



Pontiacs of the Valley

November 2025 | Newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club
Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Next club meeting is Nov. 19 at Rudy's Country Store/BBQ

Register for BOPC+GMC '26 at www.valleysunpontiacs.com!

Pontiacking in Tucson

25 club members attend the All Pontiac/GMC Truck Day organized by the POCI AZ chapter

We had a great road rally down Tucson way with POCI Valley of the Sun Pontiacs members on Nov. 9 for the Arizona chapters sixth bi-annual All Pontiac And GMC Truck Day, held

at the Viscount Suites Hotel. A great turnout from the Fiero chapter, and lots of new rides we haven't seen, including club member Dominic Rivard's cool 1963 4 door Catalina (left). Club members



Pete Senese and Joel and Mona Hernandez took home special awards. The event drew 80+ cars, a record for the AZ chapter. Great show and thanks to all who attended! *Check out more photos from the event on our club Facebook page.*



OLD SMOBILE ~ PONTIAC ~ CADILLAC ~
28TH BOPC SHOW
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00PM
BUICK ~ GMC

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28TH ANNUAL B.O.P.C. & GMC CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2026 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE: EAST VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (EVIT)
1601 W MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

**HOSTED BY: VALLEY OF THE SUN
PONTIACS**



PRE-REGISTRATION:

- ON-LINE BY CREDIT CARD ONLY
- BEFORE MARCH 20TH, 2026
- \$28 FOR FIRST CAR, \$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CAR

THE ON-LINE SYSTEM ONLY ALLOWS YOU TO REGISTER YOUR FIRST CAR.
TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL CARS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION:

- CASH OR CREDIT CARD IN PERSON
- \$40 PER CAR

SHOW CONTACTS:

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REGISTRATION CLASSES

(A) Original Paint, Drivetrain, Wheels and Interior

CODE	PONTIAC	YEARS
P-01	CUSTOM	ALL YEARS
P-02	UNRESTORED (A)	1900 - 1974
P-03	SOLSTICE	ALL YEARS
P-04	FIERO	ALL YEARS
P-05	GTO	1964 - 1965
P-06	GTO	1966 - 1967
P-07	GTO / JUDGE	1968 - 1969
P-08	GTO / JUDGE	1970 - 1974
P-09	GTO	2004 - 2006
P-10	FIREBIRD / TA	1967 - 1969
P-11	FIREBIRD / TA	1970 - 1975
P-12	FIREBIRD / TA	1976 - 1978
P-13	FIREBIRD / TA	1979 - 1981
P-14	FIREBIRD / TA	1982 - 1992
P-15	FIREBIRD / TA	1993 - 2002
P-16	TEMPEST / LEMANS	1961 - 1974
P-17	PRE 50'S PONTIACS	1900 - 1949
P-18	50'S PONTIACS	1950 - 1959
P-19	60-64 BIG PONTIACS	1960 - 1964
P-20	65-69 BIG PONTIACS	1965 - 1969
P-21	70'S BIG PONTIACS	1970 - 1979
P-22	80'S & NEWER/G6/G8	1980 - 2009

CODE	BUICK	YEARS
B-01	UNRESTORED (A)	UP TO 1974
B-02	RIVIERA	ALL YEARS
B-03	GS / GSX	1965 - 1972
B-04	GN / GNX	1982 - 1987
B-05	PRE 50'S BUICKS	1900 - 1949
B-06	50'S BUICKS	1950 - 1959
B-07	60'S BUICKS	1960 - 1969
B-08	70'S BUICKS	1970 - 1979
B-09	80'S & NEWER BUICKS	1980 - 2026

CODE	OLDSMOBILE	YEARS
O-01	CUSTOM	ALL YEARS
O-02	UNRESTORED (A)	UP TO 1974
O-03	CUTLASS / F85 / 442	1961 - 1967
O-04	CUTLASS / F85 / 442	1968 - 1972
O-05	HURST	1964 - 1972
O-06	PRE 50'S OLDS	1900 - 1949
O-07	50'S OLDSMOBILES	1950 - 1959
O-08	60'S OLDSMOBILES	1960 - 1969
O-09	70'S & NEWER OLDS	1970 - 2004

CODE	CADILLAC	YEARS
C-01	UNRESTORED (A)	UP TO 1974
C-02	PRE 50'S CADILLACS	1900 - 1949
C-03	50'S CADILLACS	1950 - 1959
C-04	60'S CADILLACS	1960 - 1969
C-05	70'S CADILLACS	1970 - 1979
C-06	80'S & NEWER CAD	1980 - 2026

CODE	GMC	YEARS
G-01	ALL	ALL YEARS

Cleaning up the AZ desert – One mile at a time

In a state as beautiful as Arizona, its hard to believe that lots of people treat it like a trash can. Which is why our club's bi-annual Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup, organized by club members June and Tim Smith, is our way of keeping at least one mile of the desert clean.

At our Oct. 18 event, Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club volunteers and friends stuffed 7 large, bright blue trash bags provided by AZ DOT with beer bottles, car parts, clothing, and even a computer printer. It was hard work by a hardy bunch, and all were rewarded with lunch paid for by the

Tim Smith telling our volunteers to watch for speeding drivers and jumping cholla.



club at Tortilla Flat.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery for June Smith, who partners with Tim on organizing this event, as she recovers from foot surgery.

Look for our next date for the Apache Trail clean up in the Spring. And thank you, volunteers!



(above) Toni DeLapp, with Jack Conklin and Harry Johnson, found a 'vintage' bra in the cleanup. Meanwhile, looks like the lost Dutchman ran out of paper just as he was preparing to print the map to the gold (left)!

Look for weekly updates on our VSP club events!

Club member Owen Zangle puts together a weekly update, sent out on Thursdays, for club affiliated and other car club events around the Valley. If you want to add an event, or are not receiving his emails, contact Owen at owenzangle@gmail.com



President's Message

Hello to Everyone!!!

Our club continues to stay extremely active with a variety of events and opportunities to meet everyone's taste. Since our last meeting, members have attended valley area cruise in's, Cars and Coffee's, and car shows.

We had two affiliated events this month, with a very well attended and successful car clinic on Nov. 8, and the next day we had 21 club members caravan to Tucson to attend the POCI Arizona chapter's All Pontiac and GMC Truck Day. They had 80+ cars and trucks attend and also hosted a food drive for their local charities to which some of our members contributed to. We also had two members take home hardware. The Bill Armstrong Memorial Award (modified) went to Joel & Mona Hernandez and their '51 Chieftain (right) and the Al Coloman Memorial Award went to Pete Senese and his '69 Firebird (top)

At our upcoming meeting on Nov. 19, we will have a guest speaker plus a progress report on our Globe Miami Flood Relief Project and a discussion on options on how to donate the money. Remember our club will be making a matching contribution to funds raised by club member donations.

If you haven't contributed yet please consider joining other club members in doing something extremely positive for a wonderful cause.

Paul

Paul Albinger, Jr



Join us for our next club meeting!!

The meeting is being held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Rudy's, starting with dinner at 5:30 pm, and the meeting at 7 pm. The address is Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, 15257 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale.



Car Clinic gets our Pontiacs back on the road



Scenes from our club's Car Clinic on Nov. 9 at Frank and Toni Gostyla's. Thanks to Mile Jewell and Mary Sundberg for a great lunch!

Club Member Profiles

Michelle McAdams: 1968 Pontiac GTO

I was 20 years old and halfway through attending Rutgers College in New Jersey when I caught the fever.

"Dad, what is that?" as I stood in awe in front of a '65 Ford Galaxie parked on the campus. I'm not sure why it took me so long, considering we had a '69 Chevelle as our "family car" until 1983. But I knew once I graduated college the search would begin for my own classic car!

I started going to car shows and got a taste of what was really out there. I loved them all, except Mopars and Mustangs. When it came time to purchase a vehicle, my Dad convinced me that an old muscle car would not be practical for everyday use. So I bought a 1992 Chevy pickup that I ended up hating, and my quest to own a real car continued.



I found it difficult to decide what I wanted. First I wanted a '65 Galaxie, then a '66 Galaxie 500/XL, a '70 Chevelle, a '66 Nova, and believe it or not, a '66 GTO. However, I realized that if I was going to know everything about any car, I was going to have to choose one type and stick with it.

The more car shows I attended, the more upset I became, and the harder it was to keep coming home to that Chevy pickup. Finally, after attending the Fall Hershey (PA) show in 1993, I knew that I wanted a '68 or '69 GTO.



I started doing research and reading books and manuals so I wouldn't get swindled when it came time to buy my car. Then one day in late November 1993, I got a big break when my search for a "real job" ended. The day I was hired I went out and bought all the *Auto Trader* magazines around. My search for the right GTO was officially under way. I began hoarding my money for fear that the right car would come along too soon and I wouldn't have the necessary cash.

By March 1994 I was ready to look at the first possible buy. I had never driven a GTO before and I was very excited. I remember being amazed at how much power a GTO really had. My search continued for months. I bragged such a good story about the

"perfect car" that I would someday own that I knew I had to bring home something really sweet. I looked at a lot of nice cars, but none seemed to be the right one for me. Some needed more work than I was willing to deal with, and others just did not fit the image of the perfect car that I had everyone expecting.

By June I was getting discouraged. Summertime was well on its way and I was feeling left out. I began to think that maybe my standards were too high, but my Dad advised me not to lower them and to keep on searching.



A few weeks later, fellow car enthusiasts found a '68 GTO from North Jersey in an *Auto Trader* publication they picked up at the GTOAA Nationals. The description of the car sounded nice, but they always did in the ads.

I took the information but really didn't believe this car would be any better than the others. Nevertheless, I went to see it. The GTO was really pretty nice. It drove like a monster

and I could have gone on for miles. The owner talked a good restoration story, but had not one single piece of paperwork to back it up.

I told him I could not pay his asking price without proof that all the work had been done as he claimed, so I went home. After 3 weeks and some nagging from my Pontiac friends, I took my Dad up for an overall inspection. He gave me two thumbs up. My decision was made; I emptied my bank account!

Unfortunately, it rained for the first half of my two-hour trip home. Early on, I got a taste of what it was like to own a Pontiac muscle car. Only ten minutes into my trip I pulled out of a Garden State Parkway toll booth beside a '70 Monte Carlo. I looked over and he gave me the sign, but because it was raining and I was very new to the car, I did something I never did again...I declined a race.

I can only say that it has been bliss ever since. I get a rush every time I start the engine, all these years later.

Pontiac Stats:

- 87,684 GTOs were built in 1968; 9,980 were convertibles. The car was named Car of the Year by *Motor Trend* magazine.
- The rarest GTO built in '68 was the Ram Air II convertible model with an automatic transmission. Pontiac built only 22 with that combination. All told, only 47 RAI 400 ci. GTOs with an automatic were built in 1968.

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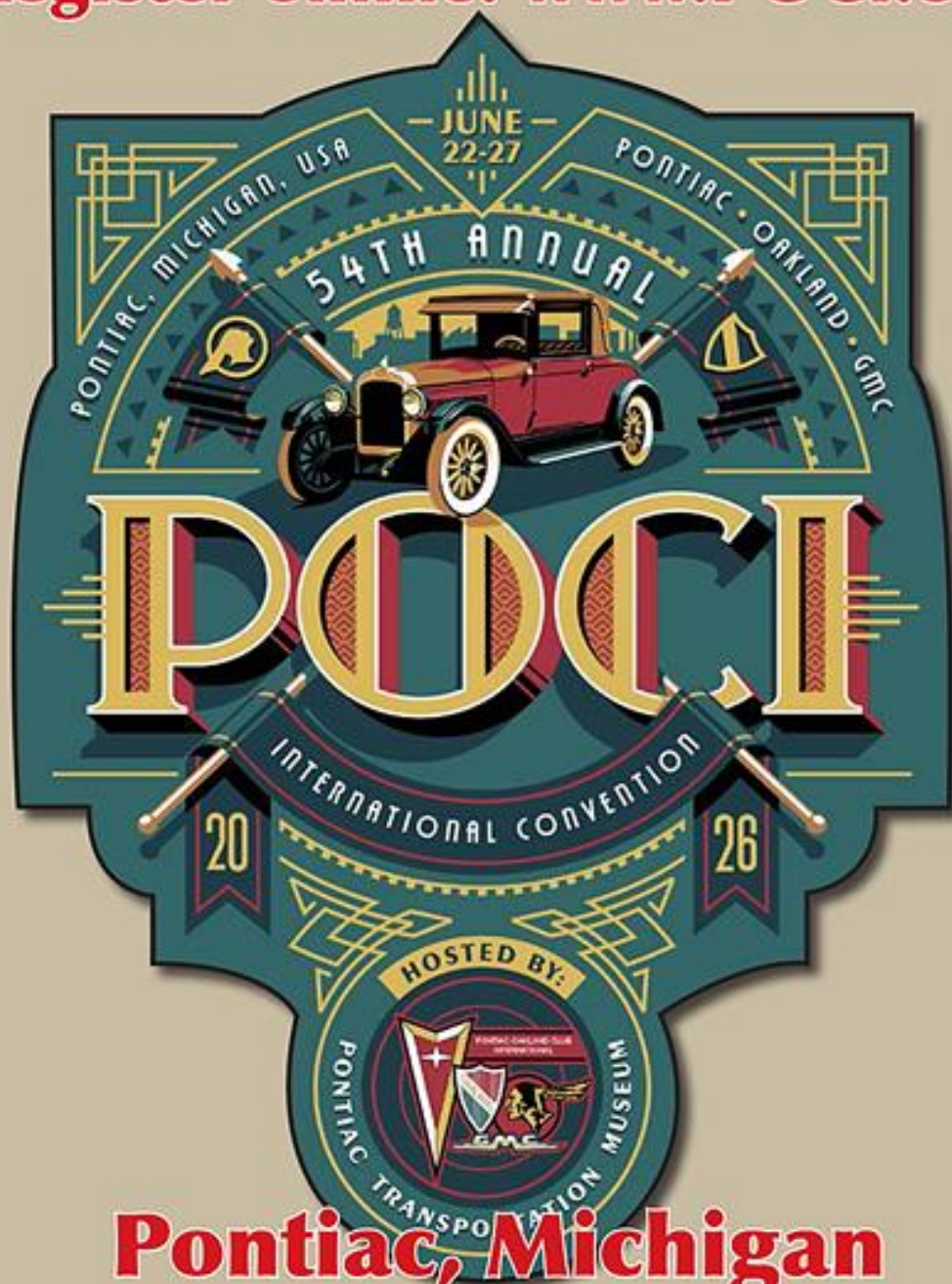
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June 22-27, 2026



Don't miss a club activity!

Here is what we have on the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs schedule for the rest of 2025 and a bit into 2026. More to come! Always check our website (www.valleysunpontiacs.com) and our Facebook page for updates.

Club meeting dates (third Wednesday of the month, dinner at 5:30 pm; meeting starts at 7:00 pm). Rudy's Country Store and Barbeque, 15257 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20

The Weekly Car Shows

Every Saturday Night Car Show: Mixteca (67th Avenue and Bell) and Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers (Pima Crossing, Highway 101 and Shea). Fourth Saturday is Pontiac Night at Mixteca; second Saturday is Pontiac Night at Cold Beer.

Other VSP-affiliated events planned this year

Nov. 21-23: Good Guys SW Nationals (Scottsdale)

Nov. 29: Ahwatukee Car Show (see flyer)

2026

Jan. 1: New Years Day Cruise (route TBA)

Jan. 3: 53rd annual Fiesta Bowl Parade event

Feb 7: Club Party, Blessed Sacrament Church, Scottsdale

March 6-8: Midnight at the Oasis, Yuma

March 13-16: Good Guys SW Nationals, Westworld

March 22: 28th Annual Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac+GMC Car Show, EVIT Campus, Mesa (see flyer).



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