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Spotlighting
Steve Liebert's 1967 GTO 1980 Car Craft Street Machine Nationals

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## Hall to the Chief

Steve Liebert



I'm thinking forward to spring and the new season ahead. Warmer weather and longer days will help pull everyone out of the winter doldrums. Maybe you'll get to that ongoing project that may have been languishing for the winter. Or, like myself, multiple projects that need attention to help bring them to a conclusion. We'll be checking out our Spring Tour with Tina and Jeff Reich, touring the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg Pa. March 21st. I'm also looking forward to GM on Display. I've invited some non Pontiac GM friends to join us. I'd like to put some ideas out there to keep our newsletter full and interesting. I'd like all our members to send or E mail a short article about you're "collector car" or hobby car, no matter what year, running or not, with pictures. Whether the car is covered with boxes in the garage, or covered outside with a blue tarp, take a shot! No need to remove the boxes or tarp! Rosemary has seemed to read my mind and mentioned this in the last newsletter. I'll send in a shot of my GTO that everyone thinks is my imagination." Hmmm, with boxes and tarp." Maybe we could have a picture contest to guess what car is under the boxes and or tarp. at you're house. A free red T shirt to the best photo? We'll run this by the board and see if we could get help judging the photos. Be aware that the newsletter is available through E mail, if you'd like to receive it this way, E mail Rosemary Haley at chiefpontiac1@aol.com

Steve

#### 2009

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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.



#### Sunday- June 7, 2009 Northwoods Group in New Bloomfield, PA

How to make this event successful! Come and Participate Bring your vehicle, bring yourself. We need help at registration and on the show field. Contact Meet Chairperson — Merle Wright if you are planning to attend and help out. Many hands make light work. Reminder, this is a club event and is as important as any other Meet or Activity. We hope to see you there. Come out and enjoy the hospitality of Northwood 's Auto Group. Let 's try to get 75+ cars on the show field. See flier in this issue. Please feel free to come out and enjoy the day.

Contact: Merle Wright— (717-567-3215)



## Mid-Year Membership Meeting <u>Saturday, July 18,2009</u> Knoeble Grove Amusement Park



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

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 I in 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.

#### Other Events of Interest

#### **AACA**

\* June 26-28

Carlisle All-GM Nationals Carlisle PA

For info: www.carsatcarlisle.com

#### **GTO** Association of Pennsylvania

\* July 7-11,2009

POCI/GTOAA Co-Convention

Hosted by: Ohio Valley GTO Assn.

Contact: (513) 276-6906

Dayton, OH

and POCI's Grand Prix Specialty Chapter

#### The Early Times Chapter

\*August 7 - 9 2009 Ames Performance Tri Power Pontiac Nationals

Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, OH Super Duty Promotions (419) 663-7383 or www.pontiacnationals.com

\*September 9 - 12 2009

Flathead Reunion, Amana, Iowa Amana Guest House Motel, 4712 220th Trail

Amana, IA

Contact: 319-662-3599 or 1-877-331-08

\*October 7-10 2009 7 - 10

AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA Early Times Chapter has a booth

Contact Arnold (301)498-0070 to help with this project. set-up at this event

Thanks to the above clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. If you belong to another club and would like to include your calendar of events -please e-mail me the information. I will be happy to include these events as well.

#### I NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have a story to tell? A most cherished Pontiac that you have restored back to life? Is it still a work in progress? Or do you know a member that needs to be recognized for his/her efforts. If so, please send me your story along with pictures. I want to add a member spotlight section to the newsletter. I believe with a 100 members, we have so much to share. So please share it with all of us. You can e-mail me or send to me via the postal service. I will return any pictures mailed to me. Please also include permission to print your story. Steve was the first brave member. Let's see who is next. Thanks in advance—

Rosemary

Important Info:

Dick Stover-new e-mail address

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kscpociinfo@gmail.com

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### **2009 Calendar of Events**

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Contact

GM on Display

Macungie Memorial Par Don Haley (610) 640-7464 or chiefpontiacl@aol.com

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Contact:

Spring Meet

Northwood Group New Bloomfield, PA Merle Wright (717) 567-3215

July 7-11,2009

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Mid-year Membership Meeting

Knoeble Grove Amusement Park

Ralph Keller (570-326-9237)

Contact:

July 31-August 3, 2009

Saturday, July 18,2009

Contact:

For more information

46th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht

Macungie Memorial Park Don Haley (610-640-7464) chiefpontiac1@aol.com info@awkscht.com

Sunday, September 20

Contact:

Fall Meet

A.W. Golden Pontiac Frank Kemp (610-367-6664) or fkemp@dejazzd.com

Saturday, October 17, 2008

Contact:

Fall Tour

Simeone Foundation Car Collection Bill McIntosh 610 488-6081

Saturday, November 27

Junkyard Tour

Location to be Determined Steve Liebert at (215) 322-9636

Contact:

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Annual Club Christmas Party

Bird-in Hand Restaurant Jim Martin at (717) 393-3031

Contact: or jamesamartin@comcast.net

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Annual Membership Meeting Bird in Hand Fire Company

Contact:

Jim Martin at (717) 393-3031 or jamesamartin@comcast.net

Come one: Come all: Enjoy the events!!!

Invite somebody to join the

Keystone State Chapter

Annual Chapter Dues are only \$15.00

Contact: Rick Harding

(717) 336-4530

You need to be a member of POCI to join our local chapter

For more Information write

Pontiac-Oakland Club International

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Victor, NY 1454

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E-mail: pociworldhg@aol.com

Renew your membership to POCI

**December 2000** 

Spring has Tiger Tales finally sprung. Our car season is in full swing and so many fun events to look forward to. Please enjoy the article from Steve. Brave soul to being #1 in submitting a story and picture of his treasure. Tina Reich's planned a superb Spring Tour and submitted an article that provided a pictorial experience of the day. Just letting everyone know, the mailing caused difficulties this last time but I believe that a strong will and a desire not to let the postal service win has helped to clear up the problems. We are looking forward to GM, the Spring Tour, and the mid year meeting at Knoebles.

## Spring Tour



Story Tina Reich Pictures by Tina Reich and Steve Liebert



Saturday, March 21 was a beautiful day for a Spring Tour in Gettysburg, PA! The members of KSC POCI that went were surprised so many other people had the same idea, as were some of the Park Rangers. We started the morning at Cracker Barrel for a meet and greet and 'rest stop.' We then convoyed down Route 15 to the new Gettysburg Visitor's Center. There, we marveled at the new building - made with PA stone and meant to blend in with the surrounding farms. We were bussed out to the Eisenhower farm and entertained by our chatty driver.

At the farm, we were given a tour of the President and First Lady's home, which has been part of the National Park since 1979. Elisabeth was given a challenge - to determine Mamie Eisenhower's favorite color - and when she reported back, she was awarded with a Junior Park Ranger badge. The First Lady's entire bedroom is pepto-pink, very 1950's. We also enjoyed seeing some of the various antiques of their everyday life: a very early style TV remote, paintings the President had done, the kitchen appliances, a fancy French 'pouf' style chair. The tour then took us outside, some of us visited the Angus barns the President had taken great pride in, and others of us poked around an old barn and found the 1960's Buick station wagon with a Vista Cruiser style top that he took his first driver's license exam in - being in the military from a young age and then high in the government with a driver he never needed a license until retiring to PA post-Presidency. The bus nearly left without President Steve since he was having fun wandering the grounds, but we did a head count and made sure he wasn't forgotten! After enjoying our time there, we trekked

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## Spring Tour cont'd

onto Route 15 again and then East on Route 30 to Abbottstown and the Hof Brau Haus Restaurant. We had quite a good time there enjoying German delights like Schnitzel, Spaetzle, and Wursts. Although, some of us questioned just how German a ham and cheese club or the Italian chicken were... I guess not everyone enjoyed the German delights! The wait staff was quite wonderful with our rowdy, noisy, laughing group. We spent a great afternoon chatting and eating. If you've never been there, you should check it out.

Sixteen Pontiac fans made it out in all, including the 'junior' members of the club, Jackson was day-long entertainment for many of us. We felt bad about the folks that planned to come but were unable to because of sickness, we missed you. And we appreciated those that came a long distance or on very little sleep. Thanks! Gettysburg was a fun day, and we only scratched the surface - there is a goldmine of tours there anytime we are short on ideas!









## Member Spotlight 1967 GTO Convertible owned by Steve Liebert





I bought this car as a replacement for the first one that was wrecked in an accident with a parked car by a "let me drive you're car" driver. I paid \$400.00 in September of 1975, for a slightly used '67 GTO conv. with big PONTIAC billboards on the quarter panels. My first GTO was a black car, as I drove to look at the "new "one, I wondered what color it was going to be. I never asked the seller while I had him on the phone. Colors were never a big priority with me, just so it was a GTO. It turned out to be BLACK, go figure. Although a red interior adorned this version. The car was all stock and showed approximately 87000 miles. In November the same year the car was stolen. It was recovered in December from the bowels of Philadelphia, just in time as my best Christmas present. All the bolt on stuff was gone, wheels, tach, radio, wood steering wheel (not OEM). All things considered, I felt lucky to get back what I did. There was some body damage on the rear and trunk. When I recovered the car from the impound lot in Philadelphia. I discovered how the car was damaged. Imagine your convertible automobile with the front end sitting on the back of a conventional tow truck, the tow cable pulled over the car and clipped to the bumper, tension on the cable keeps the car suspended off the ground because there are no wheels or tires. They brought another car in like that when we where leaving the yard.

Story forward, I rebuilt the engine from the "wrecked" GTO, hot rodded it, and installed it in the recovered car selling off the matching engine. DUH! We had fun, street racing it and occasionally going to the track. I took it to the beach and to the 1980 Car Craft Street Machine Nationals in Indianapolis IN. We drove it there, 3.90 gears and all. It came off the road in 1982 with a rod knock and some body damage from a parking incident at work. Here we are after a 3 year wait to get it in the body shop for rust repair and body straightening. Another 3 years goes by to accomplish that and a 150% over the original estimate. We are quietly waiting for time and some more funds to get the final paint and re-assembly process going. The pictures show the current state.

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## 33<sup>nd</sup>. ANNUAL SPRING CAR SHOW SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

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C-1965-	77 Full Size	H – 1982-94 Firebird/TransAm			
D - 1978-	94 All except Firebird and Fi	ero I – 1984-88 Fiero			
E - 1961-	77 Compact/Intermediate	J – Commercial/Stock up to 1994			
Plaques -Popular Vote:  K - Modifieds/Street Rods—All years  L - Survivor up to 1994, Pre-registered only  M - 1995 to Present All Pontiac and GMC		1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award in all classes 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place award if 6 or more in class			
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