

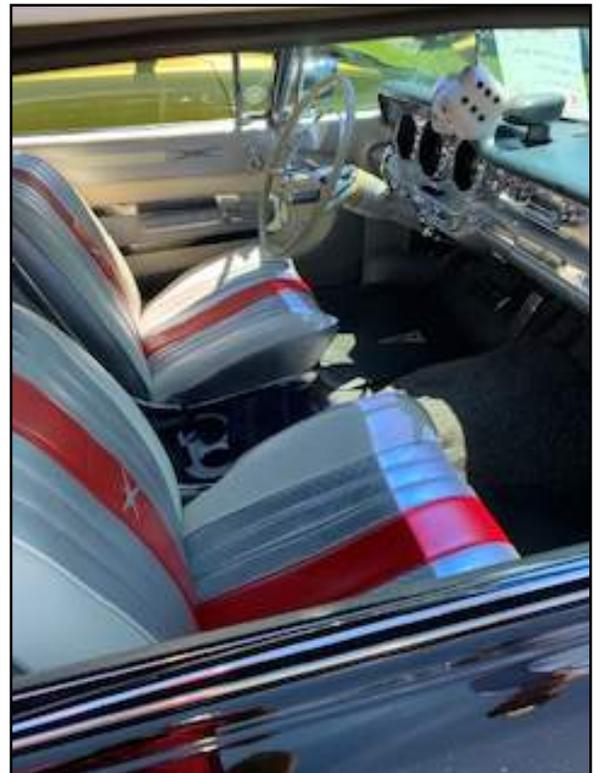
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JULY-AUGUST 2022

**46 YEARS OF JUST
HAVING FUN**



GM on Display 6/5/22
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The Original *Pontiation* Chapter...
The Keystone State Chapter
Pontiac Oakland Club International



From The Chief

Hello, Fellow Members,

As we approach the mid year point, we can already look back at a very successful first half of the year.

We conducted our annual business meeting in March which resulted in some good plans. In April we visited the Wheels in Time museum in Allentown. I believe we had almost 25 folks join us for breakfast and a great tour of a top notch museum.

In Early June we had our 46th annual "GM on Display" car show at Mcgungie Memorial Park. It was a great success in both the number of really terrific cars (approx 155) as well as a great turnout of volunteers who helped run the show for many of our members. This past weekend we had our annual excursion to Knobels Amusement Park for our mid year picnic.

The second half of the year will be just as busy. By the time you read this message, the 50th annual POCI convention will be but a short two weeks away. Myself, as well of a few other Keystone members, will be attending at the Hard Rock Casino near Tulsa, OK, the host hotel. I personally will be representing the Chapter at the Chapter Night banquet and a club presidents' meeting hosted by POCI President Ron Berglund. If you are planning on attending please let me know.

In August 5th through 7th, the Keystone Chapter will participate in the three days of events known as Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show. Sunday the 7th is the day set aside for Keystone Car Clubs to participate.

October will be a banner month as we have two events scheduled. First, Sunday October 2nd will be Keystone's fall car show at The Shrine of Padre Pio in Bectelsville, PA. Look for more info in this newsletter and plan to attend to support the club and enjoy a terrific car show site. Please plan to once again help run the show as we need parkers, registration, set/clean up, judges etc.....

Then in Mid October we have a scheduled bus trip two day visit to the Eastern Delaware/Maryland shore area. Karen Britton, Jim Martin, and Mike Murray have planned a causal, fun-filled weekend. Please see additional details in this newsletter and plan on attending.

Of course we will have our Junk Yard Tour in November and the wonderful Christmas Party in December. Check out the web site or Facebook as well as future newsletters for more details on these terrific events.

Thanks for being part of this great chapter. Please plan to attend all or some of our events.

See you down the road.....

Tom

This'll Take Forty-Five Minutes at the Most

Quite a few folks in our chapter know our son, Bill. Mechanically inclined and a lover of Pontiacs of different generations as well as Oaklands. It was no surprise to anybody when he announced he wanted to buy an older car to work on and cruise around. Initially Bill had a line on a 1970 T-37 in New York state, but it was sold out from under us.

Now, the story below could be classified as “You can’t make this stuff up” or “Truth is stranger than fiction” or even “Only us.” I’ll go with the third option. Bill scanned social media looked for weeks at dozens of listings local and not so local as a result. There are tons of great cars available, but the warts! No, thank you.

Along Comes Rosie

Bill finally found something within his budget that wasn’t a complete basket case: a white 1988 Firebird with a six, no air conditioning, crank windows, and a five-speed – all go, no show. After looking at the car online, it seemed good enough for a visit to the sellers, a local couple less than six miles away. Amy, Bill, and I were there well over an hour going over the car in detail. Bill bought it at a discount a few days later. It needs love, but really scoots. Rosie is the name Bill picked for his car after some deliberation within the family, and approval by his older sister, Vicki.

The Pickup

Bill purchased the car while he was on semester break from the University of Scranton. After Bill headed back to school, Amy and I decided we could get the car in the afternoon of one of the days I was working at one of my employer’s remote sites, about 15 to 20 minutes from the house. We thought what a quick and dirty lunchtime thing this is, slapping on a plate, grabbing the keys, and motoring home. “This’ll take forty-five minutes at the most,” I said to Amy as we got in the Explorer. We were both looking forward to this, but little did we know. After a less than 10-minute drive, we made a left to enter the seller’s development and were greeted by quite the surprise: six police squad cars in front of the seller’s house. There were no flashing lights or anything, so they may have wanted to approach without being noticed. “What the ___?” came out of our mouths almost simultaneously. We pulled over in front of the neighbor’s house and she popped out immediately to ask, “What’s going on?” Of course, we had no idea and were still in a state of disbelief at what we were seeing. “Oh, yeah. That’s not a surprise. There’s a lot of drinking in that house,” he said. To be honest, we did not take that as an encouraging sign. We then mentioned that all we want to do is slap a plate on the car and get out of town. No. Bill’s car was boxed in by the police as it was parked on the street.

After several minutes of speculating what caused so many squad cars to make the party, one of the officers finally came out of the house, on his cell phone. After waiting what seemed to be an hour which was only 10 minutes, he hung up. I introduced myself from a distance and showed ID. I explained our situation and he said, “I believe you, but do you have the paperwork?” This made me chuckle as this once again demonstrated the old law enforcement adage: “Trust but verify.” Fortunately, Amy had copies of all the paperwork on her phone as we needed to send it to the insurance company. Not two minutes later, the seller’s wife is walked out of the house in handcuffs. You know how life has those little awkward moments? This wasn’t one of them. This was hugely awkward. As she was being led to one of the cars for transport, she looked over at us and the small crowd which had gathered in front of the neighbor’s house. I said nothing as I thought “Hey, how are you?” or “Nice to see you!” or even “Hi” wouldn’t go over well.

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Two of the six squad cars then left to do the transport, leaving only one next to the Firebird. I then asked permission to go onto the porch to retrieve the key that was supposed to have been left under the doormat. The officer said that it wasn't a problem since they were almost done in the house. Of course, the key wasn't under the doormat. Not knowing what was going on, I asked the officer if I could call the seller. He then said, "Of course you can call him, but I would do that sooner rather than later because he'll have more important things to worry about. We're looking for him, too."

Just then I figured that maybe he left the keys in the car. Thankfully, he did. At that point, the remaining squad cars left in rapid succession, and I gave them my name and number just in case. It would be our luck the Firebird was used in the commission of a felony, and they would need to impound it. I'd be okay with that if they did some of the needed repairs.

Get Out of Dodge

Now that the police and neighbors left the scene, Amy and I were finally able to get the plate on car and go home. Well, not so fast. I got in, put in the clutch, and turned the key. Click-click-click-click. A dead battery was the perfect touch for the afternoon's events so Amy pulled up the Explorer to jump it. Vroom! As soon as I released the handbrake, the motor quit. I was fit to be tied and my colorful language would've made any law enforcement veteran blush. On top of that, I needed a restroom so badly I thought I was going to go into renal failure. Luckily, there was a small stand of trees nearby more than happy to be of assistance. I was so over this. I asked Amy to call our mechanic, Brian, and just haul the car home. She wanted to try one more time to jump it, but I wanted no parts of it. So, Amy called, and the driver said, "My tow truck is down because it needs a new transmission." At this point I was waiting for a commercial or some canned laughter.

"Let's just leave the damn thing here and we'll get it whenever. I have to get back to work." About halfway home, I realized I left my work and personal cell phones on the front seat of the Firebird. We turned around and retrieved them, but at this point it would have hurt less if somebody drove a push pin into my forehead. Amy asked one more time to try jumping the car, so we did. Vroom! This time, the engine kept running. Progress!

It was a good thing Amy followed me as Rosie's rear-view mirror was sitting on the backseat. Now, we knew from the beginning that fourth gear did not exist on this transmission. That's no biggie, but I also discovered that second wasn't doing so well either. Regardless, she moved as if she was grateful to stretch her legs on US 1. I noticed the gas gauge was on "E." There's a Conoco station right along the superhighway, so perfect, right? Well, not exactly. After throwing a few bucks in the tank, I got in the car, and turned the key. Click-click-click- click. I asked myself what else could happen but quickly realized that may be a mistake. Amy reminded me it's illegal to jump start a vehicle at a fuel pump. So, time to push. Mind you, this is no small feat even with a car this size, especially with two knee and two hernia surgeries in your background. Again, more expletives flew. Out of nowhere, an older Good Samaritan driving a Honda SUV with a University of Maryland decal on his rear window offered to help push. With the Firebird now safely by the car vacs, a quick jump got us on our way, and we finally made it back to Langhorne Manor. So, how long did this little adventure take? Just under three hours, that's all. I'm now officially out of the time estimation business. We never did find out why the sellers were arrested, either.

Prologue

Billy's plans for Rosie are ambitious, as they should be. An oil change, tune-up, flush, fill, and a new/ repaired five-speed are in the immediate future. Depending on various things, an engine upgrade and repaint may happen. Amy and I are excited for him, but next time he's getting the car himself.

by: George Burbage



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 20, Sunday: Delayed Board and Planning meeting; Bird-in-Hand Fire House; 1pm start. Food provided

April 23, Saturday: Breakfast (optional) and tour of American on Wheels see website for details and sign up.

June 5, Sunday: 43rd GM on Display; Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie PA; IF YOU DID NOT GO YOU MISSED A GOODIE

**July 12-16, National Convention (50th) – Catoosa, OK
(go to www.poci.org for details and registration)**

**August 7, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht;
PRE-REGISTER ONLY; register BY JULY 1**

Oct 2, Sunday: ALL GM show, PADRE PIO SHRINE, Bally, PA

Oct 15 & 16: 2 day trip to the Eastern shore of MD/VA; details in this newsletter

November 25, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, location TBD

December 3, Saturday: Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30p

Click th link below to get an update on the Pontiac Transportation Museum

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19dl5nWDdAJRjhjoAGxYgmTtfTQYJAsfn/view?usp=sharing>

Pontiac Transportation Museum Bricks:

There has been some renewed interest in the support of the Keystone State Chapter program to surround the Chapter's 4 - 8 x 8 array on the front patio of the museum. If you would like to participate and be a permanent part of Pontiac history, please contact me, A J Koszi at r62gp@aol.com. We currently have a commitment of 9 of the necessary 16 bricks to surround the array. Your donation is totally tax deductible. Help the Chapter make this happen, and help keep the Pontiac memory alive & well. A J



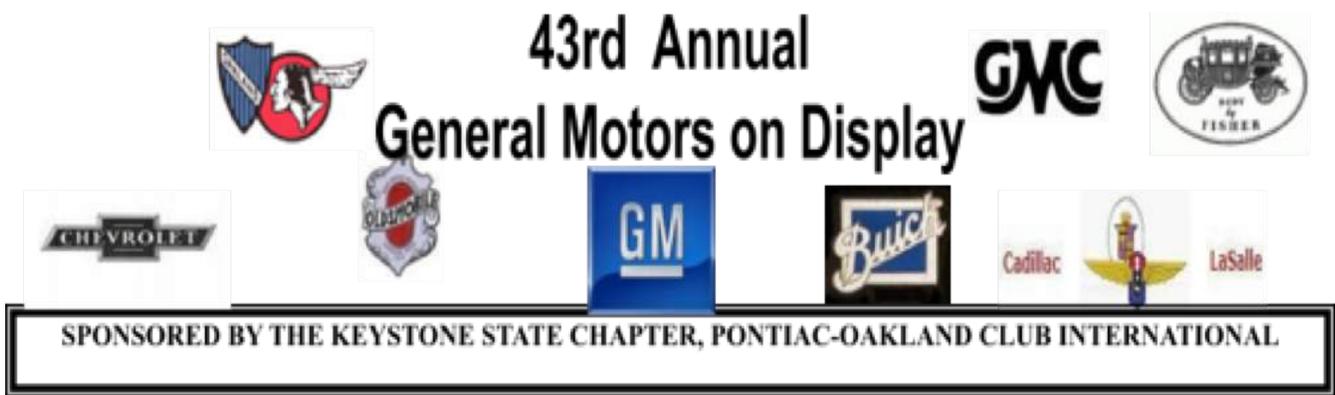
FALL 2 DAY TOUR
OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2022
EASTERN SHORES OF VA/MD

This year's KSC's fall two-day trip will be to the Eastern shore of Virginia and Maryland. We will be taking a charter bus from Werner Bus Company. The busses are all equipped with air conditioning, tinted windows, a private lavatory, and wifi.

We will meet at 7:30-7:45AM at Boyertown Historic Vehicle Museum. The bus will depart at 8:00AM sharp. We will be making a rest stop at Smyrna Delaware before we stop for lunch at The Deli at Pecan Square for a delicious lunch. From here we will go to visit Michael Murray's house for dessert and a private tour of his personal collection of trains, promotional models and toys. Michael is our current National POCI director and member of the Keystone State Chapter. From Michael's house we will continue south along the eastern shore to Tasley Va where we will have a private visit with the Studebaker's Garage & General Store. They currently have two antique shops with a large selection of "real" antiques from advertising to Christmas in a lot of price ranges. The Studebaker's Garage is the former home for Style's Pontiac. We will have two hours here to look and shop if you like. From here we will reboard the bus for our hotel.

Hotel - We will be staying at Comfort Inn on Main St. in Chincoteague VA 757-336-3700 **You will be responsible for calling the hotel to make your own reservations** from the blocked rooms we have reserved. Use "Pontiac Club" when making reservations. Rooms must be reserved prior to Sept 15th or they get returned to the hotel. Please reserve early, it is still busy season with weddings on the eastern shore and we could only block 20 rooms. We will need one for the bus driver, leaving us with 19 rooms on a first come first serve basis. After checking in, we will reboard the bus for dinner at the Village Restaurant for Waterside Dining known for the Finest Local Seafood. With over 40 years in the Chincoteague seafood business, the Conner family prides themselves on serving only the freshest and finest catch that the mid-Atlantic has to offer. You will enjoy dining, while watching native birds at this pristine location on Eel Creek. Meat lovers may delight in fine aged steaks and veal. The menu includes kid favorites as well. From here we head back to the hotel for the evening.

On Sunday, we will start our day with a warm breakfast at our hotel. We will then board the bus for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. This Wildlife Refuge provides visitors with outstanding opportunities to immerse themselves amidst the wildlife and wildlands of Virginia's Eastern Shore. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge protects beach, dune, marsh, and maritime forest habitats. Originally established in 1943 to protect migratory birds, this refuge is now one of the most visited in the US. This gem of Eastern Virginia is a birder's paradise, as well as the home of cultural treasures such as Assateague Lighthouse and the world-famous Chincoteague ponies. We will then get lunch as we head North. Our final stop will be at Dover Air Force base museum. We will have our own tour guide to show us around and to describe the history of the planes and their missions. They are often retired crew members of these airplanes, so their descriptions are from personal experience and bring the aircraft to life for visitors.



Picture this, June 5, 2022, a sunny day for a car show in Macungie. Finally, after so many years of bad weather and COVID interruptions, we finally had a day like this. What an amazing day it was! Don and I were thrilled with the weather, the turnout, and the help.

The vendors began rolling in at 6:45 and the show cars quickly began to stream in at 9:15. There were times when the line was all the way to Route 100. By noon, there were 150 cars on the show field, 6 vendors, and quite a few spectators. It definitely takes a village to make a wonderful event a success. Cayla was an amazing DJ. She played all the right tunes, kept our participants informed, and helped to make a super day even better. Special thanks to all our club members for not only bringing their beautiful vehicles, but for coming out to help with the show field and registration.

We could not have done it without you. You are the heart and soul of this club. Even more positive news, a few participants signed up to join our club. To end our fantastic day, there were so many door prizes that every participant who stayed until the end received something. Looking forward to seeing you on June 4, 2023

Thanks to all, Don and Rosemary Haley

Click on the link below to see more pictures

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YPZ2Si3d2En3KWHL6>

SOME OTHER SHOWS OF INTEREST

Sept 11th, 2022

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Same Show, New Location!



39th All Pontiac Oakland Show

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Hosted by National Capital Area Chapter (NCAC) Pontiac Oakland Club International






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- ▼ Best in Show, Long Distance Driven
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- ▼ Flea market spaces available
- ▼ Custom Auto Apparel in attendance

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DISCLAIMER: As long as the state of Maryland is open for business, the show will go on as scheduled. State guidelines (i.e., distancing, masks and hand-washing) will be followed. INFO: George Richardson (703) 766-1569, richardson.f@kscpci.net or Burdette Bros. (301) 428-0022

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- Door Prizes
- 50/50 drawing
- Chinese Auction
- Food & Drinks Available

For show info:

Jack Anderson
Call: (302) 353-0244
Email: jgand789@hotmail.com

Car Show Registration Form

Pre-Registration by August 10, 2022: \$10 - Late registrations and day of event registration: \$15

(\$15 fee, separate \$5 vehicles are not included. See any changes or updates issued due to show conditions.)

Make check payable to DelMarVa Chapter POCCT and mail to Delaware POCCT c/o Terrell Ruddy, 3049 Jackson Park Rd., Harrington, DE 19952

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Vehicle (make/model/year): _____

From Jim and Elke Martin's recent trip

It's interesting how the e-mobility "fad" is becoming very prevalent, especially in the cities. In Holland, famous for it's bicycles as a major form of travel, there was a very high usage of E-Bikes. In Germany, Austria and Hungary, gasoline was anywhere from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per gallon (3.9 liters) and the use of E-Cars and E-Bikes was very prevalent. Our cruise even offered Country Site Tours via E-Bike for folks interested in doing bike tours at two stops along the Danube river. In Regensburg, Germany, we ran into several sidewalk shops selling all forms of E-Vehicles (bikes, scooters, cars) such as the one pictured below.



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Our friends Bob and Nancy Dunbar were among the finalist for the Zenith Award finalists at the 2022 AACA Grand Nationals in Virginia Beach Va.. 1969 GTO Judge



At the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles our chapter President Tom Wright was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award. Tom is the Chairman of the annual Duryea Day car show that the Museum hosts each year.

Zenith Award winner finalist George Weaver 1958 Pontiac Bonneville convertible at AACA Grand Nationals in Virginia



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