



Valley of the Pontiacs

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Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Happy Holidays!

Join us for a HAPPY NEW YEAR Cruise!

We all want to get the New Year started right, don't we? Take your favorite Poncho out for a Sunday drive.

What: New Year's Day Breakfast
Cruise to Rock Springs Cafe

When: Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

Meet-up: In and Out Burger,
Desert Ridge Mall, Scottsdale.

Time: Depart at 9 am. See flyer for
details.

RSVP to Georjann Rovenstine at 480-360-0377 so we can reserve tables and parking.



It's BBQ and Pontiacs at our Annual Holiday Party!

Join us on Jan. 22 for an annual tradition for our old and new Valley of the Sun Pontiac members. Dine on great BBQ food catered by Tom Thumb and hear about upcoming events and our newly formed club at our monthly meeting. Members and their families are invited!

Special thanks to Frank and Toni Gostyla for hosting this annual event. Respond to Frank RSVP (804-307-5427) by Jan. 13 with attendees so we can order the right amount of food. See the flyer for more details.



Get the latest updates on club activities on our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Facebook page and our website at
www.ValleySunPontiacs.com

It's time for another auction!



Thanks to everyone who has signed up for driving and assisting for our upcoming work at the 2023 MAG Collector Car Auction, January 23-30 at the Wekopa resort. We have a few more openings left on auction day (Friday and Saturday). Send an email to me at markneumann16@gmail.com and we can add you to the schedule. The club pays a \$30 stipend for each day and will provide lunch on Friday and Saturday. All participants will get a reminder of their work schedule prior to the auction.

Sign up now for our 2023 Buick-Olds-Pontiac, Cadillac and GMC Show!

This is our 25th anniversary show! Taking place on Sunday, March 5 and partnering with the East Valley Institute of Technology again this year, we will have food, raffle prizes, a DJ and of course, spectacular cars! More trophies this year, too!

Send in your registration form now for a discount! For more information contact car show chair Carl Bylander at 480-507-0331. Volunteers needed also for judging, parking, registration, and manning the tables.



Looking for a cruise-in-spot? Check out our Cruisin-In list for the Valley, everything from Pavilions to Cars 'n Coffee. Contact Mark to get a copy at markneumann16@gmail.com



2023 Racing Series Overview

The fast-growing Outlaw Pontiac Racer West series has just released its initial slate of 2023 race dates. All Pontiac-powered and Pontiac-bodied cars, regardless of their engine type, are welcomed.

"This year's big news is that we're adding a Las Vegas race which will also include an all-Pontiac car show that's held at the Las Vegas Speedway," according to Outlaw series coordinator and POCI member **Rick Unterseh**. "Pontiacs at the Strip" will be a 'sub-event' of the huge Muscle Cars at the Strip multi-make gathering and race."

In addition to the mid-March Las Vegas gig, confirmed race dates include:

Tucson (Feb 18, Oct 14)

Las Vegas (March 17-19)

Phoenix (Apr 29, May 20)

Barona, CA (Nov 18)

"Even more dates will be announced pending ongoing negotiations, including the track at Irwindale, California," Rick continued.

To learn more about the entire 2023 race series season, check the Outlaw Pontiac Racers West Facebook page or go online to www.outlawpontiacracers.com, or phone Rick at (480) 570-5583.

Questions concerning the Pontiacs at the Strip Car Show should be directed to Chris Burch at (512) 965-2898. Overall registration for that Las Vegas event is being handled through www.matslv.com##



Pontiac Nights at Pavilions continue in 2023

Dates: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13. We have our old row back!



Our Club Meeting Schedule in 2023

Jan. 22: Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Holiday Party and Club Meeting. Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10. Locations TBD



Hot GTOs at Mecum next month!

A very rare collection of Ram Air IV GTOs, including 6 Judges, will be on the auction block on Jan. 13 at Mecum's Kissimmee, Florida event. The collection includes this rare, 1 of 7 1970 GTO Judge convertibles in orbit orange. Mecum officials believe the car will hit the \$1 million mark.

I'll be at the auction and covering this story for an upcoming issue of *Smoke Signals*. See the entire collection at www.mecum.com/auctions/kissimmee-2023/collections/chuck-cocoma-ram-iv-gto-collection/



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