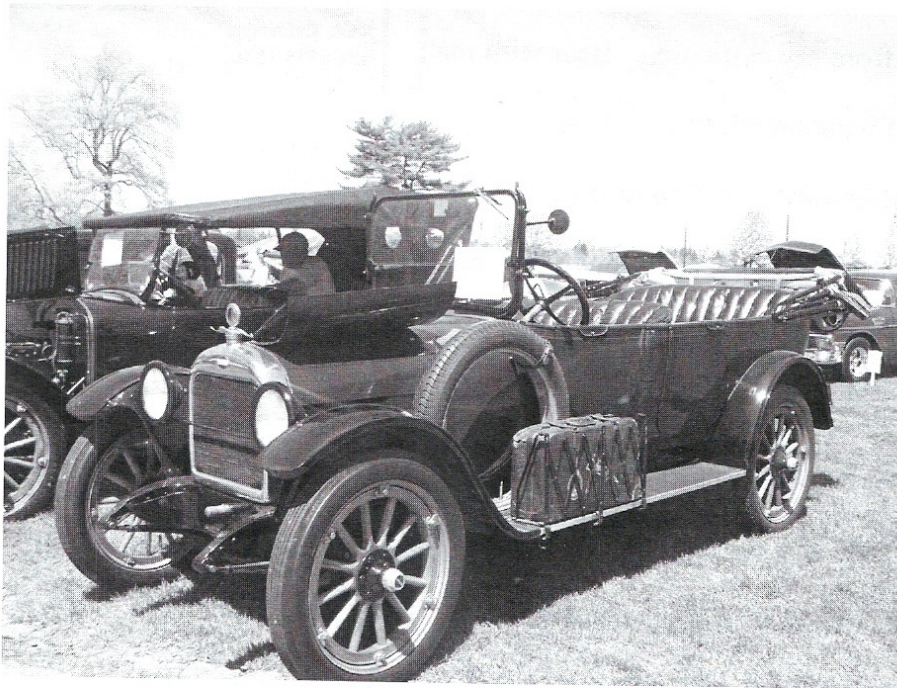


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2009 "31st" GM on Display

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Hail to the Chief



I am writing this for Steve this time because in the realm of technology, his Hail to the Chief has vanished from my computer. Bear with me in trying to think of what he might say. Knowing that Steve is straightforward and right to the point. The Spring Meet went on as planned with 18 cars on the showfield. Thanks to those who attended. I believe he would encourage everyone to attend the Mid Year Meeting at Knoebles. From all the e-mails flowing back and forth as well as news media, we have so much to discuss. There are many rumors flying about the demise of POCI, lets meet to squelch these rumors. And if you think about it, Knoebles is a great place after a hopefully not long meeting. Next on the agenda will be to look forward to 46th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht at Macungie. Frank Kemp, Al Golden and staff have worked diligently on our Fall Meet. So plan to attend, help on the show field or both. It looks like a great day to celebrate our vehicles.

As a side note, Thank you Steve for staying on top of things for our club. Your dedication and willingness to strive for the best is heartwarming.

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***** You now have 2 options to receive the newsletter—postal mail or via e-mail. Call or e-mail me to let me know your preference. Thanks to those who have already contacted me.

Hail to the Chief



Hail to the Chief "Part 2"

Steve was kind enough to resend after the newsletter had gone to print. Knowing the importance of hearing from our esteemed leader, I am including his message with mine.

By the time you are reading this, the summer season and auto event season will be in full bloom. We will be out with the top down, the windows open and the sounds and smells of summertime making us forget the dreary chilly days of winter. I hope you have joined us on the Spring tour of the Eisenhower Estate as well as walked the show field of GM on Display. Both of these events brought great weather and a great amount of people to share our experiences with!

GM's announcement of discontinuing, or modifying the Pontiac brand has brought up a range of emotions from hate to indifference. I will reserve my personal opinion. This should energize us to band together to help keep the Pontiac heritage alive. Along these lines, our recent issue with the Dealership hosting the Spring Meet has made me realize that we should look into other outlets for holding shows. Another aspect of the Dealership show is that there is usually no other activity or diversion for moms and kids. If we want to consider this a family hobby, I think we need to look at this issue. I had also tried to take another clubs suggestion for free admission to any vendors. The Board did not look upon this favorably. They figured the vendor is there to make money they should be charged. I see them as another thing to do or look at during a show. With the amount of people who attend these shows, how much money are these vendors making after paying the \$15.00 fee? Be realistic. Maybe that is why you see no vendors at many of our events. Fuel for thought that we can touch upon at the July picnic. I hope we see a lot of you there!

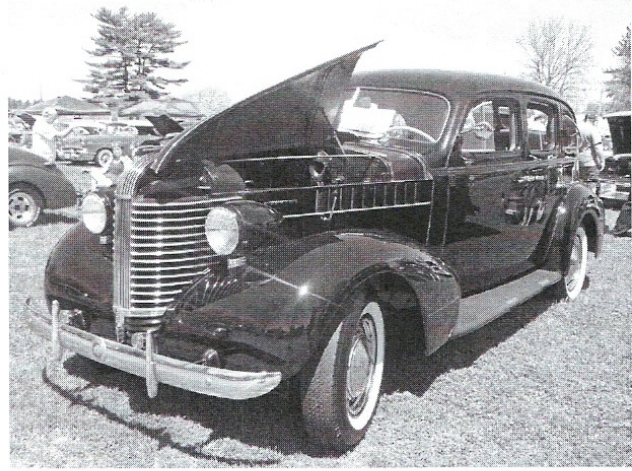
Steve

GM on Display

Who could have believed that on this 31st Annual GM on Display that Mother Nature finally decided to cooperate. It was a beautiful day. There were 285 vehicles registered (278 on the show field) and 20 vendors. The quality and plethora of vehicles this year was astounding. Such a wide range of years, makes, and models. GM took an upward move. Many thanks to the many members who continually helped throughout the day. Our registration while backed up at times ran as smooth as glass. Our car parking surpassed a few years past with all the help on the show field during the crunch times. Were there a few glitches, of course but believe me, they were few and far between. All the participants adhered to parking with their classes in the morning. Yet there were those few individuals that still wanted to park with their friends and moved their vehicles after 12. Guess they thought the Parking Police (Rosemary) wasn't looking. Enjoy the pictures.



GM on Display con'd

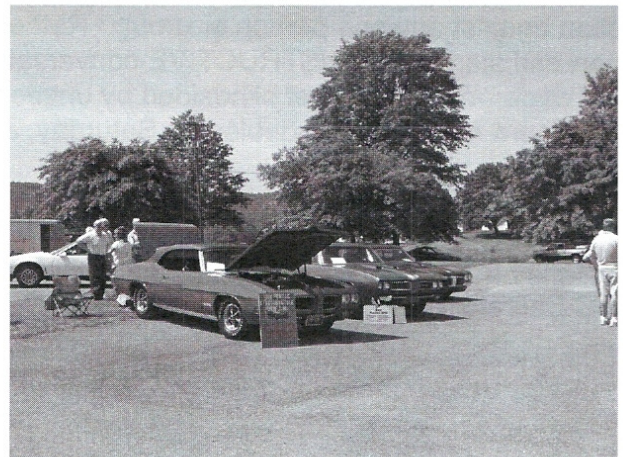


GM on Display con'd



2009 Spring Meet

The Spring went on as anticipated. 18 cars were in attendance. It was a great time and those attending celebrated the Glory of the Pontiac. More it come in the next newsletter but please enjoy the pictures. Thanks to Merle and Betsy. Thanks to Steve for the Pictures.



Stepping out on the political limb

By Dick Stover

Some of you may have heard or even received a mailing about the Pontiac Oakland World-wide Region of AACA that has been formed. Here is what I know about this, which is certainly not complete. Certain long time members of POCl had become upset by actions and changes of direction instituted by the more recent Board of POCl. Their course action was to approach AACA and were granted the authority of form an Oakland-Pontiac Chapter. This chapter has about 150 members, and supports all years of Oakland and Pontiac through 1958.

I am aware of two specific actions, and there are probably more. The first was the revoking of the life memberships for past POCl presidents - this has been a long-standing policy. At first glance one might immediately think "revenue increase", but if you do the math it amounts to less than \$400 per year. It would seem there is more to it than that, but I will not speculate. The second is adding drag racing as a significant activity under the club's umbrella. We all know that Pontiac has a rich history in drag racing, even today. Again, at first glance adding drag racing would seem to make sense, as well as potentially draw new members. Many of you who are reading this have probably done some form of racing, sanctioned or not. However, this may be a case of "it's not what you are doing, but how you are doing it." I have been told that the drag racing part of POCl is a money loser and that it is being partially funded by the transfer of funds from other areas of club activity. Finally, over the past few years there has been a considerable drop in POCl membership from its high of around 10,000. Why, I have no idea.

The stated Purpose of POCl is as follows (and it's right on the home page of the web site):

- (1) to pool together as much information as possible to assist Pontiac, Oakland, and GMC owners in the restoration and preservation of their vehicles,
- (2) to promote interest in Pontiac, Oakland, and GMC vehicles, their history, restoration, preservation and, above all, and
- (3) to make owning a Pontiac, Oakland, or GMC an enjoyable experience.

All actions need to be done in support of the 3 purposes above AND, at the same time, not decrease the long term viability of the club or its chapters.

In writing this article I am NOT saying that POCl or this chapter is "in trouble" nor is it a call to action against any one person or group. Rather it is an attempt get as many of the facts out in the open and start the CONSTRUCTIVE conversations going so that we as a chapter can make intelligent decisions and not get blindsided by unseen political battles. This will be a topic at our mid-year mini-Board meeting at Knoebles on Saturday, July 18th.

Above all, get 'em out and drive 'em!

Dick Stover
KSC Secretary

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46th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht

July 31– August 3, 2009 July 31– August 3, 2009

Here's to hoping Mother Nature cooperates with us and provides us with the same weather we had at GM on Display. Once again, help is needed on the show field. I am there at 7:00 a.m. If anyone is able to come then or thereafter, all your help will be greatly appreciated. More than ever, it is time for the Keystone State Chapter to Unite and support the vintage Pontiacs. This is our time to celebrate our treasures, so if you can, just come out for the day and enjoy yourself.

If you are able to come and if you need more info, please contact me at:
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Don Haley

**Time to Plan!!!!
so mark your calendars**

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Fall Meet

Saturday, October 17, 2008

Fall Tour

Saturday, November 27

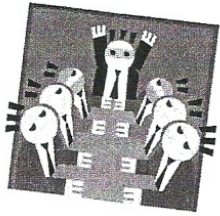
Junkyard Tour

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Annual Club Christmas

Sunday, January 10, 2010

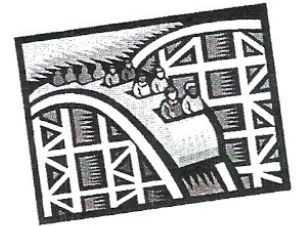
Annual Membership Meeting



Mid-Year Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Knoeble Grove Amusement Park



Please Contact: Ralph Keller (570-326-9237)

To let him know you are attending!

In the busy time we live in, it is high time to take a break and just hang out with your friends. Like us, you all have been working way too hard. Do you want to see change?

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to be part of planning club activities? If so, this is the place for you.

This is an open forum and the place to air your opinions and suggestions. There is no Lin Team. Your officers and directors can only do so much. It is up to you. Are you willing to take a risk and speak up. The plus side to attending is that you get to have fun and excitement at a wonderful amusement park for the remainder of the day.

Remember the thrill of the roller coaster or the peaceful

swing of the

Ferris Wheel. My favorite is the Log Flume.

Drop me a line and let me know your favorite ride, besides a Pontiac.

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