

The Original *Pontiacion* Chapter...

The **Keystone State Chapter**  
**Pontiac Oakland Club International**



*Founded 1975; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING CHAPTER*



*1926 Oakland Roadster*



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# From the Chief

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**ATTENTION ALL WHO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BOTH BY EMAIL AND USMAIL:**  
*Effective **after** this newsletter, any member with a working email who has also requested the newsletter via the US Mail, will no longer receive it by the US Mail, only by email, as do the bulk of the membership. The cost of printing the newsletter has become prohibitive. We apologize for any inconvenience, The KSC Board*

Hello, Fellow Keystone Members,

We are moving toward the end of summer, but what a summer it has been! We started June with "GM on Display" in which we had a successful show. Following that there was a well-attended summer club picnic at Knobels. Very recently we supported Das Awkscht Fescht with over 40 Pontiacs and Oaklands.

The late summer, early fall will not be without events focusing on our Pontiacs and members. We have our 48th Fall Show scheduled for October 1st at the Shrine of Padre Pio (additional info in this newsletter). As members of the club, please bring your cars out and enjoy the show with fellow enthusiasts. The big fall event is our one day tour in Hershey, Pa at the AACA Headquarters and then a tour of the AACA Museum with a special behind-the-scenes tour. (Again, more info can be found in this newsletter). Please join us and sign up as soon as you can so we can plan accordingly. This tour will be extremely interesting with a private tour guide and additional ability see many more vehicles.

This will be a terrific late summer and early fall season so please join us. We have additional events planned for late fall, so stay tuned.

See ya down the road! Tom

## *Welcome New Members*

**Roland Harrier 66 GTO**

**Gary & Dorothy Minnich 69 GTO**

**Joe Wassel 07 Soltace**

**Keith Witman 67 Firebird**





**ONE DAY TRIP TO HERSHEY AACA - (FORMERLY OUR 2 DAY TRIP)**

Because of the low response to our 2 day bus trip, we are going to set the trip up as a one day drive on your own trip to the Hershey AACA buildings on Saturday October 14th.

We will start the day at 8:45AM at the front entrance to the AACA museum. When you arrive, please check in with me and if you are an AACA member, please have your membership cards with you! Because of the structure of how we need to pay, we must all enter as a group.

Our agenda for the day goes as follows- We will start at the AACA museum. Then we will go for lunch at a local Sports Bar where it is pay on your own. After lunch we will visit the AACA library. From the library we will drive back to the museum for a "behind the scene tour".

Cost - You will pay on your own for lunch on Saturday. Your pre-paid deposit will be \$20 per person which will include all entrance fees.

**Please return this page as soon as possible!! We need to know numbers early enough to call the sports bar for lunch and the AACA museum. Final deadline is Sept 1st**

**Return to:** Karen Britton  
2191 County Line Rd  
East Greenville PA 18041

\_\_\_\_\_ As a member of the Keystone State Chapter, POCI I am including my deposit for the Hershey trip. # of attendees \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Info only -**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am a member of AACA and have a membership card that I will bring on the trip (Your spouse is covered if they have a separate card or if your card says "joint")

# of AACA members attending \_\_\_\_\_

# of non AACA members attending \_\_\_\_\_

Names of everyone attending -

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I know this is only a facilitated trip from Keystone State Chapter POCI. By signing you agree to hold harmless the KSC of POCI, its officers and directors, for injury, property damage or any other claim.

\_\_\_\_\_ ( signature)

# Das Awkscht Fescht



**AUGUST 4, 5 & 6, 2023**  
**MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK**  
**MACUNGIE, PA**



Click here to see all the DAF photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4Kp7on3PPrHywyVj8>

1926 OAKLAND RESCUE

## 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

**GET EVENT INFO AND PRE-REGISTER AT THE CLUB WEBSITE—  
[www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org)**

Jan. 29, Sunday: Board and Planning meeting; Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 12:30 start. Food Provided.

April 15, Saturday: Bill's Old Bike Barn, Bloomsburg; see page 8 or website for details

June 4, Sunday: 44th GM on Display; Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA;

June 26-July 1, National Convention (51st) – Murfreesboro, TN; [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)

July 22, Saturday: Knoebels, details coming.

August 6, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht; **Pre-registration only by July 1**, get form for Sunday at: [www.awkscht.com](http://www.awkscht.com)

Oct. 1, Sunday: ALL GM show, PADRE PIO SHRINE, Bally, PA

Oct. 14 : AACA Tour

November 24, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, see website for details.

December 2, Saturday; Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30-4

January (late) 2024, Sunday: Board & Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 12:30 start

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW POLO SHIRTS ON THE WEBSITE:  
[www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org)**



## *Koebel's Outing*

The local Meteorologists called for the nicest weekend of the summer. Amazingly they were correct, and Saturday, July 22, 2023 turned out to be a wonderful day for our annual trek to Knoebel's Amusement Park in Elysburg, Pa. A warm, sunny day, with temperatures in the mid 80's made for a perfect day for the outing.

We arrived at noon at our pavilion, taking time to visit with each other and do some Ponti-yakkin before we adjourned to the park for great food and rides. We enjoyed our visiting so much that we spent nearly 2 hours visiting and catching up with each other before we went into the park. We had a decent turnout, including: Steve Liebert, Chuck, Sue and Matt McGurk, Bill and June Gross, Mike and Terri Barley, George, Vicky, Bill and Ceci Burbage, and Ralph Keller. Several members had not been seen at KSC activities for quite some time.

If you have never been there, and like amusement parks, this should be on your bucket list. Parking and admission are free, and you pay by the ride, so you can spend as much or as little as you like. They also have a large camp ground right in the park, which the McGurks frequently visit and enjoy. The food consistently wins awards, and they have a large, beautiful pool, and 2 amazing and well-known wooden coasters, which attract many coaster enthusiasts all year. Free shows at the bandshell entertain all weekend. If you missed it this year, be sure to join us in 2024.



Use this link to see the cars at the Newtown Car Show on July 23rd: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/tA2EoJhkZgAM4APs6>

## **REGRETS and REDEMPTION**

In 2006 I was watching one of those TV detective shows. In one of the scenes a character appeared entering a mansion's driveway in a really cool new vehicle by Pontiac called the Solstice!

Being the impulsive person that I am, I immediately went to my local Pontiac dealer the very next weekend and purchased a brand new 2006 red Solstice. Unfortunately, a year later I realized that no matter how cool the Solstice was, it was not the right car for me. A combination of my plus-size body, the lack of the vehicle's trunk space, and an engine that was not very powerful (it was not a GXP), I fell out of love with the Solstice. At the same time our beloved Pontiac announced a new, large four-door model that would replace the Bonneville which had ended after the 2005 model year. This new model was built from GM's Australian brand Holden. The Pontiac G8 was coming in model year 2008!

Two versions would be made, same car but powered differently--a 6-cylinder base version and the powerful GT version powered by the famous LS2. The GXP version was not yet available with its even more powerful LS3. With a personality that seeks instant gratification in all thing's car related, so I was not willing to wait for GXP; I felt the GT would be adequate to fill my need for the new model. I quickly went to my same local Pontiac dealer and purchased a new 2008 G8 GT with all available options with a red/onyx interior. I was very happy to trade the Solstice with only 4000 miles on the clock. I was very happy with the new G8 and kept it in my garage with no rain or winter driving. I owned the car for almost two years. That same local Pontiac dealership, with which I had a long relationship, called me in early 2010 to ask if I was interested in selling my G8. They had a customer who had totaled their G8 and wanted another at the very time GM was making the foolish decision to shut down Pontiac production. The dealership offered me the same price as I had paid for the car plus a small kicker to help me make my decision. I took the deal, and it immediately made me one of those guys you meet at car shows that tell you, "I should never have sold that car," which we have all experienced and lived those regrets.

Jump ahead to 2017 and I still was feeling those same regrets, so I too started to look to purchase another '08 or '09 G8 GT. I found many with high mileage, some that needed lots of work, and others that the seller was trying get American Picker style pricing. One early spring day, while searching one of many web sites, I came across a 2008 G8 GT with a very manageable 88,000 miles on the car. It was located at a Chevrolet dealer about 100 miles from my residence in Eastern Pennsylvania. The Pontiac was in very nice shape both inside and out. I called the dealer to check availability and immediately took off for Dover, Delaware to check out the '08. I test drove the car and was getting more excited with each button I pushed. The dealer's salesperson could see and feel my excitement, so when I asked him if he would accept a lower offer on the car, he just smiled and said, "No." He knew he had me, and I knew he had me, so I agreed to the price and purchased the car.

Later, after some research I found that I was the third owner and that the car had started its life as a Hertz rental car. It was then purchased by a man who lived in Northern Virginia who then traded it to this Delaware dealer for a 50th Anniversary Camaro after many years of ownership. The dealer also provided me with the name of owner number two. He was very willing to share information on the history and service records of the car that he had owned for 6+ years. So now I have owned the car for almost 6 years and, unlike the first G8 I owned, will not be parting with this one for quite some time.

Thanks.....Tom Wright





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### **OTHER SHOWS TO CONSIDER**

**Sept. 9, Saturday, Mt. Gretna (PA) Community Volunteer Fire Co. car show, 11am-4pm, \$15 pre-register with your name, email, & car info to the Fire Company at P.O. Box 177, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064 or \$20 day of show; food provided. More info? Email: 1sm1425j@aol.com See [www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org) under OTHER EVENTS for the flyer**

**Sept.10, Sunday: 9-3, ALL GM "Fiberglass & Steel" show at Macungie Memorial Park. Check the website: <http://www.allentowncorvetteclub.org/z23-fibglassteal-9010.pdf>**

**Sept. 24, Sunday: 10-3, 22nd annual (ALL MAKES) show at Star Buick & GMC  
Check the website: [www.gtopa.org](http://www.gtopa.org)**

**Oct. 21st Saturday: The 12th annual Flemington Speedway Historical Society Car Show, Hunterdon County (NJ) Fair Grounds, 1207 NJ-179, Lambertville, NJ 08530 (between Lambertville and Flemington on NJ-179). 600+ of everything you could think of on wheels. Low key chance to show off our cars and enjoy cars, trucks, and race cars, plus flea market.**

#### **Keystone State Chapter Membership Information**

For general information, contact Karen Britton at [kscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:kscmembership@gmail.com)

For Pontiac-Oakland Club International information go to [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) or email: [pociworldhg@aol.com](mailto:pociworldhg@aol.com)

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**Annual Chapter dues are \$20.00 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.**

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