

Spring 2010 NEWSLETTER

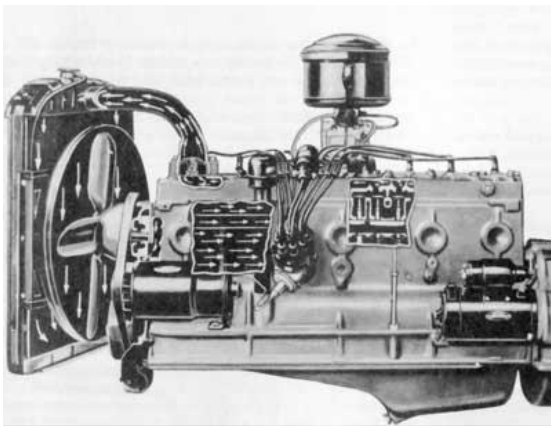


Spring Tour— New Hope/Washington Crossing PA

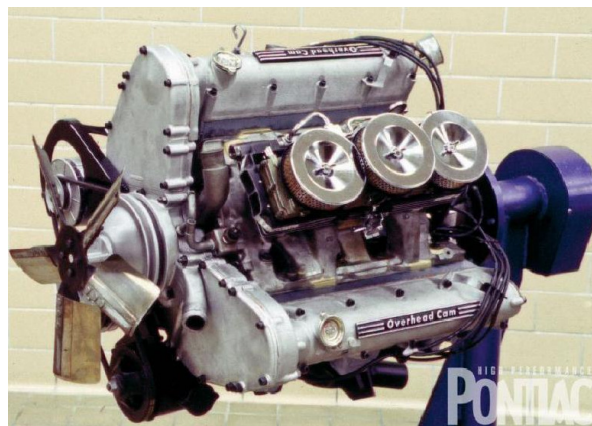
THE ORIGINAL **Pontiac**action CHAPTER



KEYSTONE STATE CHAPTER of POCI Founded 1975



Pontiac Straight 8 used in the 30's & 40's



SOHC 421 development engine from the 60's

Hail to the Chief

Our show and car event season is in full swing. GM on display is our clubs largest non-judged car show for the year. Considerable time and effort is put into our events by an ever dwindling volunteer base. We are a club of around 100+ members. Out of that number there are 12 or so people that actually volunteer to organize an event. I realize we are all busy in our lives but it would be nice if we could find a few more members to help with “legwork” surrounding an event. You could phone to order our next dash plaque, or make reservations at a restaurant. We can always use ideas for places to visit, such as museums, towns, salvage yards and community parks. This is probably a broken record (or CD) but this is YOUR club. If we're not doing something to have you participate in let us know what YOU would like to do or where you would like to go. If we haven't been to you're area, give us a shout, and tell us about you're areas' attributes.

We all hope to see you at Freysingers Pontiac, Buick, GMC in Mechanicsburg, Pa. for our Spring Meet car show. This is a new location for the show and very easy to get to just west of Harrisburg on Route 11. We have been invited by the Mid Atlantic Fiero Owners Assoc. to participate at Freysingers with them for this show. Free refreshments, free test drives from any of the dealerships at Freysingers, and a tech session held by MAFOA in the service area on A/C recharging and maintenance. There is inter-club competition as to which club has the best attendance to win the Freysinger cup. “The Freysinger Cup Challenge” As I am editing this for the newsletter I realize the show will probably be a memory by the time you read this. Hopefully our members will help to make it a great day.

Our picnic/group meeting at Knoebels Grove Amusement park is always a great day out to spend with friends and family. Remember, parking and entrance to the park are free. You only pay if you want to ride amusements. To get good parking it is highly recommended to arrive before 11 AM. You're welcome to bring food, although snacks and some beverage will be supplied by the club. Since the club has a pavilion we a spot to keep our belongings while roaming the park. You're collector car is best left home for this one. The park has a car show in the fall during the Phall Phun Phest, usually the Sunday of the first weekend in Oct. If we had 8 or 10 cars show up our club could be the largest club participation at the show. Just a thought.
Steve Liebert liqoatpar@verizon.net (215)322-9636

2009 Christmas Party

By Jim & Elke Martin

The 2009 Keystone Chapter – POCI Christmas Party was held at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant and Inn in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania on December 5, 2009. This year we held the party early (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) so that members having to drive longer distances would attend without fear of having to drive home in bad weather or arrive home so late. Attendance was excellent with 34 people enjoying our family of Pontiac/antique vehicle lover's in a very festive atmosphere. We had a special couple from Woodbridge, Va. join us and our guests fit right in (they have since joined the Keystone Chapter). As usual, we enjoyed Lenny the DJ as he presented a very special and well rounded musical-video treat. Our members and guests were all treated to a delicious and well prepared traditional “Lancaster County” holiday buffet. And, we made sure that Santa provided each in attendance with a small token of friendship. Again, the weather bug hit (Don Haley's fault) us ever so slightly but it really had no effect on our festivities. Elke and I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the event and hope to see everyone next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR BEST SOURCE OF THE LATEST INFO IS THE CLUB WEBSITE—

www.ksepci.org

May 15 (Sat.): KSC/POCI Spring meet at Freysinger in Mechanicsburg. Joint meet with the Mid-Atlantic Fiero Owner's Assn.; Contact Stephen Liebert at 215-322-9636 . Check the website for the pre-registration form. Registration starts at 9.

May 22 (Sat.) 9:00 - 3:00: The Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club, official chapter of Oldsmobile Club of America, invites all BOPC owners to their 5th Annual Spring Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac & Cadillac show at K.D. Markley School 354 Swedesford Road, Malvern, PA. Contact: Tony Moller (610) 637 2100 or <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/delvaloldsclub/BOPCshow2010.pdf>

June 19 (Sat.): KSC/POCI Mid-year membership meeting (11am) and fun event Pavilion 'Q' at Knoebels Grove, Rt. 487 east of Elysburg, PA, west of Sunbury, PA; Contact Ralph Keller 570-326-9237

July 6-10: POCI National Convention—Charleston, WVA; check the POCI website: www.poci.org

Aug 6-8: Das Awkscht Fescht at Macungie, PA. Club day is Sun. Aug. 8. Contact Don Haley at 610-640-7464 or chiefpontiac1@aol.com

,Aug. 21 (Sat.) 9am - 3pm: Susquehanna Valley GTO 3rd annual All Pontiac Show (formerly at Jones in Lancaster) at Amos Herr Park, Harrisburg Pike & Nissley Rd., Landisville, PA. Contact Vic at 717-898-8107 or http://www.svgto.com/documents/2010_SVGTO_Pontiac_Flyer_pdf.pdf

Sept 9-11: Flathead Reunion, West Dover, VT, hosted by the Early Times Chapter of POCI. Check the website: www.earlytimeschapter.org

Sept 26: KSC/POCI Fall meet at AW Golden, Reading, PA. Contact Frank Kemp at 610-367-6664 or fkemp@dejazzd.com

Oct 16 or 23: KSC/POCI Fall driving tour—TBD

Nov. 27 (Fri.): Junkyard tour, Friday after Thanksgiving—TBD; contact Stephen Liebert at 215-322-9636

Dec. 4: KSC/POCI Christmas Party, Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, east of Bird-In-Hand, PA on HY-340; 1-4 pm. Contact Jim Martin 717-393-3031. \$15 to be paid at the door. RSVP no later than November 27

Jan. 9, 2011: KSC/POCI Board Meeting, 1pm, Bird-In-Hand Fire Company, Bird-In-Hand, PA on HY 340 near the railroad underpass; contact Jim Martin 717-393-3031

The Pontiacs In My Life

By Rick Harding

Ever since I heard the news that General Motors was discontinuing Pontiac I have been upset and in mourning. To me Pontiac fit my personality and it added fun, excitement and performance to driving and I was proud to be a Pontiac owner and driver.

I grew up around Pontiac's, when I was kid my Dad owned a '56 Chieftain, '63 326 Lemans Convertible, '64 Catalina Safari Wagon, '73 350 Ventura with the sport front grill. My brother had a '62 Catalina Convertible when he traded it in for a new '65 GTO Convertible, which is where I got my love for GTO's.

My first Pontiac was a '72 Lemans Sport and my first new Pontiac was a '79 Sunbird Hatchback which I bought my senior year in high school. I had left the Pontiac family for about five years until in '89 when I bought a '68 GTO. Since then my wife and I have owned '71 Lemans Sport Convertible, '89 Bonneville SSE, '86 Firebird (which I shared with my daughter when she turned 16), '84 Fiero SE, '87 Fiero GT, (2) '97 Grand Am's. Finally by 2000 we became a Pontiac only Family which held until 2007 when my daughter wanted another car so that she did not have to use her '89 Trans Am daily at college (she still has the Trans Am). Currently my wife and I have a '70 GTO Convertible which I have had since 1994 which I took off the frame to redo the undercarriage. We also have a '06 GTO which apparently ended up the last new Pontiac that I will ever be able to own, '06 Grand Prix GXP and for hauling stuff a '99 Montana. With my daughter's Trans Am there are currently 5 Pontiacs at our house with 4 of the 5 being V-8 performance type.

With all of Pontiac's history over the years it is a rotten deal that General Motors gave Pontiac. The past 5 years Pontiacs line up has improved and there were more exciting things coming but it was to late too save Pontiac apparently. Pontiac did not deserve to be killed off like it was. I live in hope that someday General Motors will realize that Pontiac filled a need for a number of people and in the future adds some Pontiac models to the Buick/GMC dealers.

Frankly, I am struggling over GM killing off Pontiac. Going forward I and others have to decided what manufacturer to buy our next new car from.

Thank you to Pontiac for many years of driving fun. If only General Motors and the government would not have killed you!!!



32nd Annual GM on Display

By Don Haley

GM on Display 2010 – Co-chairs Rosemary and Don Haley (In that order).

For the 32nd annual run of our beloved event, mother nature dealt us an all to familiar blow. Need I say it, Rain, Rain, Rain, and Cold, Cold, Cold! The dismal forecast proved to be all to accurate. After six years of chairing this event with my better half, we have concluded that we received the foul weather curse from our predecessors. As if, I needed any help with that! The one positive note was the many loyal and die-hard chapter members were on hand regardless of the conditions.

For the handful of cars that showed, we were able to keep everyone on the blacktop so as not to trash the muddy show field, or the cars themselves. As it turns out, next year, the last Sunday in April falls on Easter Sunday. Thankfully, Macungie Memorial Park was available for the following Sunday, May 1, 2011. For sure, the 2011 show will be the first Sunday in May. We are going to propose to the board, that we move the show to this date from here on out, as the park is available. Hopefully we will have better luck with the weather, even though it is only one week later. Typically we start dry and warm up from there on out.

Once again, we want to extend our thanks and appreciation to all who came out to support this year's event, despite the dismal conditions. Hope to see you all next year, later, warmer, and drier.



Hey Gorgeous, Let's Meet At Freysingers?



*Yes, I Know. I Need
Re-plating!*

Was the trash bag hanging from the bumper part of the options list?





When trains were trains and cars were cars



No Steering Wheel, No Pedals, Are You Ready?

**See the club photo gallery on the club web site: www.kscpoci.org
then select Photo Gallery and pick your event or photo grouping.
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Annual Chapter dues are \$15.00 payable in **January, 2010**. You must be a member of POCI National FIRST before joining a chapter. Send dues payable to KSC-POCI, c/o Rick Harding; 314 Reinholds Rd.; Denver, PA 17517

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