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NEXT MEETING NOTE CHANGE OF TIME June 8th 2026 @ Maria Bonita Mexican Kitchen, 2708 E Ft Lowell Rd eat 5:30pm, meeting 6:30pm



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EDITOR'S REPORT

Hello Ponti-ackers!
Sue and I are getting ready for our trip to Michigan to see my sister and then attend the 100th Anniversary of PMD in Pontiac, Michigan. We are spending 16 days on the road and plan to visit as many auto museums along the way as possible. But first, I want to see you at our WideTrack Wakeup this Saturday!

See ya at the meeting.

Dave

Happy Birthday.

Richard Johnson June 9

Laura McLin June 11

Bob Maslana June 14

Randy Rogers June 14

Sheldon Shafer June 18

Karen Lynch June 19

Brian Baird June 22

Carol Jarvis June 24

Paulette Francen June 27

Jack Schweitzer June 30

Anniversaries.

Richard & Valerie Johnson June 7

**Thomas & Deborah Murphy
June 9**

David & Susan Green June 18

John & Becky Dodt June 21

Jack & Lynn Schweitzer June 23
*If you want your special day listed please
contact me! alpdavegre@msn.com*

**NOTICE: OUR MEETING TIMES HAVE
CHANGED!**

Please arrive at 5:30pm for Dinner;

Meeting starts at 6:30pm.



OFFICIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Wide Track Wake-up

June 13 2026

Don's Hotrod Shop 8-10am

Military Museum July 25 2026

Tucson Classics car show October 24 2026

Other Events

More info found at cruisinarizona.com and
desertcruisers.com

Little Anthony's Car Show
Night shows 5pm-9pm,

First Friday of the month car show at The
Waterhole 6-8pm 1654 W Avra Valley Rd.
Marana

Last Saturday of the month Car Show by the
Low Rollers club at Viva Burrito 8995 E
Tanque Verde Rd. 7-11am

Last Saturday of the month cars & coffee
show at Freddy's Orange Grove and
Thornydale

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

Night shopping and car show Speedway
Antique Mall, 5045 E Speedway Blvd. 6-8pm

Please check on the availability of these
shows.

June 22-27, 2026, POCI Convention, Pontiac, Michigan

All events listed are in Tucson except noted.
*Let me know if there are more shows close to
Tucson*



FROM THE PRESIDENT **THOM SHERWOOD**

The Enthusiasm is Quite Amazing!

The response to the upcoming Pontiac Centennial celebration has been nothing short of phenomenal. Will YOU be there to experience it?

With two weeks yet to go, POCI's Club Office has accepted a remarkable 830 pre-registrations from members who plan to attend this year's extra-special convention in Pontiac, Michigan. That number will only continue to grow with the numerous expected on-site registrations, meaning there's now a chance that we could see over 1,000 attendees plus their guests. *Holy Smokes!*

As I've mentioned before, several Arizona-based members have already made their plans to attend, either *with* or *without* their favorite Pontiac, Oakland or GMC Truck. I look forward to seeing each one of them there as we return "*Home for the Hundredth.*" For more on this topic, please read my additional notes elsewhere in this newsletter.

Closer to our chapter's home base of Tucson, we can look forward to the **5th Annual WideTrack Wakeup!** cars-and-coffee and swap meet on Saturday, June 13th. Please come on out and join us for this two-hour event at Don's Hot Rod Shop. It's free, informal, and open to the public, and the club will provide a few snacks and beverages for everyone. More details can be found elsewhere in this edition of *HOT AIR*.

I would like to thank **Randy Rogers** for coordinating last month's Breakfast Cruise to Mescal, Arizona. Our group, pictured below, enjoyed a fun caravan with a photo stop atop the Cienega Creek Bridge. We ended up with the perfect number of folks in our group to comfortably fill up

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ABOVE: One of the activities at POCI's Centennial gathering will involve a bus tour of historically important sites around Pontiac, Michigan. Pictured above is PMD's very first Administration Building, located at 196 Oakland Avenue.

SHOWDOWN! Our chapter's recent Breakfast Cruise saw this handsome caravan of nine Pontiacs plus a single GMC Truck return to the Mescal Bar & Grill in the Old West community of Mescal, Arizona, a quick 25 miles southeast of Tucson. The drive took place on Sunday, May 17th, 2026.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

our rustic destination's meeting space for a simple but wholesome breakfast buffet. Check out all the photos on the following pages.

As a reminder, our chapter will **NOT be holding a regular Second-Wednesday meeting next month**, so please don't show up at Maria Bonita Mexican Kitchen in July!

We do, however, have one activity planned for later in the month that we can look forward to. **Eric Hahn** has coordinated a group tour of the all-new **Tucson Military Vehicle Museum** on Saturday, July 25th. Simply arrive at 10am and pay the admission fee at the building's entrance — no reservations are required! Look for more details just ahead.

Our regular dinner meetings at Maria Bonita's will resume on August 12th with our annual **"Show-and-Tell"** theme. Each attending member is requested to bring a souvenir or keepsake that can be shown and described to the group. Though it is preferred that your item is automotive-related, it doesn't have to be. You can bring *anything* — from a photo or a poster or a vintage advertisement, a record album or a favorite old concert T-shirt, an automotive traffic ticket, driver's license, a model car or a broken car part from a past adventure. Really, just about anything is allowed! It will be up to each participant to decide if they would like to pass their item around the room or simply hold it up for all to see as you describe it. Dig deep into your closet or garage, get creative, and let's have fun!

SUBMIT YOUR TUCSON CLASSICS ENTRIES!

Entries are now being accepting for the **20th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show**. This Saturday, October 24, 2026 event is consistently one of the most popular local multi-make shows each year, held on the grass of The Gregory School on North Craycroft Drive. Those from our chapter who wish to be part of a group display are urged to pre-register soon. Register at www.TucsonClassicsCarShow.com and be sure to indicate your desire to display your entry with the **"POCI/AACA"** group.

Remembering Kevin Christiansen

As reported in last month's *HOT AIR*, we announced the passing of member **Kevin Christiansen**. Kevin died March 24th in Tucson following complications associated with his treatment for melanoma.

An *Open House Remembrance* of Kevin has been confirmed by **Donna**, and she invites fellow members to drop in any time after 10:30am on Saturday, June 27th. This informal gathering will be held at the home of their daughter, at 4912 N. Calle Colmado, Tucson 85718 (east of Campbell Avenue, between River Road and Sunrise).



MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM TOUR COMING IN JULY

Our club's indoor tour of the all-new **Tucson Military Vehicle Museum** will take place Saturday, July 25th. Invitations for this outing have also been extended to members of both the *Valley of the Sun POCI Chapter* and the *Tucson Antique Automobile Club of America* and their guests. Arrive at the museum, 6000 E. Valencia Road (adjacent to the Pima Air & Space Museum) at 10:00am. Please be prepared to pay your entry fee at the door. (Example: Pima County Residents \$15.25; children 12 and under are \$15.) The indoor, air conditioned visit will last about two hours.



WILL YOU BE ATTENDING POCI'S BIG CONVENTION THIS MONTH?

Several members of the Arizona Chapter and the Valley of the Sun Chapter have already made plans to attend this year's once-in-a-lifetime "P-100" Convention in Pontiac, Michigan, June 22-27th. This major POCI event promises events and activities unlike anything ever offered before. If you have not yet pre-registered with the POCI Club Office, you must now register on-site in Michigan as pre-registration is now closed.

You may attend as many or as few of those days as time and budget allows; scheduled activities are listed in your *Smoke Signals* magazine. The biggest of all of the events will feature the concurrent *Popular Vote* and the *Points-Judged* car shows on Saturday, June 27th. Joining them will be a very special collection of significant vehicles from Pontiac's past, a curated sampling of historic race cars, and the first-ever *Star Car Reunion* which brings together genuine screen-used Pontiacs and GMCs from your favorite Hollywood movies and television programs.

Perhaps the next-most anticipated event — one that will be open to viewing by the public — is the *Pontiac-Oakland-GMC Parade* through downtown Pontiac, led by **VIP Grand Marshal Christy Lee!** All convention attendees can either spectate OR drive their own vehicle in this parade. *How cool is that?*

A *Swap Meet* takes place all six days, and the planned *seminars* and *bus tours* are going to be quite special (however, many tours are now "sold out" and/or have Wait Lists).

While we are there in Michigan, I'd like to ask that all Arizona members gather for two **GROUP PHOTOS**: the first following Thursday evening's *Chapter Night Banquet* at the host hotel, and the second at 11:30am Saturday just outside the entrance of the Oakland Expo Center where the car shows described earlier will take place. *Please join us for either or both of these opportunities!*



WIDETRACK WAKEUP RETURNS SATURDAY, JUNE 13th TO TUCSON'S DON'S HOT ROD SHOP!

Our club's unique Pontiac/GMC-only cars & coffee and parts swap event will return Saturday, June 13th. The **5th Annual Wide-Track Wakeup!** will once again take place at Don's Hot Rod Shop

in Central Tucson. Free to attend; all years and models of Pontiacs and GMCs (only) are invited. More details will be discussed at our next chapter meeting at Maria Bonita's on Wednesday, June 10th.



8am - 10am
2 HOURS ONLY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
2811 N. STONE AVE • TUCSON
FREE EVENT!



WIDETRACK WAKEUP!

PONTIACS

and GMC TRUCKS ONLY

All Years • Any Condition • Stock or Modified • Street or Race
CARS, COFFEE & PARTS SWAP



HOSTED BY ARIZONA CHAPTER #29 • PONTIAC-OAKLAND CLUB INT'L
CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED TO DISPLAY YOUR PONTIAC or GMC TRUCK
FOR MORE INFO: Club President Thom Sherwood (520) 440-4628 cell

MESCAL BREAKFAST CRUISE #2

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, 18 members and guests of the Arizona Chapter #29 caravanned from Tucson to the Mescal Bar & Grill for a breakfast buffet. Congrats to Bill Speer for debuting his new 2025 GMC Sierra 3500 Dually.





Randy & Virginia Rogers • 2007 Solstice GXP



Randy & Carol Willard • 1966 GTO



Fred Miclon • 1978 Trans Am



Joe & Kelly Findysz • 2008 G6



Richard Johnson • 1988 Fiero GT



Dave Green • 1988 Fiero



Jack Johnson • 2009 G8 GXP



Eric and Marguerite Hahn & JoAnne Stephens • 2007 G6

Steve Disch & a Colorado Car Show

Some pictures from Steve Disch



FOR SALE AND WANTED

June 2026

These ads will run for 2 months then be deleted so contact the editor before this deadline
Dave Green alpdavegre@msn.com 520-747-2901

FOR SALE:

1986 Fiero SE V-6 AT parts car. \$ 700 or offer. Clear title Dave Green, 520-904-7325.

For Sale 1966 Bonneville/Catalina parts for sale, 389, 4bbl carb, intake manifold, exhaust manifolds, heads. A/C condenser, used 4 row core radiator, 1964 Catalina used radiator. Engine stand, pedestal grinder/buffer, Custom billet group 24 battery holder. I will have some stuff at our Wide-track Wake-up. Dave Green alpdavegre@msn.com 520-904-7325.

1970 LeMans Sport front clip: fenders, hood, grille, radiator support, etc. Complete, \$1,500 or better offer. Richard Johnson, 208-520-8022.

For Sale: 1955 Pontiac parts: Engine, P.S. column, front clip, bumpers. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

NON-PONTIACS for sale: 1986 Lincoln Continental, 56k orig miles, second owner, nice; 2004 Ford Thunderbird convertible, red w/ black interior, 61K miles; 1996 Ford F150 4x4, 300cid 6-cyl, 5-speed manual, camper shell; vintage Volvo parts. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

FOR SALE:

1963 LeMans race car, rolling chassis, no engine or trans, Ford 9" rear, battery moved to trunk, set up for BBC, complete interior and body, some rust, clean Arizona title. Jack Johnson (602) 576-6512; email: skulptr1@gmail.com

WANTED: 1964 LeMans 2-door roller wanted for race car, have a 1963 LeMans race car roller to trade. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512.

WANTED: Good, buildable pair of Pontiac V8 heads (between 89-98cc) for my '55 Safari with a 1969 428cid motor. Jack Johnson, (602) 576-6512 or email: skulptr1@gmail.com (Tucson)

PARTS FOR SALE:

1955-'57 Pontiac parts available, including underseat heater, misc engine parts and trim. Jack Johnson (602) 576-6512; email: skulptr1@gmail.com

For Sale 1988 Fiero Gt with 3.4 ltr engine. Lot of extra factory options. Comes with extra parts \$15,000 obo. Contact Bob Anderson 520-396-4079. photos available. rande3772@aol.com

This is an extremely nice car. Nice turn key no issue car. Dave Green's opinion.

For sale 1955 Chieftain 2-door hardtop, red & white. V8-4bbl automatic, Underdash A/C added. Overall good to excellent condition. Selling on behalf of my late brother's estate. Car located in Tucson. Appraised at \$25,000. Dennis Flynn (913) 219-0926.

PARTS: Barry Grant Six-Shooter manifold, mint condition, \$2,000; 1955-'57 Pontiac parts, misc, call with needs; 1963 LeMans 2-door sedan race car body (no eng/trans). Jack Johnson (602) 576-6512 (Tucson).

For Sale:

2 Embroidered 11"x 11" Daytona front seat patches from my Grand Prix GTP Daytona 500 Pace Car edition. Rare originals in excellent condition. \$150 for the pair. Les 520-744-3939, 520-744-3232.

For Sale

1979 Trans Am, 403-V8, automatic, \$15,000 OBO; 1967 Firebird convertible, roller body only, \$8,500. Bill Speer (520) 490-9097 (Tucson).



For Sale:

1969 Pontiac GTO, numbers-matching 400-4bbl, automatic, posi, P/S, P/B, AM/FM radio, 46K miles, original April Gold exterior/interior. Rear deck spoiler and hood tach added. (5) new BFGoodrich Radial T/A tires on Rally II wheels, all new FlowMaster exhaust system and high-output exhaust manifolds. Other new parts include: master cylinder and brake booster, battery and cables, engine mounts, water pump, fuel pump, alternator, speedometer cable, heater core, gas tank and sending unit, and all new brakes and shocks. \$69,000 obo. Joe Gargiulo (818) 726-9968 (Oro Valley, AZ).

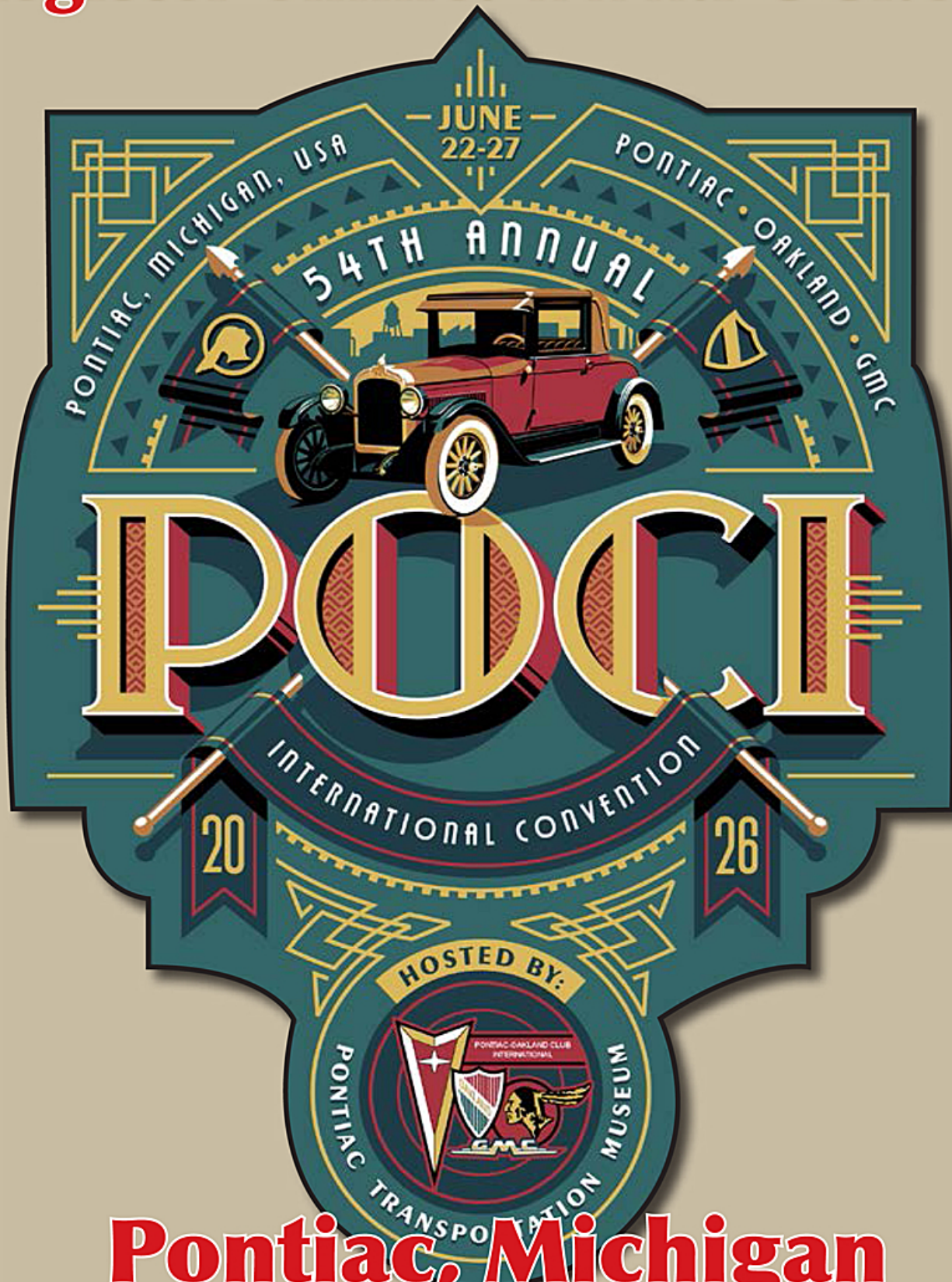
1996 Pontiac Firebird Formula WS6 Ram Air. Was owned by a good friend here in Sierra Vista. It was the first Pontiac purchased from Lawley Pontiac dealership that year. It's still on

the original title with every piece of paperwork starting with the original window sticker. It has always been garaged, in the same garage since the day it came home. 40K original miles and is absolutely like new. Even the original carpeted floor mats look perfect. Loaded, quick, and a great collector. More photos available. Asking \$17,800. Randy Redmond, (520) 456-4815.



WANTED: Tilt steering column to fit 1966 full-size Pontiac. Also Factory service manuals for a 2007 Grand Prix, Dave Green, 520-904-7325.

Register online! www.POCI.org



Pontiac, Michigan

A once-in-a-lifetime event that celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Pontiac automobile!

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