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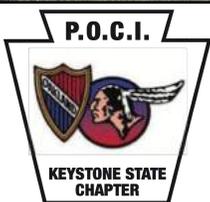
'50 Chieftain survivor at the Fall Ebersole Meet



The Old Smith Pontiac Building, now houses Hank Hallowell's collection



Greg Bomberger and his '65 GrandPrix win the Beatrice Landis Memorial Award at the Fall Meet representing the Spirit of the Hobby



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



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From The Chief

Hi Fellow Members, what a terrific Fall we have had so far at the Keystone Chapter.

It started with our annual fall car show held again this year at Ebersole Buick/GMC in Lebanon, Pa. We had a wonderful day of weather, food music and cars along with a strong turnout. We again thank Randy Swartz General Manager for his hospitality and support. The dealership really opens up all areas of the building to the club. Next year is Ebersoles 100th anniversary and we will be working with Randy and his staff on making next year's show a big success for both Ebersole and Keystone. In saying this we will be discussing at our annual meeting some possible changes to the show to improve visibility for the club, attendance and celebrating 100 years of GM at Ebersoles. Thanks to Bill McIntosh, Sandy Kemp, Brenda Steinhauer and Dick Stover in planning as well as all the other members that helped at this year's show.

We then had a planned activity a weekend trip to North Central PA and the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. There were 4 couples that followed the trip planned and carried out by Ralph and Peggy Keller. I understand the weather was good and a great time was had by all. (We would like to know from our members if you find these type of weekend events a good use of our planning. Give any feedback to myself or any club officer or board member).

We then just recently completed a tour of Hank Hallowell's private collection in Hershey Pa. Hank recently purchased an old car dealership building built in 1916 as a Ford dealership, but in the 30's became Smith Pontiac and operated as such up until it closed in the 70's. The building was full of pictures, motorabilia and some really neat cars. We had about 25 members and friends that enjoyed a terrific lunch then a great tour. Thanks again to fellow member Mr. Hallowell for his hospitality.

Still to come this fall is our annual junkyard tour the day after Thanksgiving. Steve Liebert has a tour planned this year at a facility in Swedesboro, NJ. A breakfast is first then roaming for old parts in a privately owned junkyard. Additional information will be in the newsletter on times and addresses. Please join us.

Finally, our Christmas party is on Saturday December 7th at Bird-in-Hand restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, Pa. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Additional information is included in this months newsletter.

Don't forget we still have lots of items still available from the convention. Items such as tee shirts, hex signs, hat pins, dash plaques and a few trophies available for sale. The prices are very reasonable and you can contact Jim Martin if you have any interest in items from our most inspiring 2019 convention.

Thanks to all of our willing workers who make this club viable.

See you down the road..... Tom Wright



EAGLES MERE & PA GRAND CANYON TOUR

On the weekend of September 14-15, 2019, we conducted our 2-day fall tour. We had a total of 4 vehicles and 8 club members, who traversed the Northern Tier portions of Lycoming, Sullivan, Bradford, and Tioga counties. The tour started at the home of Ralph Keller in Williamsport, when members got to view my extensive Lionel train collection. After a quick lunch, we headed north, stopping at Katie's Country Store, in Sullivan County for a brief stop to browse around. We then climbed the 2,100 foot high mountain, arriving in Eagles Mere, located in the heart of the "Endless Mountains". We spent some time browsing in the few shops that were open. An updated museum has been opened, showing a nice historical review of what Eagles Mere was like in it's prime. In the early 1900's, this was a well-known summer resort for the wealthy of Philadelphia, who wanted to get away from it all. Very much like the Pocono resorts are today. The small but scenic lake was surrounded by large mansions, summer homes, and exquisite hotels to cater to the rich urban crowd, who arrived by train. Unfortunately, we hit rain and heavy fog as we peaked the mountain, and made it hard to see the actual lake as we drove around the perimeter.

We then proceeded to the Eagles Mere Air and Auto museums just north of town. The car museum houses a great collection of about 70 cars, mostly Chevy, but with a few others mixed in. Pontiac was represented by a beautiful GTO and a 61 Ventura. The usual collection of signs, and other memorabilia was included, and everything was well done. The museum owner owns a total of about 400 cars, and they change the exhibit routinely. He is a tri-five Chevy guy, and on his 57th birthday, he acquired his 57th 1957 Chevy, so they put the cars on the airfield arranged so as to spell out the numbers 5 & 7, when viewed from an aerial drone. They have photos and even a jigsaw puzzle of that event photo. Several buildings housed a few dozen nicely restored antique planes, aircraft motors, and related items. In good weather they sometimes fly some of the antique planes from the adjacent landing strip.

We then proceeded north to Towanda, making a short pit stop at the Jolly Trolley store in "downtown" Dushore. We arrived at the Riverstone motel with enough time for a short rest before a great evening meal at the attached restaurant. After dinner we spent some time in the lounge "ponty-yakkin".

Sunday morning dawned with clear and sunny weather, and we traveled about 60 miles to the Penn-Wells hotel in Wellsboro for their widely known Sunday brunch. We then traveled the short distance to the main observation area for the Pa. Grand Canyon, an impressive sight, not matter how often you have seen it. This was the official conclusion of the tour, and the group went their separate ways to do some sightseeing on the way home.



**Examples of what was seen at
Eagles Mere**



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	DAY	EVENT
Oct 27	Sunday	Tour of Hank Hallowell collection
Nov 29	Friday	Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, private yard in Swedesboro, NJ
Dec 7	Saturday	Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30 pm
Jan. 12, 2020	Sunday	Board/Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House, 12noon



SEE www.kscpoci.org UNDER CURRENT EVENTS FOR ALL THE DETAILS and REGISTRATION INFO

BLACK FRIDAY JUNK YARD TOUR: Call Stephan Liebert at 267-247-6903 or email: ligoatpar@verizon.net by Sunday 11/24 to let him know that you will be coming along.



CHRISTMAS PARTY: Call Jim Martin at 717-940-0529 or email: jamesamartin@comcast.net by Sunday 11/24 to let him know that you will be attending.



FALL MEET at EBERSOLE, LEBANON PA

On September 22nd the Keystone Chapter of POCI held it's 45th annual fall Pontiac show at Ebersole Buick/GMC in Lebanon, Pa. The weather cooperated as we had a beautiful day with warm temperatures and no rain. We were fortunate to have over 50 cars spread across many of our classes.

We had two "59" Pontiac beauty's that were featured on the dash plaques and had prominent parking spots as our show highlight cars. They were chosen to celebrate 60 years of the model year.

We also had a 1926 Pontiac the first model year and a 2009/10 Pontiac the last model year parked side by side for special picture taking. Ebersole Buick/GMC and particularly Randy Swartz General Manager was, as always, very accommodating to the club and all of the quests allowing us free access to the facility.

Randy's daughters and their friends a local youth group provided morning coffee and donuts and a menu of lunch items throughout the day. The money they raised will provide a great start toward a youth mission.

The music for the show was classic car show mix provided by a very capable DJ, playing great music and making announcements throughout the day.

We had many door prizes available to almost every registered guest from gift certificates to brand name cleaning products. Everyone went home a winner.

We gave out over 30 trophies and awards to some really amazing cars. We have several volunteers that followed the clubs judging rules. The folks that volunteered to judge took their responsibilities very seriously which resulted in some terrific winners. We also had a Best of Show and Ebersole Dealer chosen winner. Again, this year we also gave out the Beatrice Landis award. (see the cover page).

We will be working closely with Ebersole for next year's show as it is Ebersole's 100th year of selling GM, including Pontiac for most of those years, products. We will try to have some special items for this event. We will also be looking at ways of making the show stronger. If anyone has ideas on how we can improve this event we would appreciate your feedback. Also, I want to thank all the "willing workers" (Sandy, Brenda, Chris, Scott, Bill, Dick, Tim, Don, Jim, Ken, George, Billy and all of the judges) who helped to make this and all of our fall shows successful. We are always looking for new ideas, support and volunteers if interested please contact me or any club officer or board member.



HALLOWELL-SMITH PONTIAC TOUR

Sunday October 27th dawned as a blustery and stormy morning, but fortunately soon cleared to provide a nice fall day for our October tour. We had a total of 22 KSC members and guests who met at the nearby Red Robin for lunch, then drove a short distance to view the private collection of Mr. Henry "Hank" Hollowell, in Hershey, Pa. Hank is an avid hobbyist with additional collector vehicles in other locations. He is currently President of the Board of Directors of the AACA Museum. The building housing his collection was originally a Ford Garage (Hess Fords first location) from 1916-1927. After that it became an Oakland/Hudson/Dodge and finally Oakland/Pontiac and then Pontiac dealership until roughly 1967. This was known as the Harry B. Smith Pontiac Company. Following that the second and third floors became the home of Penn Hershey Transfer, while the showroom area on the first floor has been home to a variety of things including a men's Gym and now a salon.

The 17 cars on display are set up as a warehouse with vintage posters/old showroom banners/ and an Atlantic Gas Station. As to the exterior of the building, the facade was restored over a period of 3 years to its 1916 appearance (or as close as possible). The collection contains offerings mostly from the 50s and 60s from the "Big 3" automakers, and a few European offerings. There is a nice mix of high end restorations and original cars, as well as filling the price spectrum, ranging from a 59 Ford station wagon, to an Imperial limo and a 62 Caddy convertible, and sports cars including T-bird, Corvette, and Jaguar. Muscle cars are also dominant in the collection, including the 2 Pontiac offerings, of special interest to our members. A beautiful 65 GTO, with few options, but a desirable tri-power 4 speed car, sat next to an unrestored original 11,000 mile gorgeous 62 Grand Prix, also tri-power equipped. Hank noted that he does not just specialize in one make or type of car, but simply acquires cars that appeal to him for many reasons.





Membership Form for 2020

Please check the box below that applies

Annual Renewal
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New Members only check appropriate box below: (New member's dues are pro-rated on a semi-annual basis.)

Jan. through June 30 th	\$20.00	June 30 th through December 31 st	\$10.00
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MAKE	MODEL	YEAR

Dues are \$20.00 per year and are due in January.

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Be sure to check our website www.kscpoci.org for the latest updates and information

NEW: We are accepting donations for the Pontiac-Oakland Museum and Resource Center located at 205 North Mill Street Pontiac, IL 61764. Their web address is:

<http://www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org/>.

If you wish to make a donation, please add your donation with your dues on one check and indicate in the line below the value of your donation. \$_____.

Do you wish to have your information on this form to be shared with membership? Yes No

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