

# PONTI ACTION

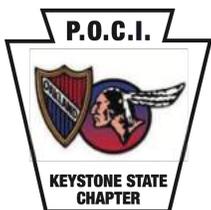
*AUGUST 2018*



1926 Lincoln Model L Touring  
from Don Barlup's Collection



GMC Looking Good at The Dells



The Original *Pontiacion* Chapter...  
**The Keystone State Chapter**  
**Pontiac Oakland Club International**



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# From The Chief

Hello and Happy Summer everyone!! It has been a very busy year for many of our members and it seems like yesterday that we were wondering if, or when, summer would arrive. Thank you to everyone who has coordinated and attended each of our spring and summer club events. The Macungie car show (wet and hot as normal) is now over and that signals to us that we will soon launch into our fall and winter activities. The team of Bill McIntosh, Tom Wright, Brenda Steinhauer, Sandy Kemp and Dick Stover have just completed final preparations for our Fall Show at Ebersole's in Lebanon. The dealership is extremely supportive and very excited to host us again this year. Please round up all your Oakland, Pontiac, and GMC friends and come enjoy this exciting event on September 23rd.

Looking back to the 2018 POCI Convention, we had 23 chapter members make the trek to Wisconsin Dells. Despite some rain prior to the Points Judged Show, we all had a great time. Both Wisconsin chapters did an excellent job of hosting the event and we had several members come home with awards and trophies for their cars. Congratulations to everyone who received an award. Many of us used the experience to observe and learn. In addition to my normal judging duties, I was particularly busy meeting with members of the National POCI staff and host members trying to absorb and collect information that we could apply to our 2019 planning. So did every member who attended. In addition to enjoying the tours and many other activities, they keep busy observing and collecting valuable insights that will help us finalize our convention planning. I'm particularly thankful for all the support our Keystone family members have provided to coordinate and plan for the 2019 Convention. We are into the "final stretch" and have made great headway; only 11 short months remaining till show time. I want to encourage everyone to please volunteer any part of your valuable time to assist with this important task. Remember, we are hosting the event and may not be able to participate in most events. Working to make events successful should be our reward as we strive to be "GOOD HOSTS" to our guests! Jim



# TOUR OF DON BARLUP'S COLLECTION



1917 American LaFrance model 45

We stopped for lunch at the Blain Diner, providing time for Ponti-yakking and visiting. We saw some great countryside, and a number of covered bridges, driving across 2 of them. Fortunately the rain held off till late in the day. After returning to New Bloomfield, a mid-year business meeting was held to discuss the convention, as well as remaining activities for the year. It was decided to cancel the proposed private collection tour in October, and schedule a convention update meeting instead. It was noted that Art and Larry will be coming in for the November meeting, and we need to be prepared. After the meeting, a few members joined Don to visit a nearby restored gas station.

On Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, about 25 KSC members and guests converged on New Bloomfield Pa. Don and Carol Barlup have acquired an old service station formerly owned by the Tressler family, which had been closed a number of years ago as an operating service station. They cleaned, painted, and restored this perfect location to store their cars. On display besides a fire truck, were an old Lincoln, a Packard Caribbean, a rare Pullman, a 1960 Lincoln convertible, and parked in a trailer outside was a beautiful 32 Pontiac Convertible Coupe. There is also a very nice display area filled with memorabilia. After doughnuts and directions, we headed off on a 2 hour tour of the beautiful back roads of Perry and Cumberland Counties.



# **INDIANA MADE**

As a born and bred Indiana boy (22 years) it was impossible to ignore the heritage of the automotive industry there – it was everywhere. Beyond that is the racing – Indy 500, midgets, super modifieds, drag racing, AJ Foyt, and more recently F1, The Brickyard 400, Jeff Gordon.

Names such as Haynes, Auburn, Studebaker, Duesenberg, Stutz, and Cord brought worldwide acclaim to the Hoosier state. Innovation and activity were particularly rich in Indiana during the early 1900's. Tilt steering, cruise control, and hydraulic brakes are just three examples of the innovations introduced by Indiana automotive pioneers.

Forty Indiana cities and towns had automobiles manufactured or assembled in them. More than 400 automobiles, trucks, and cyclecars with various names can claim Indiana production or assemblage, accounting for 8 percent of the approximate 5,000 vehicle names produced in the US. In 1909, Indiana was the second largest producer (13.1 percent) of the nation's automobiles after Michigan.

A growth spurt between 1910 and 1920 separated the nation's automakers into two groups – mass producers and the craftsmen. Most of Indiana's automakers chose to remain craftsmen, purchased automotive parts, and assembled them by hand. As a result, these companies were small, and many became known for producing high-class and high priced cars. Nearly every one of the Indiana cars that became well known was in this category – including Duesenberg, Cord, Stutz, and Cole – and they appealed to the upper end of the consumer market.

The economic recession in the early 1920's added more financial burdens on the population. Hoosier manufacturers were ill-prepared for this kind of competition. The Great Depression of the 1930's finished off many manufacturers. Studebaker was a notable exception, lasting until December 1963.

The 1980's and '90's saw a revival in Indiana auto production with the introduction of the autos and sport utility vehicles at Subaru, pickups for GM, military and off-road vehicles at AM General, trucks for Toyota. Indiana became a leading producer of components, electronics, and parts. The U.S. Census Bureau statistics ranked Indiana third in the number of employees in its transportation-equipment industry, after Michigan and Ohio. Manufacturers included Bosch Braking Systems, Cummins Engine Company, Delphi Automotive, and New Venture Gear. The "Big Tree" – GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler (now Fiat-Chrysler America) – also continued to invest in Indiana. Between 2007 and 2009 the recession took a heavy toll on Indiana, but still retains a major presence on the automotive landscape.

Indiana's automotive history is indeed rich and extensive.

Dick Stover (and thanks to "Indiana Cars" by Dennis and Terri Horvath)



**Attention: All Pontiac, Oakland and GMC Truck Owners! Announcing the**

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meet and Car Show

**Of the Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International**

**Sunday September 23, 2018 at Ebersole Buick/GMC Truck Dealership**

**1900 Cumberland Street, Rt. 422, Lebanon, PA 17042 717-383-4464**



**Ebersole Auto Group**



*Automotive Excellence since 1920!*

**A Judged Show Hosted by:**

**Trophy Classes:**

- A – 1908-1958 Oakland & Pontiac
- B – 1959-1964 Full Size (inc. GP)
- C – 1965-1986 Full Size (inc. GP)
- D – 1987-2001 All ex. Firebird & Fiero
- E – 1961-1986 Compact/Intermed.

- F – 1964-1974 GTO
- G – 1967-1981 Firebird/Trans Am
- H – 1982-2001 Firebird/Trans Am
- I – 1984-1988 Fiero

**Popular Vote Classes:**

- K – Modified/Street Rods – All Years
- L – Survivor up to 2001 (preregistration only!)
- M – 2002-Present All Pontiac/GMC

**J – Commercial Stock up to 2001** Registration: 9:00 to 11:30 AM

**KSC FALL MEET PRE-REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE: September 15, 2018**

**Pre-Registration Cost: \$12 per vehicle**  
\$9.00 for Keystone State Chapter Members

Send To: Sandy Kemp, 1603 South Main St.,  
P.O. Box 298, Bechtelsville, PA 19505  
Enclose: \$12.00/Vehicle (\$9.00 for KSC Members)  
Payable to: Keystone State Chapter, P.O.C.I.

**Day of Show Registration**

\$14.00/Vehicle  
\$11.00 for Keystone State Chapter Members

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Automotive Flea Market Space: \$15.00**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Pre-registration only)

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ BODY STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2018 Convention Report

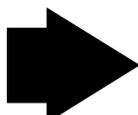
The 2018 POCI convention in The Wisconsin Dells is now history, GOOD history and memories. Great facility, well organized operations by the host chapters, great tours and seminars, and great cars. 23 members of KSC and DelMarVA chapters made the trip, and made important observations for 2019 planning. Many also took advantage of the trip to include stops to see sites, relatives, and friends. Jackie (my wife) and I stretched the trip to 15 days. On the way out we stopped in Dayton and spent a day at the The National Museum of the Air Force (highly recommended), my old hometown of Indianapolis (we blew by the old "homestead"), Purdue University (Jackie's alma mater), the Pontiac Oakland Auto Museum in Pontiac, IL (outstanding!!), the Illinois RR Museum in Union, IL (largest east of the Mississippi), before making it to the Dells. The big news out of the convention was of course the announcement of the 2019 Convention in our "back yard", Gettysburg. The video presentation by Jim Martin was outstanding, followed even more by the large number of pre-registrations and T-shirt sales. Also, during the Tim Dye seminar, Tim announced he was putting together a SECOND Pontiac Museum in (yes) Pontiac, MI. On our return trip we stopped at South Bend, IN and toured the Studebaker Museum, also outstanding. Then back to the Indy area to stay with some of Jackie's cousins, and finally making it back to Langhorne (north of Philly) on July 3rd. Two things at the convention that I observed: the number of Pontiacs that are in Wisconsin alone, considering the impact of harsh winters on any vehicle (Jackie & I spent a few years in Racine), and the lack of pre-55 vehicles - I think I counted less than a dozen (maybe the winters got to them). However, I was impressed with one couple who had driven their survivor 46 four-door from mid-Illinois (you may remember I have a 48) and a 20-something young lady who had recently purchased a 48 four-door. There is hope!! Several members received awards:

- (1) Ralph Keller, Outstanding in Popular Vote Semi-modified class for his 72 GP
- (2) Merle Wright, Outstanding in Popular Vote for his 83 TA
- (3) AJ Koszi, Outstanding in Popular Vote for his 62 GP
- (4) Jack Anderson, Gold Junior in Survivor Class for his 58 Bonneville Convertible

Sorry if I missed anyone.  
Dick Stover



# Calendar of Events

March 10, Saturday	Tour and convention planning meeting at Morgantown (PA) Indoor Auto Mall Collection. 11am. 400 cars and trucks. <a href="http://www.classicautomall.com">www.classicautomall.com</a> Contact is: Tom Wright at email: <a href="mailto:tommyjw22@yahoo.com">tommyjw22@yahoo.com</a> or phone: 610-587-3468
April 14, Saturday	Mercer Museum and Font Hill Castle in Doylestown CONTACT: Chuck or Susan McGurk, email: <a href="mailto:mcgurks3@verizon.net">mcgurks3@verizon.net</a> or phone: 215-230-0173 (see details in this newsletter)
May 6, Sunday	GM on Display, Macungie (PA) Memorial Park; Don Haley contact at email <a href="mailto:gmondisplay@gmail.com">gmondisplay@gmail.com</a> or 610-608-7904; PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 1st
June 3, Sunday	Burdette Bros./National Capital Area Chapter POCI show in Hyattstown, MD Contact: George Richardson (703) 768-1569, <a href="mailto:richardson13@cox.net">richardson13@cox.net</a>
June 24-28	46th National Convention, Wisconsin Dells, see <a href="http://www.POCI.org">www.POCI.org</a> for details
July 21 or 22	Don Barlup's collection plus mid-year chapter meeting at New Bloomfield, PA, DETAILS TO FOLLOW
August 5, Sunday	Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie (PA) Memorial Park; Don Haley contact at email <a href="mailto:gmondisplay@gmail.com">gmondisplay@gmail.com</a> or 610-608-7904; PRE-REGISTER BY JULY 1st; <a href="http://www.awkscht.com/">http://www.awkscht.com/</a>
Sept. 23, Sunday 	Fall Meet at Ebersole Buick/GMC in Lebanon, PA, DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE
Oct. 20, Saturday	<b>CANCELLED</b> -Tour of Harold Morch Collection, Bethel, PA.
Nov. 23, Friday	Junk Yard Tour, Evan Salvage north of Harrisburg details on website.. Contact is Stephan Liebert email: <a href="mailto:LIGOATPAR@VERIZON.NET">LIGOATPAR@VERIZON.NET</a> or phone 215-322-9636
Dec. 1, Saturday	Christmas Party; Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand and the underpass on HY340; 12:30-4, dinner at 1; \$25/person, \$10 for age 12 & under. Contact Jim Martin 717-393-3031 or <a href="mailto:jamesamartin@comcast.net">jamesamartin@comcast.net</a>

The events above are those that KSC specifically sponsors or participates in. There are other regional and local events that KSC encourages its members to participate in, such as those sponsored by neighboring POCI chapters. See our website, [www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org) and select the OTHER EVENTS button to see the ones we know of. Please feel free to email details of events you know of.

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**Annual Chapter dues are \$19.00 (2019) payable in January. It is recommended that you be a member of the P.O.C.I. along with being a member of the Keystone State Chapter. Send dues payable to KSC-POCI, c/o Brenda Steinhauer; 48 Shillington Rd; Sinking Spring, PA 19608**

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