

PONTI ACTION

June-July 2021

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HAVING FUN

Since almost all of the 2020 activities were cancelled we are applying your 2020 dues (renewal or new member) to 2021 - you are automatically renewed.



GM on Display



The Original Pontiation Chapter...
The Keystone State Chapter
Pontiac Oakland Club International



From The Chief

Hello, Fellow Members,

Well, we made it through the first half of this year and things continue to improve and get back to normal.

As I write this and you receive the newsletter, many of you will be heading to Connecticut for the annual POCI convention. Please travel safely and have a great time.

As for our local Keystone Chapter --what a terrific first half of the year for our club. We had our first car tour of the year in Bird-in-Hand, PA, at Barry's Car Barn. What a terrific new facility with some great cars and automobillia to look at. We had 25 or so fellow club members attend, followed by a terrific lunch arranged by Jim Martin at a local restaurant. We then had free time to peruse the local town at your own leisure.

Our "GM on Display" was held in early June at McGungie Park. What a terrific day! The weather was great, and we had 150 cars and numerous vendors selling some wonderful wares. The show was a complete success and the club made money to support future activities.

Just two weeks ago our club picnicked at Knoebel's Park. We had as many as 12 members enjoy a hot day of amusement park activities.

I cannot wait to experience the second half of 2021. Following the convention, we have the Burnett Show, Duryea Day, a fall tour, the clubs fall car show (more info to come), and of course our Christmas Party.

I hope you understand we are an active club, but we need your help and support. Please support our activities and consider volunteering to help when needed.

Thanks to the number one chapter of POCI. Continue to look for the newsletter and other communications on upcoming events. Again have a great convention and see you down the road.

Tom Wright

GM on Display

An incredible thing happened on Sunday June 6th. Out from under the dark cloud of COVID they came; out from the poorly lit garages and storage units they came; peeling off those car covers they came. Yes, they came, 150+ cars and drivers came to Macungie Memorial Park for the 42nd annual GM on Display. Survivors, daily drivers, trophy winners, and the perennial works in progress came. Old friends and new friends came and inhaled in the exhaust and pre-smog controlled fumes, and they smiled. Old friends and new friends admired and drank in the sight of stock, custom, and personalized beauty. AND IT WAS GOOD!

Thank you Don and Rosemary for your commitment to managing this event over and over. Thank you to all who pitched in one way or another. And a big thank you to the weather gods - perfect. See you next June.

Dick



MEMBER PROFILE – SANDY KEMP

Many of you already know me or have briefly come in contact with me at a car show, but did you know that I grew up as a MOPAR girl? When I was born my Dad had a red 1948 Chrysler convertible with the Highlander interior. Over the years there was another Chrysler and several Plymouths and Dodges. There was a turquoise and black 1959 Dodge coupe and the 1964 white Plymouth Sport Fury with red and white bucket seats that I learned to drive on. In 1971 I needed a car for student teaching, Dad and I found a 1966 Dodge Coronet with bucket seats. I loved it! My soon to be husband, Frank, hated it! He just didn't seem to have the knack of starting it. At the age of 61, my Mom learned to drive the 1976 Dodge Charger my Dad had when he passed away. She drove it, but as a new driver was leery of how fast it could be. She had always liked the neighbor's Oldsmobile, but my Dad wouldn't go look at them. She decided she wanted a smaller car so went looking. After checking the Olds Omega we also checked a Pontiac showroom. We walked in and she fell for a 1980 Pontiac Phoenix coupe. She dearly loved driving that car. It was a super little car that I later drove for several years.

My Pontiac story goes back to 1968 when I met Frank. He had a brand new 1968 Pontiac Firebird 400 in Mayfair Maize when we started dating. He traded it in 1969 for a larger Executive Ventura, I believe. Over the years we had some interesting cars. There was a wreck of a 37 or 38 sedan that he hauled into the garage that came complete with a mouse family. There was a 1950 Berkshire Green Sedan Delivery with a red, white and blue headliner, and a 1935 sedan with side mounts that came home in pieces. We also had a 1959 black Bonneville coupe affectionately known as Clyde, a very fast 3 speed on the column. We also had two 1972 Grand Prixes and a beautiful 1935 Business coupe. There were a few other drivers over the years as well.

Since 1976 I've been very active with the Chapter. I served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years and was the co-editor of *Pontiacion* with Chris Schuck for 20 years. I completed Frank's term as a Director on the Board and currently am the Vice President. I car shows I can usually be found at registration. At our 1980, 1988 and 2019 POCI Conventions, most of my time was spent working at registration. I also serve as the Secretary of Pottstown Region AACA and have been running the registration for the annual Duryea Day car show that they host along with the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles.

Many of you knew Frank, over our 45 years of marriage he collected and accumulated lots of "stuff". Since his sudden passing in 2017, I have been busy, with the help of many friends, sorting through his treasured finds. It has been quite the process to say the least! One thing that I did do was sold our 2003 Bonneville SSEi to our chapter President, Tom Wright. I really never did like that car, but Frank loved it. After I sold it, I bought myself a present for all the hard work I had been doing in the last year, a new Jeep Grand Cherokee. I had wanted one for a few years, but Frank would not give in! It was exactly what I wanted, the color and wheels were perfect. It had the dual exhausts that I wanted as well as being a V-8 with the bonus of a hemi! I love it, it's perfect for me! Frank is probably shaking his fist at me for everything I've done, but hey, this girl has put one foot back on her MOPAR roots! I'm sure my Dad is smiling and saying, "You go girl!"

It's a WAR PARTY



Click on this link or paste it into you PC's web browner:

<https://youtu.be/LJrQeLwjEs>

This takes you to YouTube and a video. You will have to suffer through one or two ads. When you can select SKIP AD at the right. Enjoy.

Knoebel's outing 2021

Our luck with good weather this year continued as we once again held a summer outing at Knoebel's Amusement Park in Elysburg, Pa., on Saturday, June 26th. It was a very warm day, but no showers were in sight. We had several tables reserved at pavilion T-4, which is a large tent, along the cool creek, next to the campgrounds. Large trees provided more than adequate shade to keep the pavilion comfortable. Not all our members arrived together, so we were unable to get the usual group photos. Ralph Keller, activities director, was present at the pavilion, to greet our members and guide them to the park attractions. First to arrive were Merle Wright and Sandy Weller, followed by Don and Rosemary Haley. We had chance to catch up on happenings during the last year. Later AJ and Carol Koszi arrived, and we turned to convention conversations. Chuck and Sue McGurk arrived, and we discussed Sues recent retirement as well as the Covid issues of the past year, and their plans for summer camping at the park, which is a regular activity for them. Bill and Judy Gross, fairly new members, arrived a little later, due to unexpected home repair issues. As it was past Noon, hungry members adjourned to the park to seek out food and activities. From that point on, all members were on their own, however seeing each other occasionally in the park. Unfortunately not all rides and shops are yet open, as Knoebel's is having trouble hiring enough employees for full operation, like many other businesses. A good time was had by all, as we now turn our attentions to the Mohegan Sun convention in a few weeks.

Ralph Keller



2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 1, Saturday: Barry's Car Barn (see website & separate emailing)

June 6, Sunday: GM on Display (flyer included this issue)

June 26, Saturday: Knoebels Grove; Tent #4 also known as T-4

July 11-15, National Convention (49th) – Mohegan Sun Resort, Uncasville, CT (go to www.poci.org for details and registration)

**August 8, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht;
for registration form and details; register **BY JULY 1****

Sept ??: Cadillac, Buick, Olds, Pontiac, GMC show. WORKING ON NEW LOCATION. STAY TUNED.

Oct, 23 or 24, Tour TBD

November 26, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour

December 4, Saturday: Christmas Party, Bird-In-Han Restaurant, 12:30p

January 9, 2022, Sunday: Board/Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House; Noon start

From Ralph Keller

Brenda & I
I just wanted to
thank you for the
donation to the Cancer
Society in Peggy's name.
Let us hope they can find
a complete cure for that
terrible disease. At least
they were able to keep
her going for 11 years

Your comforting expression
of sympathy
will always be held
in grateful remembrance

Ralph

On a personal note, Ralph, you have set the bar on honoring the marriage vows. Thank you for all you did to let all of us have Peggy with us for 11 more years.

Dick Stover



Picture on left is from the 2018 Mercer Museum Tour - Peggy in center; picture on right is from 2019 Eagles Meer Tour - Peggy on far right.

Follow the Pontiac Brick Road

Attention KSC Members

The Officers and the Board of Directors has approve a special addition to the Pontiac Transportation Museum brick program. As of today, 1/21/2021, our current total number of bricks is : **8** , for a total of \$950 Special THANKS to all who are now a permanent part of the PTM. For those yet undecided, here is another opportunity to participate.

PTM / Keystone State Chapter Raffle

Only **150** tickets will be sold! Three prizes to be awarded.

1st : PTM Brick (4 x 8) Your choice of text

2nd : 1 Year KSC Membership

3rd : Pontiac Arrow Earrings (1 pair & a hat pin)

Tickets are: **\$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00** (multiples welcome)

Cash or checks accepted, payable to: A J Koszi - PTM, a self address stamped envelope must be included.

Drawing will be held when all the tickets have been sold. Winners will be notified by email and posted on the website. Tickets will be made available to Chapter members before being offered to other car clubs and the general public, when the auto show season begins. Tickets will be sold in order as the requests are received. Specific ticket numbers cannot be requested.

Thank you and Good Luck,

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The picture below is a bit rough, Taken off a TV playing a YouTube video on the White Pass and Yukon RR. Hopefully you can see "Bug", 57 Pontiac, "Bug", 57 Pontiac on a flat car. Have no idea if they are Canadian or US 57's, but still a cool picture



AACA Cruise-IN June 19, 2021

The museum held a specular cruise in on Saturday! All for nothing . What I mean is, there was no cost to register but what a return of time & effort was rewarded by the organization : free pass to the museum , free AACA cap , & a free breakfast sandwich courtesy of C & J Catering (personally my "best of give-a-ways") It was very well attended, over 100 vehicles from motorcycles to trucks and almost everything in between. Local Clubs representing Buick, Ford, Studebaker and possibility others, grouped together to form a show within a show. Pontiac was represented by 5 different models, hope to see more there next year. More info on this event can be seen on the AACA Museum's website. A J



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Annual Chapter dues are \$20.00 (2021) 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.