

DECEMBER 2023-JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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



Founded 1975; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING CHAPTER

*MERRY CHRISTMAS. No better way to
celebrate than with traditions like the KSC
Christmas Party and Junk Yard Tour*



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From the Chief



REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHIEF

As I sit here a week or so before Christmas and watching my wife and daughter working feverishly toward the holiday and my grandchildren wildly anticipating Christmas, I tend to reflect while relaxing in my favorite recliner.

In my reflections I'm looking back not only on my five years as president of this club but, more importantly, this past year of 2023 and looking forward to a new fun-filled year of events in 2024.

We celebrate another successful year, and I am thankful for all the folks in this club that worked so hard to assure that our club's car shows, tours, and events were both special and interesting. We are blessed to have groups like POCI, AACA, ATCA and most importantly Keystone State Chapter. These organizations allow us to thoroughly enjoy and spread the hobby. I also wonder why these groups are so successful. I keep coming back and landing on the reason being the people associated with these clubs. All our people/members that join with memberships give us things like good conversations, friendships, and lots of good time fellowship.

As I continue to reflect, I can't help but think about the way our human mind works. We all, from time to time get caught up with small issues that upset us resulting in quitting, limiting our participation, or calling out folks on email, text or Facebook. I sometime think we forget why we have joined these clubs in the first place; that being the ideals of hobby, friendships, and fellowship.

So, during this season let us return to those items that make us part of great organizations, let us hold on to those good ideals and remember the people and how our actions make a difference. So, whatever you find important in your life be it an entity, a person(s) or religion, for me it's Jesus Christ our Lord, I wish all a very Merry Christmas.

Tom Wright

Welcome New Members

Andrew Tanzer 76 GrandPrix

Ronald Inverso 69, 72(2), 75 GP, 72 Lemans Conv.

Bill Nenow 64 Bonn Conv & GP

James Zaleski 41 Convertible

Tony Frock 67 GP

Welcome Back

John Bower 78 TransAm



2023 Keystone State Chapter's Christmas Party

For our Keystone Chapter Family, it has been another fantastic year of fun! Our annual Christmas party was very well attended with over 50 members eager to enjoy lots of fun, food and friendly comradery. Our traditional Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant and Smorgasbord in Bird-in-Hand, Pa. President Tom Wright gave use an enthusiastic welcome and some opening remarks. Director Steve gave the blessing and our short trek to the buffe line was well worth the short wait! As in previous years, the amount and savory quality of food, drinks, desserts and service was superb. It was Turkey, Ham Balls (our chapter favorite) and Vegetable Lasagna for the main course. PLUS, all the fixings and those great, non-fattening, PA Dutch desserts!

As in past years, each adult was asked to bring a gift that was placed "under the tree" and handed out during a fun random drawing that ensured each attendee receive a present. Director, Jim Martin played "Santa" and gave special gifts to each of the four children in attendance. Poinsettias and small gifts were also raffled to many eager recipients. And, a grand prize was raffled and won by Carol Koszi. President Wright and daughter Kayla prepared an interesting review of the club year that included a number of funny stories highlighting the antics of some of our members. We reminisced about how the "weather gods" have shifted their attention from our Spring, "GM on Display" in previous years but failed to wash out any of this year's activities. Look out for the "Snow man" as we have shifted our annual meeting to later in January of 2024! President Wright gave an interesting photo review of our Hershey fall day tour to the AACA Headquarters, AACA Museum, and The Hallowell Collection. Our club is blessed to have senior members who are prominent leaders in the AACA and acted as guides for this great one-day event. Tom expressed our thanks to Karen Britton who coordinated the tour hosted by Don Barlup and Hank Hallowell. What exciting memories! In addition to eating (which this chapter does extremely well), gift giving and storytelling, Tom also reviewed some significant work that the board of directors are working on to help sustain and grow our great Chapter. Our over 125 members is a tribute to the health and vitality of our KSC-POCI Chapter "family!"

As always, we had a GREAT time and are looking forward to a FUN and event packed 2024! Come join us for our 2024 General Membership meeting on January 28, 2024! Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Jim Martin



See all the picture here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/j2sgQPhcGWYtB3S58>

Junkyard Tour 2023

On a beautiful November 24, 2023, about 12 individuals from the Keystone State Chapter and friends, visited Winfield's Salvage in beautiful Big Cove Tannery, Pa. This yard, found by Ralph, featured a large amount of "vintage" vehicles back to the 1940's. Tolerant owners allowed us to peruse through their hilly property to try to find some gems hidden in the trees.

Our host stated that he has 80+ acres, over 60 of which are covered by vehicles. This yard was started in the early 1990's and has grown and seems to be a place that will be there a while. Our host is a hot rodder also and has a '65 Chev Impala with a supercharged 454 and a stick. So, a lot of the '65-66 full size Chevs may already be spoken for.

So, if you get a chance, and want to cruise through some beautiful countryside take a day and visit Winfields. (717) 294-6064. They also get a space at Spring and fall Carlise swap meet.

Stephen Leibert

Some of the vehicles seen at the yards;

'48? Chrysler 4 door, '50's Ford pickup, '61 Pontiac Bonneville convertible (top down)

'52 Chevrolet 4 door sedan, '63 Pontiac Bonneville station wagon, '57 Ford Fairlane 2 door

'60 Chevrolet Impala 4 door, '63 Pontiac Catalina 2 door coupe, '60 Corvair 300 2 door



Link to all the photos:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YkLpBDgGUrFu5YPh8>

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

**GET EVENT INFO AND PRE-REGISTER AT THE CLUB WEBSITE—
www.kscpoci.org**

THE LIST BELOW WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE PROBABLE EVENTS

Jan. 28, Sunday: Board and Planning meeting; Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 12:30 start. Food Provided.

April: One day tour

June 2, Sunday: 45th GM on Display; Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA;

July 15-20: National Convention (52nd) – Springdale, Arkansas; www.poci.org

July: TBD

August 4, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht; **Pre-registration only by July 1**, get form for Sunday at: www.awkscht.com

Sept. 29, Sunday: ALL GM show, PADRE PIO SHRINE, Bally, PA

October: TBD

November 29, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, see website for details.

December 7, Saturday; Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30-4

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW POLO SHIRTS ON THE WEBSITE:
www.kscpoci.org**



TRIBUTE TO DON BOUGHER

“Pontiaction” Editor Dick Stover asked me to put pen to paper and write about POCI founder Don Bougher, who passed away on November 22 nd . I am honored to do so. I first met Don and Pat in October 1973 at my former restaurant “Don’s Pizza” in Camp Hill, PA. They flew in from their home in California to attend the “Pontiac Owners Club” first tribal gathering as it was called for the club. It was held the Sunday after the Hershey Fall meet and was a one day only car show and flea market. I believe we had 50 + or – Pontiacs and a couple of vendors including co-founder # 2, Joe Oliver in attendance.

I arranged to have the Plexiglas 1940 Pontiac “Ghost” car there and purchased it that day. Don told me that if I did not buy it, he would. I have a picture of us standing by the car on the flatbed trailer at the show.

Don was the clubs founder and held all positions except Secretary (Joe Oliver) in the beginning, including the clubs first Editor. He wore many hats and wore them well. Our path’s crossed many times at conventions. I particularly remember “80’s The Date, for the Keystone State”, our 1980 Gettysburg convention where I served as co-chair with the late Roland Dunkleberger and Bob Nauman. I also served as National President then and I remember our Board meeting running well into the night.

Don and Pat and my wife Carol (she passed away on November 20th , 2018) and I went to a local diner to have dinner. Our 3 children (10, 7, and 4) were with us. Needless to say they were not perfect angels and since Pat and Don had no children, we felt embarrassed at times. Many years later we still laughed about that dinner.

The last time that our path’s crossed was at the 2002 West Virginia convention. I remember chatting under the bridge where the flea market was held and catching up on old times past.

There were good and bad times. When the Directors Emeritus was unceremoniously eliminated from the club under a now deceased past President, it was a hard pill, especially for Don to swallow. He founded and nurtured the club and was hurt (as we all were) by this action. Fortunately, as time marched on, we were reinstated and Don was tasked with calling the rest of the Directors Emeritus to let them know we were no longer excommunicated.

When the Keystone State Chapter hosted the 2019 convention in Gettysburg where we celebrated POCI’s history, Don, due to health issues was not able to attend. He was missed but contributed much information to Ralph Keller, including the original 1926 radiator, for our hotel lobby display. His 1926 Pontiac (sold many years ago) was on display in the hotel lobby. Few people are fortunate to leave a lasting legacy. The founding of POCI by Don Bougher in 1972 will be remembered as long as the club exists.

Don Barlup # 81



Winter storage for my tin Indians - It's about the details

I have a drill that I've been doing for years. It has seemed to work so I've tried to stick with it. It's a sequence that both my 65 GTO and 62 Grand Prix receive and I keep an index card under the wiper blade with the check list - basically so that I know the date and fact that each item was completed/performed.

The following items are addressed with the goal that everything will be trouble free in the spring:

- 1) coolant- both level - temperature that it is good to - and age/color - changed if it is required
- 2) lube/oil w/ zinc and filter
- 3) fresh non-ethanol premium fuel and Marine grade Stabil
- 4) tire inflation (every tire loses 5 pounds over the course of the year) - I check each and inflate to 32 or about that
- 5) I vacuum the car and polish and wax everything - including any interior surfaces - chrome door handles/console etc.
- 6) any other fluid levels
- 7) battery disconnected and placed on a battery tender
- 8) the car is covered



Hank Hallowell

Ideas for prepping your collector vehicle for Winter

Winters in Pennsylvania can be rough on antique and classic vehicles. The snow and ice can take its toll, but worse than that is the salt, brine and cinders they use to keep the roads clear. So many of us have a ritual that we perform to put our cars away for the winter. Here are some of the ideas that I have heard about over the years. The list might vary depending on your storage area.

1. Make sure you change your engine oil and filter.
2. Check your anti-freeze protection level and quality (age).
3. Fill (but don't overfill) your fuel tank to prevent condensation and add fuel stabilizer. Then run the car so the stabilizer gets through the whole system.
4. Check the tire air pressure. I like to set mine for 32 psi.
5. If you have electricity available, disconnect the battery and connect it to a battery tender. If you don't have electricity or heat, you may wish to remove your battery to store inside where it will not freeze.
6. Go through your interior and trunk to clean out any items that you don't want to store there for the winter.
7. Sweep and clean the interior and add a protectant to any leather or vinyl surfaces. Waxing the interior chrome is also a good idea. You can also add a box of baking soda or desiccant to the interior and trunk to help keep odors and humidity at bay.
8. Cover the tailpipe and air cleaner intake to prevent rodents from getting in.
9. For interior protection from rodents' place dryer sheets at different locations inside the car and around the tires to prevent access to the car
10. A fresh coat of wax before you cover your car can help prevent scratches as you cover and uncover the vehicle.

Throughout the winter, I try to drive my car if the roads are clear, dry and salt free. It's not good to just start your car and shut it off without completely heating up the engine, transmission, and exhaust system. You don't want to leave any condensation in any of those systems.

Tim Britton

Preparing Cars for Winter Storage

By Bill McIntosh

As fall has just turned to winter, I know that many of us will pull our cars into the garage and store them until spring comes. While I am sure each of us has a routine in preparing our cars for storage, our editor suggested that I share my approach. Perhaps other members can get some ideas, or you can share with me something I do not do but would benefit from doing. Anyway, here is how I do it.

Oil Change – I like to change the oil and oil filter. This removes any oil with unwanted deposits and makes it ready to start up in the spring.

Gas – I am a religious user of gas additive to prevent deterioration of the fuel. I put a stabilizer in the gas tank every time I put gas in my cars. Actually, I use two additives. When I put the cars away for the winter, I give each gas tank a shot of stabilizer for good measure. It's cheap insurance.

Other Fluids – I check and bring up to “full” all other under hood fluids namely coolant (50/50 mixture), power steering fluid and master cylinder fluid. The latter is particularly important because if you are using standard brake fluid, it tends to evaporate over the winter, and you don't want the cylinder to run dry. It is also a “must check first” “in the spring.

Battery – You need to do something to keep the battery charged and not let it run down. Many folks use trickle chargers and are happy with that approach. I have had two incidences of batteries exploding because of overcharging and, as a result, have given up on trickle chargers. My approach is to use an inexpensive fast charger and about once every six weeks or so, I just charge each battery individually. It gets the job done and does not leave four trickle chargers running in the garage.

Tires – This is a subject with much controversy – should you take the weight off of your tires by jacking up the car? Since I run radials on all my cars, I have decided that it is not worth the effort to elevate the cars. However, if I were running conventional bias ply tires, I would absolutely jack the car(s) up for that long a period.

Grease Fittings – It is not critical to grease such fittings for storage. I do it as part of the oil changes sequence and then do not have to do it in spring.

Interior – I like to be sure the interior of the vehicle is vacuumed out from any dust and dirt gotten in the summer driving season. But, MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you have a garage if even on rare occasions is visited by mice or other rodents, you should fill a plastic egg carton with moth balls and put on the floor of the vehicle. The stink of moth balls is a highly effective deterrent and will keep them out. Nevertheless, I also use some form of mouse traps and scatter them around the garage (see manufacturer recommendations for placement and use).

Odds and Ends



Members Michael Murray, AJ and Carol Koszi in front of Alan Jackson's Ford pickup waiting to go into The Grand Ole Opry at the 2023 POCI convention

Stephen Liebert (Mr. Junk Yard) doing a deep dive for that special part



To the left is 31 yr. old (in 1988) Andy Belmont with his Pontiac J2000 bodied NASCAR Daytona Dash Series car after a win at Myrtle Beach, SC. Rookie of the year in '87, champion team owner in '88 with 15 wins in 28 starts. He built the car for Shawna Robinson, first woman to win in NASCAR. Andy went on to be a successful team owner, car builder, and racer in NASCAR and ARCA. And, this editor's good friend and "chief" mechanic on the my 48 Pontiac.



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2024 Membership Dues

Sandy and Karen want to thank you for making our first year as membership co-chairs a great success. We went from 91 members in 2022 to 124 at the close of 2023. We welcomed many new members and welcomed back a few who rejoined.

As you know everyone's dues for the chapter run from Jan 1st through Dec 31st. So, we are asking everyone to renew your dues again for this coming year, 2024. Please note, we have a new form that we are using, it is included in this newsletter. You may register online at our website www.kscpoci.org or print and send in the attached form. Again, please use this form to help us keep our records in order. You may also bring this form and money to the Membership meeting in January, if you are attending (more details to follow). We can collect it from you there, if this is easier.

We hope to see you at the membership meeting near the end of January but remember you must be a member in good standing to have a right to vote. So if you haven't already sent us your dues, please do so soon.

Thanks, Karen and Sandy

Keystone State Chapter Membership Information

For general information, contact Karen Britton at kscmembership@gmail.com

For Pontiac-Oakland Club International information go to www.poci.org or email: pociworldhg@aol.com

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along with being a member of the
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