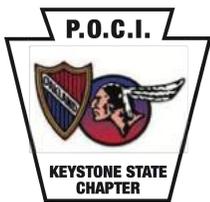


PONTIACTION



AUGUST 2020



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



From The Chief

Hello All

I hope everyone is staying safe and continue to be healthy. The year continues to keep us guessing and frustrated.

In any event, the club continues to try to offer some semblance of normalcy. Unfortunately the virus and state government is not making it easy. We have decided to cancel our fall show at Ebersole Buick GMC. The state requirements and concerns of the dealership made it impossible for us to assure everyone's safety and that Covid procedures could be followed.

You all know that the National Convention was cancelled due to Covid concerns. Everyone is disappointed, none more than the folks who worked on the show for many months. You can help the convention organizers by purchasing convention merchandise which is available now with details in this months Smoke magazine.

Our club had originally planned a club visit to American on Wheels in October. I'm sorry to say that the museum is not yet open and I do not expect that this event will take place. In saying all this bad news, I want to let you know the club officers and board have decided that we will not be charging dues in 2021. The dues paid in the beginning of 2020 will follow you through to 2022.

The officers and board of the club and myself personally are very much committed to our final two club events in 2020. Every event in 2020 to this point has been cancelled. We want the Junkyard Tour scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving every year to take place. Steve Liebert is moving full steam ahead in his planning and, due to the nature of the event being outside and naturally separated, I'm confident we can pull this one off. If you have never attended one of Steve's junkyard tours, you don't know what your missing. We meet for breakfast and then motor to a planned yard where we are free to browse at everyone's own pace and look at past beauties of cars and trucks all while picking up a few treasures. Plan on this event this year it is fun.

We are also still planning our annual Christmas Party at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant. I'm also obligated to mention that this event may change due to government rules and procedures, but we are hoping to have it right on time in early December 2020. More information will be coming out on both events as we get closer

I hope to serve as your club President for two more years since the past two have not been very productive for me due the convention in 2019 and Covid in 2020.

We will continue to reach out to our membership through ZOOM calls, our newsletter and additional emails from myself or Dick Stover.

Thanks for everyone support and continued support of the club.

See ya down the road

Tom Wright

Attention: Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac Owners
46th Annual Fall Meet and C, BOP Car Show!!!
Sponsor: Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International
Sunday September 20, 2020 at Ebersole Buick/GMC Truck Dealership
1900 Cumberland Street, Rt. 422, Lebanon, PA 17042 717-273-7611



CANCELLED

TOUGH DECISION. THE DEALER HAS COMMITTED TO THE SAME SHOW FORMAT IN 2021.

THOSE WHO PRE-REGISTERED WILL BE CONTACTED

This is to Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac Owners. Food, music, and more. Join us to help celebrate our 100th anniversary with special gifts provided by:



WHY WERE WE FORCED TO CANCEL?

- **could not enforce mask wearing**
- **could not control the numbers of people attending**
- **changing regulations affecting Lebanon Co.**
- **effort and people required to keep the show room area and bathrooms sanitized**
- **difficulty in establishing social distancing**
- **availability of viable food service vendors**

- A – 1949 & Earlier
- B – 1950's
- C – 1960's
- D – 1970's

Display Only
 Awarded Awards:

KSC FALL MEET PRE-REG

Send To: Sandy Kemp, 1605 South Miami St.,
 P.O. Box 298, Bechtelsville, PA 19505

Day of Show Registration
\$15.00/Vehicle

Enclose: \$10.00/Vehicle
 Payable to: Keystone State Chapter, P.O.C.I.

Name: _____

Automotive Flea Market Space: \$15.00
 (Pre-registration only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

CAR MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ BODY STYLE: _____ YEAR: _____ CLASS: _____

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Signature: _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** _____

By signing, you agree to hold harmless the KSC of POCI, its officers and directors, for injury, property damage or any other claim.
 More Information? Call Tom Wright 610-587-3468 or at tommyjw22@yahoo.com or Sandy Kemp 610-367-6664

MEMBER PROFILE - RICK HARDING



I'm Rick Harding, I've been a member of Keystone Chapter since 1992.

I have been employed by Weaver Industries Inc. a graphite machine for 42 years where I started working while I was in Votech school. Currently I'm manager of the Production Planning Department there and one of the more interesting projects I got to work on was when we took on a project machining components that went to Mars in 2012. I grew up in Reinholds and currently live with my Fiance Brenda Grumbling in Denver, a neighbouring town from where I grew up. For years I have been doing a Christmas Walk though display in my yard. Currently I'm undecided about this year's display. I have a daughter Kelly which some members may remember her from when she was a child and came along to some club activities. As a teenager she bought a 89 Trans Am which is currently sitting at my place in need of restoration.

I grew up around Pontiacs, my Dad had a 56 Pontiac and a 63 Lemans conv. and when I was 4 years old my brother bought a new 65 GTO conv. As a teenager my first Pontiac was a 72 Lemans Sport which I later traded in for a new 79 Sunbird. Then I went for about 5 years without Pontiac except for a 68 GTO project car which I later realized would have cost way more to restore than they were worth back then so I bought a good modified 68 GTO in 1989. Back in 1992 Diet and Gloria Aseli who were members of the Keystone State Chapter went to the same church I did and they had heard that I had a GTO and asked me to come along to the Fall show at Jones which led to me joining POCI and Keystone State Chapter.

In 1994 I bought a 1970 GTO Convertible which when new was originally sold by Jones Pontiac. After a minor engine fire upon arriving at the Fall Meet at Jones Pontiac in 1995 I decided to take it off the frame to fully detail the undercarriage, chassis and engine compartment. Since I was on a budget I did most of the work myself in my one car garage, it took over 5 years until I had it back together and on the road.

I currently still have the 70 GTO Convertible but I did just recently sell off my 2008 Solstice GXP and replaced it with a more practical all season vehicle, a 2007 G6 GT Hardtop Convertible. The G6 has low miles but has some cosmetic issues which is fine for an affordable fun convertible to drive anywhere. Also the day after Christmas we found a super low miles 2007 G6 GT for Brenda. Picked that up at Geoff Penske dealership in Shillington with just under 12,000 miles. So I guess we now have his and hers G6's. LOL.

Over the years I've had about 20 to 25 Pontiacs!!



**HAPPENINGS IN WILLIAMSPORT
FROM RALPH KELLER**

Below are several photos from a local cruise weekend of 7/25. You should recognize my restored GP on the left. The interesting thing is that in Fall of 1971 I bought my one and only brand new car, a 72 Ventura Sprint, identical to the one parked next to me in this photo. Only difference is that mine did not have a vinyl roof. This one happens to belong to a good friend of mine, and he acquired it several years ago, and just finished a complete restoration on it. I traded my Ventura at a local dealer in summer of 1974 for that GP which I still have.





2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	DAY	EVENT
March 14	Saturday	CANCELLED - Tour of Train Collection and Wings of Freedom at Willow Grove
April 25	Saturday	CANCELLED - Tour of America on Wheels
May 31st	Sunday	CANCELLED - GM on Display, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA
June 7th	Sunday	CANCELLED - National Capital Area Show, Hyattstown, MD; LAST SHOW AT BURDETTE BROS.
July 7-11		CANCELLED - National Convention (48th) – Catoosa, OK
AUG 21-22		NEW DATES & LOCATION - Attend (as spectators) AACA Grand National Show at Gateway Gettysburg
August 2nd	Sunday	CANCELLED - Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie (PA) Memorial Park; club day
Aug 15	Saturday	Not a group event, but we encourage you to go on your own - Knobels Grove; rides and food
Sept. 20	Sunday	CANCELLED -Fall Meet – Ebersole – 46th annual show, 100 Anniv., possible combined Buick, Cadillac, Olds, Pontiac, GMC show
Mid-October		TBD - Possible trip to America on Wheels.
Nov 27th	Friday	Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, TBD
Dec 5th	Saturday	Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30 pm
Jan. 10, 2021	Sunday	Board/Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House, 12noon



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

ATTENTION KEYSTONE STATE CHAPTER MEMBERS

Once again it is time for to exercise our right to elect, in our case, re-elect, our Chapter's representative to the POCI Board of Directors.

Micheal Murray has represented us for the past 3-5 years and has always stood up for us in any and all decisions at the POCI level. He is also the Chairman for the POCI Scholarship Committee. He served on the 2019 convention committee and was an active volunteer at the convention.

You have to individually participate by voting. All it will cost you is the price of a first class stamp: \$.55 (sorry prices went up).

OK, what is in it for our Chapter ?

If every member would (SHOULD) return their ballot, we could benefit in three ways ;

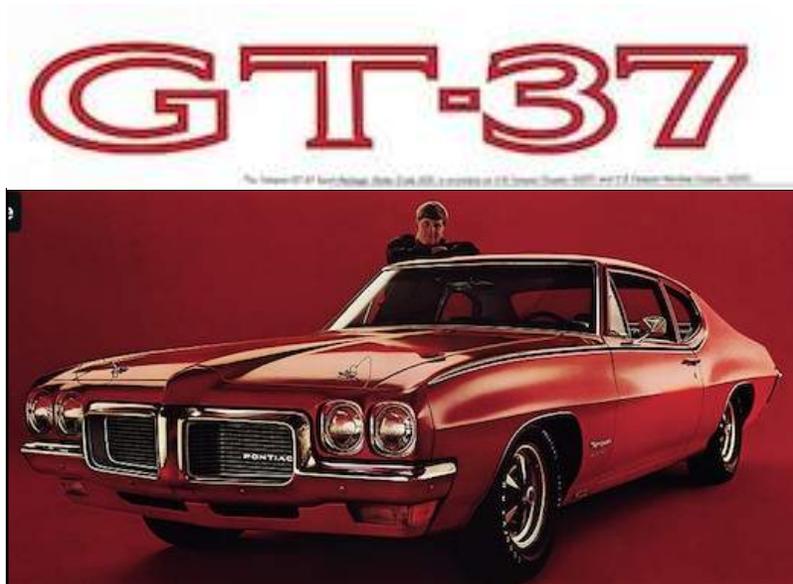
FIRST : Recognition at the 2021 Awards Banquet for the most returned ballots

SECOND : A cash award from POCI for this accomplishment.

THIRD : Mike would represent us for 4 more years

Please keep up the momentum by voting when you receive your ballot in the next issue of Smoke Signals.

A J Koszi



The almost forgotten GT-37: 350 cu in V8 was standard GT-37 engine for both model years (70 & 71), and most of them were ordered with one. Very few people ordered the 455. Only 15 were 4-barrel models, while 54 people went home with the HO option.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE CAYLA WRIGHT

Hi, Everyone. My name is Cayla Wright. I am the single-mom of the most amazing 7 year old boy on earth (I'm not biased at all), the Director of Agent Services and a REALTOR® for United Real Estate, and a life-long Pontiac lover. As an only child, I got to be my mom's mani-pedi buddy and my daddy's car fanatic. I have gone clothes shopping with my mom only to get home and help my dad change his shocks or put up the lift so he could put another car in the garage. I probably know more about a 2004 Pontiac Bonneville GXP with the North Star engine than most GUYS my age (30).

When my dad got the '04 Bonneville, I was recovering from major back surgery. It was my first outing post-op to my friends house. My dad called to say he was picking me up, and didn't mention it was going to be in a new car! That is when I realized there is something special about these cars. I was HURTING from being out for a few hours and I remember just melting into the back seat for the ride home. The smell of a new Pontiac is different from other new cars. It lasts longer, too.

It was only a year later, we were searching for my first car. My dad found a great deal on a 2001 Grand Am GT. It was white with the cool GT body and the black trim. OH! I FELL IN LOVE. I was still a few months away from getting my permit, but I was allowed to drive it around the development a few times. When I got my license, my friends and I made up a new game. Instead of "knock on wood", it was "knock on Pontiac plastic" for good luck. I kept that car until it DIED in the parking lot of my summer job...on my first day of work there. That Grand Am kept me safe, it taught me how to drive, it brought me states away and on quick errands. I loved that car and think of it whenever I see a white Grand Am GT out there.

Since then, we have never NOT owned a Pontiac in my family. They all smell the same. There is something familiar about the way they drive. My dad has always loved Pontiacs, but his love has now been passed down two generations.

When my dad got involved with POCI, I always helped him with little tasks and went to as many shows as possible. When he was helping to plan the 2019 Convention, I started getting really involved in the shows and helping where I could. During the convention, my son decided POCI was his job and he has not given that title up. He still wears the nametag around the house sometimes.

As I'm sure is very obvious, my dad is my inspiration when it comes to car paraphernalia and collectables. Gulf, Ford, Chevy, flashlights, Coca-cola, and Pontiac items to name a few. He's moved into bigger items and actually collects Pontiac cars now. I think he's up to five or six. I've lost count.

I got to drive my dad's 2008 G8 a few times and finally figured out what my dream car is. One day, I will own a 2008 Pontiac G6, pearl white, hard-top convertible. That will be my show car. That car will mean I've made it to the big leagues! Wish me luck!"



POCI DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Hello Members

I was talking with a few of our long time members recently regarding this years' election for Board of Directors of POC International.

Due to the strange circumstances and the convention being cancelled, there has not been alot of publicity on the elections.

The elections remain, however, very important. There will be a need to make many important decisions in the next year and beyond. Issues like future convention sites, finances, club officers and membership are just a few of the very important topics that will be coming up.

I'm asking all members of Keystone Chapter to read the biographies of folks running in the next issue of Smoke, then please make an effort to send in your ballot. Very importantly, the Keystone Chapter is asking that you support Mike Murray for the Board. Mike represents our Chapter and region at the national level and supports issues that are important to Keystone Chapter and the eastern region.

I also want to emphasize my presidential goal to grow our chapter club membership. Unfortunately, it wasn't a great year to make this a goal with so many car shows, cruises and events being canceled. In several of my communications this year I expressed my wishes for all current Keystone members to promote and expand the club.

I again ask you to print out our simplified membership application(attached) and give it to anyone that you know who has an interest in Pontiacs or GMCs.

In obtaining a new member I will personally commit to calling them and welcoming them to our club, give them a Keystone lapel button, and have George and Amy Burbage submit a new member profile/picture for our next newsletter.

Thanks for listening to my seemingly endless ramblings on these very important subjects and to everyones' continued support of the Keystone Chapter of POCI.

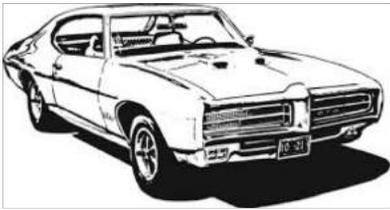
Stay safe, stay patient, and be kind,

Tom Wright

WESTERN PA EVENTS

OLD UNION CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Blessing of the vehicles at 12 Noon

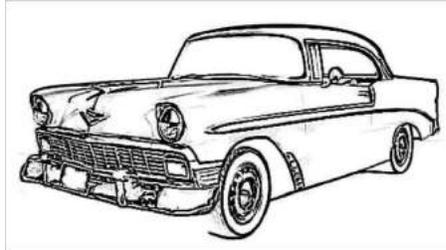


SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

10 AM- 2 PM
(Rain or shine)

- Spectator judged show
- Dash plaque to first 50 cars
- Food, music, fellowship and fun! [NO alcoholic beverages allowed]
- Please practice the COVID precautions at the time of the cruise



Benefits the purchase and installation of church's updated sound system

Contact persons: Lorene Winner (724-538-4694) OR Will Burns (724-822-4201)

Old Union Presbyterian Church
200 Union Church Road
Mars, PA

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Keystone State Chapter Membership Information
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Annual Chapter dues are \$20.00 (2020) 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

For Pontiac-Oakland Club International information go to www.poci.org on the internet; or call: 877-368-3454; or email: pociworldhq@aol.com Annual POCI dues are \$45.00 and includes a high quality monthly magazine.