memberships	\$ 18.00	Bob Dierken Refund & Tickets	\$ 58.01
<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 2883.21</b>
Expenses:		<b>ENDING BALANCE GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 4601.85</b>
Nevada News Group (Ad)	\$ 156.00	Western Region Account:	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 156.00</b>	Beginning Balance	\$2127.03
<b>ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION</b>	<b>\$2127.03</b>	Deposits:	
		Memberships	\$ 45.00
		<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
		Expenses:	
		<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>
		<b>ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION</b>	<b>\$2172.03</b>

# Ride to Rosie's

November 14, 2021





*Photos by Danny Barnett*

# *Santa's Electric Light Parade*

*Boulder City - December 4, 2021*



*Photos by Danny Barnett*

Eleven (11) of us in five vehicles participated in the Boulder City Parade of Lights. It was fantastic! The weather was perfect for the parade.

There were crowds of spectators all along the parade route. The spectators are so appreciative, as we are for their being so receptive to us and our vehicles. The Boulder City mayor was at one of the announcing areas and personally acknowledged us, as we went by.

We ate at Sunset Pizza after the parade, which, also, gave us a chance to visit.

It was a great event and a great evening out.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

# Christmas Party

## Ahern Hotel - December 12th



Photos by Danny Barnett

## Editor's Note:

This month we're back at David Keetch's place to check out his 1967 Pontiac GTO. There are plenty of great reasons to love this car. In my opinion, 1967 was the *BLOAT* - (Best Looking of all Time). It's packed with a potent 400 CID engine and a 4 Speed Muncie transmission. But the best part to me...and excuse me for being so shallow...is the wheels. David's GTO wears period correct Cragar SS Mags. I just love Cragars. Who doesn't?

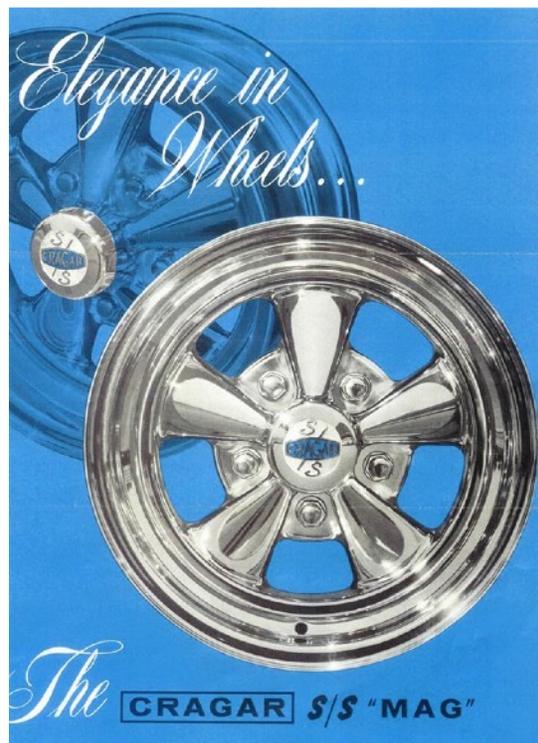
Wheels are like the frame on a great piece of art. You can change the wheels without hurting the canvas, and the right combination will make your masterpiece pop.

Cragar S/S Mags debuted in 1964...just in time for the original Pontiac GTO. While Cragars weren't offered as original equipment on any new cars, I suspect that many were re-shod before they had 100 miles on the clock.

*Specifically designed for high speeds and extreme impact, the Cragar Super Sport (S/S) wheel contained a chrome plated steel rim and an aluminum center. Each wheel had five strong clips, one for each spoke was cast into the center, and each clip was connected to a steel rim. Cragar's S/S wheel was unlike anything the public had ever seen before, proving to be twice as strong as a standard wheel.*

My affinity for Cragars began early. I was drawing cars mimicking Ed "Big Daddy" Roth when I was 10. I put Cragars on just about everything.

At 15, I was building my first car to drive when I got my license. A '53 Studebaker Commander. I saved my pennies to buy an 8-track player and I'd sit in the car in the driveway at night playing The Beatles. I put on Thrush mufflers and swapped in a used Hurst shifter. But my big break came when a guy down the street left his wife for another woman. His wife either had a soft spot for us kids...or maybe just rage at her ex...but she sold us all his cool stuff from the garage really cheap. I ended up with a set of 4 shiny new Cragars! It was a teen's dreams come true. My car was now officially cool.



The Studebaker didn't last long. I toasted the tranny doing a burnout. When it went away, the Cragars went with it. My new ride was a '55 Dodge Sierra wagon. I swapped on chrome reverse rims with baby moons and a set of Port-A-Walls. Pretty cool...but I never would own another set of Cragars.

So while you can find a whole lot to love about David's GTO...for me it's all about those wheels!

# Car of the Month

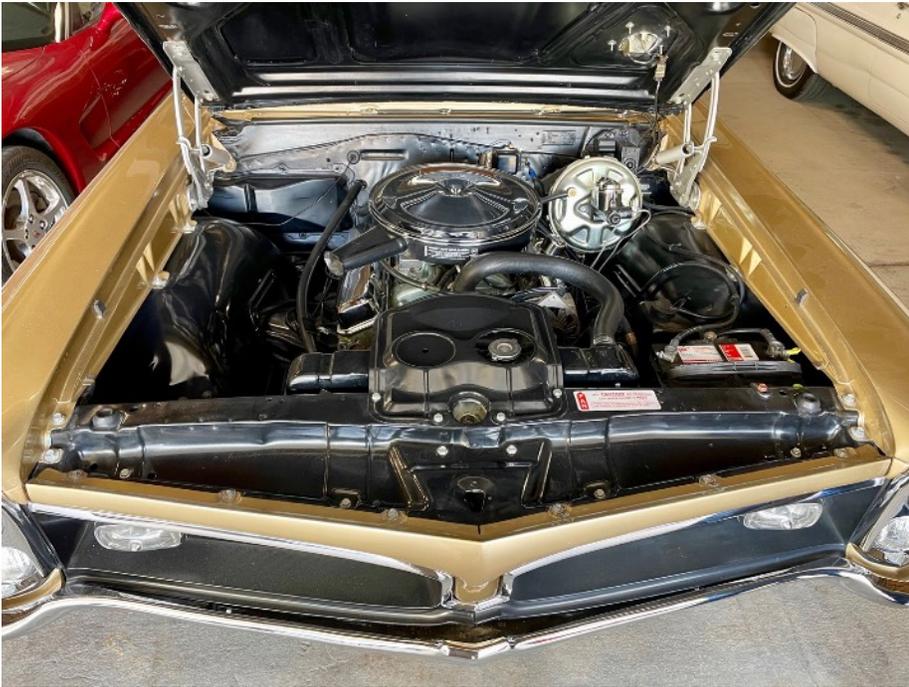
## David Keetch's 1967 Pontiac GTO



David Keetch is a Pontiac Guy...no surprise there. We featured his award winning 1963 Bonneville back in July of last year. He also has a '59 and a '62 Pontiac in pristine condition.

But it was a chance encounter with Jim Wangers years ago that peaked David's interest in GTOs. While Pontiac engineering chief John DeLorean gets most of the credit for the development of the GTO...it was Jim Wangers at Pontiac's advertising agency that successfully sold it to the public. He sold David on GTOs too.



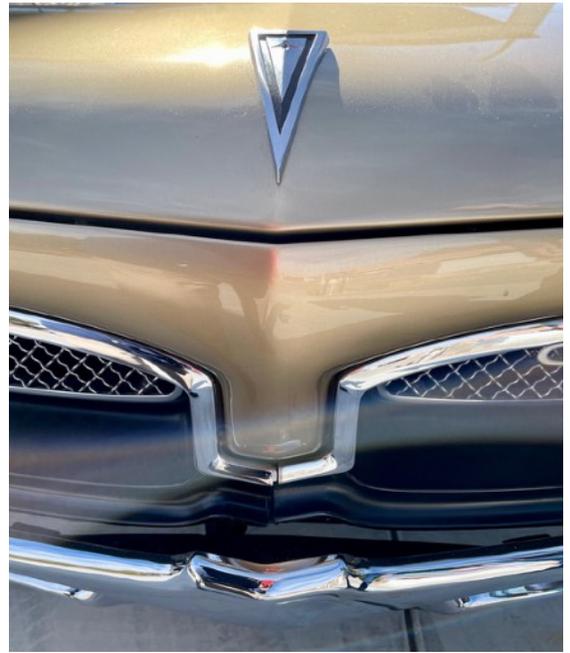


In the mid 90s, David bought his matching numbers GTO and began a “2 or 3 year restoration”.

A mild cam was installed and when completed it ran 13:01 in the quarter mile at 101mph.

1967 was the first year for the 400 cubic inch engine and David’s car is painted Signet Gold Metallic.





**THE GREAT ONE**  
**1967 BTD**

OWNED BY DAVE & CINDY KETCH  
 EL CAJON CALIFORNIA

YEAR	PRODUCTION	ENGINE	TRANSMISSION	DRIVE SHAFT	WHEELS	EXTERIOR FINISH	INTERIOR FINISH
1967	10,000	350	4-SPD	FRONT	15"	CHROME	BLACK

This is a standard issue Buick Wildcat. The car is in excellent condition, with a clean, polished, and well-maintained appearance. It includes a light blue vinyl interior, a black vinyl floor mat, and a 200-watt Fluorescent exterior light. The black vinyl interior has been replaced with a 200-watt Fluorescent exterior light. The car has been equipped with period correct Engage 15" wheels. The dash & controls are original and are in the best condition. The dash & controls are original and are in the best condition.

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