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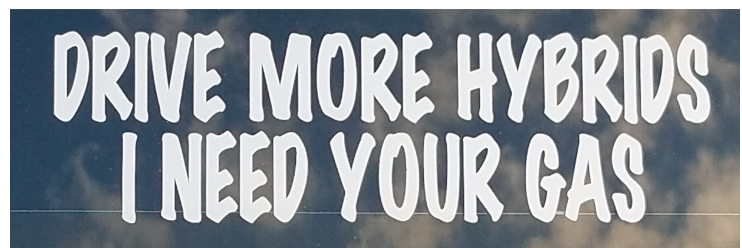
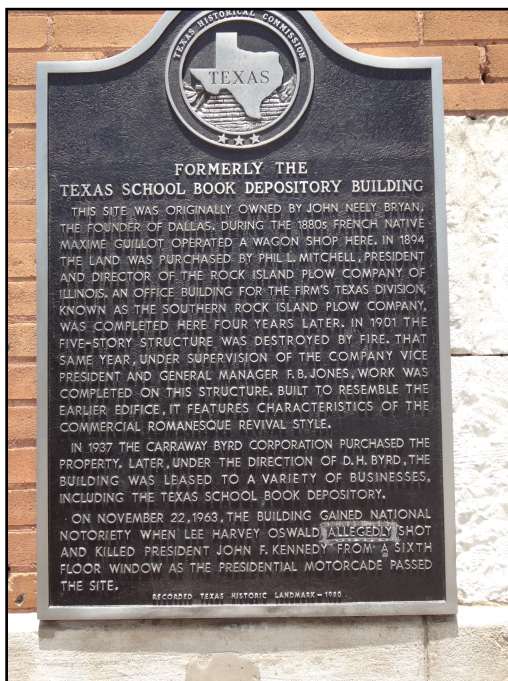
SUMMER 2017



I knew Ralph & Peggy Keller took the train to the convention, but this is classic travel at its best!



Nice survivor TransAm at Newtown with hood decal delete option



Old Lucy - see article inside

The Original *Pontiaction* Chapter...  
**The Keystone State Chapter**  
**Pontiac Oakland Club International**



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# From The Chief

Happy Summer everyone!!! I hope you are enjoying this super weather and have had a chance to get out and enjoy a lot of the summer car events in your area. Elke and I have spent the past 3-4 weeks traveling to the mid-west and Texas so I have, unfortunately, not had an opportunity to attend many local shows. We had a great time at the POCI Convention in Texas and learned a lot about what makes a good convention click.

Your Keystone Chapter was well represented with 17 folks attending. Ralph & Peggy Keller had quite 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, they lost the transmission around Nashville on the return trip and had to UHaul her 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 see the Fansler family again. We all did have a great time!

The tours were exceptional venues and the day we spent at the Dallas, School Book Repository, Kennedy Museum was very sobering and brought back a lot of memories. Where were you on that fateful day?

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 Knoebels Amusement Park with 19 folks attending. Our fall calendar is FULL and we hope to see you at one or all of our scheduled events. Please take a look at the web site for the specifics about each. Macungie is just around the corner (August 6th) and we always have a great turnout of Pontiac's and Oakland's. September 16 & 17 is our orientation tour to Gettysburg. We are using this tour to familiarize our members with the 2019 Convention site and plans. Please plan to attend one or both days. As soon as Ralph and I finalize and coordinate the agenda with several venues, we will send a special reminder and information packet to everyone via e-mail. Stay tuned and if you want to attend, please call either Ralph or me ASAP. September 24's fall show at Ebersole's in Lebanon is set as is our October tour to Jim Thorpe. Steve Leibert is working hard trying to identify a Junk Yard for our November event and we will let everyone know when he has that finalized. Bird-in-Hand Restaurant is 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.

Before I sign off, there is one other fall show of interest that is very close and that you may consider supporting. Our sister DelMarVa Chapter is holding their fall show at Willis Auto Mall, 2707 S. Dupont Blvd, Smyrna, DE, on September 9th. Several of their members are also very active and contributing members to our club and they are co-sponsoring the 2019 convention with us. Please consider supporting their show.

Please be safe and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jim



## **OLD LUCY**

For reasons neither can remember after nearly four decades, our children decided that the Pontiac Catalina Safari wagon we purchased new in 1977 should be named “Lucy.” To this day Chris maintains that if she had not been on the brink of delivering our second child she would never have agreed to swap her nimble Volvo wagon for this “lumbering leviathan.” Lucy was admittedly no lightweight, but she was more than a foot shorter and weighed a thousand pounds less than the corresponding model from the previous year without any compromise in comfort or interior room. In my opinion, the downsized “B body” vehicles for 1977 are among the best designs ever to come from General Motors.

Practical friends applauded the responsible decision to supplement our old Corvette and Cutlass convertible with more suitable transportation for our growing family. With home improvements looming, I was more impressed by Lucy’s ability to transport 4x8 sheets of building material flat on her load floor.

Neither of us cared for the faux wood trim mandatory on the Bonneville wagon so we started with the Catalina Safari and began to add options. With patience we found we could individually specify almost all the bits and pieces of trim that distinguished the Bonneville from its lower priced sibling. The cost was not prohibitive but the result, along with adding almost every other heavy-duty or luxury option available, was a window sticker that was two full pages long. We even got the “fuel economy meter” – actually a vacuum gauge – that was entertaining to watch as the cruise control operated the throttle on the interstate.

Most of these wagons had a 350 cubic inch V8 under the hood but, curiously, there were two big block options: the Olds “403” or the genuine Pontiac “400” 4-barrel which we selected. The only available transmission was the 3-speed TH 375, and the salesman was amused when Chris asked about a 4-speed manual like the one she was giving up on her beloved Volvo. He was too young to remember that only a few years before that would have been a reasonable request, along with a wide range of axle ratios and other performance options.

Lucy’s first POCI convention was 1978, then became the “club bus” transporting Keystone State Chapter members back and forth to Gettysburg as we planned for the 1980 POCI Convention.

In 1981 we built our present house and, save for a final rented truckload, Lucy transported all of our worldly goods 15 miles down the road to the new location. Over the following decade we completed the unfinished lower level of our hillside house with five rooms, full bath, and 6 bay garage/workshop. We constructed retaining walls, decks, and fences around our pool along with a building to house the equipment. We laid pavers to create walkways and planted trees and shrubs to landscape two acres. We didn’t own a truck so every single piece of building material was either stuffed into or tied onto poor Lucy, who sometimes staggered home with burdens that would have challenged a heavy-duty pickup.

I found a new use for Lucy when a colony of hornets built a nest in a tree 12 feet above our driveway. I needed a perch high enough for the stream from my hornet spray to reach the nest but with the ability to escape quickly when the inhabitants responded to the threat. The following Saturday morning found me standing on Lucy’s roof blasting the nest while my very reluctant wife sat behind the wheel and waited for my signal. When the hornets counterattacked, I dropped flat and hung onto the roof rack while she roared out of the driveway with the swarm in hot pursuit. It took several trips back under the nest before the hornets surrendered, and I discovered that rooftop riding is even cooler than a rumble seat.

Lucy’s replacement was a new 1985 S-10 Blazer with all the trimmings and a 5-speed gearbox for the lady who prefers shifting for herself. I was about to hang a “For Sale” sign on Lucy when Chris, rushing to get ready for church, mashed her bare foot into the frame of our bedroom door. We went to the ER on Easter morning instead, and she came home on crutches with a painfully fractured toe on her left foot. In a twist worthy of a Disney plot, unloved Lucy and her automatic transmission came to the rescue, and Chris was grateful to have transportation until her foot healed enough to operate a clutch pedal.

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After granting Lucy a last minute reprieve, we realized that our son would reach driving age before we knew it. Safe and reliable Lucy would be an ideal choice for a novice driver, at least from the perspective of a parent, and we hoped her pedestrian nature would encourage a more mature driving style. Or perhaps not, as we soon learned that the old "400" still packed enough punch to earn Lucy the moniker "draggin' wagon" among the high school crowd.

On a more positive note, Lucy became an honorary member of Boy Scout Troop 22. Boldly going where no station wagon had gone before, Lucy carried campers and gear over trails better suited to the scoutmaster's 4x4, or perhaps a pack mule. Lucy lost much of her appeal when our son finally got his old TR7 on the road, but she still did the dirty work and served as a backup vehicle when the Triumph was less than triumphant.

In 1992 our son earned his Eagle badge, graduated from high school, and left to serve in the Coast Guard. After 14 years and 200,000 miles of faithful service, Lucy's work was done. She may have been the least exciting vehicle we've ever owned, but in terms of doing the job for which she was designed Lucy ranks at the top of my list. To paraphrase a classic country song, "Lucy was a good old girl."

3/26/2017

Gary A. Schuck





## REPORT FROM FT. WORTH

Ames Performance has out done itself at the 2017 POCl convention in Fort Worth, TX. Most of us expected the usual Ames night of chicken wings, burgers or ice cream. **NOT THIS YEAR !!** The venue was the Texas Motor Speedway, a quad oval of 20 - 24 degree banked turns, long straightaways and pure awesomeness ! NO, there wasn't any food offered but what was in store for many of us was the unique opportunity to drive our Pontiac's on one of the premier motor speedways in the country. Carol & I completed 2, 3 lap features. Carol recorded the first series on her phone, complete with sound. It was totally awesome. I even startled her once by coming high off a turn and dipping down low onto a long straightaway. How did I know this ? You can tell by the audio and the phone twitched a bit. GOTCHA ! THANK YOU Ames Performance for a truly memorable experience !!! OK to mix & match as you see suitable. **A J**





*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:**  
Frank Kemp: 610-367-6664  
frankkemp9055@gmail.com  
www.KSCPOCI.org

**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

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| 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. 16/17       | Tour day tour of Gettysburg area. There are limited hotel rooms available and the Wyndham will hold rooms for us. Members wishing to attend must contact Ralph Keller at rkeller@chilitech.net or by telephone at 570-326-9237 no later than 8 April so that he can provide the hotel staff with your information. <b>IF YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED, CALL RALPH KELLER</b> |
| Sept. 24, Sunday  | <b>NEW LOCATION &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> Fall Meet at Ebersole Buick-GMC in Lebanon, PA. See flier in this newsletter  |
| Oct. 21, Saturday | Trip to Jim Thorpe area; Tentative schedule is to spend the morning in the stores and shops, then meet meet at the train station around Noon, and in the afternoon plan to ride the scenic RR, then tour the Asa Packer museum. contact Ralph Keller at rkeller@chilitech.net or by telephone at 570-326-9237  |
| Nov. 24, Friday   | Junk Yard Tour: Achey Used Auto Parts ( <a href="http://acheyusedparts.com">acheyusedparts.com</a> ), 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.                      |
| 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  |



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  
P.O.C.I. along with being a member of the Keystone  
State Chapter. Send dues payable to KSC-POCI,  
c/o Brenda Steinhauer; 48 Shillington Rd;  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

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check the website [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org). Annual POCl dues are  
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