



Valley of the Goats/Express

Cactus GTO/Desert Renegades meet Saturday, Oct 12, 2:30 pm, Denny's (Pavilions) It's Pontiac Night!



Lend a helping hand this weekend for our Engine Swap event!

The Cactus GTO Club and Desert Renegades are helping a Pontiac-

acker in need this weekend! Club members can help swap in a new engine (thanks to Steve Groce for arranging for the donation) into a Pontiac owned by 16-year-old Daniel Tunnell. The motor work will be done at Frank's Garage, and Frank is looking for some volunteers to help with the swap. Or, just come around and watch how it is done. Call Frank at 804.307.5427 for more details. Frank is at 11348 East North Lane, Scottsdale, AZ (off Shea Blvd. and 112 Street). Work begins around 9 am Saturday.

Cactus GTO, Desert Renegades members featured in *Smoke Signals*

The Pontiac Oakland Club International's monthly magazine, *Smoke Signals*, featured articles about Cactus GTO and Desert Renegade club member Paul



ALBINGER PONTIAC • SAUKVILLE, WISCONSIN

Ask Paul Albinger. It's about his life story and he'll readily tell you about his happy childhood, growing up with positive family values, and later moving on to a career in an...
 "My dad started a Pontiac dealership along with his twin brother Clarence in the community of Saukville in 1941," says Paul, who today lives in the metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona area and is a member of the Desert Renegades Chapter of POC. His dad's business — located an hour north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin — was the town's first Pontiac dealership, an offshoot from an automotive repair business founded five years earlier.

Thinking back to those formative years, Paul recalls how muscle cars "really flowed" through the family's dealership, selling quite well with the introduction of the GTO in 1964 and the Pontiac in 1967. Prior to that, the full-size Buick Wildcat and Cadillac were the dealership's mainstays along with the smaller Renaults.
 But there was one muscle Pontiac, in particular that, once it got to the dealership's showroom floor in 1968, truly did a sell on Paul: a light orange Ford convertible with a white interior and black top.
 "It was only 17 at the time and couldn't buy it, but I more to myself I'd get one just like it someday."
 Many of the cars collected were sold through the dealership because part of the local cruising scene, Paul recalled. "We had the Pontiac group and the Chrysler group, and we went out on the street and raced." With other car dealers selling Chevy, Buick and Ford in Saukville and nearby Fort Washington, there was never a lack of buyers in their small town.
 A building expansion in 1970 included 18 stalls for Albinger Pontiac's body shop and service department, but the showroom — with room for just three cars — remained small. "That was under pressure from Pontiac Motor Division to increase new-car inventory, but his approach was to instead let the customers buy the exact car they wanted."
 Indeed, sales did very well for the dealership through the mid-1970s, but never exploded with the release of Smokey and the Bandit in 1977. "After that, all we sold were Buick Avias," said Paul. That included a sale to three brothers who together walked into the dealership to buy identical Bandit-style Buick Avias — all 4004-speed cars. "I saw the brothers once, and they each still have their cars... and they're all great shapes!"
 Paul says that his dad encouraged each of his sons to buy and sell cars themselves. "We would buy one thing, let us set up, and then offer them for sale. At one point, I had up to five cars of my own for sale."
 Paul went on to own about 13 various Pontiacs over the years. He'll never forget the 1973 LeMans Sport which he spec'd-out and had later sold for a '69 GTO with a black

interior and a four-speed transmission. The car had been sitting on the lot and wasn't moving, so he was inspired to buy it after selling the LeMans for a tidy profit.
 A '74 LeMans and a more recent Pontiac also followed. "That car ran like crazy at 30 miles per gallon!"
 Later, a couple of non-sport-oriented Pontiac models came along as Paul began raising a family of his own.
 "While all his two brothers stayed on with the dealership, Paul eventually joined the local fire department in 1975 and made that his lifelong career. Even so, he never really left the family business being in such a small town with so many years invested meant that Pontiac was "in his blood."
 When a four-door 1981 Anniversary edition Buick Avia — of which only 3,500 were produced — appeared in his dad's showroom in 1979, Paul developed an inevitable connection to it. His dad agreed to sell him the car at cost — but only if the car remained parked inside the showroom for an extended time as a lure for potential Buick buyers. "Dad would only permit me take it out to car shows and short drives every once in a while... but never in the car — so the car remained right there until 1986 when the dealership was sold."
 More recently, as a resident of Arizona, Paul began to associate about some of the other Pontiacs that left an impression on him during his age. So, true to his word, he located and purchased an orange 1969 Ford convertible — quite similar to the one which originally caught his eye on the showroom floor some 50 years earlier — to accompany his 1981 Anniversary Avia as part of his long-term collection.
 They indeed recently participated in the 2019 Bandit Run, joining a slew of other 1960s and muscle cars in a romp from Fort Worth, Texas to Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-29. The convertible ran the 1,000-plus mile trip without a hitch and is now being stored in the basement in Wisconsin for when Paul and wife Barbara spend time at their family home there.
 Ultimately, their two Pontiacs, together with a sampling of memorabilia purchased decades ago as the centerpiece for their identical dealership remembrance.
 "There is a tremendous pride from those many years with the dealership. We had many long-term employees; they were like an extended part of my "Pontiac Family." My dad really believed in Pontiac, and what he was selling. He was asked to take an earlier trip, but he was a first-and-only Pontiac guy."
 After 55 years in the business and with his health failing, Paul's dad sold the business in 1996, allowing it to continue on as a Pontiac dealership for some time afterwards. Paul's two brothers moved on to separate repair businesses and sell used cars elsewhere until retiring in 2008. And so, the original Albinger Pontiac dealership building still stands today, operating as yet another auto repair business. ☺

POC's Desert Renegades members high-tail it to Texas!
 BANDIT RUNNIN' 2019
 by Tom Knecht
 photos by John Knecht & Tom Knecht

Albinger Jr.'s family-owned Pontiac dealership in Saukville, Wisc., and the recent Bandit Run that had club members Tom Knecht, Mark Shuto, Tim Blattner, Brandon Kachel, Sam Hudson, and Paul Albinger, Jr. from Dallas, TX to St. Louis Mo.



Upcoming Events



Oct. 12: **Pontiac Night at Pavilions**

- **Cactus GTO/Desert Renegades Joint Meeting** at 2:30 at Denny's.

Oct. 19: **Car Clinic:** Frank Gostyla's garage, starting at 9 am.

- **Laveen Heritage Car Show**, Oct. 19th (see flyer for details)

Oct. 26: **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup and Lunch at Tortilla Flat.**

Nov. 1-3: **Pontiac Heaven**, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, Chandler, AZ (off I-10).

Nov. 10: **All Pontiac & GMC Truck Day**, Viscount Suite Hotel, Tucson. Sponsored by Arizona Chapter POCl. Caravan from East side of Phoenix to show will be arranged.

Nov. 15-17: **Good Guys Southwest Nationals**, Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ
There are three swap meet spaces available for anyone in the clubs wanting to sell parts. It is requested that you tag and mark all items with your name, phone number, and what you are asking for the item.

Contact: Stan Ford, Cactus GTOs

6th Annual Laveen Heritage Car Show

Hosted By: Laveen Lions Foundation, Inc., a 501 (C)(3) non-profit, tax exempt Arizona corporation

Laveen Education Center

Saturday, October 19, 2019 9 AM to 3 PM (Vehicle Parking Starts at 8 AM)
5001 West Dobbins Road, Laveen, AZ 85339 (use Dobbins Road entrance)

Registration open to all Makes, Models, Years: Cars & Trucks. 1st 50 registered get a Goody Bag, T-Shirt & Dash Plaque
Plaque Awards given to the TOP 10. Trophy Awards given for Best in Show, Best Low Rider, Best Truck,
Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine, Ladies Choice & Holy Cow!

***** TO BE JUDGED YOU MUST BE PARKED NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM*****

Raffle items, 50/50 Raffle, Food & Merchant Vendors at the Event

NO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO OR WEAPONS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

***** NO REFUNDS *****

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Laveen Lions Foundation, Inc.

MAIL FORM & PAYMENT TO: Laveen Lions Club, Inc., P.O. Box 320, Laveen, AZ 85339-0320

Questions contact: Art Downs @ 480-239-0886 or email: artdowns@cox.net

Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank and receive one raffle ticket

\$25.00 pre-registered by October 8, 2019. After this date \$30.00

Vehicle Registration

All Pre-Registrations must be received no later than October 8, 2019. PRE-REGISTER TO ENSURE T-SHIRT SIZE

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Car Club Affiliation (if any): _____

T-Shirt Size: (Circle one) SM MED LG XL 2X 3X 4X Add \$2.00 for 2X or larger Extra shirts may be sold at the event.

Vehicle Information:

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

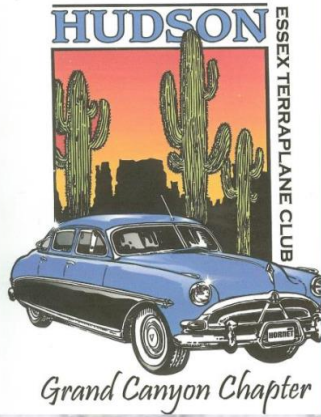
Special Features: _____

Release, Indemnity and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the 6th Annual Laveen Heritage Car Show (Event), the undersigned participant agrees to fully release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Laveen Lions Foundation, Inc., Laveen Lions Club, Inc., Lions Clubs International, Laveen Elementary School District, Phoenix and Maricopa County, together with the respective employees, representatives, agents, officers, directors, members, volunteers, affiliates, successors and assigns of all such parties, from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, and costs and expenses (including without limitation, reasonable legal fees) for any loss, injury, or damage that such participant or its guests or family members may sustain or incur in connection with or related to such participant's involvement in this Event. I also certify that my vehicle is properly licensed and insured to meet legal requirements of liability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IF UNDER 18, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN



CHARITY BENEFIT
29TH Annual Orphan Car Show
 Sunday October 20th, 2019 9AM – 2PM
LOS OLIVOS PARK, PHOENIX
 28TH ST & DEVONSHIRE
 1 BLOCK N OF INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD

**HOSTED BY THE GRAND CANYON CHAPTER
 HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB**

- Open to all Vintage Vehicles** **Cost: \$15 before Oct 20th, \$20 AT GATE**
- + Dash Plaque**
 - + Fun Door Prizes**
 - + Awards**

Charity event for Sunshine Acres Children's Home.

For information call: Don Lottes (623) 326-2730
 Sharon Dobrinski (928) 266-5680

----- Return registration form below -----

Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ E-mail _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Orphan? _____

Club Affiliation: _____

If you provide an e-mail address a confirmation of your registration will be sent.

Make checks payable to: Grand Canyon Chapter HET
 Mail to: Orphan Car Show
 Sharon Dobrinski
 3483 Mormon Lake Rd
 Mormon Lake, AZ 86038

Cars, Parts for Sale

The Cactus GTO Club has created a classified section for our Pontiac clubs on our website, www.cactusgto.com. Please submit your listings to newsmark@cox.net to my attention. Vehicles like this for sale from Cactus GTO Club member Jim Pedersen will be listed soon.

1967 GTO - Asking \$60K

400ci/335hp/4bbl. 4 spd. Convertible. Restoration completed in 2000. 8k miles on car since restoration. Air conditioning, aluminum radiator, and stereo system added in 2014. I am 4th owner of car, all records, manuals, restoration records/receipts available. Class 2 car by Hagerty definitions. All maintenance current, car runs well. Contact Jim Pedersen, jimpedersen58@yahoo.com 415-259-7680



Don't forget to pay your 2019-2020 Cactus GTO Club dues!

If you have updates to your club membership, use the form below. Thank you!

<i>Catch The Excitement!</i>		<i>Catch The Fun!</i>
Cactus GTO Club Membership Form		

Cactus GTOs Inc., is a club dedicated to the enjoyment, restoration and preservation of the Pontiac GTO. Our events include cruises, car shows, parties, special events, service projects, fundraisers, guest speakers, parts and advice exchange. Your Cactus GTO dues cover costs of club events, newsletter, website, refunds of some car show entry fees and donations to charities chosen by the membership. Visit us at www.cactusgto.com

Name _____ GTOAA # _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Auto-related business and/or skill you would like to share with the membership: _____

List GTO/Pontiac Ownership

Year	Model	Body	Eng./Trans.
_____	_____	_____	_____
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