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Presidential Pontiac-tations



From the out-going president:

Bob Francis

January will be my last meeting to facilitate. My year of club president ends this month, January, 2020. Thank you for your support throughout this past year. We are still looking for volunteers to take over both the club president and vice president. With those positions being filled the club will need to press on with members running meetings and organizing outings until the positions are filled. Please give me a call or and email if you are interested or have questions as to what the positions entail. My phone number : 520-579-8288 and email: tucfrancis@gmail.com.

A slice of GTO trivia:

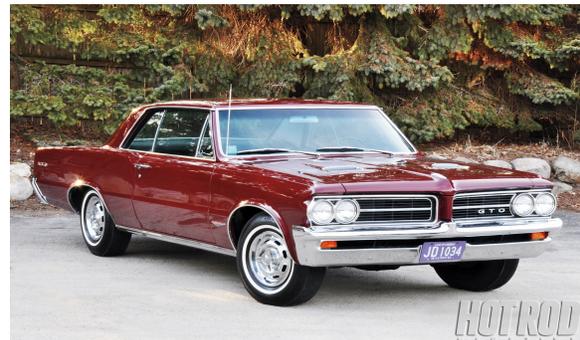
Bob Francis

In the early 60's General Motors banned it's various divisions from any involvement in racing. Prior to this their road car marketing was based on speed and power. Well, the brains of Pontiac decided to deal with the new dictate by doing it (racing) in the street. The eventual plan was to drop the powerful 389 cubic inch mill into the tempest along with other performance upgrades making this a formidable street machine. The GTO was born under chief engineer John DeLorean. So what did the letters GTO

signify? One with reasonable knowledge of Pontiacs, especially GTOs, would proudly answer, "Gran Turismo Omologato" an acronym used by Ferrari to name the venerable Ferrari 250 GTO. GTO in English meant **Grand Tourer HOMologated** defining the car as certified for racing in the GT class. Big mistake: Ferrari never copywrited the name GTO in North America thereby allowing it's use by, in this case, Pontiac.

Now for an interesting part of this history, DeLorean decided to call the reborn Tempest, a **Grand Tempest Option (GTO)**! Ferrari fans were not happy because Pontiac, along with the other American manufacturers, had no discernible pedigree! What a crying shame! Oh well! The Ford GT40 showed them at Lemans!! The Tempest eventually took on the Gran Turismo Omologato badge; sounds cooler than Grand Tempest Option. Thus, began the GM mid-sized muscle car era! The names would be: Pontiac GTO, Chevrolet Super Sport, Buick Grand Sport, Olds Cutlass 442. Let the street racing begin! Pontiac would sell almost 32,500 GTOs between 1964 and 1974.

1964 Pontiac GTO



1974 Pontiac GTO



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A bit of Pontiac History; not only the car, but the man:

Bob Francis



With the unique name of PONTIAC, we the members of a National/International organization Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) have a car with a name of historical distinction. Pontiac being founded in 1926 as a subordinate company to Oakland Automobile Company in Pontiac, Michigan about 37 miles from Motor City Detroit went on to eventually outsell the parent company to a point where General Motors made the decision to have Pontiac absorb Oakland. There were two other newly formed manufacturers' companion-to-parent companies Oldsmobile and Buick; those being Viking and Marquette respectively. Each only lasted two years

1927-1931 then were dissolved. A third subordinate companion company was to Cadillac, the LaSalle, lasting from 1927 through 1940. The point of these lesser priced automobiles was to provide consumers smaller gaps between the five major GM manufacturers. You might say closer steps on the ladder to entice consumers to go from the lesser priced Chevrolet to eventually the much more luxurious and expensive Cadillac. The plan didn't really work except for LaSalle (13 years production) and Pontiac (83 years production). It is said that Viking and Marquette's sales were below projections due to better consumer awareness of Oldsmobile and Buick. The name Pontiac was selected for the location of where they were to be manufactured and that was at the existing Oakland plant. The Oakland automobile was named after the county where is was located, Oakland County. Now the history of the man, Ottawa Chief Pontiac.

Ottawa Chief Pontiac's Rebellion against the British begins.

Pontiac's Rebellion begins when a confederacy of Native American warriors under Ottawa chief Pontiac attacks the British force at Detroit. After failing to take the fort in their initial assault, Pontiac's forces, made up of Ottawas and reinforced by Wyandots, Ojibwas, and Potawatamis, initiated a siege that would stretch into months.

As the French and Indian Wars came to an end in the early 1760s, Native Americans living in former French territory found the new British authorities to be far less conciliatory than their predecessors. In 1762, Pontiac enlisted support from practically every Indian tribe from Lake Superior to the lower Mississippi for a joint campaign to expel the British from the formerly French lands. According to Pontiac's plan, each tribe would seize the nearest fort and then join forces to wipe out the undefended settlements.

In April, Pontiac convened a war council on the banks of the Ecorse River near Detroit. It was decided that Pontiac and his warriors would gain access to the British fort at Detroit under the pretense of negotiating a peace treaty, giving them an opportunity to seize forcibly the arsenal there.

However, British Major Henry Gladwin learned of the plot, and the British were ready when Pontiac arrived in early May, and Pontiac was forced to begin a siege. At the same time, his allies in Pennsylvania began a

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siege of Fort Pitt, while other sympathetic tribes, such as the Delaware, the Shawnees, and the Seneca, prepared to move against various British forts and outposts in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

On July 31, a British relief expedition attacked Pontiac's camp but suffered heavy losses and were repelled in the Battle of Bloody Run. Nevertheless, they had succeeded in providing the fort at Detroit with reinforcements and supplies, which allowed it to hold out against the Indians into the fall. The major forts at Pitt and Niagara likewise held on, but the united tribes captured eight other fortified posts. At these forts, the garrisons were wiped out, relief expeditions were repulsed, and nearby frontier settlements were destroyed.

In the spring of 1764, two British armies were sent out, one into Pennsylvania and Ohio under Colonel Bouquet, and the other to the Great Lakes under Colonel John Bradstreet. Bouquet's campaign met with success, and the Delawares and the Shawnees were forced to sue for peace, breaking Pontiac's alliance. Failing to persuade tribes in the West to join his rebellion, and lacking the hoped-for support from the French, Pontiac finally signed a treaty with the British in 1766. In 1769, he was murdered by a Peoria Indian while visiting Illinois. His death led to bitter warfare among the tribes, and the Peorias were nearly wiped out.



Editors Report

Wow our Christmas party was fantastic. Thanks to Bob & Christine Frances, plus Thom Sherwood. We had about 50 members there. Great people, fun and great food.

Lots of things happening in the beginning of this new decade. Plenty of auctions up in the Phoenix area. We also have the annual Tubac car show and they are advertising Dennis Gage (This Old Car TV show) as a featured guest. I have put the online link for registration (hard to find) on the outings page listed

after the show info. You can request a paper form if you contact them.

We will have a special speaker for Jan. See info on the next page. Please show up for this month's meeting we will need to discuss and decide on 2 positions for club officers.

This is very important and they do not take much time out of the month to do. Please do consider both President and Vice President positions. Bill and I will keep our present positions if it pleases the membership.

While talking about being a national member I feel everyone should be one! The pluses are a great monthly national magazine that is high quality, technical help, great insurance for our club to hold events like APD 2019, etc. If \$45 is too much you can get the electronic version for only \$25. Really try to be a national member!

At the club meeting please pay your local 2020 dues \$18 to our treasurer Bill C. If you can make the meeting send dues to Bill C.

Dave



Jesse Shelton Jan 4

Carolyn Archibald Jan 4

Lou Feldman Jan 5

Whitney Lynch Jan 10

Diana Lancaster Jan 16

Steve Conley Jan 19

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Paul & Phyllis Waer Jan 6

*If you want your special day listed here
contact me! alpdavegre@msn.com*

Special Guest Speaker

For our next meeting at Cody's, we welcome yet another remarkable guest speaker. Senior Automotive Interior Designer George Anderson will share stories from his 43-year career at General Motors along with some photographs of his work from 1960 through 2003. This promises to be a very, very special presentation, so don't miss it! Join us then, on Wednesday, January 8th at Cody's Restaurant, 2708 E. Fort Lowell (between Country Club and Tucson Blvds) at 6pm for dinner. The meeting itself will begin at 7pm. See you there!

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Club Outings and Functions

Club Meeting Jan 8

Club Meeting Feb 12

Bus Barn & Trolley Tour Feb ?

Club Meeting Mar 11

*POCI National Convention Catoosa, Ok
July 7-11*

OTHER AREA FUNCTIONS

More info found at cruisinarizona.com and
desertcruisers.com

Little Anthony's Car Show

Day shows 10am-2pm Jan 4

Gaslight Music Hall Car Show in Oro Valley

Day shows 10am-2pm Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 21

Freddie's Cruise-in Thursday nights

**Cars & Coffee Car Show La Encantada Mall, Campbell &
Sunrise second Saturday of every month 7am-9:30**

**Hot Rods at Old Vail Car & Bike Swap Meet
happens third Saturday of each month *All Events
listed are in Tucson except noted***

January 2020

Jan 11-19 Barrett/Jackson Scottsdale Auction

Jan 16-20 Russo & Steele Auction Scottsdale

Jan 17-18 Gooding & Company Auction Scottsdale

Jan 25 26th Annual Tubac Car Show.....Tubac

online registration <https://carnuts.org/event-3451871/Registration>

February 2020

Feb Trolley & Bus Barn Tour

Feb 15 Cruise, Blues & BBQ Festival Car Show
Oro Valley

March 2020

Mar 6-8 Midnight at the Oasis.....Yuma

Mar 7 2nd Annual Hope for Hearts

**Mar 15 23rd Annual BOPC & GMC Car Show
Scottsdale**

Mar 27-29 2020 National Mustang Show

April 2020

Apr 4 Kars for Kids.....Sierra Vista

Apr 18 34th Oracle Spring Run Car Show Oracle

Apr 25 35th Annual Chevy Showdown Sahuarita

Apr 25 46th Annual Rodders Days Car Show



For Sale

These ads will run for 2 months then be deleted so contact the editor before this deadline
Dave Green alpdavegre@msn.com 520-747-2901

**1976 Grand Prix SJ 2 Dr - 129K actual miles - runs good - front end rebuilt recently - \$2.500 OBO
contact Russ Steinebach 520-882-9169**

**2002 fiberglass ARE brand hard tonneau cover fits GMC LWB excellent condition white in color
\$600 can send pictures. Contact Dave Green 520-747-2901 message or alpdavegre@msn.com**

1983 Firebird (base model). Nice unmodified, straight body, totally rust-free CA/AZ car with only 85K miles. Factory options include: Tilt Wheel, AM/FM Cassette, Power Windows, and A/C (needs to be recharged). Original cloth interior still in good shape. Automatic transmission, Pontiac Iron Duke 4-cylinder engine with freshly rebuilt fuel injection system. New tires, one older repaint. Drives well. Needs very little, most parts readily available through aftermarket catalog suppliers. Priced at \$2,800 for Arizona Pontiac club members only. Call Thom Sherwood at (520) 798-3200.



4 14" Pontiac steel wheels \$100 obo call Joe 520-888-4451

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Edelbrock 4bbl carburettor \$150 obo John 320-360-5176

1992 Dodge Stealth \$2500 614-940-2858 (club member)

1988 Fiero Formula Runs Great \$2500 520-481-7117

2nd generation Firebird 4 core radiator excellent shape \$100, 2nd gen TA front upper/lower control arms and springs \$100, 1st gen Firebird upper/ower control arms \$100, '76 Firebird Pontiac 350 block & internals disassembled \$350, 1st gen Firebird 308 non posi rear end drum brakes \$400, 1stgen Firebird spindle/disk brakes \$250, 4 1st gen 14" Firebird rally 2 wheels \$150, 1st gen Firebird radiator just tested, straightened, painted \$100. Cal Sean 480-241-9437

Looking for a 50's Chief Pontiac hood ornament. Contact Kal Vigorito 520-609-3878.

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11th Annual Sabbar Shriners Car Show

by Randy Rogers

A car show jammed right between Thanksgiving and Christmas (December 7th) has to be a high risk venture, not only because of our questionable winter weather, but the possible interference with the high holidays and all that they involve; gift shopping, home decorating, family travel planning, etc. I had never attended this show before, even though one of our members (Les Jarvis) is a Shriner and has pitched this show to the club several times. I was really torn between attending this show or attending the very special memorial held at the U of A mall each year on December 7th commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor. Part of that program includes the ringing of the actual ship's bell off the USS Arizona that was sunk in the attack with great loss of life. I have heard that bell ring once before when I was an undergrad attending the U of A, it was rung to honor the passing of some Arizona legislator. I decided to do the car show and to put off the Pearl Harbor event until next year. When I showed up at the show venue, I realized I must have misinterpreted the show flyer. I thought the flyer said that the show was inside, but the only thing inside were some very high dollar restorations. I was really surprised at the turnout for this show. I talked to one organizer after most of the show field had arrived and he told me they had in excess of 130 entries. The Tucson Street Rodders Club was very well represented.

As I was placing my windshield card I heard a "good morning". It was member John Francen. John had his '55 GMC pickup entered in the show. When I registered inside I saw member Les Jarvis but never got to speak with him. Member Steve Conley was in attendance, and members Dean Bitney and Chris Pronneke (and his Dad) stopped by to say hello as spectators. Might have been more members but I didn't see you or you fell out of my memory bank, sorry.



It was a good show with a lot of friendly people in Christmas mode. Let me show you some highlights from the show field. I remember this '40 Pontiac from Sierra Vista and Tubac shows. It has a beautiful teal paint job and a modern motor, so it is one heck of a restification. The owner is a friend of members Butch Hoskins and Peter Corke. We chatted a bit regarding Butch selling his '40. It was not on the market that long when a fellow from Wyoming drove down with trailer in tow and a pocket full of cash and made Butch an offer he couldn't refuse. This particular '40 was involved in a bad accident soon after its completion



which totaled the front end. He had to start all over again but never hesitated to do so because this Poncho is so rare.

The hood chief to the right graces a wonderful '36 Silver Streak owned by Mike Valenzuela of

Tucson. This car had an exceptional paint job and should have been





inside with the other high-dollar entries. I love so many of the styling cues on this car including the tear drop headlights mounted in the bottom of the fenders, the running lights mounted on the grill cowl, the waterfall sheet metal just inboard of the fenders, and that wonderful use of chrome stringers that reach all the way from the base of the windshield, down the hood and down the grill area all the way to the belly pan. What a statement this feature makes! This was my choice for best of show! And best of all, this is a Poncho!

Here is another older Pontiac that has been restified, a 1960 Ventura that is running a GTO LS-2 and has a modern GTO dash integrated inside. I think I remember this Pontiac from our APD event in November. It is owned by Dennis Scheepstra. And not far away was a very nice '65 GTO, great paint



and great interior.

Well, at this point I had worked my way through about half of the show field and it was lunchtime. The Shriner Hall has a full service bar and galley and they were offering several specials for the car show. While I was waiting for a burger with fries I ambled up to the bar for a cold one. The gal who was taking orders for the galley came out with a cheese burger for herself and asked me to help her eat half of it. I didn't turn her offer down. Very good burger and very tasty fries. And the price was so right!



After lunch I picked up where I left off. **Oh my god**, a little bit of everything at this show! Here is KITT from the Knight Rider show that starred David Hasselhoff. This special Pontiac will give Thom Sherwood and his Triple X car a run for his money. This is a 1982 base Firebird with a 305 motor. The studio built and used 20 copies of this car to film the weekly show, and as far as anyone knows, only 5 studio vehicles survived. Those 20 studio vehicles employed base Firebirds and Trans Am's from 1982 to 1984 models. When the owner was around

this vehicle, he was letting people sit in it but I never got a chance. Please note that according to Knight Rider lore, KITT was not powered by a 305, it actually had a jet turbine that made it possible to reach speeds in excess

of 300 mph. Try that XXX GTO! And here is your dose of trivia: KITT stands for **K**night **I**ndustries **T**wo **T**housand. The greenhouse on this vehicle has all kinds of blinking lights, buttons, weapon systems (including laser beams that will vaporize enemy cars), and that oh-so-cool aircraft style yoke for a steering wheel. I was never a Hasselhoff fan and thought this show was really juvenile junk. I am sorry if I have offended anyone.

Before I wrap this up, here are some shots of John



Francens '55 and my '67 GTO. Neither of us took an award, but I did win one of the raffle prizes, a Discount Tire tire rotation and four wheel balance package, a \$45.00 value. So I got my entry fee covered

and made a \$10.00 profit.

As long as we are on the subject of '67 Goats, here is another great looking '67 at the show and this one is a

Sport Hardtop (post car). It had a great paint job, great interior, and an extremely clean engine bay. I didn't care for the wheels, but that is just a matter of taste.

The Shriners put on a good show and it is dedicated to supporting child burn victims, a very worthwhile cause. Please don't forget the Tubac show coming up the end of January 2020. Happy New Year!





HOLIDAY PARTY!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

RAMADA VISCOUNT SUITE HOTEL • TUCSON, AZ



MadLib... "How Dave and Sue Found their Unique Pontiac!"

DAVE and **SUE** were driving home one day in their **SLIMY KIA** when they noticed they were low on fuel. Up ahead, they saw an **ESSO** gas station. It was the old-fashioned kind where the attendants would check the **COASTER** in your **JAVELINAS** and offer to **HOP ON** your **BEARS**.

DAVE really liked getting fuel there because they offered **SLIPPERY DOGGIES** and **FLUFFY MOTORCYCLES** with each fill-up. **QUICKLY**, they pulled up to the pump.

There, **DAVE & SUE** were greeted by a **PRETTY** man named **GRUMPY GORDON**. Before **DAVE** could say "Fill it with **RHINOCEROS**," he caught a glimpse of a unique Pontiac parked behind **GRUMPY GORDON's COYOTE**.

With a **BLUE** look on his face, **DAVE TUMBLED** out of the car in order to get a closer look at this special Pontiac. "What is it?" he asked. "It's a **1955** Pontiac **WEREWOLF!**" **GRUMPY GORDON** replied.

Amazing! I don't think I've seen anything like it... at least not with a built-in **CAT**."

"You've never seen anything like it before because it's **50-of-a-kind**. It was specially built for **JACK BENNY** for the movie "**IRONMAN**." Probably the most unique features are the swiveling **BONGOS** upholstered in real **HAIRY COWS**, **66** headlights, and a horn that sounds like a **PURPLE MOUNTAIN LION** from **ARGENTINA** that is **SLEEPING!** Even the paint job is special! When it gets washed with **STINKY WATER, GORGEOUS SLIPPERS** appear on the fenders.

Obviously, **DAVE** was intrigued, but **SUE** was not at all **CONFUSED**. She was anxious to get home to watch her favorite episode of **GOLDRUSH** starring **CHER** where she portrays a **MASSEUSE** from **OUTER MONGOLIA** who **RUNS** while singing **MERRY CHRISTMAS**.

Still curious about this Pontiac, **DAVE** asked, "What's it got under the hood?"

"It's got a **29-cylinder** engine designed by **BRAD PITT** to run on **WD-40**. The **GREEDY** turbocharger kicks out about **61** horsepower. You might say it runs like a "**DINOSAUR** out of **GREEN VALLEY**."

"How fast will it go?" **DAVE** wondered.

"Oh, about **46** miles per hour."

"How many miles are on it?"

"I think the odometer shows **47**, but it's broken. I seem to think that it actually has **64** because when you pull out the dipstick, the **BEER** looks very **GREASY**."

"Wow-WEEEE!!! You think you might want to sell it? I've got **\$70** in cash, plus a **PRECIOUS** box of **PINK MORONS** to trade for it."

"Not enough," **GRUMPY GORDON** said.

"OK, how about if I throw in an autographed picture of **ELVIS PRESLEY**, a box of **TALL ALLIGATORS**, and a **PICKLE**?"

"It's a deal! ...But only because my wife, **PARASITICAL ROSALYN**, is a big fan of those!"

"Great," **DAVE** said. "I'll be back in the morning to pick it up. We're on our way home from the **KIA** Club Holiday Party and I need to write this story for our newsletter.

23rd Annual B.O.P-C. and GMC Show



SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2020

10 AM - 230 PM
at the "Rock and Roll McDonalds"
Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center
Scottsdale, AZ

(9180 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, AZ)



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Questions call Mike at 509-939-0080 or
Stan at 480-662-0767

JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY RESPECTIVE CLUBS

Vehicle Registration Form

Early Bird entry fee: \$25 per car before March 8, 2020
(\$30 registration after and day of show).

Car 1: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
[circle one] Stock/Modified _____ Custom _____ Unrestored (Subject to Verification by Judges)

Car 2: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
[circle one] Stock/Modified _____ Custom _____ Unrestored (Subject to Verification by Judges)

Unrestored class: Original paint, Original engine, Original interior (Each Club determines Guidelines)

Make checks payable to Cactus GTOs and mail this form and check to Mike Fleury, 5102 E. Paradise Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Include information below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____ email: _____

I (Print Name), _____

do not hold Desert Renegades of Arizona Pontiac Car Club/Cactus GTO Club of Arizona or McDonald's liable for any damages while attending this event

(Signed) _____

Entry 1st Car-
 Early-\$25.00, after March 8, \$30.00

Entry 2nd Car-
 Early-\$10.00, after March 8, \$15.00

Show T-Shirt-
 S _ M _ L _ XL _ \$15.00 \$ _____

2XL _ 3XL _ - \$16.00 \$ _____

Early Bird Tickets
 20 for \$10.00 Or 7 for \$5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Circle a class below for your entr(ies).

BUICK AWARDS

- Pre-50s Buick
- 1950s Buick (1,2,3)
- 1960s Buick
- 1970s Buick
- 1980s and newer Buick
- Riviera
- GS/GSX/GN/GNX
- Modified 50's
- Custom Buick
- Unrestored (Determined by Buick Judges)

PONTIAC AWARDS

- Pre-50s Pontiac
- 1960-64 Pontiac
- 1970s Pontiac
- 1964-65 GTO (1,2,3)
- 1968-69 GTO (1,2,3)
- 2004-06 GTO & G Series/ 2010(1,2,3)
- 1967-69 Firebird/TA
- 1970-74 Firebird/TA
- 1975-78 Firebird/TA (1,2,3)
- 1979-81 Firebird/TA (1,2,3)
- 1961-74 Tempest /Lemans (1,2,3) (**1930-74**)Unrestored (1,2,3)
- 1950s Pontiac
- 1965-67 Pontiac
- 1968-69 Pontiac
- 1966-67 GTO (1,2,3)
- 1970-74 GTO (1,2,3)
- GTO Judge
- 1982-92 Firebird/TA
- 1993-02 Firebird/TA
- Fiero,Solstice,80's
- Custom Pontiac

OLDSMOBILE AWARDS

- Pre-50s Oldsmobile
- 1950s Oldsmobile (1,2,3)
- 1961-67 Cutlass/F85 (1,2,3)
- 1968-72 Cutlass/F85
- 1964-72 Performance 442/Hurst
- 1960-69 All Oldsmobiles
- 1970-2004 All Oldsmobiles
- Unrestored Original (Determined by Olds Judges)
- Modified

CADILLAC AWARDS

- Pre-50s Cadillac
- 1950s Cadillac
- 1960s Cadillac
- 1970s Cadillac
- 1980s +
- Custom Cadillac
- Unrestored Original (Cadillac Club)

BEST OF SHOW

- Best Buick
- Best Olds
- Best GTO
- Best Big Pontiac
- Best TA/Firebird
- Best Cadillac
- Best of Show
- Ladies Choice award

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