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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2026 President's Message

The weather is getting warmer and days are getting longer. Guess what else is heating up?? Car show season! There have already been a couple so far, but the next couple of months, the shows will really be kicking off'. I've been working on different little things on the GTO trying to get everything dialed in, so that all that will be needed is a little bit of elbow grease to be ready for the season. I can't wait to sit in a chair next to my car, in a park. LOL Boy, how life changes.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies organizing our monthly activities, January's meet up at Triangle Burger was great, although a little chilly. I'm sure the future activities will just keep getting better. It wasn't a huge turnout, as the Turlock swap meet was that same weekend. Everyone who went up North were missed, but we're all looking forward to this month's activity for sure!! A few folks brought out their Pontiacs since there was no rain in the forecast. Chilly days are a sure way to be able to cruise your vintage Pontiac and not have to worry about the one Achilles heel of the Arrowhead moniker... overheating!

I was a little embarrassed, as I wasn't able to bring any of my old cars. I'm still working out some gremlins in the GTO. After a complete revamp of the suspension and brake system, the car was on jack stands in the garage. My Firebird build has stalled, but it is pretty close to roaring back to life. Once that one gets back on the road, I don't know what will be worse, the fuel bill or my sore face from smiling ear to ear! My K5 Blazer's fuel pump went out too. Fortunately, it waited until I filled the tank, to die... since the fuel pump is in the tank, I guess it just wanted to present as much of a challenge as possible.

That's the beauty of owning these old beasts, there's always something to do to them. I love my new cars and trucks too, but who wants to just get into a car and drive to some mundane destination and not know whether you're going to make it down the street... I mean, what's the fun in that?? LOL

So, circling back to the car show stuff'. I'm hoping to have all three at our All GM Car Show this April. Just 2 months away!!! This is the final push to get as many sponsors as possible and as many cars registered as possible. The new online registration system is up and running, and working pretty well. If you haven't registered yet, it's a very easy and straightforward process. When you go to register, think about copying and pasting the registration to your personal social media accounts or put a link in your email signature.

You never know who may have a classic and hasn't heard about our show yet. The more we get the word out the better.

Also, we have finalized the Friday Night Cruise on April 24th. We are going to meet at Bicentennial Park at 5pm and leave at 5:30pm and cruise to Crow and Wolf Brewery. The Brewery's main entrance is on Spruce, but we have the street on the South side of the Brewery, Park Creek Drive closed for show participant parking. We will have a map of the cruise route for everyone when we meet at the park, just in case anyone gets separated and somehow doesn't have gps on their phone.

Until next time, keep the rubber side down,

James Schweer



PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Meeting Minutes January 2026

James Schweer called the meeting to order at 7pm. No guests were present. The Nov 2025 meeting minutes were discussed and approved as submitted.

Dave Valla reviewed the clubs' finances; He reminded everybody that 2026 dues were due. He discussed the agreement and requirements of the Wells Fargo Bank where the club checking account is. Nothing has changed and we still qualify for no service charges for the account.

John Berglund reviewed the status of the club's newsletter. Dennis Simonson has provided pictures and other information regarding the club's participation in the 2025 Veterans Day parade in Fresno. He asked members to try to send car related stories and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter. Stories about the Club are always good and may help in member recruitment.

Sheryl Hammons discussed the clubs FACEBOOK account; there is a lot of viewing and the most interest is in stories that are included on the site.

Bill Richards reviewed activities on the website. He stated that similar to the newsletter and FACEBOOK new content is always needed to keep interest in the site. Members articles are always good and help to keep the site fresh.

James asked John to review an available service regarding car show management that the club may benefit from. Car Show Pro is an online auto show management, registration, judging reporting web-based application designed to stream line and automate many of the tasks involved in hosting a car show. This service was discussed and costs reviewed. The consensus was that the service might help out in the management of our upcoming spring car show. The inclusion of the registration process was specifically discussed. It is a totally online process and provides direct feedback to the registrant including their show window placard. Motion by Bill Richards second by Dennis Baker and approved to enter into an agreement with Car Show Pro for services at our Spring 2026 Car Show.

The bathroom situation at the Clovis Bicentennial Park was discussed. The bathrooms have never been clean and ready for our car shows. Dennis Simonson discussed the use of a rental bathroom unit that has been used at other car shows. He stated the cost would be \$450 for the day of our show. He suggested that it be ordered right away if we were interested. Motion by Dean Russell second by Arnie Schweer and approved to contract with a provider in the amount of \$450 for bathroom rentals for the day of the Spring Car Show.

Club activities will now be coordinated by a committee that includes Jeannie King, Jan Bianche and Lori Sandelin. An information sheet that included some upcoming activities was distributed.

The January Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at the Four Seasons Chinese Food Restaurant in Clovis.

Attendance Drawing was won by James Schweer. He requested that it be placed into next month's drawing. Some late discussion was held that indicated a desire that the drawing be conducted only once at the conclusion of the meeting and the amount increased every month until somebody was actually present to win. This is similar to how it was done for many years before the new way was implemented by club vote a few years ago. A motion was made but this was very late and the actual meeting appeared to be over. The subject should be discussed at a future meeting. 🇵🇸

POCC OFFICERS

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Pontiacs of Central California Mission Statement:

OUR MISSION, FUN!!!

We are made up of a group of people with various backgrounds who have one thing in common, we LOVE **PONTIACS**. We drive 'em, work on 'em, polish 'em, restore 'em, break 'em (even cuss 'em) and have a lot of fun doing it. Be it an old '52 Chieftain straight-eight, a new WS6 Trans Am, or anything in between.

We are individuals, couples, and families that like to get together for a variety of activities. We host an annual judged car show and participate as a club in other local and regional car shows. We have informal BBQ Show and Shines and get together for Brunch and Dinner Cruises. We also attend the local Cruise Nights as a group. The cars in the club range from Concours cars, daily drivers, drag racers and cars undergoing restoration. Our goal is to have FUN while enjoying our **PONTIACS**.

***If this sounds like something you would enjoy,
JOIN US!!!***

***General Membership meetings are held on
the 2nd Monday of the month, at Yosemite
Falls in Granite Park at 7PM. interested
visitors are welcome.***



POCC Past Presidents

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|-------------------|-----------|
| James Schweer | 2025 |
| Andy Hoff | 2024 |
| Bill Richards | 2023 |
| Dennis Simonson | 2021-2022 |
| Andy Hoff | 2020 |
| Joel Garrett | 2019 |
| Frank Mascola | 2018 |
| Bill Richards | 2017 |
| Dennis Simonson | 2016 |
| Dean Davison | 2015 |
| Ron Berglund | 2014 |
| Bill Richards | 2013 |
| Keith Watts | 2012 |
| Jack Fusari | 2011 |
| Dave Valla | 2010 |
| Carl Smith | 2009 |
| Joel Garrett | 2008 |
| Greg Griggs | 2007 |
| Bill Richards | 2006 |
| Andy Hoff | 2004-2005 |
| Ron Berglund | 2003 |
| Joel Garrett | 2001-2002 |
| Dan Seibert | 2000 |
| Michael Yoshihara | 1999 |
| Glen McGhie | 1998 |
| Joel Garrett | 1996-1997 |
| Ron Berglund | 1995 |
| Jeff Boyle | 1993-1994 |

Recruit a New Member!!!



PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Associate Member's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

POCI Membership Number _____

(If you are already a member of POCI)

Pontiacs You Own _____

Other Classics You Own _____

Dues

Membership effective date _____

Member: \$24 per year or \$2 per month if joining February or later \$ _____

Associate Member: \$5 per year \$ _____

Total paid \$ _____

Mail application and check payable to Pontiacs of Central California to:

Dave Valla
2839 McKelvy
Clovis CA 93611

POCC is a chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) and we would like for our members to also be members of POCI, but it is not a requirement. The yearly membership fee for POCI includes a subscription to POCI's monthly magazine the Smoke Signals. The \$39 annual membership fee includes the Smoke Signals sent via U.S. mail while the \$25 annual membership fee is for an E Membership with full member privileges and online access to the Smoke Signals. Please visit www.poci.org for further details.

Join POCI!



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, Oakland's 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! (Taken from) www.poci.org

POCI Membership RENEWAL Form

Your subscription to *Smoke Signals* magazine and membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International may be due. If the renewal date on your mailing label (which is to the right of your membership number) is between **Feb. 1, 2020 and Mar. 31, 2020**, please complete this form and return it immediately with payment (photocopies are acceptable). We don't want you to miss a single issue of *Smoke Signals* or any other important information about POCI.

- ☐ \$25.00..... Worldwide E-Membership: Web Site access & downloadable version of *Smoke Signals*
 (NO *Smoke Signals* magazine is mailed)
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Join POCI Now! NEW MEMBERSHIP Form

Pontiac ☐ Oakland ☐ GMC ☐

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Ladies Luncheon

The First Ladies Luncheon of the new year for POCC was held at the Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant in Clovis.

It was a good afternoon of visiting, laughing, and enjoying some great Chinese food. The relaxed setting made it easy for everyone to sit, talk, and take their time over lunch.

A nice way to kick off the year, and everyone is already looking forward to the next one which will be in February. 🖱️



ACTIVITIES



Drive- in Cruise

Great time with POCC club members today at the Triangle Drive In.

This was the first of many great events planned for 2026!

The POCC members enjoyed burgers and great company & conversation.



TRIANGLE



PONTIACITIES

PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Club Activities – 2026

- Lunch @ West Shaw Triangle Drive In – **January 24, meet @ 11:00**
- Bunco @ Jan Bianchi's home (lunch provided) – **February 21, 11:00-2:00**
- Tour CSUF planetarium; lunch venue TBD – **March 21 (proposed). Lori is coordinating this activity, more information to come.**
- **NOTE:** There will be no planned Club activity in April due to planning and preparation for **All GM Car Show on April 25.**
- Kentucky Derby Day @ Jeannie King's home. Ladies and Gents, wear your Derby hats! – **May 2. More information to come.**

PROPOSED FUTURE ACTIVITIES/DATES

- Tour Legion of Valor Museum, lunch at Cosmopolitan Tavern – **June 20**
- Mystery Breakfast Cruise – **July 25**
- Tour Kearney Mansion; breakfast or lunch at Flight Line Café – **August 22**
- Tour/demonstration Ballis Glass; lunch venue TBD – **September**
- Tour Clovis Botanical Gardens; lunch venue TBD – **October**
- Tour Castle Air Museum in Atwater; small café and gift shop on site.
- Tour Garden of the Sun
- Tour Fish Hatchery in Friant; lunch at Table Mountain Casino.



NOTE: Suggestions/dates subject to discussion and/or change.

Committee Members: Jeannie King (559-476-0897), Jan Bianchi (559-304-6857) and Lori Sandlin (559-681-9300).

The All GM Car Show

The Valleys Biggest B.O.P. & Chevy Car Show



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Bicentennial Park in Clovis

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April 25, 2026 9 AM to 2

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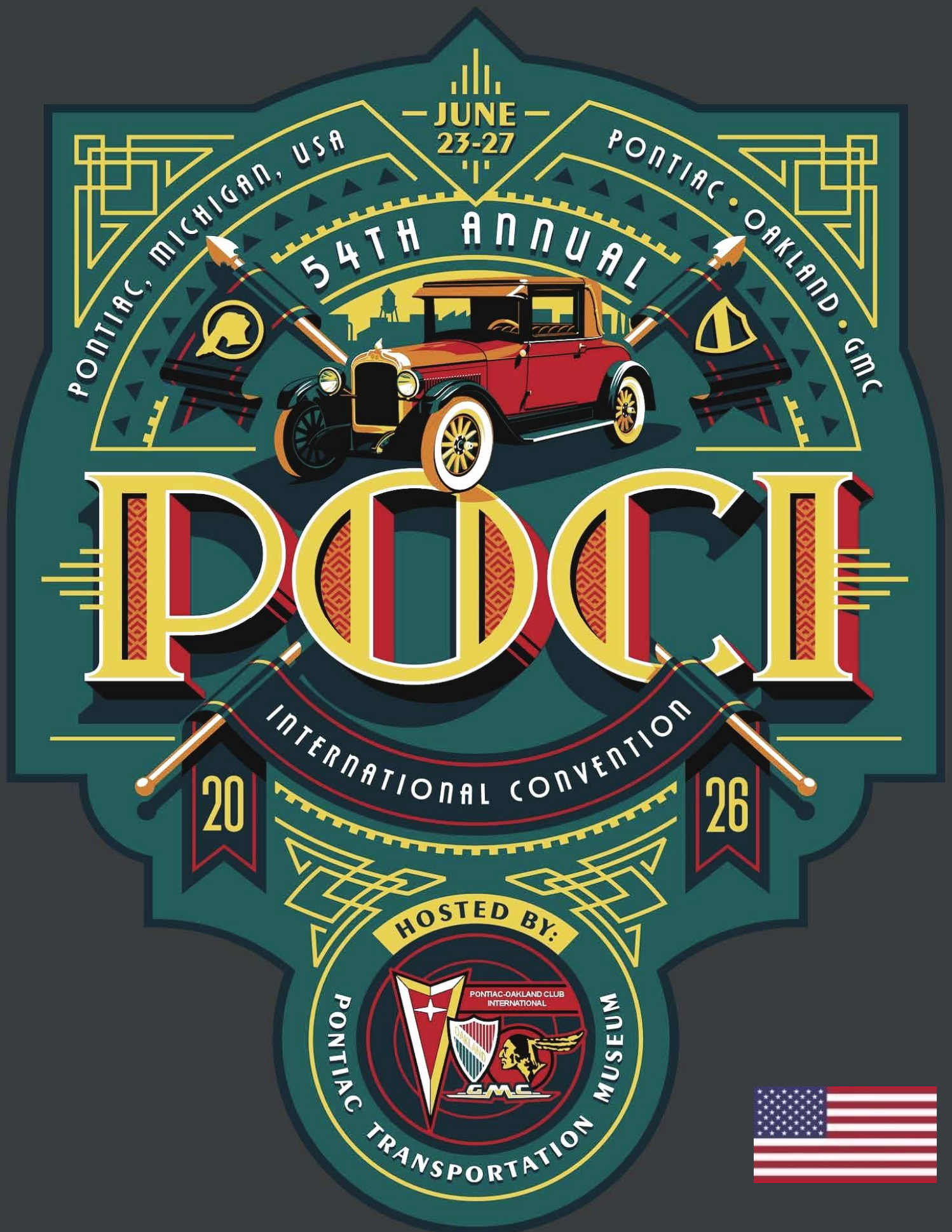
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\$30 Entry Fee
\$35 Day of Show

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