

SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

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



Founded 1975; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING



From American Treasures

FROM THE CHIEF

Thank Goodness... the ice and snow have finally disappeared and its time to get out our treasured cars and get ready to tour, show, or cruise. As you prepare the "old iron" for another great year, please make sure that you check all fluids, the brakes, the lights, and any other safety items to make sure they are working properly. Remember, things can break after a long period of not being used, so please verify proper operations before launching a long trip. As you read this we are well on the way to another great club season. Our trip to the American Treasures collection was nothing short of phenomenal; there was something there for everyone and we only had a chance to view and enjoy a small portion of this "gigantic collection of Americana." Thanks Bill for setting up the tour! Our trip to the coal regions (Frackville and Pottsville) was just as exciting. The cars in the JWR Museum are just unbelievable and we thoroughly enjoyed the tour guides candid help describing the fabulous collection of "classics." Of course Jerry's Classic Cars and Collectibles Museum is always enjoyable, just when you think you know what he has in the collection, a surprise is in order. Thanks Ralph for the great tour! Get ready for another great GM On Display; Don Haley promises we will not have rain. And then, who is going to the POCI Annual show in Wichita? Looks like our friend Joe Stout has put together a great venue. For anyone who has never attended a convention, Kansas is only about an 18 hour drive or a 2 1/2 hour flight.

I need to do a little business in preparation for the next administration of our great club. During the January BOD Meeting, Rick Harding indicated that he wanted to end his tenure as the club treasurer. Rick has served us extremely well for over 13 years and deserves a lot of credit for helping to hold the club together. This is one of the most critical and key positions for our members. The treasurer not only maintains club funds, the position is also key to sustaining memberships and is therefore a key marketing position. Please consider helping and let either Dick or me know if you are interested. We don't want to have a last minute void so I am bringing this to the membership early in hopes of resolving an issue. We will talk about this again at the mid-year membership meeting. Meanwhile, Elke and I hope to see everyone very soon and please have a safe season.

Jim Martin

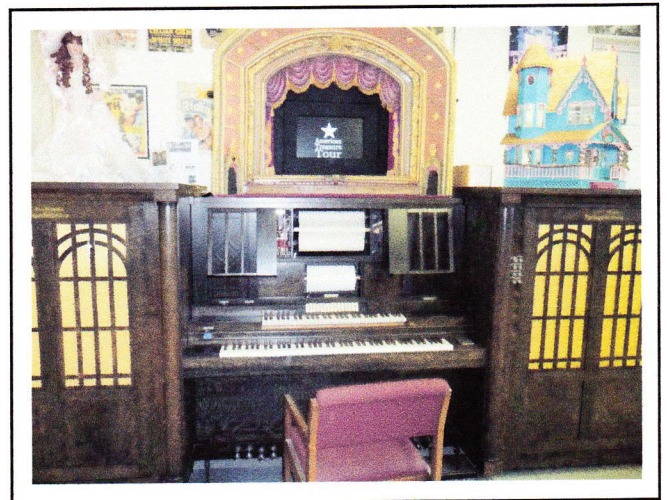


American Treasures Tour

On Saturday, March 22nd about 16 of us, including some very welcome guests, met at Bob Evans in Oaks, PA for lunch, and then headed to the nearby American Treasures collection. The collection is housed in part of an old (I believe I remember correctly) Firestone tire plant. Anyway, it is a large building that has been repurposed for multiple businesses. The American Treasure Tour (that's its real name) is an all-indoor massive collection of Americana from antiques to kitsch to pop culture. Two of the major exhibits are mechanical music and classic preserved automobiles. The mechanical music display includes hundreds of machines such as nickelodeons, band organs and music boxes. In addition to seeing the sights you hear the great sounds of the music of days gone by.

Additionally there are jam-packed displays of animated store window advertising, dolls, dollhouses, model airplanes, circus, patriotic, holiday items and much more. The tour started with a presentation of various mechanical musical instruments. Then we hopped on a tram and a tour guide talked us through the major displays. One person commented that it looked like controlled or organized hoarding. True or not, the collection was amazing and opened all our eyes to many interesting aspects of American history we had no idea of. Above and below are some pictures. See the web site for more. Thanks to Bill McIntosh for making all the arrangements.

Dick Stover



KSC 2014 Calendar of Events

March 22 (Sat): Oaks, PA (north of Valley Forge); Lunch at Bob Evans @ 11:30 then American Treasures Collection; Contact: Bill McIntosh at mcamci@msn.com

April 12 (Sat.): JWR Collection in Frackville, Lunch, Jerry's in Pottsville.

May 4 (Sun.): GM on Display at Macungie, PA; Contact Don Haley at 610-640-7464.

May 17 (Sat.): 9th Annual BOPC car show for Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, and Cadillac. Granite Run Mall; Media PA.

http://clubs.hemmings.com/delvaloldclub/BOPC_Spring_Show_Flyer_2014.pdf

June 14 (Sat.) Performance Years All Pontiac Show and GTOAA Eastern Regional Meet in Lansdale, PA; Contact Dick Stover 215-752-7850 <http://performanceyears.com/openhouse.asp>

NOTE: In 2014 PY is continuing the practice of lumping all Pontiacs older than '53 into a single "open" class; they also indicated very few '55-'58's have shown up. Let's bring out the older cars this year and show the heritage of the brand!!

June 17-21: POCI National Convention; Wichita, KS; see POCI web site: www.poci.org.

July 1-5: GTOAA national meet, Monroeville, PA (Pittsburgh area), www.gtoaa.org

July 19 (Sat.), Trip to Williamsport, PA to see Ralph Keller's trains, board meeting/lunch at Country Cupboard, and possible river cruise(?) Consider staying overnight. Contact Ralph Keller at 570-326-9237 or rkeller@chilitech.net

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

Aug 16 (Sat.) Rain date 8/23. Susquehanna Valley GTO & Jones Family Dealerships ALL Pontiac show at Amos Herr Park, Harrisburg Pike & Nissley Rd., Landisville, PA. www.svgto.com

Sept. 4-6: Canandagua, NY (south of Rochester); Early Times Chapter of POCI's Flat head reunion; www.earlytimeschapter.org

Sept 6 (Sat.): Smyrna, DE, Willis Auto Mall, DelMarVA chapter of POCI's fall meet - open to all makes of cars; www.delmarvapoci.com

Sept 28 (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 Kemp at 610-367-6664 or fkemp@dejazzd.com or www.pontiacfallmeet.com/index.htm

Oct. 25 (Sat.) Strasburg Railroad and RR Museum, details to follow

Nov 28: Junkyard tour TBD

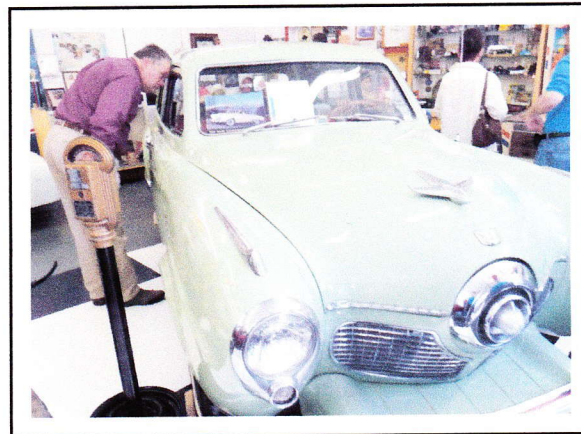
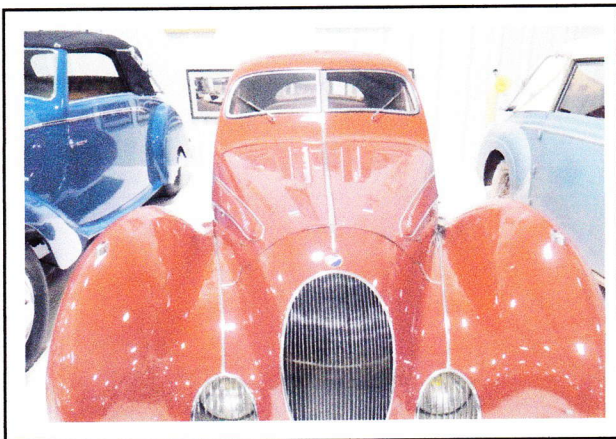
Dec 6 (Sat.): Christmas Party; Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand and the underpass on HY-340; 12:30-4pm, dinner at 1, \$25.00/person, \$10 - 12 & under; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031

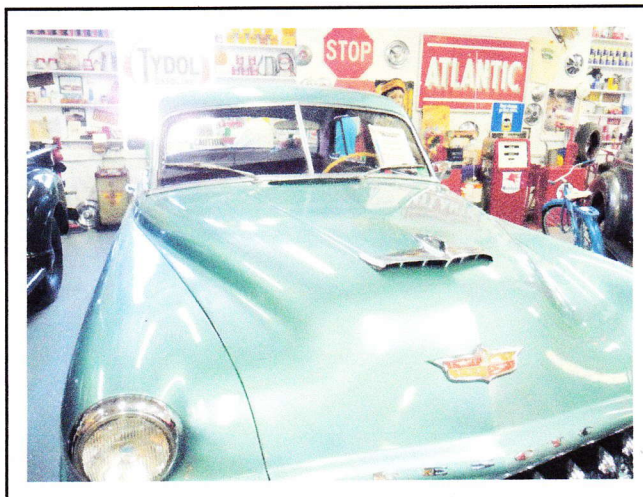
Jan 18, 2015 (Sun.): Board and Membership Meeting; 1pm, Bird-In-Hand Fire Co., at the underpass on HY 340; contact Jim Martin at 717-393-3031

Tour of JWR Auto Museum and Jerry's Autos and Collectibles

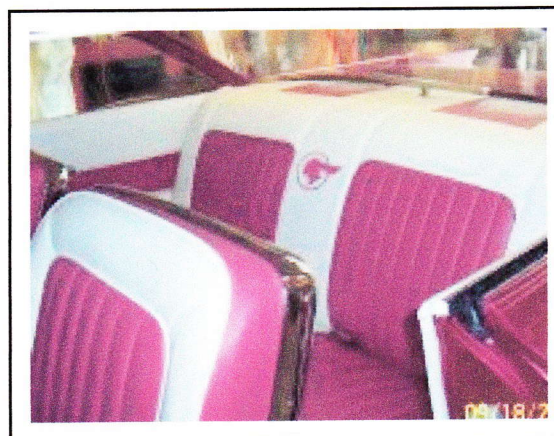
A beautiful spring day highlighted our April 12th tour to Frackville and Pottsville. We met at the amazing JWR museum in Frackville at 10 AM. This is a fantastic collection built by the late John Rich, who was the owner of Reading Anthracite Coal Company. The building now has 2 additions, and houses around 100 fabulous cars. There is everything from huge early 1900's vehicles, to many rare and custom cars, including a very unusual Rolls Royce. There were even a few Pontiacs in the collection, including a nice 67 GTO. We got a history lesson on a 1956 Citroen that was fitted to run on an attached coal burner. The rarity and condition of these cars is unique, and a must see if you missed this outing. We spent about 2 hours examining everything. Mr. Rich was a big fan of the Concours D'Elegance circuit, and had many certificates from Pebble Beach shows. We then descended the mountain into nearby Pottsville, to tour Jerry's Classic Car Museum - another unique display of 50's cars and memorabilia. The building was a former Studebaker dealership, so a lot of Stude items and cars were showcased. Also, an old Atlantic gas station was recreated. There is an old time auto parts store display, as well as general period items, a nice diverse collection. Members attending included Jim Beck, Bill Stephenson, Dave Bruch, Dick Stover, as well as the Kellers, Kempes, Burbages, Myers, Martins, Wrights, McGurks, Kreiders, Lamb/Steinhauers, and a few Pottstown AACA members, for a total of about 30.

By Ralph Keller





ODDS and ENDS



2010 Pontiac G8 ST



Return Address:
Richard Stover
262 Watergate Dr.
Langhorne, PA 19053

2013 and 2014 Officers and Directors:

President: Jim Martin
Vice President: Bill McIntosh
Treasurer: Rick Harding
Secretary: Dick Stover
Director: Merle Wright
Director: Frank Kemp
Director: Jim Beck
Director: Brenda Steinhauer
Co-Activities Director: Ralph Keller
Co-Activities Director: Don Haley
Newsletter Editor: Dick Stover
Chapter Historian: Ralph Keller
Promotional Sales: Bill McIntosh
Display Board: Marlin Guigley

Keystone State Chapter Membership Information

For general information, contact Richard Stover at
kscpociinfo@gmail.com

Annual Chapter dues are \$15.00 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.
Send dues payable to KSC-POCI, c/o Rick Harding;
314 Reinholds Rd.; Denver, PA 17517

For Pontiac-Oakland Club International information
write: POCI; P.O. Box 68 ; Maple Plain, MN 55359 ; or
call: 877-368-3454; or email: pociworldhq@aol.com or check
the website www.poci.org. Annual POCI dues are \$35.00 and
include a high quality monthly magazine.

Check out our web site: www.kscpoci.org