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Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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



From The Chief

Hello Fellow Members

The Holiday Season is upon us and we concluded another terrific year here at the Keystone Chapter.

We finished the year strong with our October weekend bus tour with 40 plus members enjoying a great weekend trip to the Maryland Eastern Shore and Delaware. Look for a round-up of our trip in both our club Newsletter and a feature article in Smoke, coming soon.

We had a great October Fall Car Show scheduled, anticipating a large turnout for our second-year show at the National Padre Pio Center. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had a different idea and we scheduled it on the same weekend that Hurricane Ida made a pass-through in Southeastern Pennsylvania. We will be back better than ever in '23. (We have some new, unused, left over dash plaques from this year's Fall Show. If you want one, let me know and we'll get it to you).

In November, we had our annual Junk Yard Tour with a nice turnout at a junkyard named and owned by the famous Junkyard Barbie. Great time and some of us found cool emblems that were harvested from some GMCs, Pontiacs, and Fords.

Finally, we ended our car season with our annual Christmas Party in Bird-in-Hand, Pa. We had 61 fellow members whom enjoyed exchanging gifts, reviewing the year in video and of course terrific food. We also took a few minutes to remember Carl Hessick, a long time member who passed away just a few days before our Christmas Party.....RIP CARL!

2023 is almost upon us so our first event is the Annual Business Meeting in Bird-in-Hand firehouse on Sunday January 29th at 12:30/1:00. Please plan to join as we plan our '23 car season.

Until then have a terrific Holiday Season, God Bless our members and families, and see you down the road.

Tom



OCTOBER 2-DAY TOUR



OUR NEW VENTURE

Story by Sandy Kemp Pictures by Tim Britton

Saturday, October 15, thirty-six members and friends set out on our first ever two- day tour by charter bus. Destination...Chincoteague and Assateague Islands on the Eastern shores of VA and MD.

Tour director, Karen Britton, along with the help of POCI Director Michael Murray, a local to the area, had a packed 2 days of fun exploring the area.

We headed south and after a brief stop for lunch, we

were on our way to

Michael's nearby home. He graciously opened his home to us so that we could view his extensive collection of automobilia, promotional models, trains, and toys. Some of the toys were from his childhood. It was wonderful to see the 1935 Pontiac neon sign I had sold to him from Frank's collection. It was now working, bright and shiny clean with its new

transformer, hanging above the sofa in the family room. Frank would have loved it!

After leaving Michael's home, we headed for Tasley, VA to Studebaker's Garage. We toured 2 buildings filled with all types of vintage items, most of which were for sale. Chapter

President Tom Wright left happy after the purchase of a sign for Duquesne Beer. Tom is originally from the Pittsburgh area where the beer was made. One of the buildings we toured was the former home of Styles Pontiac.

Stopping briefly at the Comfort Suites in Chincoteague, which was our home for the night, most of the group headed out for a delicious meal of local seafood. Of course, there were a few who chose from the steak offerings.

In the morning we set out for Chincoteague and Assateague Islands, hoping for a glimpse of the famous ponies. We picked up our local guide, Cindy. She explained about the ponies and how they are different from the horses we know and about



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their salty diet. She talked about the annual roundup, swim across the channel, and auction. The ponies are owned by the local fire company. Their sale helps fund the fire company and also helps pay for medical care during the year. After a stop at the Assateague Lighthouse and the Wildlife Refuge, we did a driving tour of the town then headed north on our journey home.

We said our good-byes to Michael after lunch and headed for the Museum at the Dover Air Force base. There, our



guide explained about the many different aircrafts we were seeing outside. We climbed the steps of a C-5 and were amazed by the huge cargo area and how much this plane was capable of carrying. Inside the building were many smaller planes that the military had used. A highly recommended place to visit when you have more time than we did.



Boarding the bus for the final time, we

headed for home. On both days, Karen and her assistant Jim Martin kept us entertained with a get to know you activity about who owned what car, an identify the year hubcap paper and several different trivia games. Before we knew it, we were safely back to our starting point in Boyertown.

Our special thanks to Karen and her husband Tim, also to Michael Murray, Jim Martin, and Tom Wright for a most memorable 2 day event. It was wonderful to be able to sit back, relax and leave the driving to a professional. All agreed this is an activity we need to consider doing again. Karen is already thinking and planning!!

A longer, more detailed story along with more pictures will be in an upcoming edition of Smoke Signals. Look for it and read more.

2-DAY TOUR PHOTO ALBUMS

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Studebaker Garage: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/W7KEof8XiVmCe3pR6>

2Day Tour General: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/j12B6doJdjWhe6oM7>



JUNK YARD TOUR



Our Black Friday tour this year was a small yard near Fairless Hills, Pa. Junkyard Barbies.

We had 10 club members and friends join us for Breakfast at the I Hop at Oxford Valley. Another 10 guys and gals met us at Barbies. It was a bit of a drizzle, cloudy day. But much better than cold and snowy.

She had a few older cars, I was pleasantly surprised. The yard seemed to be separated as American cars, then the "other" side was foreign. She had a selection of motorcycles, lawn mowers and tractors, then some trucks, and SUV's. Junkyard Barbie is not expensive. There is usually a dollar charge for entrance.

For us that was waived. You also have to sign a waiver. Some of the guys took the trip later, to Wrightstown, Used Auto parts, to check out Don's yard in Penns Park, Pa. We had done a tour there probably 10 years ago. Don had showed us his stash of cars in his Pole Building.

Unfortunately the salvage yards you can walk through are getting harder to find. But we will keep looking for more of them.

See you in 23, Stephen Liebert



JUNK YARD TOUR PHOTO ALBUM

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CHRISTMAS PARTY



WOW! What a way to end a fantastic year of fun with over 50 members of our Keystone Chapter family. Our traditional Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant and Smorgasbord in Bird-in-Hand, Pa. President Tom Wright gave use an enthusiastic welcome and introduced POCI Director and fellow member Mike Murray who gave the blessing. Mike asking all to remember the Carl Hessick family in our prayers and to seek a more peaceful world. 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!

This year, 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. Our president, Tom Wright, played “Santa” and gave special gifts to each child in attendance. Poinsettias and small gifts were also raffled to many eager recipients. President Wright and daughter Kayla prepared an interesting review of the club year that included a good 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” to washout our Fall Show. And then, President Wright gave an interesting photo review of our unique 2-day bus tour to Southern Maryland. What exciting memories! In addition to eating (which this chapter does extremely well), gift giving and storytelling, there were several significant highlights to our party. Mike Murray, our chapters POCI Director and chapter member presented Don Barlup with his 50-year, POCI Membership plaque. Don is one of the founders of our chapter and has held numerous prominent positions with both our chapter and the POCI National Board of Directors. Thank you, Don, for your hard work in keeping our hobby alive, your dedication to your chapter and POCI, but most of all, your friendship! Ralph Keller, also a founding member of the chapter and our first president, reviewed Don’s accomplishments and presented the chapter with its 45 Year award. We, the Keystone Chapter, are POCI Chapter #2 but we have the distinction of being the oldest continuous operating chapter. That says a lot about 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 2023!



CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTO ALBUM

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YOUR NEW "OLD" MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Keystone State Chapter now has a membership committee! Starting in 2023 all new and renewing membership forms will be sent to Sandy Kemp and Karen Britton. It is hard to believe but Sandy and Karen had done this job at our club tent more than 40 years ago. They are very excited to help to grow our membership again. We are asking anyone and everyone to help us to recruit new members and also remind everyone that our Chapter dues are due every January.

You can renew in a few different ways. You can renew online with credit card at kscpoci.org There is a tab near the top to click and pay online. You can also download the form then mail the form with your \$20 to Sandy, her address is near the bottom of the form. To download the form click on the tab near the bottom of the website that says articles and membership form. For this month's newsletter we are including a copy of the form to remind everyone that if you haven't done so already, they are due now.

What do you receive with your \$20 annual dues to the Keystone State Chapter? You receive our local newsletter, with free advertising. We also have a board meeting in January and a very busy calendar throughout the year. The events include car shows, local tours, a junk yard tour, a Christmas party and new this year was a 2 day bus tour in October. You get to meet a whole new group of friends who share your interest in Pontiacs. So please come out, support the chapter and talk "Pontiac" with us. We're always looking for new people to tell our stories to.

Do I have to belong to the National Pontiac Oakland Club? It is not mandatory at this time but we highly recommend it. Not only do you receive a high quality newsletter each month but you also receive free advertising in this world wide publication. The newsletter is 90-100 pages in full color on heavyweight paper. The national club has tech advisors for you to contact on questions about your car. They hold a national convention each year that is run by various chapters across the US. This coming year it is in Tennessee. Attending these shows you make many friends from all over the US and some from other countries as well. The best part of the national convention for us has been the parking lot conversations with all the people we have met over the years. National dues are good for one full year from when you join. If you join in December, they will be due again next December.

If you do not belong to the National Club, you can check out their website at POCI.org or click on the link at the bottom of the chapter website. It's filled with a lot of information and stories.



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Membership Form for 2023

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\$20.00

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NEW: We are accepting donations for the Pontiac-Oakland Museum and Resource Center located at 205 North Mill Street Pontiac, IL 61764. Their web address is: <http://www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org/>. ADD THIS AMOUNT TO YOUR PAYMENT



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Jan. 29, Sunday: Board and Planning meeting; Bird-in-Hand Fire House; 12:30pm start. Food provided. SignUp on line

March, April, & May TBD

June 4, Sunday: 44th GM on Display; Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie PA; **there will be a pre-registration & pay on website**

June 26-July 1, National Convention (51st) – Murfreesboro, TN

**August 6, Sunday: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht;
Pre-registration only by July 1, get form for Sunday at
<https://awkscht.com>**

Oct. 1, Sunday: ALL GM show, PADRE PIO SHRINE, Bally, PA

Fall Tour: TBD

November 24, Friday: Black Friday Junk Yard Tour, TBD

December 2, Saturday: Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, 12:30p

January ??, 2024, Sunday: Board/Planning Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 12:30? start

Click th link below to get an update on the Pontiac Transportation Museum

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ODDS AND ENDS

If we all just switched
to cursive and stick
shift cars, we could
cripple an entire
generation

1968 Pontiac GTO RAI1 vs
1970 Oldsmobile F85 W31 I
Stock Drag Race

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