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THE CARS AT EBERSOLE



The Original *Pontiaction* Chapter...

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

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Hello everyone. Unfortunately, I have to start this message on a sad note. As many know, Frank Kemp suddenly passed away on September 4, 2017. Our hearts and sympathy go out to Sandy. Please keep her in your prayers and let her know how much she means to our Keystone-POCI family. Frank was such a great friend and worked so hard to keep our Keystone-POCI family vibrant. He is sorely missed. Your club dedicated the Fall Show at Ebersole's Auto Group to his honor.

With summer now gone, Elke and I are looking forward to a very busy fall which includes our annual journey to Europe. I know, too, that many of you took advantage of the mild weather and enjoyed local car events in your area. Elke and I, along with Marlin and Robin Guigley, spent July traveling to the mid-west and Texas so I, unfortunately, did not have an opportunity to attend many local shows. We had a great time at the POCI Convention in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas and learned a lot about what makes a good convention click. Your Keystone Chapter was well represented with 17 folks attending. Ralph and Peggy Keller had guite the excursions both going and coming; I'll let them tell you how frustrated they are with AMTRAK! Al and Carol Koszi drove their '62 GP and won the "Most Outstanding" award in their Popular Vote Class. Congratulations to them! Unfortunately, the transmission failed around Nashville and they had to UHaul the car back home. Patti Brewer (Dave Fansler's daughter), her husband and sons David and Michael all drove to the Dallas/Ft. Worth show as well. It was great to catch up with the Fansler family again. We all had a great time! The tours were exceptional venues and the day we spent at the Dallas, School Book Repository and Kennedy Museum was very sobering and brought back a lot of memories. Where were you on that fateful day in November 1963?

Our POCI family has had a very successful and enjoyable year so far. We kicked off the second half of 2017 with our mid-year meeting at Knoebel's Amusement Park followed by a terrific Macungie event with over 70 Pontiac's & Oakland's on the show field. Our September 16 & 17 orientation tour to Gettysburg was tremendous. We used this tour to familiarize about 30 members with the 2019 Convention site & many of our initial plans. September 24's fall show at the Ebersole Auto Group in Lebanon was spectacular. Ebersole's rolled out the red carpet. The fall tour to Jim Thorpe was held in late October. Ralph Keller had a great looking agenda put together. Steve Leibert has coordinated with Achey Used Auto Parts in Pottsville to host our "Junk Yard" tour with our breakfast meeting spot at the Country Squire Restaurant. Bird-in-Hand Restaurant is again the site for our December 2nd Christmas party and our January 2018 board/membership meeting is locked in for the Bird-in -Hand Fire Company. And with all that your 2019 Convention Committee is working hard to get things organized and coordinated. WoW, we are a busy bunch!

Please take a look at our website for the exact details for each of the remaining events. We sure hope to see you soon. Mean while, please be safe!

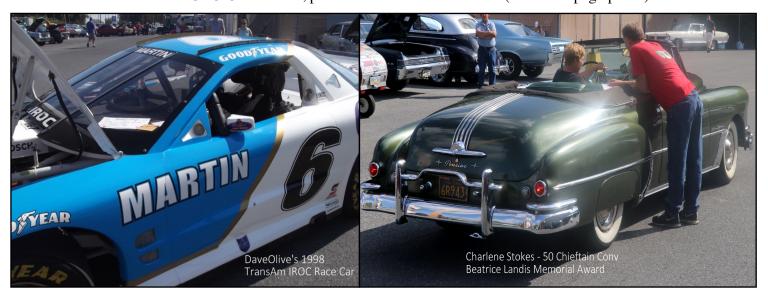
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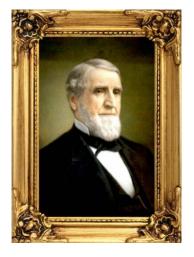
EVERYTHING WAS GRRREAT IN LEBANON!!

If you were not at Ebersole's for the Fall Meet in Lebanon, PA on Sunday, September 24th, you missed a great show. Seventy five cars were on the show field on a perfect early fall day, and the Ebersole facility was also perfect for the show. We also set a record of 40 pre-registered. THANK YOU Randy Swartz for making us feel more than welcome. The distribution of vehicles across the classes was very good with the usual "lightness" on pre-55's, but still a respectable showing. HEY, you pre-war folks, we know you are out there! There was a noticeable shift in where attendees came from - more central PA and very few from NJ. Two cars came from the DC area and even a car from NYC because the owner specifically stopped by during a return trip from (I think it was) Virginia beach. Eight new members joined the chapter plus one renewal. The pictures on the front page and below speak for themselves.



Tom Wright and Jim Martin with Carol Scarcaciottoli, winner of the Dealer's Choice award for her 66 GTO Convertible, purchased new from Ebersole (see cover page photo)









Jim Thorpe Tour

Saturday, October 21 was a sunny warm day, perfect for our tour of Jim Thorpe. This is a small unique town nestled in the hills at the bottom of the Poconos, along the Lehigh River, still retaining the beautiful century old buildings along the main street, and attracts thousands of tourists and visitors each year. It was especially busy due to the October fall foliage activities, which included many street vendors of food, crafts, and specialty items. Also a number of free outdoor musicians performed throughout the day. We had a disappointing turnout of only 8 people, but we few had a great time. We spent the morning browsing all the unique gift and specialty shops along the main street. Then after lunch we rode the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway to view the spectacular scenery along the Lehigh River gorge area. The train uses antique passenger cars, correct to the period of the heyday of Jim Thorpe, and is a very popular attraction. After that we toured the Asa Packer Mansion, high on the hillside, overlooking the town. This is a spectacular home built by mult millionaire Asa Packer, who made his fortune in the 1800's in coal, railroads and canals. In the 1950's when the last family member died, the estate was donated to the Borough of Jim Thorpe, and is now a tourist destination. Unlike most similar homes, it is exactly the way the Packers left it, including all the original furnishings. In his later years, Asa became a philanthropist and gave money to start Lehigh University and the Robert Packer hospital in Sayre, Pa., among other things. For anyone who has never seen it, this town is a tourist must see destination.

Ralph

Check out the article on the lost art of babbited bearings: https://www.yahoo.com/news/lost-art-babbitt-bearings-213006004.html

Gettysburg Tour

On September 16th & 17th, 25 members of your Keystone POCI Family met at the Gateway Gettysburg's, Wyndham Hotel for a late summer tour. The purpose of this tour was a bit different than those of the past because we included a 2019 Convention Planning meetings that included a chance for everyone to tour and enjoy several of the sites selected for specific convention events. After holding a 2-hour meeting on the 16th, our attendees were give an orientation tour of the Gateway Gettysburg facility which provided plans and details for the location of specific elements of the convention. Specifically, Dick Stover, Sandy Kemp and Jim Martin reviewed the field and event layout pointing out the proposed locations for each venue and described challenges that need to be addresse. Following our tour of the Host Hotel facilities, Jim Martin lead a driving tour to the site of the All American Oakland Club (AAOC) breakfast. We enjoyed the scenery through the heart of Gettysburg on the original US Route 30 to visit the AAOC Breakfast Site at the Biggerstaff Catering Facility on Seminary Ridge and the Seminary Ridge Museum. Following an orientation briefing at the Museum, we drove to the Battlefield National Park Museum and did a short orientation tour of the facility where we will host the Convention's POCI Night event. Following the afternoon tour, our group enjoyed a relaxing evening, dinner at Hoss's Steak and Sea Food House.

After breakfast on September 17th, Jim lead the group over a major portion of the Convention's, Road Warrior Tour route through rural Adams County Apple country and again on portions of Old US Route 30 to the Hickory Bridge Farm which is proposed for the Road Warrior lunch break. Unfortunately, the facility is closed on Sunday's so we were not able to view the old barn restaurant, farm museum or country store. However, after a brief orientation tour there, Gary collected us all together for a group photo shoot so that we could prove to all that we made the tour. We then drove to Gary's Goats, a collection of over 200 GTO in nearby rural Maryland. The owner, Gary Cave is well know in the GTO world for his high end restoration skill. He is very cordial and spent several hours with the men explaining his collection of Auto's and memorabilia while the women, bored with car talk, convened outside enjoying the country view. A noon wrap-up meal was held at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, Maryland, the site of the Convention Tour lunch stop for the Gary's Goats Tour.





Gary Cave of Gary's Goats

Seminary Ridge Museum



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Calendar of Events

Nov. 24, Friday	Junk Yard Tour: Achey Used Auto Parts (acheyusedparts.com), 11 East Second Mountain Rd. Pottsville, Pa. 17901. Meet for breakfast at 8 at the Country Squire Restaurant & Motel, corner of Manheim Rd. & Rt 61 at the eastern edge of Schuylkill Haven. Meet at the yard at 9am. More details on website. Contact Stephen Liebert to let him know you are coming, 215-322-9636 or ligoatpar@verizon.net
Dec. 2, 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
Jan. 14, 2018	Board and planning meeting at Bird-In-Hand Fire Company, 12pm







ODDS and ENDS







The events above are those that KSC specifically organizes 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.

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