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The **Keystone State Chapter** **Pontiac Oakland Club International**



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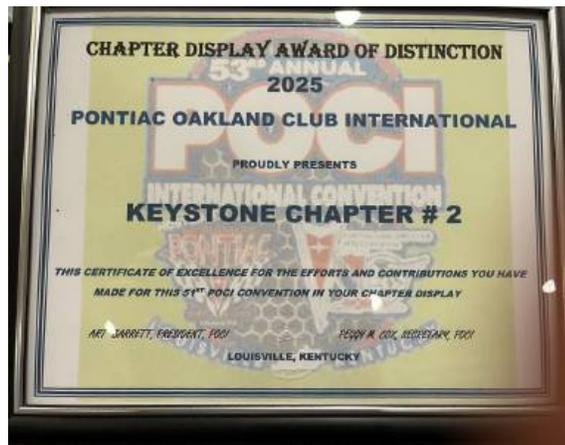
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Koszi's GP at AACA Cruise



Prime Example of GM on Display Beauty



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From the Chief

Hello Fellow Members.

What a terrific first half of the year! Our GM on Display show in early June was a complete success. We tallied over 200 cars and everyone had a great time. The day started off a little cool, but by the time we passed out prizes the day's temps were just perfect.

We also had a good tour in early May at Barry's Car Barn coupled with a great lunch and ice cream after. Read more on the tour in this issue. During a busy month of June our club also attended Bill Smith Memorial Cruise at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA we had 7 members vehicles attend. As we move to the second half of the year and by the time you receive this newsletter our chapter picnic (Knoebels Amusement Park) would have occurred. I hope you were able to attend. In early August will be our annual managing of the Pontiac Club Day display line-up at Das Awchest Fescht. Please plan to attend as we use this to relax and enjoy a car show as well each other's company. This is a great way to meet, talk and enjoy the fellowship of lots of Pontiac people.

At the end of August is Duryea Day, early this year Saturday August 30th at Boyertown Memorial Park. This is not an official club event, but one that our club and many of our members support.

Sign up..... (boyertownmuseum.org/upcomingevents) as this is a terrific car day.

Finally, Mark your calendars for Sunday September 28th for our Fall GM Show at Padre Pio in Barto, PA. This show continues to grow and you can easily sign up on our Keystone State Chapter web site. Wow what a year so far.....continue to ask questions, review upcoming club events in this newsletter or visit our web site to see future club events.

See ya down the road.....Tom

145 SO FAR IN 2025, 16 NEW, LOOKING FOR 25 NEW

New Members

Daniel Tuck	78 Trans Am	Frank Marsh	68 Tempest
Sean Vatz	84 Trans Am	Tim Howe	70 Trans Am
Martin Schorr	61 Ventura	Patrick Hoopes	71 Grand Prix

[**CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THE GM ON DISPLAY PHOTOS**](#)

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

GET EVENT INFO AND PRE-REGISTER ON THIS WEBSITE

www.kscpoci.org

August 3, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht;

Fall Tour TBD

**Sept 28th, Sunday, Fall Meet at Padre Pio Shrine, Barto, PA
pre-register at www.kscpoci.org or print out form below and mail in**

Nov. 28th, Friday, Junk Yard Tour

Dec. 6th, Saturday, Christmas Party



**HOW ABOUT YOU, YES, YOU
WRITING AN ARTICLE ABOUT
YOUR CAR or CARS, AND HOW
YOU CAME TO HAVE THEM?**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

- Oct-Nov 2025: Sept. 15th**
- Dec-Jan 2026: Nov. 15th**
- Feb-March 2026: Jan. 15th**

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Keystone State Chapter of Pontiac Oakland GMC Club.

GM's "Small Block Wars"

The contenders: Chevy's 265, Pontiac's 287, Buick's 264, and Oldsmobile's 322.

Oldsmobile's small-block V8 engines, also known as the "Rocket V8," had displacements including 260, 307, 322, 330, 350, and 403 cubic inches. These engines were a defining feature of Oldsmobile's performance lineup for decades, starting with the introduction of the first mass-produced OHV V8 in 1949. Olds V-8's won the first two NASCAR Manufacturers' Championships in 1950 and 1951.

Pontiac's small-block V8's, also known as "Strato-Streak" and "small journal", had displacement including 287 ('55, pic below left), 316 ('56), 347 ('57), 350, 370 ('58), 326 (mid-'60's), 389, and 400 cubic inches (there were a couple other insignificant sizes). Pontiac brought out a flat-head straight eight for 1933 through 1954 with a size range from 233 to 268 cubic inches, but design work on a new engine started in 1946. By 1953, Pontiac had 23 1953 Pontiac test mules out in public living "normal lives" to test reliability and performance, with very few "teething" problems. Pontiac stopped making its own engines in 1981.

Buick was the first GM division to introduce a V-8 post WW2 with the 322 cu in "Nail Head" (vertical valves with small heads) (pic below right) for the Roadmaster series in 1953 and a smaller "brother" 264 cu in. (also a nail head) in the Special series in 1954. Subsequent displacements for the nail head design were 364 and 401/400 cu in. The 401 was "rebranded" the 400, with NO changes, to meet 1960s GM directives for maximum allowable engine displacements in mid-size cars. Buick was also known for the 215 cu in all aluminum V-8, but that's a story is for another time.

Chevrolet's entry was the venerable 265 introduced in 1955. Over the period of 1955 through 1997 Chevy's First-Generation small block came in 11 different displacements, from 262 (1975-76) to 400 cu. In. (1970=81). The most notable sizes were, of course the 265, but the 305 and 350 cu in small blocks became the GM corporate standard. Over the years, every GM division in America, except Saturn and Geo, used the decedents of the original 265 in their vehicles. GM built 100,000,000 small blocks between 1965 and the end of Nov. 2011. The Generation II small-block engine was introduced in '92 as the LT1.

Pontiac had planned to produce their 1953 models with this new V8, but Buick and Chevrolet appealed to GM management and obtained a two-year delay, so Pontiac had to introduce its new V8 for 1955. Buick wanted the delay so that they could be the only GM division to introduce a new V8 engine in 1953, while Chevrolet did not want to be the only GM division without a V8 engine for 1954. You have to love politics!

by Dick Stover



AACA Bill Smith Memorial Cruise In

Our Keystone State Chapter attended the Bill Smith Memorial Cruise on June 21st, held at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. Last year it was decided by our activities team to add this car show to our club sponsored event calendar.

Last year our club won an award for the most attended club members with their cars. This year we had seven members/cars attend. They changed the parking set up this year and because we did not arrive together, we could not park together. No matter as we all found each other on the show field. Bill McIntosh and his 1960 Bonneville, Steve Liebert and his Pontiac Station Wagon, AJ & Carol Koszi with their 1962 Grand Prix (all 3 pictured below), George Burbage and his 70's Pontiac Granville, Dave Bruch with his 1957 Pontiac Star Chief, Hank Hallowell with one his many terrific vehicles and myself with a 2008 Pontiac G8. View the pictures attached. There were other Pontiacs, two nice GTO's and an early Trans Am. I left them all with membership applications.

It was a warm day, but not overwhelming. There were about 200 cars of all types of makes models and styles. A food truck offering many good choices of food to enjoy. The museum was open with a no charge admission available to AACA Club members and for the folks that pre-registered for the show. A discount admission price if you did not fall into either of these categories. The show was another good way to sit and enjoy the company of other Pontiac as well as other car folks.



CONVENTION UPDATE

Wow! We just finished a really nice convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Enclosed you will find some terrific pictures of cars that attended the the Convention. There were lots of good things at this convention, such as national chapter specialty meetings, a couple of terrific tours, three guest seminars, including Tim Dye talking a lot about next year's convention, great chapter displays, flea market vendors, and POCI members apparel store. All of this along with the many, many terrific cars from the Road Warriors, as well as cars entered in both points judge and popular vote line ups.

It was a very special moment at the Chapter Night banquet when your Keystone State Chapter was awarded the Most Distinguished Chapter Display. I believe it is the second such award our chapter has won.

No matter how many conventions I attend each year, I remain amazed at how many beautiful cars come to these conventions. For myself, as well as many others, I certainly enjoy meandering through the venue talking with owners and enjoying the cars. I attended several club meetings held on Tuesday & Wednesday at the host hotel's meeting rooms. I was able to meet a few new folks and solicited their membership to our chapter.

As I continue with my assessment of the convention, I want to focus on an aspect we might not appreciate enough. At the yearly conventions one of most enjoyable parts for me is seeing folks I have not seen since the last convention and catching up on their lives and, of course, discussing the year with our cars. It is also special to meet new folks who may be attending their first convention or others that have not been to one in a while. My advice for anyone attending future conventions is to enjoy the activities, but also remember the people, the stories, and lives of the folks that make up this terrific club. Take some time to sit and share a drink/meal and talk to others that enjoy the same hobby. I believe that in the end, the stories, the discussions, and certainly the people will be the things you remember well into the future. Thanks to the people that put the convention together.

Tom Wright



[Click Here For All The Convention Photos](#)

'56 Pontiac Hy-Rail Car

This 1956 Pontiac Chieftain station wagon was modified to operation on both roads and railroad tracks. These vehicles were known as Hy-Rail cars, were equipped with retractable flanged steel wheels that allowed them to be driven on rails. The Nevada Northern Railway (as scenic railway) restored this Pontiac as a Hy-Rail car, and is now used for museum experiences and even allows visitors to drive it on the tracks. Check the video link below for the whole story.



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The Keystone State Chapter is looking for sponsors for our newsletter. For \$25 a year (January-December) we will run a business card ad in all our newsletters and post the card on our bulletin board at our shows. If you are interested in advertising with us or if you know of someone who might be interested, please take a copy of our Sponsorship letter to them (print out the letter on the next page). Some examples of who to ask would be your local auto parts store, hardware store, automotive service or body shops, we will even take restaurants.



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January 1, 2025

The Keystone State Chapter POCI just celebrated our 50th anniversary of preserving Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMC's for future generations to enjoy. We are currently 139 members strong with members located in PA, MD, NJ, DE, and NY.

We have exciting news! We're looking for sponsors to help fund our newsletter. And in return for sponsorship, we're offering multiple advertising opportunities throughout the 2025 season.

Would you consider sponsoring our club and donating \$25.00 to help us to meet our goal?

We're so grateful for what our sponsors just like you have helped us accomplish over the years. From funding our car shows to helping with our newsletters and so much more, we're immensely thankful to our past, present, and future sponsors.

To demonstrate our gratitude, the Keystone State Chapter POCI would like to offer you a business card ad in our bi-monthly newsletters for 2025 plus we will post your card on our prominently displayed bulletin board at all our events, in recognition of your gift.

We hope you're able to contribute and thank you for the consideration.

To make a contribution, simply include your gift with this letter and business card and mail to Keystone State Chapter POCI, 2191 County Line Rd, East Greenville PA 18041 or hand deliver to our representative.

Many thanks in advance for your sponsorship! Go Keystone State Chapter POCI!

Sincerely,

Tom Wright, President

P. S. We'd like to invite you to our car shows this year. GM on Display -June 1st at Macungie Memorial Park. All GM Car Show - Sept 28th at Padre Pio Shrine, Barto PA



50th Annual Fall Meet

All GM Car and Truck Show

Sponsored by: Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International

**Sunday, September 28, 2025, 8:30AM to 2:30PM, Rain or Shine,
at The Shrine for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA 19504**



Trophies to the top 25 EXCEPTIONAL vehicles PLUS a separate BEST IN SHOW!

Food, music, trophies, door prizes & flea market

A portion of the show proceeds to benefit The Shrine for Padre Pio & a Local Homeless Shelter

Day of Show Registration: 8:30AM-11:30AM

Trophies and Door Prizes: 2PM

KSC FALL MEET PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 20, 2025

Send to: Sandy Kemp, 1603 South Main St.,
Bechtelsville, PA 19505

**Pre-Registration Cost: \$15.00/Vehicle
Day of Show Registration: \$20.00/Vehicle**

Enclose: \$15.00/Vehicle \$20.00 flea market space

Payable to: Keystone State Chapter, POCL or on-line at www.kscpoci.org

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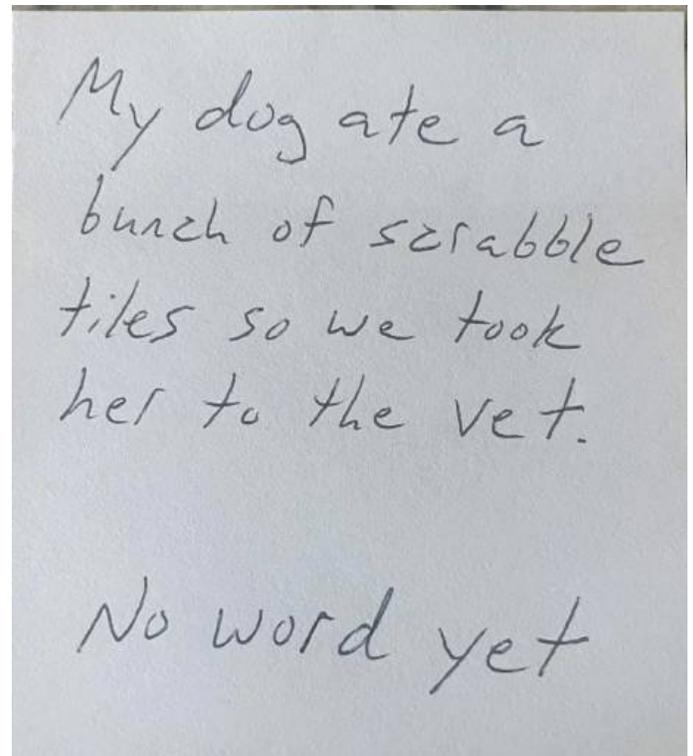
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