

PONTIAC ACTION

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



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From The Chief

It's the end of May and I can finally say, Happy Spring to everyone! Despite the dreary weather we've experienced, our Keystone POCI family has started the 2018 event schedule off with great success. It's now time to get our "toys" out of hibernation to show them off and enjoy them. Before I forget, we need to thank Chuck and Sue McGurk for hosting a great tour in Doylestown and for opening their home for a wonderful social visit and super generous lunch. Don and Rosemary Haley need a great thank you for their efforts in coordinating our 40th GM on Display at Macungie. As in recent years, the weatherman's predictions limited our turnout but the Keystone team came out in force and made our efforts a wonderful success. Thanks for those who attended and helped at both events! For those who were not aware, this 40th show was dedicated to the honor of Frank Kemp who, with early members, organized it and for many years chaired the event. In his honor, Rosemary ordered dash plaques that mirror the original design. A very touching and appropriate gesture. And by the way, we do have some of these great looking dash plaques left so you may reach out to Bill McIntosh to acquire one.

We are getting closer to the 2018 POCI Convention in Wisconsin Dells and I hope that you plan to attend. Along with the DelMarVa Chapter, your 2019 Planning Committee is eagerly ramping up efforts to support the show hosted by the Badger State Chapter and God's County Pontiac Association. We have a nice contingency of folks who are signed up to assist with the introduction of our 2019 Convention, registration, and T-Shirt sales. In addition, we will be putting up a Keystone State Chapter display that includes a rolling video history of our club. Speaking of the 2019 Convention, we are 14 months away! If you have not volunteered to assist.... we may come calling...

Oh, I forgot to say something earlier about safety... Please, before jumping into your favorite old timer and turning the key, do a thorough safety check... Brakes, fluids, lights, tires, battery, etc. If you've had the car tucked away and hidden from view for a while, you and your family need to have confidence that it is safe to operate before getting out on the road with our modern counterparts. Elke and I wish you a happy and safe spring and summer; come out and enjoy our 2018 events. Thank you for all you do to support this great Keystone State Family!

Jim

MERCER AND FONT HILL MUSEUMS TOUR



With wintery March weather behind us, and spring-like April following in its footsteps, it was a perfect day for our tour.

Entering the Mercer Museum's main room, our attention was immediately drawn to the whaling boat and Conestoga wagon, two large artifacts hanging from the sides of the room. From ground floor to ceiling, six floors of displays, and exhibits highlight the artifacts and usage of early Americana. Walking from level to level new insight was offered to many early American trades as we could examine the items more closely as well as an appreciation and awe of the amateur-made reinforced structure Chapman was able to construct to house his collection. A collection that is a true testament to Mercer's vision to preserve the past so future generations can learn about the historical tools of yesterday's trades.

After lunch the guided tour of Fonhill (Henry Mercer's home) offered insight into Mercer's many accomplishments as an archaeologist, architect, author, and tile maker. Like his other buildings, Fonhill was constructed with concrete by a work crew and a horse named Lucky. Within his home, Mercer added his own unique touches by incorporating his tile collection, the tile he made and many prints throughout Fonhill.

As previously mentioned, Henry Ford considered the Mercer Museum containing early American artifacts as the only American museum worthwhile seeing and wanted to purchase the collection, Mercer had no interest in selling.

As for the automobile Mercer did not own one, he thought the exhaust was bad for the trees. His primary mode of transportation around Doylestown was a bike. If needed to go long distances he relied on his right-hand man Frank Swain, it was said he owned a Ford.

A visionary of his time, Mercer ensured history would forever be preserved by collection and storing his collection for the education and enjoyment of future generations. If you missed our tour, the Museums are open daily with a new exhibit "Racing: A Need For Speed" opening May 12th at the Mercer Museum.





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April 25, 2018

Keystone Chapter POCI
48 Shillington Rd.
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Dear Keystone Chapter members:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$250.00 on behalf of Frank Kemp. He was a special person who loved collecting and sharing his knowledge of automotive history.

It is with great appreciation and gratitude that we accept your generous donation on his behalf. We are looking forward to honoring Frank with a nameplate from the Keystone Chapter.

Thank you for including the museum on your renewal form for members to have the option to support us.

Sincerely,

Penny Dye
Assistant Director

*The Pontiac-Oakland Museum & Resource Center, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit.
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ODDS and ENDS



Don Frist (now deceased)
and Sweet Old Blue (SOB)
at 1990 Fall Meet at
AW Golden in Reading, PA



GM on DISPLAY

Another Keystone State Chapter of POCI., 40th GM on Display done. Mother Nature wasn't our friend but we still managed a decent showing of 40+ cars on the show field, flea market, and car corral. Thank you to our generous sponsors for the door prizes and goodie bags. Super Thanks to our phenomenal club members for coming out to help to register, park, and help with distributing the door prizes. We couldn't have done it without you. Save the Date/ 41st Annual GM on Display May 5, 2019.

Don and I grew up learning the importance of family. We are so blest to be part of Keystone State Chapter of POCI family.

Respectfully,
Don & Rosemary Haley
Co-chairs GM on Display



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Calendar of Events

March 10, Saturday	Tour and convention planning meeting at Morgantown (PA) Indoor Auto Mall Collection. 11am. 400 cars and trucks. www.classicautomall.com Contact is: Tom Wright at email: tommyjw22@yahoo.com or phone: 610-587-3468
April 14, Saturday	Mercer Museum and Font Hill Castle in Doylestown CONTACT: Chuck or Susan McGurk, email: mcgurks3@verizon.net or phone: 215-230-0173 (see details in this newsletter)
May 6, Sunday	GM on Display, Macungie (PA) Memorial Park; Don Haley contact at email gmondisplay@gmail.com or 610-608-7904; PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 1st
June 3, Sunday	Burdette Bros./National Capital Area Chapter POCl show in Hyattstown, MD Contact: George Richardson (703) 768-1569, richardson13@cox.net
June 24-28	46th National Convention, Wisconsin Dells, see www.POCl.org for details
July 21 or 22	Don Barlup's collection plus mid-year chapter meeting at New Bloomfield, PA, DETAILS TO FOLLOW
August 5, Sunday	Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie (PA) Memorial Park; Don Haley contact at email gmondisplay@gmail.com or 610-608-7904; PRE-REGISTER BY JULY 1st; http://www.awkscht.com/
Sept. 23, Sunday	Fall Meet at Ebersole Buick/GMC in Lebanon, PA, DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Oct. 20, Saturday	Tour of Harold Morch Collection, Bethel, PA. details to follow
Nov. 23, Friday	Junk Yard Tour, Evan Salvage north of Harrisburg details to follow. Contact is Stephan Liebert email: LIGOATPAR@VERIZON.NET or phone 215-322-9636
Dec. 1, Saturday	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

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 POCl 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.

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Annual Chapter dues are \$18.00 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,
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