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EDITOR'S REPORT

Hello Ponti-ackers!

Our last meeting's speaker Dean Sandvold on license plates was very informative and a few of our members brought in their personal plates for Dean to comment on.

Our joint event with the Tucson Region AACA was a fun tour. See the article in this issue. Thanks to all who participated.

See ya at the meeting!

Dave

Happy Birthday.

Cynthia Alto May 4

John Controne May 10

Randy Willard May 12

Joe Daugherty May 15

Kevin Christiansen May 21

Dan Metcalf May 23

Sandee Tomaiuolo May 23

Fred Miclon May 24

Kelly Findysz May 27

Becky Dodt May 28

Virginia Rogers May 28

Anniversary.

Lou & Cynthia Alto May 3

Keith & Jackie Berry May 5

Steve & Mary Disch May 6

John & Evelyn Controne May 8

David & Bernadette Blatt May 21

Randy & Robin Redmond May 22

Dwight & Fran Gibbs May 23

William & Marguerite Hahn
May 25

If you want your special day listed here
contact me! alpdavegre@msn.com

CLUB OUTINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

OFFICIAL CLUB EVENTS:

June 11th Wide Track Wake Up

Cars, Coffee, & Parts Swap

For Pontiac & GMC Trucks

Free event, 2 hours only from 8am-10am

At Don's Hot Rod Shop

2811 N Stone @ Glenn

More info at our next meeting

**JULY 12-16, 2022: POCI 50th Annual
Convention, Tulsa, OK. See details in Smoke
Signals magazine.**

Other Events

Pontiac Drag Racing Series-

RACE 5: Sun, May 15... Irwindale Raceway, CA

Learn more at;

www.OutlawPontiacRacers.com

or call Rick Unterseh at (480) 570-5583.

More info found at cruisinarizona.com and
desertcruisers.com

Note new day and times

Little Anthony's Car Show

Night Shows 7pm - 9pm May 7, 21, June 4,
25, July 9, 23, Aug 6, 20, Sept 3, 17, Oct 1,
29.

**Please check on the availability of these
shows.**

Gaslight Music Hall Car Show in Oro Valley
Day time shows, 10am-2pm.

Freddie's Cruise-in, first three Friday
nights 6-8pm. Last Saturday of the month is a
car show 4-9pm 11143 N Oracle Rd.

Crown Concepts Cars & Coffee @ Top Golf
Costco Drive near Orange Grove and
Thornycroft. Every first Saturday of the
month.

Cars & Coffee Car Show: Lowe's Center, Ina
& Thornycroft, Second Saturday of every
Month 7am-9:30am.

Hot Rods at Old Vail Car & Bike Swap Meet
happens Third Saturday of each Month.

All events listed are in Tucson except noted.

Let me know if there are more shows close to

Tucson

2022

May

7th Sabbar Shriners Car Show

July

8th Collector Car Appreciation Day

October

15th Tucson Classic's Car Show

November

12th TSRA Swap, „Tucson Speedway



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FROM THE PRESIDENT **THOM SHERWOOD**

Here Comes Summer!

Even though a long, hot summer is on the horizon, we can still participate in a few fun automotive activities. Stay involved!

I really enjoyed our guest speaker at last month's Arizona Chapter meeting. **Dean Sanvold** displayed his devotion to the license plate hobby with a great presentation that showed the extent of his personal collection. Our attending club members could readily recognize his passion and knowledge for unique plates with an interest that focuses on Chevrolet and Corvette models in particular.

His presentation happened to coincide with the **Arizona Motor Vehicle Division's** recent update to their long-running *ServiceArizona.com* website. Previously, motorists wishing to check the availability of a personalized license plate combination for their car could simply navigate to that on-line portal and type-in a query — up to seven letters or numbers. However, that function has just been moved to the MVD's new official website www.azmvdnow.gov, which now requires users to first create an online account and log-in before performing a search for an available vanity plate combo.

If you should have any license plate questions and would like to contact Dean, he can be reached by email at rlmoose1974@gmail.com.

To complement the topic of license plates at last month's meeting, I requested members to bring along any show-and-tell items from their own collection. We had some great responses, and I'd like to note a few of them here. First, was **Sue Green** who brought along a couple of antique plates from her dad's collection. Next was **Jackie Berry** with a plate that she had kept from her long-ago 1973 Firebird, "JAXBRD." Added to that were two additional show-and-tell items from her, including a 1:24th scale model of that Firebird plus an unrelated but fun "take out" food bag from Dickey's BBQ which featured a 1979-era Trans Am imprint on the side.

That evening's *club spirit award*, however, should go to our new vice president, **Dean Noun**, for his eye-popping rapid-fire display of nearly ten different plates that have been associated with his '68 GTO "TROUBLE" and other cars from his family's past. Wow, that was fun. Thanks!



Dean Sandvold was our April guest speaker.

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ABOVE: *Within moments of parking my car on the show field at the recent B-O-P-C Show in Mesa, I was thrilled to encounter two long-ago Arizona Chapter members. At left is Randy Gobbel who was our chapter's vice president back in 1985-'86. I hadn't seen him in perhaps 30 years after he moved out of state. He has just now returned to the Phoenix area. In the center is Bill McCoy, another longtime Arizona POCI member and enthusiast who has also served as a co-president for the Cactus GTOs in more recent years. Both these guys exemplify pure dedication to the Pontiac hobby! BELOW:* *In honor of all this, I dug into our club's archives and found a photo of Randy's custom 1978 Trans Am that was part of our chapter's four-car display at the January 3-5, 1985 World of Wheels Show inside the Phoenix Coliseum. I recall applying the generic stick-on lettering to the signage used in that display: "Promoting Pontiac Power and Style, 1958-1978."*





***FABULOUS FIFTIES!** This exceptional group of Pontiacs on display at the 24th Annual B-O-P-C Show includes a 1957 Safari, two 1958s and a '59 ragtop.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Our big chapter event last month offered a leisurely drive south towards the Mexican border for the **Santa Cruz Spice Run** to Tumacacori, Arizona. Our group was joined that morning by members of the local chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America. I must offer a huge *THANK YOU* to **Dave and Sue Green** for their hard work in coordinating this event. Look for Dave's review elsewhere in this issue.

We've got another fun, all-new event coming up next month as we officially announce a cars-and-coffee-type event that intends to bring together just Pontiacs and GMC Trucks. Our **"WideTrack Wakeup!"** urges all Arizona Chapter members to bring their vehicles out to **Don's Hot Rod Shop** in central Tucson for a two-hour gathering on Saturday, June 11th, from 8-10am.

Our club will supply the pastries and donuts (but you'll be on your own for the coffee that morning). Members are also encouraged to bring out any **Swap Meet** items (cars or parts) that you have, to sell or trade. (You may place smaller items atop a folding table next to your car; but anything larger should be set up in the rear parking lot, behind the adjacent Car Wash on the NW corner of Stone and Glenn.)

Don's Hot Rod Shop owners **Don & Madonna Toia** are expected to have their beautiful '62 Catalina on display there. The store itself opens at 9:00am, and I urge you to please support this local business! (If nuthin' else, they've got some neat T-shirts for sale inside. Check 'em out.)

We'll also be inviting any non-street-legal Pontiac race cars to be displayed. This might include **Rick Unterseh** and others from the **Outlaw Pontiac Drag Series**. Expect an occasional engine rev-up, too!

There is no cost to participate, no judging or awards, nor is there any registration necessary. Open to all years and models, stock or modified. *Simply come on out and have some Wide-Trackin' fun!*

In national club news, final plans are coming together for **POCI's 50th Annual Convention** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12-16, 2022. At this point, we know of just two Arizona members with plans to attend, including **Mary Sundberg** and **Jack Johnson**. Are there any other members planning to be there?

In a new development here in Arizona, we've learned that there are plans for **Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park** (formerly Firebird Raceway) in Chandler to permanently close in early 2023. Some reports indicate that a new highway interchange is planned for that area, yet the on-site Radford Racing School with its road-race course will supposedly remain in operation. Regardless, it looks as though quarter-mile drag racing in Phoenix might soon be a thing of the past, leaving Tucson's drag strip as the sole remaining legal quarter-mile racing venue in the state.

Official Ballot	
2022 POCI Constitution Revisions	
POCI Member Number (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/> I approve the revisions made to the constitution
Chapter Affiliation	<input type="checkbox"/> I disapprove the revisions made to the constitution
Ballot MUST be postmarked by 6/30/2022	

*Please remember to review the proposed POCI Constitutional Changes as published in the April 2022 edition of **Smoke Signals**. Your mail-in ballot to indicate your approval of changes was included inside that edition's poly-wrap bag. It should be completed and postmarked no later than June 30, 2022.*

SANTA CRUZ SPICE RUN RECAP by Dave Green

A perfect day with great weather and good people made for a fun club outing to historic Tumacacori, Arizona.

We started out from the Bank of America's parking lot in South Tucson with Antique Auto Club of America members Scott and Terri Morgan, Roy Ireland, Carl Sosna, Kay and daughter Elizabeth Norton, Andy Neil and son, Peter and Shirley Bookman (who joined us at Tumacacori).

Arizona Chapter POCI members included **Lou and Cindy Alto, Eric, William and Marguerite Hahn, Chris Steele, Dean Noun, Richard Mazza, Chris Pronneke, Jim Shortén** (joined en route), **Randy Rogers** (met at Tumacacori), and trailmasters **Dave and Sue Green** (members of both clubs).

On Mission Road we encountered quite a few bicyclists heading north and we did pass a a handful going south. All who started out with us stopped at our optional "Critter Ranch" destination (*pictured at right*). Marty Callender is a talented, clever artist who works in recycled metal, designing and building colorful yard-style art.



After visiting with Marty we stopped at the Tumacacori Mission. A special treat was no charge admission! After we spent time visiting the historic structure (*at left*), our group headed to the Santa Cruz Spice Company where we were able to stock-up on spices. Next, we headed to Wisdom's Café for a great Mexican lunch (*shown below*).

Our last scheduled stop was the Tumacacori Mesquite Sawmill where the owner gave us a brief tour of his operation. Amazing wood working pieces are turned out by them.

Both Sue and I hope that all members from both clubs enjoyed this tour as it is one of our favorite destinations!



2022 B-O-P-C SHOW REVIEW *by Mary Sundberg*

The **24th Annual B-O-P-C Show** was held March 13th at our new location, the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa. EVIT actually offers an automotive program that both the Desert Renegades POCI Chapter and the Cactus GTO Clubs are happy to support.

Our show was well attended with about 175 cars overall. There was plenty of room to spread out all the entries and classes. There was a nice mix of Survivors, Stock, Resto-Mods, Modifieds and Customs. This year we were able to have vendors as well as food trucks. A portion of the profits were donated back to the EVIT Automotive Program.

A special thanks goes to our dedicated group of volunteers who contributed to the success of this show. Here's to looking ahead to the 25th Annual B-O-P-C next year!



FINAL JUDGING RESULTS: B-O-P-C Show 2022

CLASS NAME	OWNER	PONTIAC MODEL
Pre-1950s	Bernie Niska	1934 Roadster
1950s	Dave Bertram	1958 Bonneville
1960-'64 Big Pontiacs	Lorry Getting	1964 Bonneville
1965-'69 Big Pontiacs	Paul Hagar	1965 Grand Prix
1970s Big Pontiacs	Curtis Petri	1972 Grand Prix
1980s and Newer		(no entries)
1964-'65 GTO	Bill & Deb Carver	1965 GTO
1966-'67 GTO	Val Greco	1966 GTO
1968-'69 GTO/Judge	Gary & Kathy Garner	1968 GTO
1970-'74 GTO/Judge	Steve Stoiber	1970 GTO
2004-'06 GTO	Kevine Novine	2004 GTO
Solstice (all)	Phil Collins	2009 Solstice
1967-'69 FB/TA	Chris Brown	1969 Firebird
1970-'73 FB/TA	Randy Gobbel	1971 Trans Am
1974-'76 FB/TA	Dave Falk	1975 Firebird
1977-'78 FB/TA	Dave Steinbrink	1978 Trans Am
1979-'81 FB/TA	Joe Peskunowicz	1979 Trans Am
1982-'92 FB/TA	Mike Jakubowski	1984 Firebird
1993-'02 FB/TA	Paul Jenkins	2002 Trans Am
1961-'74 Temp/LeM	Mike Mingo	1972 Tempest
Fiero (all)	Joe Seeley	1984 Fiero
Unrestored	Paul Hagar	1967 Grand Prix
Custom	Randy Redmond	2010 Lingenfelter T/A
Best Pontiac	Mike Lamberth	1977 Can Am



From Left: New-Gen GTOs on display included this pair of Cosmos Purple 2004s and a Torrid Red and a Brazen Orange 2006.

ARIZONA CHAPTER #29 ATTENDS THE 24th ANNUAL B-O-P-C SHOW by Thom Sherwood

I would like to thank the Desert Renegades POCI Chapter #65 who, together with the Cactus GTOs, pulled off a fantastic event on March 13th with the highly anticipated return of the 24th Annual B-O-P-C Show!

The big news associated with this year's event was the announcement of a new location at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT), a technical trade school in Mesa, Arizona, which offers a variety of programs including Automotive and Collision Repair. It is open to both high school students and to adults looking for accredited higher learning.

With the show being scheduled for a Sunday, the campus's large main parking lot was available for this event to freely expand. Each of the two dozen classes of Pontiac entries, plus the somewhat smaller contingencies of Buicks, Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs, all had their own sections. Judging was handled by volunteers from the two hosting clubs.

One other addition to the show's features included the presence of food vendors and a couple of automotive service-related vendors who displayed their wares at locations scattered around the show field.

While participation from the Arizona Chapter was small that day (*below, in blue*), there were still many local enthusiasts and spectators who enjoyed the variety of entries. Thanks again to the Renegades and Cactus GTO crews for their efforts!



Thom Sherwood (1970 GTO) & Steven Stoiber (1970 GTO)



Dave & Sue Green ('66 Catalina) & Paul Waer ('66 Ventura)



Randy Redmond (2010 Lingenfelter Trans Am)



Lou Alto (1970 GTO) & Bob & Lisa Barnatt (1968 GTO)



Richard Johnson ('88 Fiero GT) & Joe Seeley (1984 Fiero)



Keith McNamara ('08 GXP) & Randy Rogers ('07 GXP)

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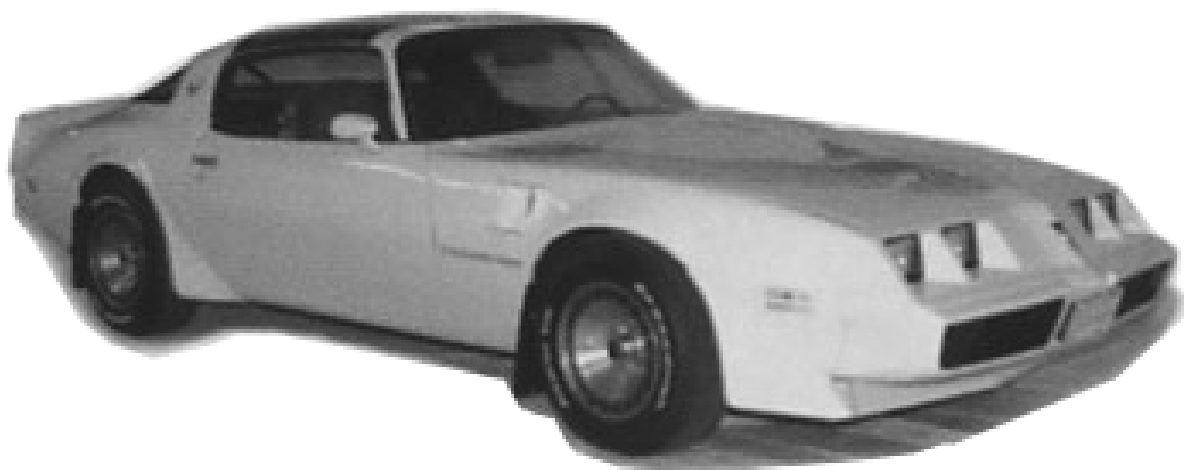
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Dave Green alpdaevegre@msn.com 520-747-2901

Various Pontiac parts for sale. Contact Lou Alto 520-247-3989

1969-71 Grand Prix body parts, 1955 Pontiac parts. Contact Jack Johnson 602-576-6512

Various Pontiac GMC Truck parts for sale. Contact Gerson Goldberg (aka GMGOLD) at gmgold@q.com for a current list.

WANTED: Set of Hurst T-Tops to fit my 1978 Trans Am. Tom Knecht (602) 708-6960 or email: t77transam@gmail.com



The Outlaw Times

by Dean Noun

April 30, 2022

The Outlaw Pontiac Racers West participants were in full force at the Wildhorse Pass Raceway's ¼ mile drag strip outside Phoenix on Saturday April 30th. The Gates opened at 4pm on a warm afternoon with temperatures in the 90s. Rick Underseh, the event coordinator, and his wife Judy, set up camp with their Motorhome and Pontiac flags and were able to secured a large area of the pits for the Pontiac drag racers to gather together and display their vehicles. Anyone with a Pontiac powered vehicle is encouraged to participate or spectate at these events.

This was one of the largest gatherings of the Pontiacs to date for this drag racing series, achieving almost 20 vehicles ranging from beautifully maintained factory originals to an all-out 20-foot-long dragster, all powered by Pontiac engines.

Some of the participants had problems, nothing too serious, and most were able to make repairs and get back to racing.

Other non-Pontiac racers on the property had some more serious issues but the track officials were able to clean up and prep the racing surfaces as needed. With all the delays (caused by non-Pontiac vehicles), the racing and elimination rounds went well into the night. Temperatures cooled as the evening progressed, and it became a very comfortable 72 degrees, as Saturday night quickly turned into Sunday morning.

By 2am (well past my age-appropriate bedtime), the smoke cleared, the racing completed, and the results were final. The winners and second place participants in each of the 2 racing classes were awarded trophies and prize money.



Final Standings

Pro Pontiac – 12.00 seconds and slower

Winner – Ron Browne - 1971 Firebird Trans Am 455 HO

Runner up – Rob Parcher – 1972 Lemans Wagon

Super Pro Pontiac – Faster than 12.00 seconds

Winner – Dean Noun – 1968 GTO

Runner up – Cesar Bustamante – 1997 Firebird Trans Am



After a couple California races, the next local Outlaw Pontiac Racers West event will be held at Tucson Dragway, located next to the Tucson Fairgrounds on October 15th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

