

The Original *Pontiaction* Chapter...

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



Founded September 9, 1974; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING CHAPTER

***CELEBRATING 50 YEARS***



January 29th, out for a chilly run



'34 Pontiac, a thinking man's car

Membership Meeting 1/28

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# From the Chief

Hello, KSC Folks,

By the time you read this message, we will have held our annual 2024 membership meeting at Bird-in-Hand Firehall.

This is our Keystone State Chapter's 50th year celebration. We have lots to celebrate, including a few folks that have been around for all 50 years. We had around 35 members attend the club membership meeting, and we spent 3- and 1/2-hours discussing club business. I'm almost embarrassed to admit to this amount of time, but we always have more than enough business to fill up that time. We discussed our calendar for 2024 and, wow, do we have a packed filled year planned. The calendar is included in this newsletter. Please review the calendar and dates and plan to attend as many events as you can.

There are a couple of events I would like to focus on. One is our summer picnic. We will be catering a lunch at Knoebels Amusement Park as part of our summer club picnic. For our fall car show held at Padre Pio it will be themed "Come Back Home Car Show." I encourage all of our members to attend and bring their cars to recognize our special 50th Club celebration.

There will be other special events to commemorate our 50th throughout the year. Continue to look for more details and mentions in our newsletters, Smoke magazine, and the website. Again, do not be shy about sending your car stories, or other shows you have attended, with pictures for the newsletter. It is always helpful and appreciated.

A big year is coming up! Thanks to all the members working hard to make this a successful celebration year. Let's show our appreciation by supporting our chapter events.

See ya down the road! Tom

## **Welcome New Members**

**Brian Kreider—74 FB Formula**  
**Kevin Kauerman—06 GTO**  
**Sam Gallen--91 FB**  
**Paul Spotts**  
**Douglas Hoover—40 Pontiac, 57 Pontiac**

## **Welcome Back**

**Robert Romig—(2)67 GTO, 65 Bonne, 51 Chieftain**



## 1934 Pontiac Love Affair

I live in Mechanicsburg, PA with my wife Susan. We moved here in 2019 from our original home in Somerset, PA where we lived for 37 years on family property of at least 4 generations.

I am very happy to have the 1934 Pontiac straight 8 sedan that has been in the family since my grandfather bought it in 1935. He walked to work on the nearby railroad and did not drive it very much. The car was handed down to my father who drove it only occasionally. As a young boy, I would often go into the barn where the car was parked and pretended to drive it. My father had it repainted to its original navy blue body and black fenders when I was in junior high school. When I was 14 or 15, I would drive it around the yard (it was a big yard), and soon I was old enough to be a licensed driver and drove it often. It soon broke down and sat in the garage for 15 years. We could not find anyone in our small town to work on it, and of course we had no access to find help on the internet. We finally found a mechanic who got it running, and I surprised my parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by having it at the reception dinner. We drove through town, horn blowing, and with a sign on the back which read, "Just Married 50 Years!" It was quite emotional.

Once again, it broke down and sat another 18 years. By now, the mice had destroyed the interior. I became owner of the car with only 39,000 original miles on it when my father passed away in 2012 and, using some inheritance money, got it running, replaced the interior, and built a nice garage for it. I brought it with us when Sue and I moved to Mechanicsburg. Then I found out that it needed an engine rebuild which I had done in 2021.

I truly enjoy driving this car all around the back roads of Mechanicsburg, reminiscing about my grandfather and father driving it so many years ago. Although it is not completely restored, still needing chrome work and weather stripping, I have had it to a few shows. Now I can enjoy driving it often without worrying so much as if it were a show car, probably trailering everywhere. Fortunately, my son Mark is interested in the car. I am saving the chrome and weather stripping project for him so that he will have an invested higher appreciation of the car. I do, of course, encourage him to start on those projects now. I'm still waiting. If I could find a replacement hood ornament with the hoop over the Indian head, I'd be happy.

Dana Menser



## ***AACA WINNERS IN 2023***

### **Eastern Spring Nationals; Gettysburg, May 18-20**

Repeat Driver Participation: Don Barlup—1914 Pullman

First Junior: Ceylon Leitzel—1914 Overland

Repeat Preservation: Jim Martin —1926 Pontiac

First Junior: Bill Logan—1955 Pontiac

First Junior: Ralph Keller—1965 Pontiac



Repeat Preservation: Duane Peterman—1967 Pontiac

Repeat Preservation: Clyde Horst—1956 Chrysler

Repeat Preservation: George Weaver—1957 Cadillac

### **Eastern Fall Nationals; Hershey, October 3-6**

Repeat Driver Participation: Don Barlup—1914 Pullman

Repeat Preservation: George Weaver—1957 Pontiac

Second Junior: Bill McIntosh—1960 Pontiac

**Use this link to see the story of Brian Kreider's 74 Firebird Formula**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSAHIskQkic>**

## **POCI Year Pin Awards**

**50 yr - Ralph Keller**

**45 yr - Dennis Due**

**40 yr - John Elliott**

**35 yr - John Giampietro  
John Kantner**

**30 yr - Steve Friedman**

**25 yr - Bill McIntosh**

**20 yr - David Brewer  
Robert Reynolds**



## 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 23, Saturday: Tour , work in progress

April 27, Saturday: Swigart Museum, details to follow

May 11, Saturday: Lou Calasibetta's Old Stillwater Garage event, details to follow

June 2, Sunday: 45th GM on Display; Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA;

June 15, Saturday: AACA museum car show

July 15-20: National Convention (52nd) – Springdale, Arkansas; [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)

July: TBD

August 4, 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)

Sept. 21, Saturday: Tour of Hallowell estate and collection

Sept. 29, Sunday: ALL GM show, PADRE PIO SHRINE, Bally, PA

October 19, Saturday: To Scranton to visit Steamtown national historical site

November 29, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, see website for details.

December 7, Saturday; Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30-4

January 25, 2025, **Saturday**: Board & Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 11am start

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



## Big Things Happening in My Small Town

By Bill McIntosh

While I technically live in Jefferson Township, Berks County, my address is Bernville. The town is as small town as it gets – no traffic lights, one gas station, one convenience store, a volunteer fire department, a post office, a bar, and lots of churches. One would never guess that prize-winning auto restorations were being done right under my nose, but, guess what, it's happening here in Bernville.

The shop is a one full-time and one part-time person operation. The full-timer, Brian, is a retired industrial arts teacher who has turned his passion into an almost full-time business. On a part-time basis, he is joined by Kevin, a former colleague of Brian. Kevin, as it turns out is a member of POCI and the KSC. He drives a wonderfully restored GTO. Together they are turning out prize-winning restorations that are as good as any high-end shop in the nation.

While Brian's focus is body and paint work, he will tackle most any project including full, ground-up restorations. He does send out upholstery work and other specialized needs. He was responsible for the paint and body work on my 1959 Ford Galaxie Sunliner convertible, as well as the last three gas pumps I recently restored.



Last year, Brian finished the restoration of a VW Microbus for his wife. It is a restomod with souped-up engine, hydraulic suspension and other mechanicals to make it a wonderfully road-worthy vehicle. But the body and interior are bone stock. I should note that originally the bus did not have the “skylight” windows. No problem for Brian, and no one can tell they aren't absolutely stock. Importantly, Brian won a first prize at the first show he entered with the bus and has been doing it over and over again ever since.

Brian is not finished with VW buses. He recently acquired a very rare VW bus pick-up truck. He will work his magic on this one, now stripped down and ready for extensive sheet metal restoration, including a totally reconstructed bed and four working doors. The original had only three doors, but you won't be able to tell the difference when he is done.

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You may wonder, does he do any antique or classic restorations? In deed he does. Below are a couple of photos of his latest “out the door” project. This is a 1941 Chevrolet coupe which came to Brian in pretty rough shape. I have had the pleasure of watching the transformation into show piece and, as it turned out, a somewhat rare car. As you know, during 1941 the production of automobiles for domestic consumption was halted, and all production facilities were transformed into producing material for the war effort. Note particularly the extensive use of pin stripes, much of which is on the polished stainless-steel trim.



## '62 Grand Prix Project

Car is located in Butler County, PA. I have the original window sticker, original paperwork from when the vehicle was purchased, and it was purchased in the Pittsburgh area. When the carpet was being removed, we found the build sheets, so I also have those. Steering wheel was professionally restored, as seen in that one picture. I do have the front fenders, grills & front end pieces; front and rear bumper, are rechromed and additional to the original front bumper. I have an extra transmission, and two additional doors. (however, these are not in the best of shape, but they are something to work with if needed). The engine would need rebuilt, and the left quarter panel around the wheel well needs work, but I have a cutout panel from a star chief that could be fit in.. The rear lamp, bezels, along with the rear trim piece have also been re-chromed The center console also has been re-chromed. I have the interior pieces all original along with new reproduction carpet; all the stainless trim is there, with the exception of two pieces that I cannot find; the lower pieces under the rear window (these could be there, I have been un able to locate them). I have original hubcaps and the four original wheels two are seen in the pictures to others are off the car, but I do have them. The biggest thing missing that I can see, appear to be the various bolts; I'm guessing these would have needed to be replaced, so he got rid of them as he was dismantling the car. There could be other pieces missing, but the majority of things are there. Behind each rear wheel well in the trunk, there are patch panels, that's how it was when I bought it so I know the trunk panels need reworked. I have 3 trunk floor panels (I think these are for a GTO - I think he was going to use these). This car is equipped with the rear antenna on the right side and I do have that piece. The front fender ornaments have also been re-crowned, and I think I have a few extra of those as well. I have all of the glass. I bought the car in 2001, and only drove it a short time before the engine went. It has approx. 52,000 on the odometer. Like many of these projects, it went slower than I had hoped as I was dependent on the guy doing the work/ his availability, etc. I'm asking \$5000, as I know parts alone would go for more than that, but I don't have time to do that way. Let me know if you have any additional questions, and I'll be able to answer the best I can. The car is currently out in Fennelton, PA (Butler County) under several layers of tarps.



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## Membership Form

Please check the box below that applies

**Annual Renewal \$20.00**  
 (per year due in January)

**New Member** (check box below that applies)  
 Jan. through December 31st \$20.00  
 July 1st through December 31st \$10.00

Please print clearly.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY

STATE

ZIP Code

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Required)

KSC newsletters and communications will all be sent electronically.

KSC Number (if you know it): \_\_\_\_\_ P.O.C.I. Number (if you know it): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL YOUR PONTIAC / OAKLAND / GMC VEHICLES OWNED:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL/BODY STYLE

Dues may be paid online at [www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org)

**OR Make Your Check Payable To: Keystone State Chapter POCI and**  
**Mail To: Sandra Kemp 1603 S. Main St. Bechtelsville, PA 19505**

By becoming a member of the Keystone State Chapter of POCI, I understand the information I have provided may be published in the club directory (No personal contact information will be published on the club's public area website.) You may opt to have only your name included on the list by checking this box

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**KEYSTONE STATE CHAPTER  
PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
CONSTITUTION**

**Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be *Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International* (KSCPOCI).

**Article II. Affiliation**

Section (1) Founded in 1975, KSCPOCI (hereafter referred to as “Chapter”) is a local affiliate of the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) and primarily serves the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section (2) The Chapter’s logo shall always incorporate a form of a keystone and POCI’s current logo.

**Article III. Purpose**

Section (1) The purpose of the organization is to encourage the ownership, preservation, and enjoyment of Oakland, Pontiac and GMC vehicles and organize activities for the enjoyment of members, their families, and guests.

Section (2) Chapter activities shall be conducted primarily in the eastern half of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Additionally, the Chapter shall support POCI when appropriate and conduct business in accordance with their guidelines and requirements.

**Article IV. Membership and Dues**

Section (1) Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all persons regardless of residency, and membership in POCI shall be strongly encouraged.

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Section (2) The Chapter shall collect dues annually from its membership. Dues shall be used to support Chapter activities and business expenses, produce and deliver the newsletter, and offset costs associated with special communications sent to the membership.

Section (3) Dues shall be set by a simple majority vote of the Chapter’s Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as “Board”).

Section (4) A member shall be considered in good standing when their dues for the | current calendar year are paid in full. Members who remain in good standing are entitled to voting privileges and eligibility for Chapter leadership positions and committee assignments.

Section (5) Promotion of political, religious, or commercial activities while performing Chapter duties or attending Chapter events is prohibited.

Section (6) For cause, members shall be expelled from the Chapter by a unanimous vote of the Board.

## **Article V. Directors and Officers**

Section (1) The Chapter shall be governed by a Board of at least seven (7) Directors. Terms for Directors shall be for two (2) years. From these Director positions there shall be five (5) Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Director. The remaining Director positions are at-large. Terms for Officers shall be for two (2) years.

Section (2) The President shall serve on all committees ex officio with the exception of the Audit Committee.

Section (3) Elections for all positions shall be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting. Board members and Officers may be removed from their positions with a three-fourths majority vote of the Board.

Section (4) Changes to the size of the Board or Officer positions require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

Section (1) The Board shall conduct two (2) general membership meetings to be held at the discretion of the President. The purpose of these meetings is to review and discuss recent and future Chapter activities, address organizational changes, discuss business matters, elect officers for the year, present and review operational reports, and entertain comments and suggestions from the membership.

Section (2) The President may call additional Board or membership meetings as needed.

## **Article VII. Advisors**

Section (1) The Board may engage members or non-members to serve in voluntary advisory roles as it sees fit. This shall require a simple majority vote of the Board.

## **Article VIII. Amendments**

Section (1) Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Board or any member in good standing.

Section (2) Proposals shall require a three-fourths majority vote of the Board before they are brought to the membership for a vote.

Section (3) The membership shall be notified of amendment proposals at least two months in advance of (a) the annual general membership meeting or (b) specially called meeting. Adoption shall require a three-fourths majority vote of those in attendance

Section (4) Within two weeks of approval, the revised constitution shall be distributed by the Secretary to all members in good standing.

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## **2024 Membership Dues**

Everyone's dues for the chapter run from Jan 1st through Dec 31st. So, we are asking everyone to re-new your dues again for 2024. Please note, we have a new form that we are using, it is included in this newsletter. You may register online at our website [www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org) or print and send in the form to the address on the form Again, please use this form to help us keep our records in order.



### **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: [pociworldhq@aol.com](mailto:pociworldhq@aol.com)

Annual POCI dues are \$45.00 and includes a high quality color monthly magazine.

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.**

Pay on line at [www.kscpoci.org](http://www.kscpoci.org) or  
Send dues payable to KSC-POCI, c/o Sandra Kemp;  
1603 S. Main St.; Bechtelsville, PA 19505

### **2023 and 2024 Officers and Directors:**

President: Tom Wright  
Vice President: Sandy Kemp  
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Director: Bill McIntosh  
Director: Jim Martin  
Director: Steven Martinez  
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Co-Activities Director: George Burbage  
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Chapter Historian: Ralph Keller  
Promotional Sales: George & Amy Burbage  
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