

FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

THE ORIGINAL **Pontiaction** CHAPTER

KEYSTONE STATE CHAPTER of POCI Founded 1975; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING



Gary and Chris Schuck's '61 Bonneville Convertible



IMPORTANT: NOTE THE TIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON 12/3—IS 12-4, WITH DINNER SERVED AT 12:30; LET JIM MARTIN KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS BY NOVEMBER 21ST; CALL 717-393-3031 OR EMAIL: jamesamartin@comcast.net



From the Chief

By Scott Shuman

Well, the car show season is winding down and it was a season with a lot of washed out shows and cruises. Not that it would have mattered for me. I spent the summer and continue to be on call 24/7, which makes it almost impossible for me to attend our events. And if you are like me, it's another season that one of your projects didn't see the light of day for yet another year. I wish I could offer some words of wisdom on how to get that project done. Win the lottery? Marry money? I don't know. All I can say is winter is coming so instead of mowing grass you can get out there in the garage and do something. Hopefully shoveling snow is not replacing your grass mowing time! If the project is becoming overwhelming, sit down and make some goals for yourself. Take it a piece at a time. Any progress is good progress in my book. You might find that completing one or two of your goals will make the rest of your project move along. Or, if you are like me, you can have a 1965 Catalina Safari workbench/storage shelf. Ok, please don't be like me. With that said, we still have the junkyard tour and the Christmas party to look forward to. Hopefully I will see you at one of the last events of the year. (Editor's Note: Scott is a train engineer for CSX based out of Reading. Being the low man on the seniority list he is the "on call" engineer who must be on the job with 2 hrs. notice)

Pontiacs and Oaklands at Das Awkscht Fescht



29 Oakland



Steve Friedman's
56 Pink & Gray

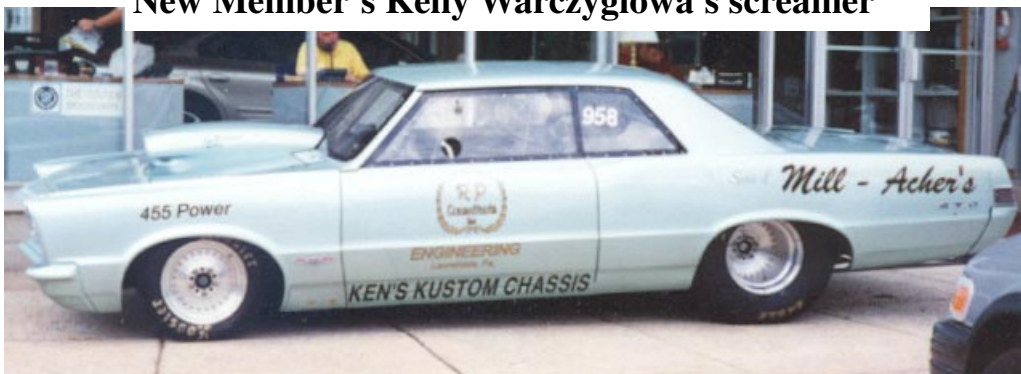


Joe Hilbert's 36
2 door



Andy & Karla
Wise's 17
Oakland

New Member's Kelly Warczyglowa's screamer



UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR BEST SOURCE OF THE LATEST INFO IS THE CLUB WEBSITE—

www.kscpoci.org

May 1 (Sunday): GM on Display at Macungie, PA; Contact Don Haley at 610-640-7464. Print the registration form from www.kscpoci.org

May 14 (Saturday): Spring Meet at Freysinger's; Mechanicsburg, PA; joint Meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Fiero Owner's Assn and Susquehanna Valley GTO Club; Contact Steve Liebert at 215-322-9636

May 22 (Sunday): Pontiacs at the Grove (Maple Grove), south of Reading, PA; drag racing and car show—KSC will manage the show part. Contact Steve Liebert at 215-322-9636

June 5 (Sunday): All Pontiac Show at Burdette Bros., 1909 Urbana Pick (Rt. 355); Hyattstown, MD; Hosted by Nat'l Capital Area Chapter POCI; Contact Joan Richardson at richardson13@cox.net

June 11 (Saturday): Mid-year membership meeting (11am) and fun event; Pavilion 'P5' at Knoebels Grove, Rt 487 east of Elysburg PA and west of Sunbury, PA; contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237

July 5-9: POCI National Convention; Bowling Green, KY; see POCI web site: www.poci.org

Aug 5, 6, & 7: Das Awkscht Fescht at Macungie, PA; club day is Sunday Aug. 7; Contact Don Haley at 610-640-7464 or chiefpontiac1@aol.com

Aug 20: 4th Annual Pontiac Show sponsored by SVGTO; contact Liz at: elizabethschlegel@hotmail.com <http://svgto.com/2011allpontiac.htm>

Sept 25 (Sunday): Fall meet at AW Golden's FasTrack Car Care Center; north side of Reading, PA; 1/4 mi. north on HY61 from HY12; Contact Frank Kept at 610-367-6664 or fkemp@dejazzd.com

Oct 22-23: Fall Driving Tour; we go back to the wine country around the NY Finger Lakes; details on the web site

Nov 25: Junkyard tour, Friday after Thanksgiving—Klinger's in Pine Grove, Pa. ; contact Steve Liebert at 215-322-9636

Dec 3 (Saturday): Christmas Party; Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand and the underpass on HY-340; **12-4pm, dinner at 12:30 \$20/person; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031**

Jan 8, 2012: Board and Membership Meeting; 1pm, Bird-In-Hand Fire Co., at the underpass on HY 340; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031

2011 FALL MEET

by Frank Kemp

Sunday, September 25 started out quite overcast, the fog even started getting heavier as registration got under way. Finally, the sky began to clear and we ended up with a decent car show day. There were 65 cars on the show field and 2 flea market vendors.

As always, the DJ did a great job keeping everyone happy. His interviews with car owners were interesting. As cars arrived, the meet photographer took pictures which were later available for sale.

On display in the showroom was a 1961 Bonneville belonging to Gary and Chris Schuck. This car was purchased new by Gary's parents. There was also memorabilia on display that Gary has collected for this car.

A very special thank you to Albert Golden for hosting this annual event. We look forward to returning next year on Sunday, September 23. A big thank you to our chief judge Gary Schuck who oversaw the teams of judges. Many thanks also to those people who helped with registration, parking, show layout, and judging. Without the support of all these volunteers the show would not have been a success.

Below is a list of the class winners:

Class A - 1908-1958 - All owners in this class withdrew their cars from being judged.

Class B-1959-1964 (Full size) - 3rd- Bill McIntosh-1960 Bonneville; 2nd- Chuck Kohn-1962 Bonneville 2 dr. hdt; 1st- AJ & Carol Koszi-1962 Grand Prix

Class C-1965-1977 (Full size) - 3rd-Vinnie Lipari-1965 Grand Prix; 2nd-Jack Anderson-1965 Catalina 2+2 coupe; 1st-Karl Fisher-1965 Bonneville

Class D-1978-1996 (all except Firebird & Fiero) - 2nd- Marlin Snyder-1985 Parisienne; 1st-Alfred Glase, Sr.-1986 Grand Prix

Class E-1961-1977 (Compact/Intermediate) - 2nd- Paulene Maddison-1962 Tempest; 1st-Frederic Homan-1965 Le Mans hdt.

Class F-1964-1974 GTO - 2nd-Rick Harding-1970 GTO conv.; 2nd-Marty Witman- 1969 GTO; 2nd-David Dreibelbis-1967 GTO; 1st-Vincent Pestilli-1969 GTO Judge; 1st-Vic Schreck-1970 GTO

Class G-1967-1981 Firebird/Trans Am - 3rd-Steve Mumford-1977 Trans Am; 2nd-Art Weatherholtz-1981 Trans Am; 1st-Beverly Reedy-1967 Firebird

Class H-1982-1996 Firebird/Trans Am - 3rd-Alana Lienti-1989 Trans Am; 2nd-David Chelstowski-1992 Trans Am; 1st-Merle Wright-1983 Trans Am

Class I-1984-1988 Fiero - No cars entered in the class



Class J-Commercial Stock up to 1996 - 2nd-Don & Sue Hughmanick-1972 GMC Sprint; 1st-Mike Reese-1940 GMC 250 Flatbed

Class K-Modified/Street Rod (All years-popular vote) - 3rd-Nick Varnalis-1967 GTO; 2nd-Jeff Barbour-1965 GTO; 1st-Phil & Myra Gasker-1928 Pontiac 8240 sedan

Class L-Survivor up to 1996 (Popular vote-preregistered only) - 3rd-Joe Noll-1955 Pontiac 870 sedan; 2nd-Robin & Marlin Guigley-1963 Catalina 2 dr. sedan;

Bill Shankweiler-1969 GTO 2 dr. hdt.

Class M-1997 to present (All Pontiacs & GMC-popular vote) - 3rd-Russ Strausser, Jr.-2006 GTO; 2nd-Geri Schreck-2002 Trans AM; 1st-Scott McGehee-2001 Trans AM

Hirn Trophy - Jeff Barbour-1965 GTO (modified)

Dealer's Choice award - Norman & Carole Forry-1965 GTO

Best of Show award (popular vote) - Vincent Pestilli-1969 GTO Judge

2011 POCI National Convention

by Jim Martin

Bowling Green, Kentucky brought back a lot of my early Army day memories. Nearby Fort Knox was my basic training post and the heat this year was as intense as I remembered over 43 years ago when we were force marched or ran over the hills we called Agony and Heartbeat. However, the number of 1950s and 60s Pontiacs at this years convention also helped to make those memories, good memories. A major reason that POCI National Conventions are so successful (other than the great friendships we have and have forged with fellow members) is the locations selected for each years show. This year the draw was not necessarily the landscape but rather the proximity of the show to popular and interesting entertainment sites in Nashville, the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, and the various Distilleries and quaint old towns throughout the surrounding Kentucky landscape. For the first time, this show was managed by the National Board of Directors who handled many of the car related activities but hired the Entourage Management group to coordinate activities. Both efforts were very successful and the tours we enjoyed were extremely well coordinated and fun. There were about 14 Keystone members and family who came to the event, however, only Al Golden brought a car (his 1947 Woodie) and it was a very popular sight on the show field. Most important, the Woodie won a Gold award during the points judge show. Congratulations Al and Larry.

Unfortunately, there were no Oakland, and only a few GMC truck, all were modified. Of the 400 plus cars at the show, most were super fine specimens from the 50's and 60's era. However, since this was the anniversary year for the 1961 build year, it was great to see a long string of them grace the convention hall parking lot each day. Canadian Pontiacs were well represented this year and there were a lot of modified for us to enjoy. The Smokey and the Bandit car driven by Burt Reynolds was a very enjoyable sight as was the wreck of a Grand Prix driven by Jackie Gleason (as well as a replica). And, the beautiful Kenworth tractor and trailer that ran roughshod over the law during the movie was there in all its glory. For those of us who remember her and were "I Dream of Genie" fans, the original Firebird (in all its bad shape) was available to see as well as "For Sale" for mere \$79,000. Oh yes, specialty vehicles and rare prototypes also seem to show up and this year was not exception. Only two Pontiac pick-up trucks were ever built (both prototypes) and Tom Gerrard brought one of them, fresh from restoration for everyone to enjoy. It received a perfect score of 400 points during the Points Judge show and also won the show Elegance Award. I was fortunate to be on the team that judged the car. In addition, race cars that were driven by Jim Wangers during his racing career were on display, all owned by one very proud farmer and super nice fellow from Iowa. Again this year the Points Judged Show drew about out 80 cars. Many of the select vehicles were safely nested in the Civic Center for the 3 day display and Friday judging but most were given a special parking area outside of the convention center for the entire show. Although, there was a small turnout of cars, we were not disappointing because of the quality of all those incredible automobiles that General Motors turned its back on. Several of us from the Keystone Chapter assisted with the judging, a difficult but rewarding experience because of the dedication that the owners exhibited in preparing these outstanding motor vehicles. Despite being interrupted by an early morning thunderstorm that forced us to duck for cover under tents and into the convention hall, the points judge show was a lot of fun. The Popular Vote show was also very nice (and hot) with over 400 cars displayed at the Beech Bend Park approximately 5 miles from the Convention Center. The entire show was again a very family friendly atmosphere! Of course there was racing, two days of racing planned but we understand that Friday was rained out. POCI's good friend Arnie Beswick was there with his "Grocery Getter" and he always puts on a great show.

Renewing old friendships and making new friends is always made easy by taking the tours. With no car to show, this year was "Wife Tax" for me (and it effected Marlin as well) sooooo... that meant tours, tours, tours, and tours. The past two years we worried about showing Nellie (our 1926) and did not get to spend a lot of time with Robin and Elke but, this year was vey different. We arrived in Bowling Green late on July 5 in order to take the early Grand Old Opry Tour (after a "hair rising" 75 mph no brakes weekend on Highway 65 going into Huntsville, Alabama). What a tour and what a day! We had a super energetic tour guide who knew the area well and made sure that we did not miss a lot of interesting sites. Nashville was enjoyable with a local step-on guide introducing us to sites of the Music City such as; Historic 2d Avenue, Fort Nashborough, the State Capitol, the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park where we heard how the "Yankees" won the battle of Nashville from a Union General impersonator, and many of us "walked across Tennessee." We spent time looking at the beautiful homes on "Millionaire's Row" where the stars live or lived, saw

Vanderbilt University and the well groomed Centennial Park. We were able to spend time exploring the streets of Nashville and 2d Avenue as well as the renovated Gaylord Opryland Hotel and, we topped off the day at the Grand Ole Opry where Jimmy Dickens at 90 years old is still a great performer.

The Kentucky Spirits Tour was a tasty experience. We toured a portion of the Kentucky's Bourbon Trail and learned how to "properly" drink Bourbon. The Jim Beam Distillery and Heaven Hill Distillery were great tours and we learned how their carefully crafted Kentucky Bourbon Whiskeys are aged in 500 gallon burned-oak kegs. Between the distillery tours, we toured the historic town of Bardstown where we ate from a super delicious southern cooking buffet at the famous Stephen Foster Restaurant and learned of local history from a native southern bell.

As most know, the Corvettes assembly plant and museum are located in Bowling Green. Unfortunately our convention met during the period that GM shuts down the plant and retools for the next year production run. However, the National Corvette Museum was open and we were treated to a VIP Tour. We met Wendell Strode, the Executive Director of the Museum who had his folks open the basement bowels of the museum and showed us, among other memorable Corvettes, the only 1983 Corvette (well it was the right half) in existence. Seems GM did not produce a 1983 because of serious problems switching to digital electronics in the eleven pre-production prototypes so they held production until the problems were fixed and fielded the 1984 models. This "only one left prototype" was salvaged by clever union workers who disassembled the car after hearing that GM was destroying all 1983 prototypes. They hid most of the components and later reassembled the car, cut it in half, then mounted it on a trophy board. What a story, what a good tour!

As usual, the convention included chapter meetings, chapter displays, and historic vehicle displays. Of course no POCI National Show could be held without the Thursday Chapter night dinner which was well attended by about 350 members. During the day, Marge Sawruk and her family displayed and sold memorabilia collected by John. The display was a touching memorial that brought back many good memories of the valuable contributions John made to our club and the antique car hobby. In addition, Tim Dye had a very interesting display of 1961 Pontiac memorabilia as well as advertisements for the opening of his Pontiac-Oakland Museum scheduled for late July. A Tuesday night car cruise sponsored by Ames that was scheduled to go into Bowling Green was rained out by a severe thunderstorm, however many folks were able to enjoy the small-town southern hospitality of a street fare in the town square when the weather broke on Friday and Saturday. A relatively small parts swap meet featured about 25 vendors with primarily 50s and 60s vintage parts. And not to be forgotten, our own Al and Carol Koszi did a great job organizing and running the Grand Prix Chapter's slow drags and as always made the event a showcase event.

Bowling Green was a GREAT place to be in early July despite the hot humid weather. The 2012 convention moves a bit further north to St. Charles Illinois and it will be held from July 17 through July 21. Again, the POCI Board of Directors will manage the show with the assistance of the Pheasant Run Resort staff. The convention will highlight the 50th Anniversary of the '62 Pontiac with special displays planned including the Bortz Collection of Pontiac Dream Cars! If this year is an indication, all will be well and POCI will continue to prosper. Elke and I plan to be there and we hope to see you there as well.



HI, I AM "THE 48", PONTIAC THAT IS. I AM NOT HAPPY THAT I AM AN ORPHAN NOW – THANKS GM! HOWEVER, I AM PART OF A FAMILY THAT HAS HAD ME SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 1973. MY MEMORY IS A BIT FOOGY WITH AGE, BUT I VAGUELY REMEMBER BEING DRIVEN FROM TEXAS TO ROCHESTER, NY SOME TIME IN THE VERY EARLY '70'S. I THINK I HAD ABOUT 52,000 ON ME. SADLY MY THEN OWNER BURNT MY VALVES. HE SOLD OR TRADED ME TO PHIELER PONTIAC IN ROCHESTER, WHERE THEY FIXED THE VALVES AND DID A SO-SO PAINT JOB – AT LEAST THEY USED MY ORIGINAL COLORS (SAME AS YOU SEE TODAY, TWO TONE GREEN).

NEXT THE DEALER RAN A CONTEST AND AN OLDER WOMAN WON ME AND THEN JUST STUCK ME IN HER SON'S GARAGE. GUESS SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ME. ONE DAY THE OWNER AND HER FAMILY DECIDED TO HAVE A GARAGE SALE AND LISTED ME AS PART OF IT. MY CURRENT OWNER USE TO PASS MY HOME EVERY DAY GOING TO AND FROM WORK. WHEN HE ACCIDENTLY READ THE GARAGE SALE AD IN THE PAPER HE INSTANTLY RECOGNIZED ME AS THAT CAR HE SAW DURING HIS COMMUTE. HE RUSHED OVER AND NEGOTIATED A PRICE OF \$425.00, PUT SOME NEW PLUGS IN ME, DID A COUPLE OTHER THINGS, AND DROVE ME TO MY NEW HOME FOLLOWED BY HIS WIFE WITH THE FLASHERS ON.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1976 WE TOOK A BOLD STEP – I WAS DRIVEN FROM ROCHESTER, NY TO THE CLEVELAND AREA FOR ONE OF THE FIRST CONVENTIONS OF THE THEN FLEDGLING PONTIAC-OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONALS (POCI). IN THE BACK SEAT WAS MY OWNER'S 3 YR. OLD SON. IT WAS A GOOD TRIP, ESPECIALLY WHEN HALF WAY DOWN THE NY THRUWAY FROM BUFFALO THAT 10W30 DETERGENT OIL FREED UP MY PISTON RINGS AND I STOPPED USING OIL. WHILE IN THE ROCHESTER AREA I HELPED MY OWNER START A NEW (WESTERN NY) CHAPTER OF POCI AND IT IS STILL OPERATING TODAY.

THEN IN 1977 ANOTHER BIG TRIP – WE MOVED FROM ROCHESTER TO DOUGLASSVILLE, PA, BETWEEN POTTSTOWN AND READING. WHAT A THRILL IT WAS TO COME ACROSS THE POCONO



MOUNTAINS. NEAR DOUGLASSVILLE MY HYDRAMATIC TRANSMISSION WAS REBUILT AND VARIOUS OTHER NEEDED REPAIRS. MY OWNER JOINED THE KEYSTONE STATE CHAPTER OF POCI WITH WHICH HE IS STILL AN OFFICER. WE ATTENDED LOTS OF SHOWS, AND I EVEN WON A TROPHY.

RAVAGES OF TIME. I HAVE BEEN REPAINTED AND MOST OF THE INTERIOR DONE, MECHANICAL WORK, AND SO ON. STILL A FEW THINGS TO DO – MY GAPPING HOLE IN THE DASH WHERE A RADIO IS SUPPOSE TO BE, THE TRUNK, AND SOME UNDERCARRIAGE CLEAN UP.

MY OWNER WANTS TO JUST ENJOY DRIVING ME AND KEEP A BIT OF HISTORY ALIVE. I PROBABLY WON'T BE GOING TO AMELIA ISLAND OR ONE OF THOSE PLACES, BUT MAYBE I WILL SEE YOU AROUND ONE OF THE LOCAL SHOWS. NICE TALKING WITH YOU. THE '48

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Annual Chapter dues are \$15.00 payable in **January, 2011**. You must be a member of POCI National FIRST before joining a chapter. Send dues payable to KSC-POCI, c/o Rick Harding; 314 Reinholds Rd.; Denver, PA 17517

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