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The Keystone State Chapter
Pontiac Oakland Club International



Founded September 9, 1974; LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING CHAPTER





From the Chief

Hello, Members,

This will be our last newsletter in 2024. I cannot believe, as I find myself frequently saying, how fast this year has gone by. This year has been a terrific celebration of our 50th Anniversary!

We put on 3 very successful car shows, 4 great tours, as well as a couple of fun, club endorsed events. The year will culminate with our annual Christmas Party and the PowerPoint presentation "Year In Review" along with commentary and some special recognitions.

Thanks again to Ralph Keller for providing the anniversary cakes at several events & shows throughout the year. Thanks to all who helped with planning, attending, and contributing to our successful calendar of events. Our club continues to grow due to the folks who contribute so much of their time and energy to executing our club meetings, shows, tours and events throughout the year.

Happy Holidays and let us hope for an early spring,

Thanks, Tom

Only TIME
and MONEY
are variables



138 MEMBERS STRONG!

New Members

Ken Healey 63 Tempest

Charles Anastasio

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS
GET EVENT INFO AND PRE-REGISTER ON THIS WEBSITE
www.ksepoci.org

Jan. 25, 2025, **Sat.:** Membership Meeting, Bird-In-Hand Fire House; 11am start

June 1, 2025, **Sunday:** GM on Display at Macungie Memorial Park

June 8-12: POCI Convention, Louisville, KY

August 3, 2025, **Sunday:** Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht
PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY BY JULY 1st at <https://awkscht.com/>



Stayed too long at this camp site



Speaks for itself



AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Our club was asked earlier this summer to participate in a display/event at the auto museum in Allentown, PA known as American on Wheels. We have been planning our portion of the display for a few months, and are pleased to announce that the display opened to the public on October 19, 2024 and will run through mid-April, 2025.

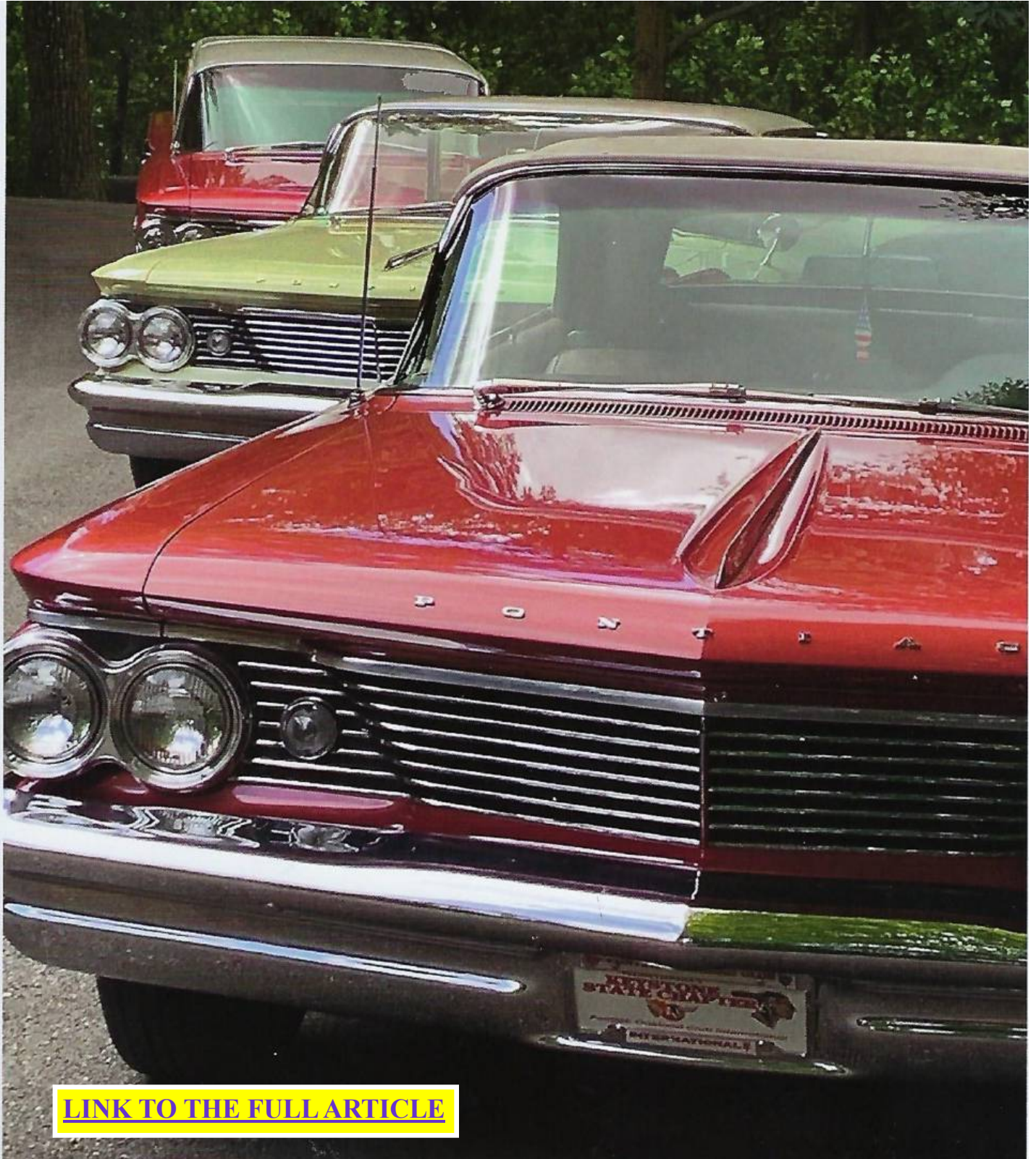
The exhibition is being touted as "Battle of the Clubs". We are one of four clubs asked to participate because the museum recognized Keystone State Chapter as both an active and growing club. We have provided flyers on our club, and the museum is helping to promote car clubs, car hobby and car enthusiasts during this event. It is a real opportunity to promote Keystone Chapter/POCI and all our club does to promote the car collectors' hobby.

Other clubs on display are the Thunderbird Club, Mopar Club, and Wheels in Time. Each club was asked to showcase three cars from their club membership. Over the next 5 months, guests will vote on the best display. Our display is titled "The History of Pontiac." We put together a written, chronological history of Pontiac. Our exhibit shows three examples of the Pontiac brand. It starts with Jim & Elke Martin's 1926 first year Pontiac, followed-up with the start of the muscle car era with Tim and Karen Britton's 1959 Tri-power Wide Track Bonneville, and ending with my own 2004 Bonneville as the last year of Bonneville and the beginning of the end of Pontiac.

I might be biased, but I believe the Keystone Chapter display is the best! I ask all members, along with your friends and relatives, to visit American on Wheels Museum (5 North Front St., Allentown, PA 18102, americaonwheels.com) many times over the next 5 months. View the display for yourself and vote for Keystone Chapter/POCI as your favorite!



1960 Pontiac—Not So Little Three Little Indians



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Das Awkscht Fescht, August 4th

Our club once again for 2024 handled club day at this year's Awkscht Fescht. We have been doing it for more than 40 years and look forward to being with many club members as well as other folks who enjoy the long running Fescht.

It was a very warm, but comfortable day in early August and all the different brands partnered with each brands representatives held the traditional Awkscht Fescht third day known as "Club Day".

We had around 35 Pontiacs and Oaklands from tri-state area and a few from as far away as Eastern New Jersey. We set up our club tent and solicited new members as well as selling club merchandise. It was a fun day of fellowship and talking Pontiacs/Oaklands.

Once again our own Ralph Keller provided a 50th Anniversary cake which we offered to anyone that wanted to stop by our tent. Of course it was all gone in less than a half of hour.

Thanks to all members who came out on that terrific August day to help us celebrate.

Tom



THANK YOU
RALPH

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FALL MEET, SEPTEMBER 29TH

On Sunday September 29th, 2024, our club once again and for the 49th year held a car show known as the "Fall Show". This show is our longest running club event and has been held at numerous locations throughout the years but is currently held for the 4th year in a row, at The National Shrine of Padre Pio in Barto, Pa., north of Pottstown. The Shrine property is a beautiful location set in a large green pasture with plenty of show car parking, bathrooms and of course the Shrine Museum open to all. The show is growing and is becoming a well-known event for GM enthusiasts.

The cloudy dreary weather, though we had no actual rain, hurt our overall attendance. We did attract 130 cars even though we had 35 pre-registered that did not show up. I firmly believe 200 cars was well within reach this year and confident, with help from the weather, that is something we will achieve in 2025.

We partnered with a terrific organization, named "Jaywalkers" selling breakfast/lunch foods.

Cooking up some great breakfast sandwiches, burgers, hotdogs, plus chips and soda with ALL proceeds going to a local Pottstown/Boyertown Charity helping homeless and their foodbank. Once again, our club member Ralph Keller provided a huge sheet cake again celebrating our 50th Anniversary and as always was gone very quickly.

Our club provided a special 50th dash plaque, a 50th Anniversary hat/label pin (members only), and a goody bag. As always, we had our merchandise tent, which included our club selling soft pretzels and cookies. We also had a very successful 50/50 raffle netting our club \$135 dollars. We also offered a drawing of about a dozen door prizes.

We issued Top 25 show trophies, 3 Special Pontiac only prizes and three Best of Show awards. We closed out this year show by lining up some 40+ Pontiacs in row and took several pictures calling it "Come Home to Celebrate our 50th"

We look forward to 2025 back at Padre Pio and hope that everyone will come out to enjoy this venue and to talk GM, particularly our beloved Pontiac/Oakland/GMC brands.

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Thanks.....Tom Wright



FOR THE LOVE OF PONTIAC

By Mike Farry

My wife and I were living in Saylorsburg, PA, north of Allentown, and in late 2012, I picked up a '70 Bonneville two-door hardtop in New Jersey with a 455 in it and I parked it for a future project. I wanted it mostly for the engine. In April 15, 2013, I went to look at a '41 Pontiac somewhere down outside of the Philadelphia area. The gentleman who owned it had sand-blast the whole car, including the wind glass and he had it all apart. I think he was tired of working on it. He said he had invested \$10,000 in it so far and I could have it for \$3000. He had installed the fat man front end with four-wheel disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, and a Ford 9 inch rear also with disc brakes. My wife said that was a good price so we brought it home and I started building the car.

I decided to paint it with a heavy amount of metallic. Also, I wanted the car to be black, but when the sun shone on it, it was all the colors of the rainbow and as you walked around the car the color changed. This meant three coats of black paint, three coats of pearl and four coats of clear. I also did the roof in a silver pearl. I went the 455 from the '70 and added new KM lifters and 24 barrel intake with two 500 CFM Eldebrock carburetors. However, when you put the Pontiac engine in the steering column is in the way, so the older cars steering wheel was not really centered under the speedometer. When I moved it over to the left directly under the speedometer, I could fit the engine in the car. The next problem was exhaust. Edmond Headers in California made me a custom set of headers. I had an old set of side pipes that I had purchased at Carlisle back in the 70s and decided to put them on the car. I always wanted Cragar SS wheels, so that had to happen. In 2014 it was on the road. I also put vintage air in it and completely redid the dashboard with a hand painted wood grain on the dash.

For years I could not find somebody to do the interior. I had it a couple different places and never got done, At the last place that I took the seats to the owner stole part of my material, so I said the heck with it. I went out and bought a sewing machine and did it myself. These old Pontiacs were called Silver Streaks because, from 1935 through 1954 they had a silver streak down the hood. I decided to put a silver streak all the way around the interior of the car, across the door panels, across the backseat and then the door panels in the other side, I wanted some kind of emblem on the seats, so I searched through the Internet and decided to go with the emblem that went on the front radiator cowl of a '34 Pontiac as a pattern. I had the design embroidered into the red material for my seats. I also wanted to have a Pontiac emblem on the door panels, so I drafted up a drawing, cut it out in cardboard, traced it onto the material, and sewed it into the door panels, finally in 2024. Oh, In the midst of all this, in 2020, we moved to North Carolina, but the seats were finally done.

The first car show I went to with it I received a trophy. I have had over 100 Pontiacs and I restored Pontiac for other people (including striping and painting Dick Stover's '48). Having moved to North Carolina, I thought I would slow down, but I still can't stop. I did two cars for two customers down here and built two more for myself. I always wanted a '58, so finally found a '58 Pontiac two-door hardtop Chiefain Catalina for my new project. BTW, it's a Tri-power,



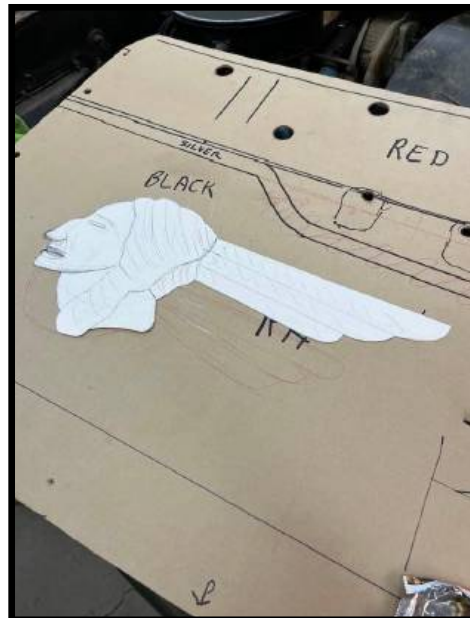
Before and after pictures in my 41 Pontiac

2012

2014



2015 Fall Meet



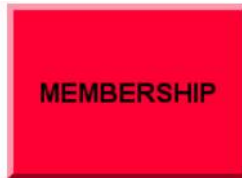
2025 Membership Dues

Sandy and Karen want to thank you for continuing to make our membership numbers a great success. We went from 91 members in 2022 to 124 at the close of 2023 and in 2024 we are at 136 members. We again welcomed many new members and welcomed back a few who rejoined. As you know, everyone's dues for the chapter run from Jan 1st through Dec 31st. So, we are asking everyone to renew your dues again for this coming year, 2025. All current members will receive a "quick link" by email to make your renewal quick and easy. The online form will only ask for name, email and payment. We ask that you email us if you need to make any changes to your roster information.

Please note, you may also use the current form that you can find in this newsletter (next page) or online at our website www.kscpoci.org. You will print, enter info and send the payment to Sandy Kemp. You may also bring this form and money to the Christmas Party in December or Membership meeting in January, if you are attending (more details to follow). We can collect it from you there, if this is easier but we can not accept dues without a form. We hope to see you at the membership meeting near the end of January but remember you must be a member in good standing to have a right to vote. So if you haven't already sent us your dues, please do so soon.

Thanks, Karen and Sandy

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WRITING AN ARTICLE ABOUT
YOUR CAR or CARS, AND HOW
YOU CAME TO HAVE THEM?

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

-February-March 2025: January 15th
-April-May 2025: March 15th
-June-July 2025: May 15th



1974-2024
Congratulations Keystone State Chapter,
the oldest, continuous Chapter in POCI
Just think: 50 years!

Also, in addition our club store has been restocked with some new goodies.
We will be selling a KSC - 1974 hat pin (a little different from the 50th anniversary gift pin). We also now have blue long sleeve t-shirts and red short sleeve t-shirts with the vintage print on the front. These are really nice quality and sure to be a best seller as they were years ago.

And new this year - we can now accept credit cards for payment for all merchandise on site or over the phone!

Keystone State Chapter Membership Information

For general information, contact Karen Britton at kscmembership@gmail.com

For Pontiac-Oakland Club International information go to www.poci.org or email: pociworldhq@aol.com

Annual POCI dues are \$45.00 and includes a high quality color magazine.

Annual Chapter dues are \$20.00 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.

Pay on line at www.kscpoci.org or
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