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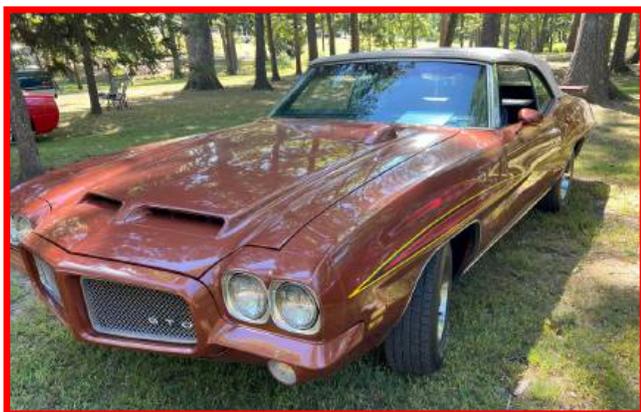
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From the Chief

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147 SO FAR IN 2025, 18 NEW, LOOKING FOR 25 NEW

New Members

NEED 7 MORE BY CHRISTMAS



JUNK YARD TOUR 2025

>>>>>>**NEW DATE**>>>>>> **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd**

This year for the tour we will be visiting Stewart Criswell & Sons salvage in Nottingham, Pa. We will NOT be doing our traditional Black Friday visit. These guys are closed and will not be in the area, SO, **Saturday the 22nd of November** is our day to visit. They open at 9AM. We have a breakfast stop at the Post House Family Restaurant at 8:30AM. So we will probably get to the yard about 9:30 or so. Restaurant is at 2458 Baltimore Pike, E. Nottingham. (610) 932-2247. The group is Pontiac club. The Yard is right off of Pa. Rt. 272 at Roberts rd. **PARKING WILL BE A PROBLEM AT THE YARD.** We will try to condense the people in the least amount of cars. Yard # (717)529-2612.

CALL STEPHAN LIEBERT TO LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE COMING: (267)247-6903



2025 Keystone State Chapter's Christmas Party

The Keystone State Chapter-POCI will hold our traditional Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 11:30 till 4:00 p.m. at our holiday go-to place – The **Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant and Smorgasbord** in Bird-in-Hand, Pa. As in previous years, the club will pay part of the meal cost, so it will only cost attendees \$20.00 for individuals (13 and older) and \$10.00 for children 5-12 years old. If you have been to other Keystone Christmas Parties you know the amount and type of food, drinks and desserts that are available. It is Turkey, Ham Balls and Vegetable Lasagna for the main course PLUS, all the fixings and PA Dutch desserts! **NO GIFTS!** We plan to have a drawing for a few items but, again this year, entertainment is by President Tom Wright and his daughter Cayla. We encourage all members and their families to come and enjoy the holiday season, a great meal, and even greater fellowship with our Keystone Chapter family. Guests are welcome!!!!

We are having **preregistration** so that the restaurant has time to prepare. Registration by credit card is available on our website or by calling and send your reservation and check to Jim Martin made out to Keystone State Chapter. Please register no later than November 29, 2025.

To **register by credit card** our KSC-POCI website is: **kscpoci.org**, click on **2025 Christmas Party**

Jim's contact info is: Address: James A. Martin, 2490 Willow Hill Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602. Questions, please contact Jim at: email: jamesamartin@comcast.net or by phone: 717-940-0529.

The restaurant GPS address is: 2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

GET EVENT INFO AND PRE-REGISTER ON THIS WEBSITE

www.kscpoci.org

**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. 22nd, Saturday, Junk Yard Tour <<<<<NEW DATE

Dec. 6th, Saturday, Christmas Party



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

- Dec-Jan 2026: Nov. 15th**
- Feb-March 2026: Jan. 15th**
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Motor City Museums

We recently took a fun summer road trip that brought us through the Detroit area of Michigan. As you know, this area has a lot to offer car enthusiasts, so we decided to do some exploring. Our first stop was at the Pontiac Transportation Museum in Pontiac, Michigan, and the second stop was the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan.

We were greeted at the Pontiac Transportation Museum by founder, friend and fellow Pontiac enthusiast, Tim Dye, who gave us a private tour. Upon entering the museum through the gift shop, we noticed the museum's unique collection, highlighting memorabilia and vehicles built in Pontiac, Michigan.



One of the cars that Tim highlighted was the very last Pontiac to come off the assembly line. The car was a white 2010 G6 with signatures from everyone who helped assemble the vehicle.

There was also a display representing assembly at Pontiac Plant 8. The display contained cars showcasing the first and last years of the plant's operation, a 1927 Pontiac 6 four-door sedan and a 1982 Grand Prix.

Although you may think of the brand Pontiac when you think of Pontiac, Michigan, there were many other makes produced in this Detroit suburb. Some examples on display in the museum were a 1914 Cartercar, a 1912 Landers electric car, a 1907 Rapid coach, a 1910 Reliance Truck, and a 1911 Grabowsky Power Wagon.

The museum has much to offer beyond vehicles. The Pontiac artifacts are beautifully displayed on the walls and in showcases. Our current member, Sandy Kemp, donated an early Oakland Pontiac dealer sign that is prominently displayed in the museum.

The museum is a work in progress with plans for many more vehicles and artifacts to be displayed in the future.

From the Pontiac Museum we drove the short distance to Dearborn, Michigan, the home of the Henry Ford American Innovation Museum. This was a much larger museum, showcasing not only

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historical vehicles, but also other interesting artifacts pertaining to American innovations. There were many exhibits ranging from America's early industrial period through recent decades. Displays we enjoyed included Presidential Vehicles, Driving America, Driven to Win: Racing in America, and Your Place in Time.

The Presidential Vehicle display contained 5 historically significant cars, most notably the car in which President Kennedy was assassinated. There were many other significant vehicles on display in this area of the museum as well, including two Duryea vehicles.

After exploring these vehicles, we checked out Driving America. This area had information on the rise of the interstate system and how it affected car travel throughout the country, including the emergence of hotels and fast food to support the needs of travelers. Prominently displayed in this area were two fully lit vintage neon signs. One was a Holiday Inn sign and the other was a McDonald's sign with the original mascot, Speedy.



In the Driven to Win: Racing America exhibit, multiple types of racing were represented. From Land Speed Record racing to Drag Racing to Indy Cars to modern day Nascar, there was a little something for everyone's racing interests. After checking out the displays, you could even try your hand at being a Nascar pit crew

member or step into the simulator to experience driving a race car.



Lastly, we enjoyed the Your Place in Time exhibit, where you chronologically journeyed through the 20th century by decade. The early decades of the 1900's displayed items that came into existence to help modernize everyday living. Major events such as World War I and II were also depicted within these decades. Moving further through this exhibit, the main items shifted to pop culture, showing toys, magazines and music of each era, displayed according to when they first emerged.

We only had a few hours to explore the expansive collection at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, but could have easily spent a full day here. If you ever find yourself in the Detroit area, both museums are worth the time to explore.

Tim Britton

Norwalk: 2025

By AJ Koszi

2023, 2024, finally 2025 (3rd times is a charm), we made it to the Ames Pontiac Tri Powers National in Norwalk, OH **WITH** the Mistress (our 1962 Grand Prix). Car issues kept creeping up and kept her home, but on July 23rd, we drove the 480 miles to the Clyde, OH (outside of Norwalk), rain free.

Friday was “show off” day, no judging and no class parking, park wherever you wanted. Saturday was an entirely different story. Plenty of Pontiacs waiting to get in through the security gate. (must have your wrist band on all weekend-3 days straight; man I “love” those plastic wrist bands). Tech Inspection was unique: All they wanted is to check the placard and said: “Look for the Grand Prix show board, park anywhere there is room.” Judging was very quiet and discreet. In fact, we were not sure when they judged the Mistress.

Later that day, the Ames crew went around the show field to alert everyone that a severe thunderstorm was on the way. That was enough for us. We did not stay for the picnic lunch. We packed up and headed back to the hotel, 35 miles away. Got the Mistress bundled up for the coming storm, and man did it ever!

Sunday was Awards Presentation: When they got around to the Grand Prix Group, we received the 2nd place award. 1st place went to another 1962 GP with the entire engine compartment chromed, even the heater box- definitely NOT stock. We were surprised and delighted to receive any award for our first time there! Before the 5 Best of Show Awards (6-foot-tall trophies) were announced, Ames Performance had a special award to present, in honor of Steve Ames, the founder of Ames. The trophy was titled: 'HOT SH*T AWARD'. This is what Steve would always say if he really liked something, anything. We were shocked when they announced us as the recipient of this honor. To us, this award is second only the Pontiac Princess Award in 2005. Thank you, Kevin Beal, co-owner of Ames Performance, for this honor!

A group of Keystoner's were at the show: Karen & Tim Britton, Amy & George Burbage, Missy & John Rogers, Ralph Keller, and Jack Oris. There was even a cameo appearance by Mike Murray! No one saw him, he was only there to pick up parts. Sorry we did not make the group photo this year. We were cooling off in the John Force sky box having lemonade, chips, pretzels and air conditioning.

Safe travels up and back- all 1200+ miles, driven NOT towed. Hope to see you in Pontiac, MI, June 22-27th 2026!



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Duryea Days

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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



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