

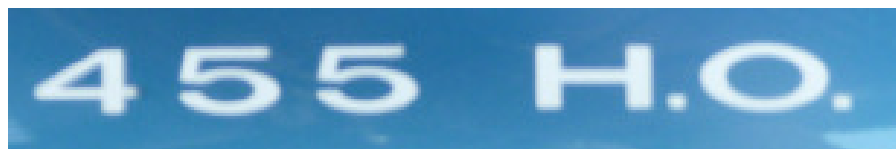
SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

The Original *Pontiacion* 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 half over... I know because, the national convention is over and we just returned from a fantastic day at Macungie. Friends, great weather (thanks Don), and a great bunch of Pontiacs (79 registered) and Oaklands (7 registered). Sorry I had to leave so early but the grandchildren were in from North Carolina for the weekend and I did not want to miss them. Don did his usual super job of setting up and managing the chaos of organizing a bunch of old cars so that they could be enjoyed by a very large crowd. Thanks to everyone who chipped in and made the show a success. Oh... and by the way, CONGRATULATIONS to a lot of our members on winning some very prestigious prizes at the POCI & GTOAA Convention in Dayton, Ohio. The Keystone Chapter was well represented with about 20 members and 6 cars. I'll tell you all about it in the Co-Vention article.

We have had a very interesting and enjoyable year and want to continue with events that are promising to be very interesting. We all have conflicting schedules but... I would encourage you to attend as many of our fun planned events as possible.

August 24 (Saturday): Mid-year membership meeting (11am) and fun event; Pavilion 'P3' at Knobbles Grove, Rt. 487 east of Elysburg PA and West of Sunbury, PA; Contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237

Sept 22 (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 Kemp at 610-367-6664 or fkemp@dejazzd.com

Oct. 26 & 27: 2 day tour of the Altoona area—see details on page 3

As you know, we are the oldest continuing chapter in POCI, and it is obvious that we have some very loyal members. I would like to congratulate our members and past member for reaching significant membership milestones this year with our outstanding organization. In addition, all of these super people were recognized by the POCI – National for their accomplishment. Please congratulate them when you see them.

40 Year Members

Richard Stover
George Weaver

35 Year Members

James Teague
Richard Yost

30 Year Members

Brenda Steinhauer
Steve Edling
Steve Francis

25 Year Members

Robert DiGivonimo
Karl Fisher
Gary Green
Kim Witters

20 Year Members

Charles Kuhn
Al Koszi
Harold Markley
Charles McGowan
John Perry
Robert Schweitzer

Before closing, we recently learned that active members Meryl Wright and Marlin Guigley have encountered some unexpected health issues and wish them well as they progress through treatment. Please keep our members and spouses who are encountering health challenges in your thoughts and prayers. Be safe and we hope to see you at one or all of the remaining events. Jim and Elke

2013-14 UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR BEST SOURCE OF THE LATEST INFO IS THE CLUB WEBSITE—
www.kscpoci.org

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Oct 26 & 27: 2 day tour in Altoona area: We will be taking a 2 day fall tour to Altoona, Meet at the Swigart Auto Museum in Huntingdon, Pa. at 1 PM on Saturday, then tour the museum. This is the only museum in the world to have 2 Tuckers. They have the famous 1947 prototype Tucker, known as the Tin Goose, that was used on the introduction tours, as well as production Tucker #1013. You can check their website for directions and more museum information. We will then proceed to Altoona for dinner and an overnight stay. Sunday morning, we will tour the interactive Railroaders Memorial Museum in downtown Altoona. This is an excellent facility in one of the old PRR buildings. We will then proceed up to the famous Horseshoe Curve, and hopefully can view a few trains round the famous curve. Please contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237 or rkeller@chilitech.net. There is a block of rooms set aside for the "Pontiac Club" at the Hampton Inn just off I-99 in Altoona. Call then direct at 814-941-3500. Let Ralph know that you are coming and how many people.

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



Always check for updates at www.kscpoci.org

2013 POCI National Co-Vention – Dayton, Ohio, 2013

Well... we were here 4 years ago so maybe it was not going to be as interesting since we've seen all the sites and the venue appeared to be very similar.... **WRONG!!!** We had a **GREAT TIME**; because, a major reason that POCI National Conventions are so successful is the great friendships we have and have forged with fellow members and the great lineup of Pontiacs (sadly only one Oakland, a street rod) and GMC's. (Before I go further, I must apologize for not providing pictures... I FORGOT my camera! Maybe Frank can help?)

Those of us who attended had a super time renewing old friendships and making new friends, while enjoying many interesting and rare cars. At least 20 members of the Keystone-POCI chapter ventured to the show and 6 of us brought our treasured rides to what once was a specimen of quality cars and truck. 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 specimens. Again this year, cars were scattered with many inside the Nutter Center, some under tents, and some on the open parking lot show field. SO... it took us all day to find and judge them but it was a labor of love and lots of fun. The Popular Vote show was very nice with over 1100 cars lining the Nutter Center and show field. It appears that about half the cars were GTO's and some real nice ones at that. As I perused the list of cars, It became apparent that we had every build year of Pontiac represented except 1929.

In addition to renewing old friendships and making new, there was ample opportunity for touring, antiquing, shopping, and visiting one of our great countries exhibitions of military history, the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's National Museum. As always we usually run into a bit of bad weather and this year was no exception. Fortunately, none of our member's cars suffered damage, however high winds on Wednesday afternoon brought down 2 tents and did damage several cars, what a shame. After the storm however, Ames Performance invited all in attendance to a Kick-off Cruise-in at the Quaker Steak & Lube. What a display of cars, what a great band, how about free food and drinks, but... best of all we were surprised and pleased to run into the Fensler family who we have not seen in several year. On Thursday morning, a large contingency of Keystone members toured (led by a 27' & 26" Pontiac) to the annual Oakland Breakfast which was extremely well attended. Interest in the Oakland Chapter is making resurgence even though, unfortunately, few of these fantastic automobiles are see at our national conventions.

The usual convention happening included: specialty chapter meetings; chapter displays (we had Chief setup and Ralph provided a great historical summary of the Keystone Chapter); model car display; winery tour; tour of the Packard Museum; and, lots of interesting seminars by folks who had significant impact on our Pontiac history. As usual, Jim Wenger was available to reminisce with members about the good old days at Pontiac. Dennis Kirban discussed early GTO restoration, Barry Kives gave a presentation on items of interest to restorers that are offered by Southern Polyurethanes, Inc., and Tim Dye did is usual exceptional museum review. In addition, there were seminars by Ben Harrison on Pontiac Engineering, by Jim Mattison on his experiences at Pontiac, and Don Keefe gave an interesting review on the Internet for Gearheads. For the race fans, I heard that about 60 cars participated in the Autocross at the Kil-Kare Raceway in Xenia, Ohio on Friday. Oh yes, I almost forgot. The swap meet was packed with lots of NOS and reconstituted parts and memorabilia for anything from early Oakland's to aftermarket parts for our more current cars. Even the car corral had very interesting offering including some very well preserved survivors. There were two 1967 Grand Prix's that got my adrenalin flowing but, unfortunately, Elke kept control of the check book. The Parking Lot parties were prevalent again this year and the Thursday night Chapter Banquet was exceptional. Your Keystone newsletter editor was again honored for his contributions to the preservation of chapter information and history; **CONGRATULATIONS** to Richard!

The highlight of the show was Saturday with all 1200 plus cars on display at the Nutter Center. The weather was superb and a large crowd enjoyed our fabulous hobby. The day and Convention wrap-up culminated in the Hope Hotel and Conference Center where a cramped crowd of car enthusiasts from the POCI family enjoyed an interesting dinner presentation by Mark Rodgers on his family's relationship with Pontiac as the largest dealer in the Dayton area. And then the evening capstone event... Awards. Your Keystone club did extremely well as you can tell from the following list of honorees. Again... **CONGRATULATIONS** to all!

Marlin and Robin Guigley's, 1963 Catalina – Survivor **GOLD** (Points Judged)

Merle and Betsy Wright, 1983 Trans Am – Outstanding (Popular Vote)

Al and Carol Koszi, 1962 Grand Prix – Most Outstanding (Popular Vote)

Jim and Elke Martin, 1926 Pontiac – Champion (Points Judged) and the Concours 'de Elegance

Mike Burkholder, 1965 GTO – Champion (Points Judged) and Best of Show from the GTOAA. (Mike is a Lancaster, PA resident who I am trying to talk into joining our Keystone Club)

As the old saying goes, "all is well that ends well" and with the great cars, great friends, great weather, and great show venue, Dayton was a **GREAT** place to be in July. Next year the convention will be held on June 17-21, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas, where the second convention was held 42 years ago. Our good friend, Joe Stout and his club are excited to be our hosts. Hope to see you there.

Jim Martin

PERFORMANCE YEARS CAR SHOW, JUNE 15th

by Frank Kemp

I have to start out by thanking Tim Britton for inviting me to ride along to the show in his 1959 Pontiac Bonneville. The weather was sunny and warm with no showers in the forecast. We arrived at Performance Years shortly after 9 AM at the registration area where there was a back up. After Tim picked up his packet of goodies he had me fill out his registration form. We then proceeded to the correct area where his car was to be parked. While Tim wiped the car off I walked around the area to see some of the other cars being shown. There were a fair amount of Pontiacs displayed and GTOs were everywhere. The old year covered by the class designations was 1953, so we will be working with the organizers to have at least 2 older classes in order to encourage older model owners to bring their cars in 2014.

George Hirn had asked me to pick out the winner for the Beatrice Landis Memorial award for this show. He presents this award at several shows during the year. With Tim's help we decided on a 1970 Pontiac Bonneville convertible owned by Rick Stirling (picture on this page). This car has been in his family from new and the car still looked showroom fresh.

Later we were able to pass out fliers for the Fall Meet at A. W. Golden in September. Hope to see you there. Over all it was a really good show with lots of cars not just Pontiacs. Several other club members were also there. All seemed to enjoy the many cars there. Performance Years does a great job of promoting this show. I hope to be there again next year. How about you?



Ed Loos' 65 Bonneville



Bill McIntosh's '60 Safari Station Wagon

2013 Das Awkscht Fescht was an incredible display of automobiles, from Crosleys to Corvettes, from Pontiacs to Plymouths, and Reos to Ramblers. The feature car was Buick and what a fantastic display it was. Next year will feature the Dodge Brothers. For us Oakland-Pontiac folks there were about 70 vehicles. What a great turn out of Oaklands - where are these cars for GM or the Fall meet? I parked the '48 next to a fantastic '37 convertible (pic below) and kept trying to talk with the owner, but whenever I was there he was talking to someone else or not there. I did overheard him say he does not take the '37 out much and has some other cars. When I looked at the window card I found out he lives 2 miles from my house. The other observation I confirmed with a couple others was that we have probably not seen at least half of these Pontiacs before. The parts flea market was about half full, but that is to be expected on the last day of a 3-day event. The car corral had some interesting cars, including a 40 Pontiac Coupe street rod. See some pictures below and one of the Oaklands on the cover page.

Dick Stover



Odds and Ends



Nature is truly breath-taking!
A FALCON NESTING IN A TREE



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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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