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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S CRUNCH TIME!!! We are less than two weeks away from our show! Time really flies. We need all the help we can get, the day of the show. So far, we've got most everything dialed in and have gotten quite a few online registrations with minimal trouble for the registrants, which is good news. Using the new (to us) Car Show Pro is going to make registrations and judging so much more efficient this year and for future shows.

Sponsorship has been light this year, so if you can think of anyone that may be interested in sponsoring next year's show, start working on them now. We really need a good amount of sponsorship to make our show top notch and continue to grow.

We will have a show walk through on Wednesday, April 15th at 5:00 for all the show workers. There will be a few small tweaks from last year's set up, mostly registration, but otherwise similar to what we've done in the past. Please be there if you can, repetition makes everything go more smoothly. I will remind everyone at the meeting as well.

If you haven't registered online yet, please do and if you know anyone with an older GM, don't forget to let them know about the show and the Friday night cruise for the participants. Even if folks don't have a car to put in the show, they are more than welcome to come and check out the cars Friday night and enjoy an adult beverage and hang out.

There will be food trucks out there, so no need to plan dinner, come on out and enjoy.

Regarding the Friday night cruise, we will be meeting at Bicentennial Park at 5:00pm, then we'll be leaving the park at roughly 5:30 and heading over to Crow and Wolf brewery. The route is going to head North on Sunnyside, then West on Alluvial, then South on Clovis Ave and then West on Spruce, then a little dog-leg to Park Creek Drive, where we will have the street shut down for the show participants cars to park. This route should avoid all the Rodeo traffic and the roads are pretty smooth. Since this is the first time that I know of us doing this (the club may have done this before, but this is the first time that I personally know of) I'm not too sure of the turn out, but hopefully we will get a good number and can grow it from here.

I would write a little more, but there's too much to do!!

Until next time, Keep the rubber side down! 🇺🇸

James Schweer



PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Meeting minutes

March 9, 2026

Meeting called to order by James Schweer at 7:00 PM, No visitors or guests in attendance. The minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Arnie Schweer second by Dennis Simonson and approved the minutes as submitted

Dave Valla reviewed the club's finances

John Berglund reviewed the monthly newsletter

Sheryl Hammons discussed the club's Facebook activities

Bill Richards was not present to report on the web site.

Old Business A conference call was held with Car Show Pro; Corvette club members were present to participate in a QR code based judging training session.

New meeting locations were discussed, The Sheild & Armstrong Diciccos has a \$1000 group minimum. Big Horn BBQ is also \$1000 minimum. The next meeting will be at Cedar & Nees.

New Business Car show trophies were discussed: there will be 1 best of show, 1st & 2nd for each class and 6 brand trophies' given out at the show

Plaques for second will be made to save cost.

The misprinted trophies from last year will result in a discount for this year's trophies which is yet to be negotiated

There are 17 registered cars at the time of the meeting.

Andy Hoff inquired about the show's breakeven point.

Dennis Simonson passed around a day of show task sheet. volunteers are needed to help out on the day of show.

James Schweer reported that Fat Jack's & Bobby Salsarze food trucks will be present at the show.

Dennis Schwartz will be in charge of the 50/50 Raffle

Activities A march 21st breakfast will be at the Red Caboose, The club was to meet at Shaw & Lenard.

Lori has limited time to put into the silent auction, she asked for premade wrapped baskets if possible.

May 2nd will be the Kentucky Derby Party Jennie, Janice & Lori encouraged everyone to dress in their best derby attire. More info will follow on an email.

Ladies Lunch Is to be held at Georges march 25th at 11:50

Attendance Drawing Andy Hoff won pot of \$30. 🍀

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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!!!



POCC Past Presidents

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)
 - \$45.00 U.S. Membership (Includes 2 Associates)
 - \$74.00 (U.S. Funds) Canadian Membership (Includes 2 Associates)
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- 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years

NAME: _____ POCI MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

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Please provide any UPDATES to your information below:

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Join POCI Now! NEW MEMBERSHIP Form

Pontiac Oakland GMC

YEAR STYLE NAME / NUMBER Number of CYLINDERS

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NAME: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP + 4: _____

COUNTRY: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ REFERRED BY (Name & Member #): _____

Annual Membership

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- \$74.00... Canada (Includes 2 Associates)
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Ladies Luncheon



The POCC Ladies Luncheon for March was held at George's Bar and Grill in Fresno. The group in attendance that came enjoyed getting together with their friends and of course there was fun conversations and laughter as they had their meal.

Happy Birthday to Diana our March birthday gal and we thank her for bringing a dessert to share with all. 



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THE RED CABOOSE



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Several club members shined up their Pontiacs and drove to the Red Caboose for breakfast on March 21. Beautiful weather, great food and lively conversations resulted in a fun, monthly group activity. 📍



RED CABBOSE



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EARL HUDSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The annual Webber Realty Group Car Show was held in Sanger on March 14th. I not only went to participate in the show, but I went to distribute flyers about our upcoming car show, and to talk with people and encourage them to come.

At this show, there is a special, honorary award presented to recognize Earl Hudson, a long-time supporter of this event. It is given to a car that embodies a fun, "blue-collar" spirit, often featuring a personal, emotional selection process by the Hudson family. Earl loved Pontiacs, and celebrated cars that were driven and enjoyed, rather than just for show.

As I drove through registration, one of the Hudson family members was at the desk. My car sparked her interest as to whether other family members would see it as a potential winner of the award. She encouraged several of them to come by and take a closer look at my 1969 Bonneville convertible.

As the show was wrapping up with the awards given out, and I was getting ready to leave, I heard some Ex-car club members yelling to me that my name had been called to win an award. Sure enough. My car had been chosen as the one to receive the Earl Hudson award. I temporarily felt like I had become a part of the family in honoring Earl. They took pictures, and thanked me for bringing a car that embodied the car that Earl would like. That was a new experience for me, so I drove home feeling that it was special show for me. Thanks Dennis Simonson 🇺🇸



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“The Way It Was” by Arnie Schweer

Way back in 1984 I was on my way to a nice old Italian lady's house who lived on Van Ness Avenue to buy an original owner 1951 Chrysler Saratoga Club Coupe. Now you might say, "why would anybody want a dog like that?" Well, most of you are way too young to know that under the hood of that dowdy looking machine was a fire breathin' Hemi V/8. Johnny Mann had a black one just like this blue one and he was feared by all who dared him to a drag race. Even with the semi-automatic transmission, which us know it all smart aleck teen agers called Dog a Matic, still this Black Chrysler was a fearsome factory racer with the first year Hemi under the hood.

Driving up Clovis Avenue from my office, parked there on the grass just south of McKinley was a Red 64 GTO Convertible with the top down and a for sale sign on it! Whooo, make the U turn at the next opportunity and after a test drive, the Red Goat was mine, I totally forgot about the little old ladies Saratoga. Incidentally, these are extremely rare cars, in over 40 years of looking for another one in Hemmings and online, I have only seen one other. I did keep track of the car I almost bought and when the lady owner passed away, I traced it to her grandson in Woodland Ca. who was a real bumpkin as he had parked it in a field and let vandals have at it. Too bad. Anyway, I kept the GTO for 5 years and sold it for 3 times what I paid for it to a 19 year old who wanted to test drive it before he gave me the money, so after taking off in first gear I told him to hammer it in second gear and be ready for it, he was and he was also instantly in love with the car after that tire squalling event.

So, the red GTO and I separated from each other for good, or so I thought. I looked for it at parades and car shows and never saw it again so I figured the new owner either moved away or sold it, or worse yet, wrecked it. In 2020, 31 years after I sold it, I was fueling my car at the gas station at Clovis Av and Kings Canyon when I noticed a red car at the other side of the pumps so I walked over and there it was, MY OLD CAR!!!! I yelled. "Are you Arnie? he yelled back, Yes!!! Are you Micah? Yes!! but Micah, you have grey hair now, well Arnie, so do you! Well, hey Micah what's this for sale sign in the back seat? Well, I need to sell it to expand my business. Of course I bought ol' Big Red back, called son James and said "get over here quick, I have a surprise for you." When he saw the car, the truth came out, "the first car I ever outran the cops with." We all laughed. So, over the next 5 years we had big Red's engine and trans rebuilt along with some other niceties

"THE WAY IT WAS"

In February of 2004, Sharon and I were stopped at a red light, the light turned green and I looked both ways for any late comers running the red light, the coast was clear so I started to cross the intersection, halfway across BAM, THEN BAM AGAIN, I WAS STUNNED FOR A FEW SECONDS, I couldn't figure out what happened, then I got it, we've been rear ended ! TWICE! "Sharon, are you OK? 'Yes, what happened? I checked the rear-view mirror and here is a monster truck, lift kit putting his front bumper even with our trunk lid, buckling the lid and the left rear panel, along with assorted other damage. I'm looking in the console for a paper and pen to get this guy's info when he does a quick 180 and disappears into traffic.... now I've got traffic blocking me from a chase, which was probably a good thing, so we parked the car and looked the damage over, it really did not do all that much damage considering how hard we got hit. Four months later the car is repaired, Hagerty is good insurance, we are back on the road again, but what is this???? "Dad, I want to buy the GTO, that way it will stay in the family and you know I will take good care of it and never race it." "Ok, Ok, but I will need to go out and find a good Grand Prix or something, my racing days are over and yours are too." RIIIIIGHT! That's the way it was..... Arnie Schweer 📌



PONTIAC ACTIVITIES

PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Club Activities – 2026

- **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.

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The All GM Car Show

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



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April 25, 2026 9 AM to 2



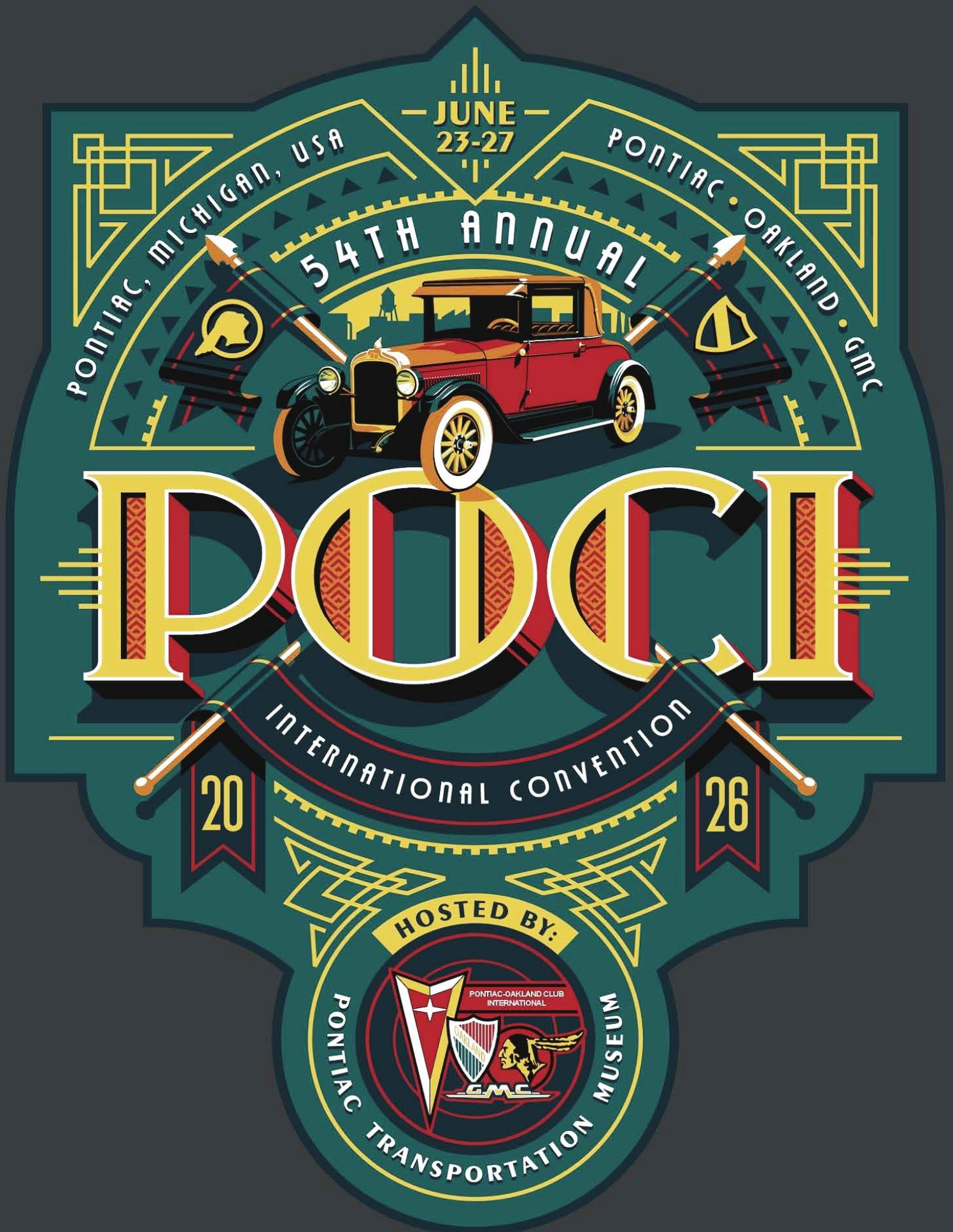
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EARL HUDSON MEMORIAL TROPHY - Presented to Dennis Simonson

