

## SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

# The Original *Pontiaction* Chapter... The **Keystone State Chapter** **Pontiac Oakland Club International**



*Founded 1975; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING CHAPTER*



# FROM THE CHIEF

*From Jim Martin*

Wow! the year is almost half gone... It seems like last week we were worried about getting ready for all the Christmas and New Year festivities. Despite the fast moving time, your Keystone-POCI Club has been having a great time. The cool spring started with a great tour of the AACA Museum lead by Ralph. We owe him a heartfelt thanks for coordinating a great look into two warehouses full of AACA's cars that are not normally part of the AACA display. We had some difficulty coordinating the original planned April tour but thanks to the Pottstown AACA and Frank, we were able to get into one of the finest personal collections of classic cars, carriages, and automobile memorabilia around. Thank you Frank and thank you to Mr. Tucci who opened his beautiful stable of treasures for us to enjoy. And WOW... it did not RAIN!!! Thanks Don, for what ever you did to satisfy the Saints and keep the rain Goddess away. GM on Display at Macungie was a rousing success with almost 200 great cars on the show field. Thanks to all the members who helped and supported the wide variety of over 50 door prizes. Our guest really appreciated your hospitality! Our next activity will be supporting the Performance Years All Pontiac and GTOAA Eastern Regional meet in Lansdale. Hope to see you there. Also, don't forget the 2013 POCI Co-vention in Dayton the 2nd week of July. Right now it looks like we will have about 10 families representing our club. It's the 75th anniversary for the 1938 Pontiac and 50th anniversary for the 1973 Pontiac. As of this writing it appears that at least seven of us are taking our cars so we are looking forward to a great time. It is amazing and a wonderful thing experiencing the fun this club has.

Despite the distance many of us live apart, we are really a unique and interesting "family" that Elke and I are humbled to be a small part of. On the somber side, remember we are a family and need to support our members. I receive word from Barb Fuller, President of the WNY-POCI that one of our members, Chuck Kohn (white, 1963 Grand Prix) who joined us several years ago after moving from Johnstown is critically ill in the Hershey Medical Center. Keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please keep our VP, Bill McIntosh's wife in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle to stabilize her condition.

Though the spring has been cool, summer is around the corner. Remember to give your treasured Pontiac, Oakland, or any other treasured old car a good once over before launching on a tour or joy ride with the family. Check the brakes, tire pressure, oil, exhaust, wipers, lights, and other safety features. Also remember, our treasured antiques are not always respected on today's modern, high speed highways, so... PLEASE DRIVE DEFENSIVELY! See you on the next tour.





## 2013-14 UPCOMING EVENTS

**YOUR BEST SOURCE OF THE LATEST INFO IS THE CLUB WEBSITE—  
[www.ksepoci.org](http://www.ksepoci.org)**

June 15 (Sat.) Performance Years All Pontiac Show and GTOAA Eastern Regional Meet in Lansdale, PA <http://performanceyears.com/openhouse.asp>

July 9-13: POCI National Co-Convention; Dayton, OH; see POCI web site: [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)

Aug 2, 3, & 4: ***NOTE: you must pre-register by July 1*** Das Awkscht Fescht at Macungie, PA; club day is Sunday Aug. 4 ; Contact Don Haley at 610-640-7464 or [chiefpontiac1@aol.com](mailto:chiefpontiac1@aol.com) or <http://www.awkscht.com/> for general info

Aug 24 (Sat.): Mid-year membership meeting (11am) and fun event; Pavilion 'P3' at Knoebels Grove, Rt 487 east of Elysburg PA and west of Sunbury, PA; contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237. Download the map from web site

Sept 22 (Sun.): 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](mailto:fkemp@dejazzd.com) and see <http://www.pontiacfallmeet.com/index.htm>

Oct 26 & 27: 2 day tour in Altoona area; details to follow

Nov 29: Junkyard tour, Scott Shuman in charge, details to follow

Dec 7 (Saturday): Christmas Party; Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand and the underpass on HY-340; 12:30-4pm, dinner at 1, \$22.50/person, \$10 12 & under; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031

Jan 5, 2013: Board and Membership Meeting; 1pm, Bird-In-Hand Fire Co., at the underpass on HY 340; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031

### YOU MAY WANT TO SUPPORT THESE OTHER GROUPS:

June 1 (Sat.): 8th Annual Spring Buick-Olds-Pontiac Show by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club; 9-3, awards at 3; Granite Run Mall, 1067 West Baltimore Pike, Media, PA; \$10 pre-register, \$15 day of show. [http://clubs.hemmings.com/delvaloldclub/BOPC\\_Spring\\_Show\\_Flyer\\_2013\\_Final\\_Website\\_version.pdf](http://clubs.hemmings.com/delvaloldclub/BOPC_Spring_Show_Flyer_2013_Final_Website_version.pdf)  
Any questions contact: [dvocinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:dvocinfo@yahoo.com)

June 2, 2013, Hyattstown, MD, 31st Annual All Pontiac Oakland Show, 1909 Urbana Pike. Sponsored by Burdette Bros. Used Cars and hosted by National Capital Area Chapter POCI. For more information contract George Richardson at 703 768-1569 or email [richardson13@cox.net](mailto:richardson13@cox.net)

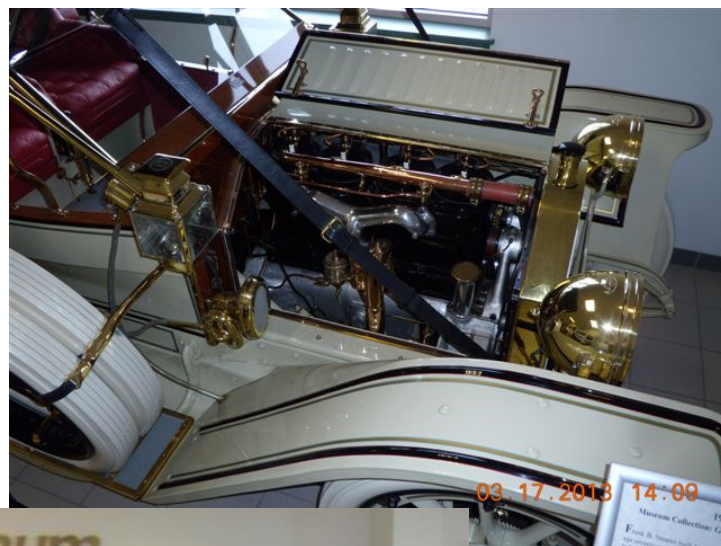
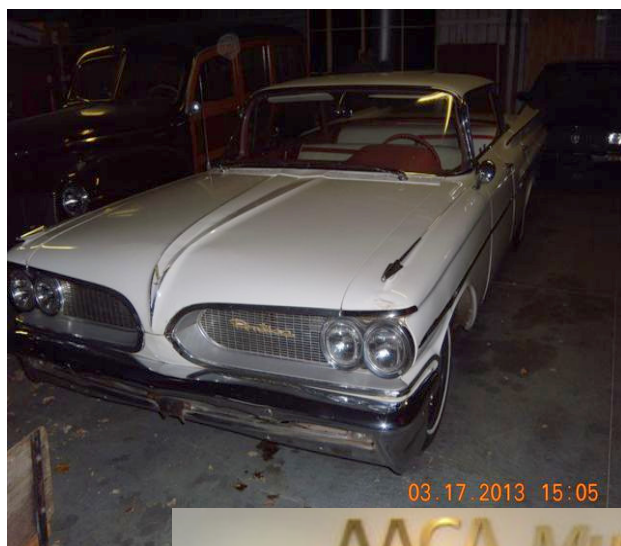
**Always check for updates at [www.ksepoci.org](http://www.ksepoci.org)**

## 2013 March POCI Tour, by Ralph Keller:

Our 2013 season events started with a visit to the AACA national museum at Hershey, Pa., on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We narrowly missed several snow events, and had a pleasant day for the tour, when 26 members and guests toured the museum. We had our own tour guide to give us some history both of the museum, and of early times motoring. They do routinely change feature events, and cars on display, to keep the inventory appealing. They announced that they will be receiving a Tucker display in the future. As a special bonus, we got to tour the 2 "barns" they have out back, which are full of spare vehicles. Some are rotated thru the museum display, some are duplicates, and others are donations awaiting disposition. There was a nice variety in the barns, including a few nice Pontiacs, such as a 74 Grandville convertible, a 63 Lemans convertible, and a nice driver quality 59 Star Chief, and more. They also had the stainless steel Ford T-bird and Lincoln on display. Of special interest was a Firebird Sky Bird which was restored by the Pa. College of Technology in Williamsport, in conjunction with the Susquehannock Region AACA.

They have instituted an auto body restoration program to teach young students how to restore old cars as a career. A Mustang was previously completed, and currently a Chevelle is being restored. It has proven to be a popular program at the College, helping to ensure we will have the people available with the skills needed to keep our treasures on the road for many years to come.

After an informative and interesting tour, we departed to the nearby Olde Country Buffet for Dinner.



**Spring Tour – April 27, 2013**  
**Mr. Harry J. Tucci, Sr.'s Collections**  
By Bill McIntosh

The group met at the Brownbachs UCC Church in Spring City at 9:30 AM and headed a short distance. As we paraded down his long driveway past the horse paddocks, a brown thoroughbred was apparently spooked at the long line of traffic entering the property. It began running and came crashing into the far side of the fence. We all quickly parked our cars in the field Mr. Tucci had prepared for us and got out to see what had happened. Mr. Tucci indicated that thoroughbred horses were “crazy” and that he exclusively used Morgan horses with his carriages. Mr. Tucci's daughter eventually came up the drive, the thoroughbred on a lead. While a bit beat up, he didn't seem worse for wear. Standing head and shoulders above the top of the daughter's head, I think it was the largest horse I had ever been that close to in my life!

Mr. Tucci led us into the carriage shed, so called, and the tour began. While appearing as an antique post and beam carriage shed, the building housing Mr. Tucci's carriages was built in the recent past by Mennonite craftsmen. Mr. Tucci recounted the history of the most interesting examples of this remarkable collection. My personal favorite was the “stage coach-like” carriage which was originally used to transport people and their belongings from London to Brighton in England. The restoration was so perfect it was breath taking, right down to the detailed “advertisements” painted on the sides of the carriage. Mr. Tucci recounted how he and his family took an extended vacation in England to trace the exact same route taken by the carriage from London to Brighton. After talking about the carriages, Mr. Tucci proceeded to tell us tales of local history in and about his estate including a detailed account of George Washington's troops, British red coats and mercenary movements during the Revolutionary War.

We then moved to the multi-car garage. With a few exceptions, the garage was filled with more than a dozen (although I did not count) Rolls Royce automobiles. Their ages ranged from the early 1900's to quite modern cars. From my perspective the real prizes of the collection were the magnificent coach work models of the '30s, '40's and 50's era Rolls Royces. Mr. Tucci gave a detailed account of each automobile so thorough was his knowledge of this vast collection. So spectacular and encompassing was this collection, it was impossible for me to identify a favorite.

We ended the tour outside of the garage looking over the non-Rolls Royce automobiles in Mr. Tucci's collection: an early '50s Hudson, a 1949 (I think) Oldsmobile convertible with a Rocket V8 and equipped with one of the earliest of GM's Hydramatic transmission and, last but not least, his son's 1953 Pontiac Chieftain 4-door sedan which was said to have been dragged in from a field and salvaged. Lunch was enjoyed by the majority of those who attended the tour at a nearby restaurant including Mr. Tucci and some of this family.

It was a great day and an awesome tour; maybe a “once in a lifetime” opportunity.



*See the chapter web site for all the pictures*





## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual GM on DISPLAY

By Co-chairs Don and Rosemary Haley

It was picture perfect weather at Macungie Memorial Park during our Annual GM Show. There were 191 cars on the show field, nine of them representing our featured class, Class 1 all pre-war GM products. In addition, there were two cars in the car corral and 14 vendors helping to make the day a success. In retrospect, this was not bad considering the number of other events occurring at the same time.

We would like to thank all the KSC members for their hard work and dedication at this event. True we could have used a lot more members help especially earlier in the day but still thanks to all that did pitch in to make this day a success. Please continue to support the many businesses that have supported us, which include the following: Quigley's Chevrolet Dealer in Bally, Gold Eagle Co. and Meguiar's supplied product literature, decals, and coupons for the goody bags. The following is only a few of the vendors who sponsored door prizes: Advance Auto Parts, Shillington Road, Spring Township Auto Zone, Penn Ave., Sinking Spring Auto Zone, 5th Street. Highway, Reading Pep Boys, 5th Street. Highway, Reading.

This year, we added a featured class to our event, much like the featured car seen at Das Awskht Fesch at Macungie each year. This year we decided to pay tribute to Class 1, all Pre-War GM products. Cars pre-registered for Class 1 received a discounted registration fee and received a special edition window card, commemorating the early years of GM. The window card featured Chris and Gary Schuck's 1923 Oakland, which is obviously, a very appropriate representation of the older cars. We also believed it would make a small gesture of thanks to Chris and Gary for all their hard word and dedication to KSC throughout the years. The first annual GM on Display took place at Macungie Memorial Park on April 29, 1979. The idea then, as now was to showcase the various era's and genre's of GM production while providing the opportunity to compare what each division did with a given platform.

Also, a big thanks to Frank and Sandy Kemp continue to be a big part of GM on Display assisting Rosemary and I in countless ways, both on and off the show field. 2014 will be a milestone in my life and Rosemary's. It will mark the ten years been chairing GM on Display. At that time, we took the reigns from Frank and Sandy who had years. It is also the first car Rosemary to our group and

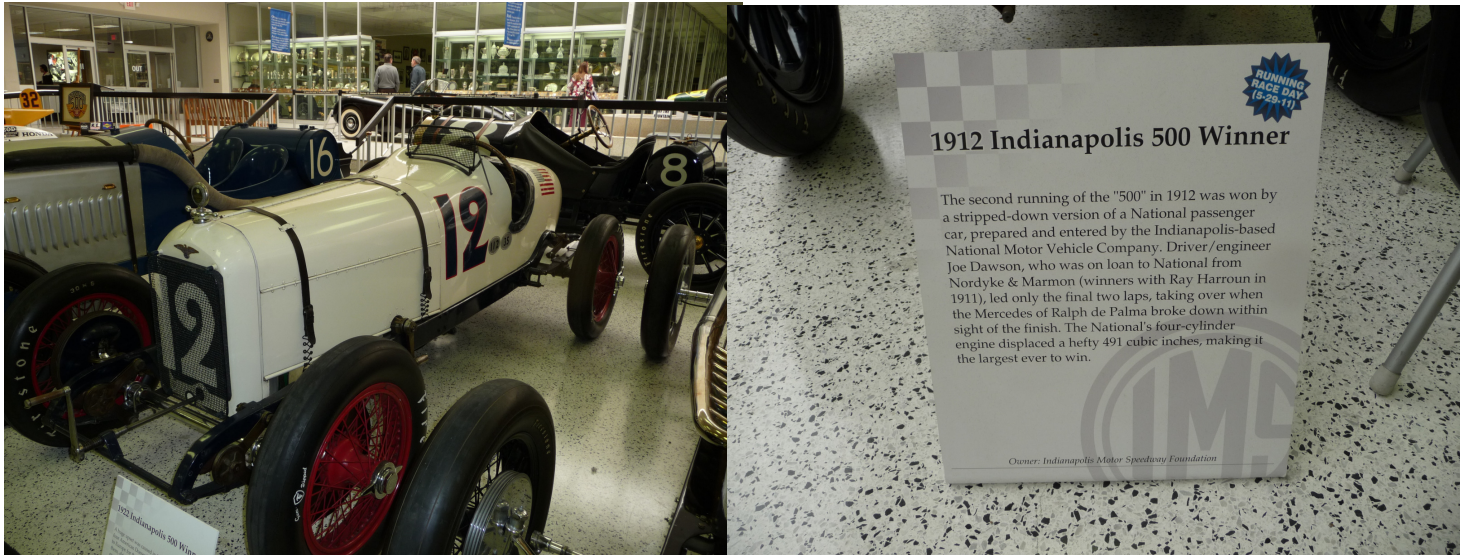


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# Odds and Ends



## 1912 Indianapolis 500 Winner

The second running of the "500" in 1912 was won by a stripped-down version of a National passenger car, prepared and entered by the Indianapolis-based National Motor Vehicle Company. Driver/engineer Joe Dawson, who was on loan to National from Nordyke & Marmon (winners with Ray Harroun in 1911), led only the final two laps, taking over when the Mercedes of Ralph de Palma broke down within sight of the finish. The National's four-cylinder engine displaced a hefty 491 cubic inches, making it the largest ever to win.

Owner: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation

From the Indianapolis Speedway Museum



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Annual Chapter dues are \$15.00 payable in **January, 2013**. 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 Rick Harding; 314 Reinholds Rd.; Denver, PA 17517

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