



Pontiacs of the Valley

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

Next club meeting is Sept. 16

Rim Country Cruise, POCI National Convention, Watson Lake car show this month!

That's a wrap!

Final meeting of year highlights new officers, board members; Hagerty speaker



Our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club wrapped up its last monthly meeting of the 2025-26 season on May 20, announcing new officers and board members and reviewing Pontiac events coming this summer.

Attendees also enjoyed a talk from local Hagerty Insurance rep Russ Beyer (left) on the company's offerings and how to manage claims. Beyer also entertained members with Pontiac trivia and handed out prizes.

The new Board and officers elected by the membership are

expected to meet sometime in July to begin planning for the 2026-27 year. That discussion will include details on our participation as staff for the Good Guys events, the Silver Classic Car Auction (slated for January 2027), and planning for our other club activities like Pontiac Nights, Car Clinics, Annual Party, BOPC, Pontiacs at the Strip, Midnight at the Oasis, Adopt-A-Highway, and other events.

The 2026-27 officers and Board members include:

President: Paul Albinger

Vice-President/Newsletter Editor: David Hutchinson*

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Mike Fleury

Board of Directors: Bruce Almond, Frank Gostyla, Tom Knecht,
Dave Koenig, Vinnie LaMacchia*, Tom Locke, Larry McCown,
Tom Mohr, Mary Sundberg

Stay tuned to our weekly activities update and club website (valleysunpontiacs.com) for upcoming events!

*New officers or Board members

Welcome new members to our Pontiac club!

Andy Fischer

Howard Schutter

New Member Spotlight

1963 Grand Prix – *Howard Schutter*



My car is a 1963 Grand Prix with factory air conditioning, a 4 speed manual transmission, power steering and brakes, power windows and a tri-power equipped 389 engine (330 hp). All the sheet metal is original as is the interior upholstery.

The car was built near Riverside CA and was moved to AZ shortly after purchase. The car is currently garaged at my home in Sun City Festival.



Over the past year, we added 50 new members to the Valley of the Sun Pontiac club! See list below.

Club Adopt-A-Highway Program needs a new manager!

Hundreds of pounds of garbage have been collected by club members who have volunteered a day in the spring and fall to clean up a mile along the Apache Trail as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program.

After serving as trusty managers of the cleanup for many years, club members Tim and June Smith are ready to hand over the reins to a new leader.

If you enjoy doing your part to help keep Arizona clean, and working with other like-minded volunteers, let us know if you can take on this leadership role to organize our pickups twice a year. Trash pickers, safety vests, and the ADOT "blue bags" are provided for volunteers and the club treats all workers to lunch at Tortilla Flat afterwards!

Interested? Contact Mark Neumann at 602-653-5074 or markneumann16@gmail.com





Cruz'n the Rim Car Show

Saturday, June 6th 9 am - 3 pm

Frontier Field 650 N 9th Place, Show Low

More info: Contact Valley of the Sun Board member Dave Koenig at 602-571-8496 for meetup information. For registration info, write to

cruznttherim@gmail.com

Veep's Message

Our president, Paul Albinger, graciously gave me his column space this month in “Pontiacs of the Valley.” It’s my last issue as editor and wraps up my term as vice-president of the club.

I’ve held some type of office over the years in our Valley Pontiac clubs – serving as secretary, president and newsletter editor for our original Cactus GTO Club and then as secretary and vice-president for Valley of the Sun Pontiacs after we merged. It has been a blast, and look forward to helping David Hutchinson fill those shoes moving forward.

I greatly appreciate the award I received at the club meeting in May (above) – special thanks to Paul for providing club leadership. His Trans Am-style Pontiac Torrent is one for the ages!

As long as I am still in the Valley, I’ll continued to be involved in helping the club. And you should, too. Our club is only as good as we all make it. Lend a hand in leading car cruises and as the host of events we put on each year for members. Volunteer as a judge for our BOPC show. Take a shift or two manning our Good Guys swap meet space or helping us with operations. Help clean up our state by coming to an Adopt-A-Highway event or lead this special project.

Your officers and Board members are great leaders who put in a lot of volunteer time to make this club – now over 240 members – a success. It doesn’t take much time for you to be part of that effort.

Our POI/Pontiac chapter has shown steady growth since forming in 2022 (see graph at right). In 2023, we received Chapter of the Year honors from POI.

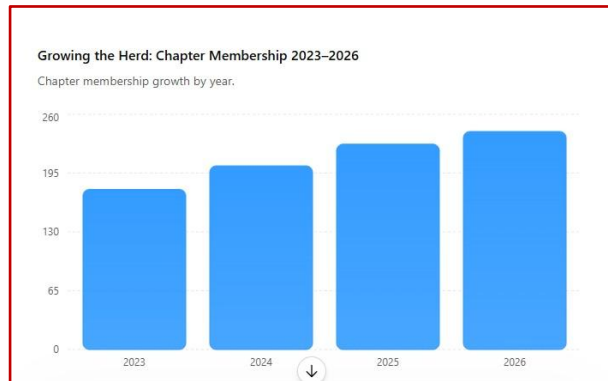
“More excitement...”

I’ll wrap up my column with a fun story that, to the chagrin of my wonderful wife Heather, starts with the motto: “There is always room for one more...”

That’s because the wonderful thing about going to club outings and hanging out will fellow Pontiacers is finding a sense of vindication – that when you start thinking aloud that you should stop buying Pontiacs, you find someone who has more than you. Then you realize it’s all good.

Feeling a sense of nostalgia with our celebration this year of the 100th anniversary of Pontiac, I bought a 1976 Grand Prix at the MAG Classic Car Auction in Salem, Oregon. It was Pontiac’s 50th anniversary in 1976, so they came out with a special gold-painted Hurst Edition, with matching gold inserts on the Rallye IIs. This car was upgraded to the SJ option, which includes the 455 and the T-tops as part of the package. About 5,000 Hurst Edition GPs were sold that year by Pontiac.

One of the guys we worked with us at MAG’s Scottsdale auctions, Rodney Stokes, had commissioned this car from his own Texas collector





car business for the Salem auction, and he gave me the details. I then had a friend look at the car in person, and struck a deal with a member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of POCI, Pat Bougher, to hold and store the car for a short time if I won the bid (another plus we have as a member of POCI: networking with Pontiacers across the country!). She lives in Salem.

Via telephone, and watching the bidding online on YouTube, I walked through the bidding carefully, knowing my limit. But it was exciting to hear "You won it!" from Rodney at \$21,500 after he had lifted the reserve.

The car was mine – now, how to get it home?

After some recommendations from our club members (our Facebook page is a great source for info like this) I settled on Montway Transport for an enclosed trailer (Reliable Transport was in the running but it would have been at least 4 weeks without being able to get a specific date for pickup). I rolled the dice on Montway – like most carriers, they are a broker that contracts jobs out to other auto transit companies. But everything went well (and I saved \$1,000 over the cost for Reliable) and the car arrived within a week.

After shoehorning it into my garage (she's a lot of sheet metal), I did an oil change and radiator flush. It runs well, but will need front end rehab, new tires, and an A/C tuneup. I see some rust that will need to be addressed too. But everything works, and I love driving it with those T-tops off. No major repairs planned over the summer, as I work to get my '70 GTO finished and tidy up some things on my '04 Bonneville GXP.



So, always remember: "There is always room for just (I'll let you fill in the blank) more..."

Have a great summer! See you in Pontiac, MI for the POCI Convention!

Mark

Mark Neumann

Parts for sale

1970's era Pontiac 8-Track player. Will fit any GTO/Firebird/Grand Prix. Model 72FT41 Restored in April 2026 by The Radio Doctor in Phoenix. Some of the brackets included in the price. Price \$390.



>1970's era Pontiac AM/FM Stereo Radio. Model 02 GFM1 Removed from a 1970 Grand Prix. Restored by The Radio Doctor in April. Price \$550. Contact: Michael Jewell at 602-916-3391; email: jewellmichael57@gmail.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



BOPC+GMC '26: Valley of the Sun Pontiac Winners

Class/Trophy	Winner	Car
Custom Pontiac/1st	Joel and Mona Hernandez	1951 Chieftain
Unrestored Pontiac/1 st	LeVi Boucher	1969 Catalina
Solstice/1 st	Phil Collins	2009 GXP
GTO (1964-65)/1 st	Bruce Almond	1965 GTO
GTO (1964-65)/2nd	Don Patterson	1965 GTO
GTO 1966-67/1st	Rick Cowley	1967 GTO
GTO/Judge 1968-69/1st	Patrick Fykes	1969 GTO
GTO/Judge 1970-74/1st	Bruce Brady	1970 Judge
GTO/Judge 1970-74/2nd	Don Patterson	1970 Judge
GTO 2004-06/2nd	Mark Neumann	2006 GTO
Firebird/TA 1967-69/1st	Pete Senese	1969 Firebird
Firebird/TA 1967-69/2nd	Brian Mattson	1969 Trans Am
Firebird/TA 1970-75/1st	Scott Moore	1970 Trans Am
Firebird/TA 1970-75/2nd	Corey Mattson	1971 Firebird
Firebird/TA 1976-78/1st	Sean Fowler	1978 Trans Am
Firebird/TA 1976-78/2nd	Marc Shutro	1978 Trans am
Firebird/TA 1979-81/1st	Alan Zangle	1979 Trans Am
Firebird/TA 1979-81/2nd	Philip Gelb	1980 Trans Am
Firebird/TA 1982-1992/2nd	Steve LeMans	1983 Firebird SE
50s Pontiacs/1st	Dave Bertram	1958 Bonneville
Big Pontiacs, 1965-69/2nd	Paul Waer	1966 Ventura
Big Pontiacs, 1970s/1st	Eric Hankins	1972 Grand Prix
Big Pontiacs. 1970s/2nd	Michael Lamberth	1977 CanAm
1980s and Newer/G6/G8/2nd	D Kevin Semenuk	2007 G6

See our newest photo galleries of Valley of the Sun Pontiac club events in 2025-26 at

www.valleysunpontiacs.com/gallery.php

- BOPC+GMC Show// Club Holiday Party

- Cruise to Phil's Filling Station // AZ Chapter 45th Anniversary Party-Casa Grande

Thank you to our webmaster Scott Svenheim for his work this year in maintaining our website!

San Diego Chapter of POCI

Cops & Rodders

FALL POW WOW

Sunday, September 20th, 2026



Sanctioned by the San Diego Association of Car Clubs

**JOIN THE SAN DIEGO PONTIAC CLUB & THE SAN DIEGO POLICE MUSEUM
SAN DIEGO EMBARCADERO NORTH SEAPORT VILLAGE
SET UP 7AM. SHOW 9 TO 2, ENTRY FEE: \$35.00**

Send to: Susan Dumas, PO Box 1221, Poway CA 92074.- Make checks payable to "SDPOCI"

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Year, Make, Model: _____ / _____ / _____
YEAR MAKE MODEL

PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB

51st Annual

Watson Lake Car Show



Celebrating 100 Years of the Mother Road
June 13th and 14th, 2026
Prescott, AZ



**Car Show, Trophies & Raffles,
Parts Exchange/Swap Meet & Old Engine Fire-up area**

For Sale Car Corral, Food Vendors

Sunday is First Responder Day

Event Times and General Admission

8 am Saturday & Sunday

Wristband event: General Admission \$7 per person

Good for Both Days **\$\$ CASH ONLY \$\$**

12 and under free w/paid adult admission. Free parking

Sunday Only: Active First Responders Free w/ID

For information Go to: www.paacaz.com



Welcome new Valley of the Sun Pontiacs members in 2025-2026!

Jordan Stastny	Harry Johnson	Rod Winegarner	Harold Legreid
Rick Gamboa	Michelle McAdams	Edward Gurski	Kevin Hopstaken
Phil Pelura	David Tewksbury	Michael Slone	Ron Kitowski
Don Maggiore	Eric Hankins	Michael DiGirolamo	Jeff Miller
Shano Sancibrian	George Chapes	Curt Newman	D'Arcy Wells
Tim Meyer	Calvin Johnson	Olivia Templeton	John Anderson
Dallas Berger	Nick Matrich	Gary Blythe	Melissa Martin
Randy Klinckhardt	Anthony Spinozza	Levi Boucher	Ian Parr
Chris Randall	Brad Benson	Emmanuel Furconi	David Green
Douglas Hanson	Jay McClatchey	Doug Payne	Fred Reese
Harry Roers	Don Weston	Bryan Greene	Mark Delano Ron
Johnson	Joe Ruize	Mike Metcalfe	Andy Fischer
Howard Schutter			



It's the 100th Anniversary of Pontiac in 2026...check out these national events to celebrate!

June 4-6; June 2-7: 26th Annual Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge/Bandit Run. Pigeon Forge, TN. (Info: <https://pontiacsinpigeonforge.com>; <https://www.thebanditrun.com/>)
June 22-27: 54th Annual Pontiac-Oakland Club International Annual Convention, Pontiac, MI (Info: www.poci.org)
July 7-11: 47th Annual GTO Association of America National Convention, Loveland, CO (Info: www.gtoaa.org/convention)
July 17-19: Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals, Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, OH (Info: www.pontiacnationals.com)
August 28-30: 41st Annual Trans Am Nationals, Fairborn, OH. (Info: email tanationals@tanationals.org)
November 21-22: Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL (Info: <https://www.mcacn.com/>)

54th Annual **POCI** International Convention

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
JUNE 22-27, 2026

"Home for the Hundredth"
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF PONTIAC-MOTOR-DIVISION

CONVENTION UPDATES AT WWW.POCI.ORG
FOR MORE INFO CALL THE CLUB OFFICE 763-479-2111



- TOURS
- SEMINARS
- SWAP MEET
- 100TH ANNIV. PARADE
- POINTS-JUDGED SHOW
- POPULAR VOTE SHOW
- GUEST SPEAKERS
- CAR RAFFLE GIVEAWAY!
(YES, IT'S A PONTIAC!)
- FREE ADMISSION TO
MUSEUM FOR REGISTRANTS
- CRUISE WOODWARD AVE.
- AND MUCH MORE

PONTIAC

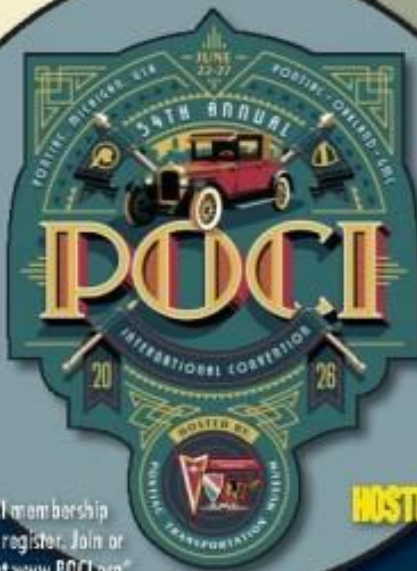


WELCOMING ALL YEARS
OF PONTIACS, OAKLANDS
AND GMC TRUCKS!



**HOSTED BY THE PONTIAC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
AND THE MICHIGAN POCI CHAPTERS**

Valid POCI membership
required to register. Join or
renew now at www.POCI.org





AWARD WINNING
SAN DIEGO PONTIAC
OAKLAND CLUB INT'L



May 2026

JOIN THE PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL (POCI)

We Invite You To Join!

Keeping The Pontiac Legacy Alive...

Formed in 1972 by a small group of enthusiasts who wanted to pool as much Pontiac and Oakland information as was possible, the first convention was held the following year in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Since then, POCI chapters have formed all over the country and POCI Conventions have been held every year in a variety of locations. The events include a car show, tech seminars, presentations, drag racing and a great swap meet. GMC trucks were included in 1998, due to their close relation to Pontiac.

The club's magazine, *Smoke Signals*, also started in 1972 and has evolved into a world-class, award-winning monthly that continues to raise the bar for non-commercial publications. *Smoke Signals* was redesigned in 2006 and again in 2013. Today, it is a 92 to 100-page, full-color publication printed on heavyweight paper and also comes in digital form.

We are very excited with the future of the Pontiac hobby and we invite you to join POCI and start receiving *Smoke Signals*. Please note that members get access to download our digital editions that go all the way back to 2006.

We welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMCs of any age or type to join us. Just use the membership form provided and get in on the action.

Whether you have an early Pontiac, a muscle-era GTO or Firebird, a full-sized Wide Tracker or late-model Trans Am, Solstice, or G8, we have a place for you and your car.

We thank you for your time and look forward to seeing you at a POCI event soon!

Annual Membership Fees

Worldwide Electronic-Membership

(downloadable version of Smoke Signals, no magazine is mailed): \$25

United States Membership: \$45

Outside of U.S. Membership: \$74

All memberships except E-memberships come with two free associate memberships. Associate members are spouse/significant other and/or a dependent child, 19 years old or younger living with you.

Join Online at www.poci.org -Visa, Mastercard, Discover accepted



Call the Club Office for more information
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