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**Meeting time September 9th 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!

Hopefully this hot weather will soon subside and we'll get into a milder weather pattern in time for car show season!

Meanwhile, let's get ready and dust off those Ponchos and GMCs.

I have experienced a number of personal health challenges in the past few weeks but I am working through everything.

Thom has lots of news to share at tomorrow's meeting at Maria Bonita's, so please don't miss it!
I'll see ya there.

Dave

Happy Birthday.

Jim Shorten September 6

Bill Speer September 7

David Kinn II September 20

Pam Tankersley September 22

Anniversaries.

**Randy & Carol Willard
September 2**

Brian & Cheri Baird September 12

**Whitney & Karen Lynch
September 23**

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

OFFICIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES:

**20th Annual Tucson Classics at Gregory
School, 3231 N. Craycroft Road in Tucson,
Sat, October 24th. Show registration is now
filled.**

-8th Annual Truly Nolen Community Car Show,
Williams Center Headquarters (SW of
Broadway/Craycroft) in Tucson, Sat, Nov 14th.
Free to participate. Club rendezvous
location/arrival time to be announced.

-"100 Years of Pontiac Customs, Rods &
Concepts" at Rolling Thru Time Auto Museum,
4850 S. Park Ave, Tucson. Special indoor
centennial vehicle display plus scheduled
seminars. Six days only: Nov 27-28-29 (Fri-Sun)
and Dec 3-4-5th (Thu-Sat). Watch for email blast
with more details.

- "Pontiac-GMC Cruise-In Under the Lights" in parking lot of Rolling Thru Time Auto Museum, 4850 S. Park Ave, Tucson. Free! All models/years. Dash Plaques, Food Trucks, Valve Cover Racing. Sat, Nov 28th (times to be announced).

- Arizona Chapter POCI Annual Holiday Party 2026 at Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, Sunday, December 13th, 2-5pm. Reservations required. Theme, details and cost to be announced.

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.

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT THOM SHERWOOD



Two Major Announcements For You!

An all-new monthly meeting place is on our club's horizon, and plans are being laid to celebrate Pontiac's Centennial... right here in Tucson!

After holding our monthly Second-Wednesday chapter meetings at the exact same address on Fort Lowell Road for more than 20 years, our club will soon enter a new phase as we prepare to gather at an all-new location beginning next month. *More on that big news in just a moment...*

But first, please know we've got **one more meeting planned at our long-running Maria Bonita Mexican Kitchen location**. That happens this week, on Wednesday, September 9th. Yes, this midtown location has served our needs quite well for many years, but our Board has decided to wrap things up there after this month's meeting. Please be sure

to attend as we'll have our usual great entertainment along with some valuable door prizes and a 50/50 cash raffle for attendees. Make plans to join us there for dinner at 5:30pm.

So, where will our group meeting begin next month? Look for us at **Rudy's Country Store and BBQ!** The date will be Wednesday, October 14th, at which time we'll return to our much preferred "arrive to eat between 6-7pm" time slot. Meetings there will be called to order at 7:00pm inside their ample-size private *Party Room*. Look for all the details on the new location elsewhere in this edition of *HOT AIR*.

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TOP: Thom greets Brian and MaryAnn Ray during the P-100 events in Michigan. Many years ago, Brian was stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson while also serving as one of our Arizona Chapter #29 officers. **ABOVE:** POCI Chapter Night attendees in Michigan included (standing, from left) Sue & Pete Romeo, Thom Sherwood, Jack Johnson & Cat Lanigan; seated are Sue & Dave Green and Richard & Valerie Johnson. Missing from photo are Mary Sundberg, Bill Speer, Paul Waer and Keith & Jane Collier.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Our second piece of **big news** involves an all-new activity that coincides with Pontiac's ongoing 2026 Centennial celebrations. This will involve a special display of ten Pontiacs on temporary display inside Tucson's **Rolling Thru Time Auto Museum**, plus an associated **"All-Pontiac/GMC Cruise-in Under the Lights"** outdoors in the museum's main parking lot. Various details are still being worked out, so be sure to watch for a series of email blasts that will provide specifics in the coming weeks.

The special automotive display that will come together inside the museum will be promoted as **"100 Years of Pontiac Customs, Rods & Concepts."** Entries are limited to ten vehicles (one from each decade), and will be selected by jury to assure an appropriate cross-section of customized Pontiac models. This gathering happens just after the Thanksgiving holiday, and will be open to the public for two weekends only beginning Friday, November 27th. Watch for our upcoming flyer for exact dates, times and further details including special onsite seminars and activities.

The Cruise-in mentioned above will specifically be hosted by our chapter on Saturday, November 28th. Participation in this event, which is limited to Pontiacs and GMC Trucks only, will be free to all. Dash plaques will be provided and spectators can expect an onsite food truck plus the debut of Rick Unterseh's *Valve Cover Race Track* (start building your entries now)! Further details will be discussed at our Second-Wednesday chapter meetings.

BELOW: *At the P-100 convention in Michigan, we attempted to gather participating POCI members from Arizona Chapter #29 and Valley of the Sun Chapter #107. This photo, posed outside the Oakland Expo Center, was snapped on Saturday, June 27th.*

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

TUCSON CLASSICS IS NOW FULLY BOOKED!

One-dozen members from our chapter have pre-registered their Pontiac or GMC Truck for display at the **20th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show**. Registration for this popular event is now completely filled; no further entries are being accepted. Look for our club display at The Gregory School on Saturday, October 24th, at 3231 N. Craycroft. A \$10 per person donation at the gate provides each spectator with a chance to win the grand raffle prize, a 2026 Corvette.

TRULY NOLEN COMMUNITY CAR SHOW

Truly Nolen's 8th Annual Community Car Show will once again be held at their Training Center headquarters in Williams Center Plaza near Broadway and Craycroft in Central Tucson. There is no cost to participate. Online pre-registration is *optional*, but as of this writing, has not yet begun. Our club's official participation on Saturday, November 14th will be coordinated by **Eric Hahn**. Watch for our rendezvous time and location details to be published soon.

HOLIDAY PARTY DATE CONFIRMED

Our chapter's popular annual **holiday party and buffet** has been confirmed for Sunday afternoon, December 13th, 2026. We will once again return to the Viscount Suites Hotel in Central Tucson. This year's special theme and menu will be announced in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, be sure to save this new date!



MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

LAST MONTH'S SHOW & TELL MEETING

The "Show & Tell" held during last month's meeting brought out some of the most unique items we've seen in the many years our chapter has held this annual summertime member-participation event. Highlights were numerous, including a variety of vintage snapshots, stories, and scale die-casts, a personalized Bonneville Salt Flats race helmet (**Les Jarvis**), a Bonneville land speed trophy (**Mark Hanson**), classic WWII-era Pontiac magazine ads (**Bill Schoening**), an Indy Fiero photo feature magazine clipping (**John Francen**), two screen-used movie props (**Thom Sherwood**), and even a freshly cut geode stone (**Bill Speer**). Thanks to all who participated!

THIS MONTH: 54th Annual POCI CONVENTION RECAP, Part 1

At our upcoming September 9th meeting at Maria Bonita's, **Thom** will present a slide show covering portions of this year's big P-100 convention in Pontiac, Michigan. Included will be images from the *Welcome Party*, *POCI Chapter Night*, *Friday Evening Pontiac-GMC Parade through Downtown*, and the *Pontiac Star Car Reunion*. Coverage of the convention's Points-Judged and Popular Vote car shows is planned for *next month* (at Rudy's BBQ) with photography from **Dave Green** and **Jack Johnson**.

A NEW MEETING LOCATION IN OCTOBER!

Rudy's Country Store & BBQ is located at 2130 E. Ajo Way, on the south side of Tucson, where Interstate 10 intersects with Kino Boulevard. Even though this immediate area is currently under road construction, it remains navigable. If you are not familiar with this area, it is recommended that you give yourself plenty of time to find us there prior to heading out for your first visit, happening one month from now... It will be worth your while!

Rudy's offers a nice variety of meats (chicken, turkey, pork, beef and brisket, each sold by the pound as an entrée or as a sandwich) plus an à la carte selection of tasty side items and desserts. As you approach the front counter, a clerk will take your order and assemble everything on a serving tray. Self-serve fountain drinks, utensils, napkins and condiments are found just beyond the cashier station. (Note that bottled beverage offerings, including beer, are also available.)

With tray in hand, make your way towards the restaurant's *Party Room*, a large, comfortable, private space (pictured below) that will be reserved for our group. That room is located at the end of the hallway just beyond the restrooms. Parking is available on all four sides of the building.



As part of our agreement with Rudy's management, and in lieu of a room rental charge, each attending member is expected to order dinner from the menu. We appreciate your understanding!

KEVIN CHRISTIANSEN'S 1986 GMC 4x4 DONATED TO CLUB, TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

Donna Christiansen has made a gracious donation to the Arizona Chapter #29! Following the recent death of her husband, chapter member **Kevin Christiansen**, she has graciously donated his original-owner 1986 GMC Suburban 2500 4x4 to our group. Our Board has gratefully accepted this gift and will soon begin advertising it nationally (*Smoke Signals*, etc), in hopes of finding a buyer who will treasure it as much as Kevin did in his 40 years of ownership. Vice President **Jack Johnson** has stepped-up to coordinate the sale of the truck. We will be considering sincere cash offers through January 31, 2027. A portion of the proceeds from the sale will go to a to-be-determined charity in Kevin's name. Interested buyers should contact Jack directly at (602) 576-6512 (Tucson).



Kevin purchased this GMC Suburban new in 1986.



SEEN AT THE PONTIAC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM'S P-100 OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Here are just a few of our friends, acquaintances and key POCI figures who were seen at the Pontiac Transportation Museum's Open House during the June 22-27, 2026 PMD Centennial Celebration in Pontiac, Michigan. **ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Fiero expert Fred Bartemeyer joins Richard & Valerie Johnson in the museum's "Fiero Pit"; Jeff Sawruk and partner Jennifer pose with the rare 1971 1/2 GT-37 that was owned by his dad, the late Pontiac historian and PMD engineer John Sawruk (Jeff, as you may recall, was one of our seminar presenters in Tucson during the 2023 Western Region POCI Roundup); PTM unveiled their commemorative brick paver display outside of the museum's new entrance. Pavers include tributes (donations) from the Arizona Chapter as well as for Mary Sundberg's late husband Gary who was one of our earliest chapter members in the Phoenix area. **BELOW, FROM LEFT:** Paul and Marjo Prinzing of Michigan have twice attended our Tucson meetings and are expected to visit us once again this coming winter; Here is POCI Club Office Manager Paul Bergstrom, the friendly voice that you encounter on the telephone should you ever need to call about your national POCI membership status; POCI International Directors Graham Weber and Lars-Ingvar Elofson flew in from England and Sweden respectively. Lars operates a museum dedicated solely to 1958 Pontiacs.



FOR SALE AND WANTED

September 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: 1969 Firebird 400, builder; 1979 Trans Am, driver condition, \$14,800; 1978 Trans Am SE, T-tops, builder, \$8,500; 1978 Trans Am, Solar Gold, T-Tops, builder, \$8,000. Bill Speer (520) 490-9097 Tucson.

FOR SALE: 1965 LeMans convertible (GTO clone). 4-speed, 389, AC, restored. Make offer in the \$30-40K range. Jahn Saczko, email: jsaczko@icloud.com or 520-461-2603.

FOR SALE: 1985 Firebird Trans Am GTA. No engine/trans, needs lots of TLC. Jack Johnson, 602-576-6512 (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

PARTS FOR SALE:

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:

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. Dave Green alpdavegre@msn.com 520-904-7325.

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

WANTED: 1969 or 1970 GTO Judge. Bill Speer, 520-490-9097.

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)



San Diego Chapter of POCI

Cops & Rodders

FALL POW WOW

Sunday, September 20th, 2026



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Contact JC Dumas
619-405-6319

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Year, Make, Model: _____ / _____ / _____
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By execution of this registration form, the above named entrant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Pontiac Oakland Club International, Chapter S8, the San Diego Police Museum, the San Diego Unified Port district, Seaport Village, the Embarcadero, and their agents and employees respectively from any and all liability, including attorney's fees, by personal injury, death or property damage arising from participation in this event.