Pontiacs of the Valley

January 2026 | Newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club
Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Next club meeting is Jan. 21 at Rudy's Country Store/BBQ

Register for BOPC+GMC '26 at club meeting tonight!

Pontiackers make a difference for flood victims

$8,000 donation to auto repair shops in Globe, Miami greeted with thanks, gratitude

Valley dwellers are familiar with monsoon rains and big dust storms. But people living in the Arizona mining towns of Globe and Miami will tell you about a different kind of weather system that pummelled and trashed their towns last September.

Homes and businesses were destroyed during the Sept. 26 storm, vehicles swept away and 3 people died, leaving behind an estmated $20 million in damage in Gila and Mohave counties. Despite the damage, the area was denied financial assistance for the recovery from the federal government, which determined the towns didn't have enough damage to quality for disaster relief funding.

(top) Club president Paul Albinger talks about the club donation and asked shop owners to tell their story. (right) Pontiacs that made the trip.

On Jan. 17, over 25 members and families of our Valley of the Sun Pontiac Club caravaned east to the town of Globe, meeting at its historic train station with local residents, shop owners and the media where we presented $8,000 in club and individual donations to 4 automotive shops hit by the flooding.

Club members got a first-hand view of the devastation from secuity camera footage and personal stories from the shop owners. Checks for $2,000 each were presented to Finest Auto, Al's Automotive, Fuller Fabrications, and 60 Motors, whose owners, Don and Angela Earven, invited club members into their shop and showed video footage from the damage cause by the storm. Thanks to club president Paul Albinger for organizing this fundraiser and those who contributed. The Arizona chapter of POCI also donated $250.

Check out more photos and videos from the event on our club Facebook page and stories in the Globe Miami Times at www.globemiamitimes.com/globe-flood-0925/

Join us for our next club meeting!!

The meeting is being held Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, starting with dinner at 5:30 pm, and the meeting at 7 pm. The address is 15257 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale.

Rudy's REAL TEXAS BAR-B-Q

Cars and Parts for Sale by Club Members

1969 Bonneville Coupe. 70,000 miles. Asking $34,500. Contact John Pinto at: jpintoii@hotmail.com

1972 Pontiac Grand Prix custom convertible. Asking $75,000. Contact Gary Derner at: geesderner@yahoo.com

1951 Pontiac Chieftan Deluxe. Asking $60,000. Contact: Joel Hernandez at xmarinero01@yahoo.com

Original gas tank from 1972 Pontiac GTO, comes with straps. Asking $100. Radiator from same car. Asking $125. Both in good condition. Contact Robert Mock at nashmetro57@aol.com

Pontiack-ing in the New Year!

New Date: Sunday, Jan. 25!

Join your fellow club members on our annual New Year's Day Cruise as we celebrate the start of 2026!

Destination: Jakes Corner Bar and Grill
57564 AZ-188, Payson, AZ

When: **Sunday, Jan. 25**

Meet-Up: **We Ko Pa RV Park (Eagle View RV Resort), 9605 N. Fort McDowell Road, Fort McDowell.**

Time: **10 am**

We will gather our Pontiacs for a mini car show and parade through the resort before heading up the Beeline Highway to Jakes. Light snacks, coffee provided.

Must RSVP no later than Jan. 23 so we have enough tables at Jake's!

RSVP to VSP Board member Valarie Johnson (vallynne1959@gmail.com)

It's Holiday Party Time!

Come join us for our annual holiday party
and monthly meeting as we celebrate our club's growth,
our Pontiac family, and share details on activities for 2026.

When: Saturday, Feb. 7

Where: Social Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church
11300 N. 64th Street, Scottsdale

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm; Club Meeting at 2:00 pm

RSVP to Mark Neumann (markneumann16@gmail.com) or
Mary Sundberg (garyandmary59@cox.net)

Members and one guest are free; extra friends or family - $15/person

President's Message

FAMILY. This past weekend I heard that word 3 times, defining 3 unique groups by other people.

I had the honor and pleasure to "cruise" with members of our club to Globe on Saturday Jan 17th, to present flood

Valley of the Suns Pontiac Club drives to Globe to support flood-hit auto shops

BY LINDA GROSS

Twenty-two members of the Valley of the Suns Pontiac Club rolled into Globe on Saturday morning, parking their classic cars in front of the iron Train Depot to deliver something even more meaningful than horsepower: help for four local automotive shops still recovering from the September flood.

The club—more than 200 members strong and part of the international POCI (Pontiac Open Club International), the second-largest affiliate worldwide—drew donations from members across Arizona and as far away as Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada. Their purpose, said Vice President Mark Newman, is simple: "to promote classic cars, the automotive community, and preserve the Classic Car brand—a huge part of U.S. history."

When members saw the devastation in Globe-Miami, they decided they didn't want to "just talk about it." They wanted to act.

Working with Blue and Lisa Sair, who helped identify affected businesses, club members personally contributed to a relief fund that the club then matched—bringing the total to $8,000. Their sister club in Tucson also joined the effort.

"Without the help of Blue and Lisa, who spent hours helping us identify and connect with the local businesses, we couldn't have done this," Newman said.

Four local shops received $2,000 each from the club. As one of the club members said as he presented the check, "A lot of times when we're driving cross-country and something breaks, it's the small towns and the small shops that bail us out and get us back on the road, so just know we appreciate you."

All of the recipients thanked the club and acknowledged the sense of community shared by each of them as many stepped up right after the flooding to lend a hand. Still, it's a daily challenge.

When asked how his shop was doing now, nearly four months later, Nader joked, "We're in a canoe, not a speedboat, but we're moving."

Al's Automotive – accepted by Al and Susie Nader.

Miami's Finest – accepted by Jerry Lopez.

Fuller Industries – accepted by Leland Fuller.

60's Motors – accepted by Don and Angela Earven.

Saturday's gathering underscored a truth well known here in Globe-Miami: when disaster strikes, community doesn't stop at city limits. With their visit, the Valley of the Suns Pontiac Club bridged the distance between big-city hobbyists and small-town businesses fighting to get back on their feet—showing that the strength of the automotive world lies not just in its machines, but in the people willing to lift one another up.

The Pontiac Club raised $8,000 for four local businesses and drove up Saturday to present checks.

LINDA GROSS

(above) *60 Motors* owner Don and Angela Earven opened up their shop and shared details and security camera footage on how the storm ripped through their building, including damage from dozens of propane tanks that broke loose from a storage area. (left) The remains of a car pulled from the creek bed. Our cruise got headlines (left) in the *Globe-Miami Times.*

disaster relief funds raised by club members to 4 deserving recipients. Each described how the community came from all around to help the area after flooding last September devastated their town. They each expressed their gratitude to us. All of them were so gracious.

One expressed his thanks to the people of Globe, whether they were affected by the floods or not. Everyone gave whatever they could from money to supplies to labor to help to be a part of the recovery, no matter how large or how small. He stated the people of Globe and Miami came together as a FAMILY.

Another expressed his gratitude to his automotive friends who were at the presentation. Four auto repair shops received money, and others that didn't were there to support them. He said even though they were competitors, they were FAMILY and described how others who received major damage as well those who had no damage, came and helped him out before taking care of their own problems. Then they went together and over the days following, helped each other out until the initial clean-up was completed. Globe and Miami now have an automotive FAMILY.

Finally, one of the recipients described our club as a FAMILY. "There was no reason the Valley Of The Sun Pontiacs had to do what they did" in raising $8000 to help them, other than that we cared. "You are a "CARING FAMILY" that the people of Globe and Miami are proud to be a part of." So, YES, we are a "FAMILY." We should be proud, honored, and thankful. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who participated in the fund raising efforts by reaching in your pockets and sharing with those who needed it. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who cruised to Globe for the presentation and spent money in the community. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped in any way.

Paul

Paul Albinger, Jr

PONTIACS AT THE Strip SHOW AND DRAGS

LAS VEGAS

4TH ANNUAL

MAR 27-29 2026

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A **Sub Event** of the HUGE **23rd Annual MUSCLE CARS at the STRIP and Battle of the Brands!**

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Chuck Grohs: chuck@airtecgases.com (702) 604-4592

The Fabulous Las Vegas Chapter of POCI

New members welcome!! Call Chuck for info.

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE at www.MATSLV.com
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EVENT PROMOTER: Phil Painter • (702) 256-8254 • phil@matslv.com

OLDSMOBILE ~ PONTIAC ~ CADILLAC ~ GMC ~ BUICK

28TH BOPC SHOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 AM - 3:00PM

NOW WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION

EAST VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1601 W. MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

Valley of the Sun PONTIACS Phoenix Arizona

evit COLLEGE AND CAREER

SOME PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOW WILL SUPPORT THE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT EVIT

SEE BACK FOR REGISTRATION OR **VALLEYSUNPONTIACS.COM**

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:
MIKE AT (843-860-0791), MWFLEURY@BELLSOUTH.NET

- TO PRE-REGISTER ON-LINE USE THIS QR CODE or URL LINK BELOW:

https://carshowpro.com/event/2831

- TO PRE-ORDER SHIRTS / RAFFLE TICKETS USE THIS QR CODE or URL LINK BELOW:

https://form.jotform.com/252938296906169

DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION:

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

SHOW CONTACTS:

GENERAL SHOW: Carl - 480-507-0331, cabylander@outlook.com

REGISTRATION: Mike - 843-860-0791, mwfleury@bellsouth.net

SWAP MEET: Dan - 602-677-3710, hd_roadkingman@yahoo.com

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	CADILAC	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

Don't miss a club activity!

Here is what we have on the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs schedule for 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. 7 (Club Holiday Party), March 18, April 15, May 20

Jan. 25: New Years Cruise to Jakes Corner (coordinator: Board member Valerie Johnson; RSVP to her at vallynne1959@gmail.com. See flyer for details.
Feb 7: Club Post-Holiday Party, Blessed Sacrament Church, Scottsdale (coordinators: Board members Mark Neumann and Mary Sundberg). See flyer for details.
Feb. 14: Car Clinic at Frank Gostyla's and Pontiac Night at Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers
March 6-8: Midnight at the Oasis Car Show, Yuma (coordinator: Board member Tom Locke)
March 13-16: Good Guys SW Nationals, Westworld
March 22: Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac+GMC Car Show and Swap Meet, EVIT Campus, Mesa (see flyer for info on registering online).
March 27-29: Muscle Cars on the Strip, Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Info: Rick Unterseh (480-570-5583; nhra7769@gmail.com) or see Muscle Cars on the Strip Facebook page.

- **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 shows around the Valley. If you want to add an event, or are not receiving his emails, contact Owen at owenzangle@gmail.com

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