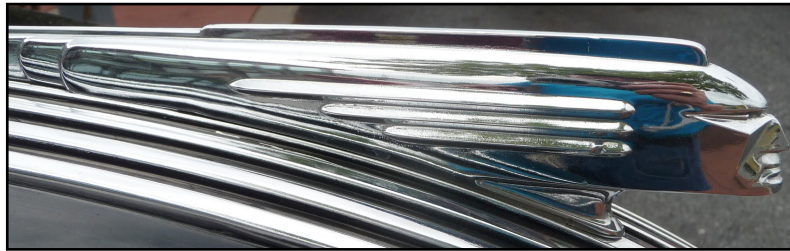


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FROM THE CHIEF

With the Holiday season behind us and winter bearing down on us full bore, it is time to look forward to our 2015 activities. Again, thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2014 activities. Everyone is welcome to attend our January 18 membership/board meeting at the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company, start time is 1:00 p.m. We have a very full agenda but we encourage anyone with ideas, tour wishes, other activity wishes or general recommendations for the good of the club to attend or please pass your ideas to the board. Now is also a good time to start looking forward to some of the annual POCI convention in Louisville, Ky in mid-July. The host hotel rooms are filling up quickly but if you have trouble getting reservations there, several other local hotels still have rooms. So far there are at least 10 members of our club planning to attend and it appears that we will have several folks taking their cars... including a 1930 Oakland?

Jim

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party was again a great family event. This year we had four children, one young adult in the group of 35 people who attended; a testimony to our efforts in maintaining a family oriented association. The "old car" hobby is one small way we can help preserve history and the values that we so cherish as a free society for our children and grandchildren. The party was held in the festive decorated Gibbons Room at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant. Jim Martin introduced the evening and Dick Stover gave the blessing prior to the meal. Our restaurant staff prepared a very traditional but scrumptious "PA Dutch" buffet dinner of roast turkey with all the trimmings, lasagna, ham balls and desserts. Oh yes, there was a fight for the home made ice cream... seems that a couple guys named Frank and Ralph strategically seated themselves at the tables closest to the food and we had a bit of a struggle getting them to relinquish control of the ice cream bowl. But the Christmas Spirit prevailed and no one went away hungry. Because we had folks who are not able to attend events during the year, we did our traditional table introductions so that everyone knew who was in attendance. Of note, Don and Carol Barlup were in attendance and Jim noted that Don will become the 2015, Antique Automobile Club of America president in February. As always, our DJ, Lenny The Groove Machine did an exceptional job of entertaining us. In addition to the Holiday music and music videos, Lenny put together several video presentation specific to our hobby. They included: a short video memorializing many of the great Pontiac dealer ships from throughout the US; a Fisher Body advertisement video that highlighted how the company constructed car bodies and supported the manufacturing of General Motors automobiles; and, the final video was taken from a TV series depicting the purchase, re-building, upgrading, and delivery of a "Smokey and the Bandit" Pontiac. Finally, Santa's elves were busy passing out presents to the attendees. Each of the youth received an age appropriate gift and the adults each received a Keystone-POCI umbrella. Thanks for a super party and a great year.

(picture on the front page)

by Jim Martin

Calendar of Events

Saturday, 3/14, 3/21, 4/11, or 4/18 - TBD	Spring Tour to Lehigh Valley Railroad Club and the Bulgari Collection in the Allentown area. Details to follow. Depending on the date selected we may also have a second tour. Stay tuned.
Sunday, May 3rd	GM on Display, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA. Preregistration end date is April 26th. Contact Don Haley at 610-608-7904 or rfhaley@gmail.com
Saturday, June 20th	Performance Years All Pontiac show in Lansdale, PA see: http://www.performanceyears.com/openhouse.html
Saturday, July 17	Mid-Summer meeting and fun time at Knoebel's Grove Amusement Park. Details to follow
Tuesday, July 21 thru Saturday, July 25	POCI Convention, Louisville, KY. See www.POCI.org
Sunday, August 2nd	Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA. Pre-registration ONLY by July 1st. Contact Don Haley at 610-608-7904 or rfhaley@gmail.com or http://www.awkscht.com
Sunday, September 27th	Fall Meet at AW Golden's FasTrac car care center on the north side of Reading. Preregistration deadline is September 20th. Survivor class pre-registered ONLY. Contact Frank Kemp at 610-367-6664 or fkemp@dejazzd.com ; also see www.pontiacfallmeet.com
Saturday, October 17 or 24	Fall Tour
Friday, November 27th	Junk Yard Tour, TBD
Saturday, December 5th	Christmas Party; Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand and the underpass on HY340; 12:30-4, dinner at 1; \$25/ person, \$10 for age 12 & under. Contact Jim Martin 717-393-3031 or jamesamartin@comcast.net
Sunday, January 3, <u>2016</u>	Board Meeting and annual planning at the Bird-In-Hand Fire House; just before the underpass on HY340 east of Bird-in-Hand. Contact Jim Martin 717-393-3031 or jamesamartin@comcast.net

The events above are those that KSC specifically sponsors or participates in. There are other regional and local events that KSC encourages its members to participate in, such as those sponsored by neighboring POCI chapters. See our website, www.kscpoci.org and select the OTHER EVENTS button to see the ones we know of. Please feel free to email details of events you know of.

Junk Yard Tour

On Good Friday Dave Bruch, George Burbage, Ralph Keller, Steve Leibert, his friend Jeff, and I went to EZPull Parts (yard) near New Ringgold, PA. This is a very well organized yard covering many acres of cleared land, with gravel isles and most of the cars propped up on cement road barrier blocks. This generally makes it easier to get at parts and the car won't fall on you. There were also a good number of commercial vehicles and construction equipment; even some sad looking RV's. EZPull will do most of the heavy work and there are standard prices for parts - all doors are the same price, etc. Ralph was the only one to find some parts for his '55. The rest of us had just a good time looking and the wide range of pre-1980 cars which were separated from 100's of other vehicles. The oldest car in the group was a mid-30's Plymouth (we think it was a Plymouth). Most of the cars were well picked over. The oldest Pontiac was a '48 4-door. If any of you know of a good yard to visit let us know.

Dick Stover



Key Decisions at the January 24th Board and Planning Meeting

- #1 - Brenda Steinhauer was elected as Treasurer, replacing Rick Harding who, after 16 years in the position decided he wanted a rest.**
- #2 - Approved a \$1/year dues increase starting in 2016 until the dues are \$20/year.**
- #3 - Approved an events calendar (see elsewhere in this newsletter).**
- #4 - Approved the purchase of 70 Gildan brand t-shirts from Carolina Screen Printers, gray, with new POCl logo on upper right with Keystone State Chapter; sale price to be \$15.**
- #5 - Discussion on collaborating with DelMarVa Chapter on a convention in 2017 or 18. Jim Martin will work with Fred Hillman of DelMarVa will set up a core of people to do preliminary investigation.**

NOTE: Jack Anderson, member of both KSC and DelMarVa chapters is up for re-election to the POCI Board as our regional director. When the ballots come out from POCI please vote for Jack. Here is the business end of Jack's '65 2+2 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>





We'll Miss You Betsy

On November 24th we all lost our good friend, Pontiac lover, and club supporter Betsy Wright. Betsy was club member Merle Wright's wife for 52 years. Besides KSC and POCI, Betsy was a life member of the New Bloomfield, PA fire company auxillary, the American Legion, the Hunter Valley Sportsman's Club, and treasurer of the local VFW. Services were on November 28th. The picture above is of Betsy in command of her '83 TransAm. In spite of her illnesses and breathing problems Betsy went on the Fall Tour to the PA Railroad Museum and Strasburg RR on October 18th. A real trooper. We solicited some remembrances from club members. Here is one from Larry and Sandy Comp: "Larry has known Betsy since before grade school. I knew her since high school. Larry, Betsy and I graduated together from Newport High School a long time ago, 1960. We really enjoyed going to car shows together, especially to Ocean City, MD. When a gang of us would go to dinner, we could always count on Betsy to pull out her trusty calculator and figure out everyone's bill including tip. We will miss her smile."



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Little Known Facts about Pontiacs – Number 1

By Bill McIntosh

Most every Pontiac enthusiast knows the distinctive “shark nose” grill that was used on all 1960 Pontiac models. This was a dramatic departure from the traditional “split” grills used on 1959 models and again in 1961 and for many years thereafter. It was not without some trepidation that the “shark nose” grill was introduced. As studio chief (?), Jack Humbert said of that move, “The split grill was dropped in 1960 but we recognized it (the split grill) was such a strong mark that we took it again for 1961.” However, his personal influence on the 1960 model was limited to “a little clean up.”

What most people do not know is that the 1960 Pontiac was slated to have two different grills for that model year. Obviously, the first grill is the famous “shark nose.” This grill consisted of two pieces that mirrored each other. They were die cast and chrome plated with certain portions blacked out (painted) to emphasize the horizontal bars. Further, flat side panels surrounded the parking/turn signal lights. This grill was slated to be use on the upper end models only: Star Chief and Bonneville. Curiously, this grill was also slated to be used on all models equipped with air conditioning: Safari, Ventura, Star Chief and Bonneville.

The second grill, which I will call an “egg crate” style (see accompanying page from the Pontiac-issued shop manual for 1960), was destined to be used on the lower priced models, namely the Catalina and Ventura. The idea of two different grills was meant to be used in order to differentiate the lower-priced models from the higher-priced ones. As you can see in the accompanying page, the “egg crate” grill appears to be one piece (as opposed to two pieces), while the flat part that surrounds the two parking/turn signal lamps looks identical to the “shark nose” version.

Though I have done a fair amount of research, I have found almost nothing about the thinking behind the Pontiac designers for coming up with two grills (other than the fact that the two would distinguish high- and low-priced models). As a single piece design, it is difficult to imagine that this was stamped out in one piece so, perhaps, the horizontal portions were stamped and the vertical bars attached afterward. Maybe it was a series of stampings that were bolted or riveted together. Could it be that this grill or parts thereof were stamped aluminum – the same material used on the headlight surrounds? Other car models of that vintage used single piece stamped aluminum grills (my 1959 Ford for instance), but it appears too complicated to me to be a single stamping nevertheless. I speculate that the “egg crate” grill was scrapped because of the costs associated with producing two versions. Did the accountants win in the end?

The one thing we do know for sure is that the “egg crate” grill never made it into regular production. The mystery of the 1960 Pontiac “egg crate” grill will remain so unless a reader out there can share any new knowledge.

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