

# PONTIAC

Sign at the beginning  
of Steve and Donna's driveway.

SPRING 2017



11 ft. high Engle  
Clock with 48  
moving objects and  
figures



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**Pontiac Oakland Club International**

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# From The Chief

With spring's arrival, our Keystone POCI family has launched into our activity calendar with glowing color. The March tour to Steve Jones' collection and the National Watch and Clock Museum was so well attended (over 40 members and guests) that we overwhelmed the John Wright's Restaurant. I would like to thank Steve again for being such a gracious host and helping to make our day a fabulous success. Our April tour to Ephrata was also very well attended, despite the rain. Not only did we enjoy a truly unique 140 piece collection of very rare pedal cars but we also learned a great deal about early Lancaster County and American history from a very charismatic tour guide at the Ephrata Cloister. Article from both of these events are included in this newsletter.

Looking forward to May 7, we will again host the GM on Display car show at Macungie Park. Since I brought out the "Rain God" for our April show, I'm hoping that the "Sun God" shines on Macungie Park for Don. I would encourage as many of our members as possible to come out early to help because many attendees begin to arrive around 9:00 a.m. and we do get overwhelmed sometimes. Additionally, all directors are reminded to bring their sponsor's items for the show raffle.

We recently received word that the National POCI Board of Directors decided to change the policy regarding announcing when and where annual conventions are held. Since the National POCI has not officially released this policy, we want to respect the 2018 Convention's host chapter and not flaunt this decision until it is officially released. Going forward, we are planning a 2-day tour to Gettysburg on September 16 and 17. The purpose of this tour is to review, on-site - with our members - preliminary plans for the 2019 convention. We are asking all our members to please consider attending at least one of the two day events. Ralph Keller is coordinating the event and we will publish an itinerary early this summer so that everyone know the events planed for each day. Gateway Gettysburg is our host hotel and please, if you wish to attend, contact Ralph Keller ASAP so that he can coordinate a great room rate for you.

As always, Elke and I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer and we invite you to join us and the other Keystone-POCI family members at our events. Jim

**Thank you to all who made contributions to the Pontiac Museum  
when you renewed your KSC membership**



# **SPRING TOUR TO JONES COLLECTION AND CLOCK MUSEUM**

March 25 was a perfect spring day to shake off the winter doldrums and enjoy a fun day with our Keystone-POCI family and spend time at Steve's and Donna's home in rural Conestoga, PA .

37 Keystone family members and 5 guests convoyed through the budding country side of Lancaster County to the Jones' "Pontiac" Homestead. Steve and Donna invited us to enjoy his magnificent collection of 30+ cars and motorcycles. Growing up in the Pontiac, GMC, and Honda business, Steve had the unique opportunity to collect and save many artifacts associated with the early marketing, maintenance and sale of these great marquees. In addition to 6 rare and pristine GTO's, Steve's collection includes, a 1 of 630 special-built 1957 Bonneville fuel-injected convertible. Other well preserved marquess included a 1929 Packard, 1951 Ford Woodie, 1958 Corvette and an all original N360 Honda; one of the first models sold in the US. One modern highlight was the beautiful burgundy Acura NSX sitting in the middle of their beautiful collection, Gracing the perimeter of many well preserved Honda Motorcycles and several Wizzard bicycles. Automotive memorabilia, advertising signs and posters and shelves full of models had us in awe of this great collection. Not only are they preserving Pontiac and Honda history, they are preserving a large part of Lancaster County, PA's business history.

After several hours enjoying the Jones' hospitality we drove along the Susquehanna River to the John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville, PA. A bit of history; Founded in 1880, the John Wright Company is one of America's oldest sellers of cast iron products, creating many of their products using original, 19<sup>th</sup> century patterns and production methods. Along with their manufacturing facility they operate a restaurant in a converted turn-of-the-century silk mill warehouse on the bank of the lovely Susquehanna River. We were fortunate enough to be seated on the open patio that was open onto a green lawn that rolls to the banks of the Susquehanna River. In view was the Veterans Memorial Bridge, the 4th of 5 bridges (only 2 remain today) built in 1930 to connect Lancaster County and York County, PA. Stone piers on the north side of the bridge are remains of a covered bridge that was burned on June 28, 1863 by the Columbia Militia to prevent Confederate Soldiers from crossing the river and march on to Harrisburg. The burning of this crossing set the stage for the historic Battle of Gettysburg by preventing Confederate troops from moving further North.

After lunch, about 30 of our party traveled across the Veterans Memorial Bridge to The National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, PA. Officially opened to the public in 1977 with fewer than 1,000 items, the collection of rare and interesting time pieces has increased to over 12,000 items. The latest expansion opened in October 1999 and featured and today, the museum is recognized as the largest and most comprehensive horological collection in North America. According to their website, "The Museum collection is international in scope and covers a wide variety of clocks, watches, tools, and other time-related items. The largest collection is of nineteenth-century American clocks and watches. However, additional collections include early English tall-case clocks, Asian timepieces from Japan and China, and timekeeping devices from Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Russia. Chronologically, the exhibits take you on a tour through the entire history of timekeeping technology from early non-mechanical devices to today's atomic and radio-controlled clocks." A highlight of our visit was the demonstration of "The Eight Wonder of the World" best known as the Engle Clock. This fully operational, 11 foot high, 8 foot wide, 5-piece clock consisted of 48 moving figures, clock, a tellurian, and various figures including a vigilant soldier on top, guarding the display. Music is provided by two bellows-powered organ movements.

## **April 22nd Tour of the Seiverling Pedal Car Museum and Ephrata Cloister**

Twenty members and friends met at the Pedal Car Museum in Ephrata. A number of people said, "I've lived in the area for almost my whole life and never heard of this place." Well, it was worth the wait. Among the 140 pedal cars and vehicles were also 3 spectacular antique cars - '32 Chrysler CP Series Cabrolet, '30 Graham Special Sedan (similar in look and character of a 30 Oakland), and '67 Ford T5. You say, "what is a T5?" This is a Mustang fastback that was exported to Germany for American Service Men. Copyright laws in Germany prohibited the use of the "Mustang" name. Back to the pedal cars - many have teddy bear drivers and riders. The building was built in 1991 to house 5 antique cars and and first pedal car arrived in 1994. Eventally 2 of the cars were sold to make room for more pedal cars.



Next we headed to the Ephrata Cloister just a couple blocks from the Pedal Car Museum. Our tour guide was a virtual encyclopedist of the various religious groups who settled in Pennsylvania and the Northeast. The "Cloister" was not called that until much later in its history. In 1720 a mystic named Conrad Beissel left Germany and came to PA seeking spiritual freedom and seeking spiritual peace by shunning worldly ways. During the mid-1720's thru the early 1730's the Brethren Congregation (as it was called) grew and refined its belief structure. At some point the other name that was adopted was the "The Community of the Solitary". Two key points were keeping Saturday as the day of worship and forgoing earthly marriage in order to unite with God. By 1750 there were 80 celibate brothers and sisters, although there were a number of married followers who lived on nearby farms and worshiped with "The Solitary". Since 1941 the State has maintained the property which consists of 23 buildings and sites. It was fascinating to see the construction techniques used, even creating a 5 story building with only 6 ft. ceilings to keep the heat in.

From the Cloister we headed to Honeybrook and lunch at the September Farm. This combination of a bakery, cheese factory, home-made foods, local produce, ice cream bar, and deli restaurant made for too many choices and a full stomach. I went home with the full stomach and a large grocery bag of goodies.





**Pedal Car made in the image of a 32 Pontiac**

**Steve Jones (on the right) and a few tour attendees**



**5 story Cloister building surviving from the 1750's**





*New Location!*

# 43rd Annual Fall Meet



**Keystone State Chapter  
Pontiac Oakland Club International**

Annual Fall Pontiac, Oakland,  
GMC Truck Auto Show  
Sunday, September 24, 2017



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**Contact:**  
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**Registration**  
9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

1900 Cumberland Street  
Route 422  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
717-383-4464

#### Trophy Classes:

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| <p><b>A</b> - 1908-1958 Oakland &amp; Pontiac</p> <p><b>B</b> - 1959-1964 Full Size ( including Grand Prix)</p> <p><b>C</b> - 1965-1986 Full Size (including Grand Prix)</p> <p><b>D</b> - 1987-2001 All except Firebird &amp; Fiero</p> <p><b>E</b> - 1961-1986 Compact/Intermediate</p> | <p><b>F</b> - 1964-1974 GTO</p> <p><b>G</b> - 1967-1981 Firebird/TransAm</p> <p><b>H</b> - 1982-2001 Firebird/TransAm</p> <p><b>I</b> - 1984-1988 Fiero</p> <p><b>J</b> - Commercial Stock up to 2001</p> |
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#### Popular Vote Classes:

- K** - Modified/Street Rods - All Years
- L** - Survivor up to 2001 *(must be pre-registered)*
- M** - 2002 to Present All Pontiac & GMC
- Registration: 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

### K.S.C. FALL MEET PRE-REGISTRATION

**Deadline:** Detach and return by September 15, 2017

**Send To:** Frank Kemp, 1603 South Main Street, PO. Box 298,  
Bechtelsville, PA 19505

**Enclose:** \$9.00/Vehicle, \$12.00 for Non-Keystone Chapter Members

**Payable to:** Keystone State Chapter, P.O.C.I.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Automotive Flea Market Pre-Registered Only ..... \$15.00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pre-Registration:

\$12.00/Vehicle

\$9.00 for Keystone Chapter Members

#### Day of Show Registration:

\$14.00/Vehicle

\$11.00 for Keystone Chapter Members

Total # of Cars (above) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



# Calendar of Events

March 25, Saturday	Visit Steve Jones' car collection and National Watch & Clock Museum, Lancaster area; Jim Martin contact at email jamesamartin@comcast.net or phone 717-940-0529 (see details in this newsletter)
April 22, Saturday	Visit Seiverling Pedal Car Museum, Ephrata Cloister, & eat at September Farm; Jim Martin contact at email jamesamartin@comcast.net or phone 717-940-0529 (see details in this newsletter)
May 7, 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	With so many conflicting shows during June we encourage you to seek out events in your area and show off your car
July 11-15	45th National Convention, Texas Motor Speedway, Dallas/Ft. Worth area, see <a href="http://www.POCI.org">www.POCI.org</a> for details
July 22, Saturday	Mid-year meeting and family fun at Knoebel's Grove Park, contact Ralph Keller at email rkeller@chilitech.net or 570-326-9237, DETAILS TO FOLLOW
August 6, 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; <a href="http://www.awkscht.com/">http://www.awkscht.com/</a>
Sept. 9, Sunday	Possible trip to Jim Thorpe area
Sept. 24, Sunday	<b>NEW LOCATION &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> Fall Meet at Ebersole Buick-GMC in Lebanon, PA. See flyer in this newsletter
Nov. 26, Friday	Junk Yard Tour, TBD
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

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 POCl chapters. See our website, [www.kscpoci.org](http://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 \$17.00 payable in **January**.**  
It is recommended that you be a member of the  
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