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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2026 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are, half way through the year. Car shows are in full swing, days seem to last forever, the nights are perfect for an evening cruise and the future of the old car hobby is on the ballot!

We have a major decision to make come November. There will (hopefully) be a candidate on the ballot that has promised to end the ridiculous smog requirement for classic cars newer than 1976, dismantling CARB (California Air Resources Board) and drop registration fees to something realistic. The last part doesn't pertain directly to classic cars, but anywhere we can save money is fine with me.

Also on the ballot will be the exorbitant gas tax and multiple unnecessary fuel blends which force fuel prices up higher than any other contiguous state. Along the lines of fuel blends and taxes is the issue of oil refineries in CA. There hasn't been a refinery built in CA since 1980, thanks to CARB. The last car related issue is oil production in CA. CA holds roughly

1.7 billion barrels of crude oil reserves.

These are all things to consider come November. We will have two choices. The first is higher regulations, more restrictions, higher fees, higher base fuel costs and higher taxes. The second is fewer nonsense regulations, less asinine restrictions, lower fees, lower base fuel costs and lower taxes.

Seems like a no brainer, to me. Until next time, Keep the Rubber Side Down 🇺🇸



PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Minutes of May 12, 2026 Meeting

Call to order

James Schweer called the meeting to order at 7PM

Introductions

New members Lee and Tina Valenzuala, John and Lisa Greenwood, Agnes and James Hischeir, JoJo and Melissa McKenziee, Hunter and Stephanie Medina and Christopher and Amy (Fickle) Torres were welcomed to the club.

Approval of minutes May 12, 2026 meeting

Motion by Chris Seconded by Tina and approved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting as submitted

Treasurers Report

Dave Valla reviewed the club financial status. He also provided a detailed report for the current financial status of the All-GM Car Show. He still had some transactions that are not final and a final report will be issued when these are completed.

News letter Straight Arrow

John Berglund Stated that he is updating the mailing list for the news letter distribution

Facebook

Sheryl Hammans stated that there was a lot of interest in the All-GM car show. Additional pictures from the car show will be posted.

Web Master

Bill Richards stated the website is being updated to delete advertising for the All-GM Car Show as we are still getting contacts regarding this. We are removing the All-GM Car Show flyer from the front page of the website. Andy Hoff stated that incorrect information regarding this Car Show was on the Hot Rod Coalition web site and we should monitor this issue in the future.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Tom and Lori- Anniversary, Arnie- Birthday.

Old Business Car Show Recap

James reported that the show had 105 cars registered with many of these being day of the show registrations, which accounted for 30 percent of the total. Using the new registration system was helpful.

Activities

Arnie passed out flyers for an upcoming Boat and Car Show at Millers Landing at Bass Lake on May 16. Members are encouraged to attend.

Lori reported the activity for May was Derby Day hosted by Jeannie King and coordinated by the activities committee Jeannie, Jan and Lori. Lots of good food and fun but a fairly light attendance by club members. A big thank you to the Activities Committee that put this together.

Ladies Luncheon

Cheryl Reported that the May Ladies Luncheon will be on May 27 at PF Chang's China Bistro in Fresno.

Attendance Drawing was not conducted. 

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!!!



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)
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NAME: _____ POCI MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

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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 #): _____

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Ladies Luncheon

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On a beautiful breezy spring day, the POCC May 2026 Ladies Luncheon was held at P.F. Chang's Restaurant in Fresno. The meal started off with a delicious shared appetizer due to the courtesy of Jan Bianchi, which was followed by everyone ordering their favorite Chinese entree while chatting with each other. The luncheon concluded with a piece of peaches and cream cake for all to enjoy. 

ACTIVITIES



On Saturday, May 2, Club members gathered at “Gentry Downs” in NW Fresno to watch the 152nd running of the Kentucky Derby.

Added to the excitement of the race was great conversations, games and a delicious southern-style dinner prepared by Jeanne King. Lori and Tom Sandelin provided yummy hors d’oeuvres.

Jeanne picked, and won the prize for, the winning horse, while Lori won the prize for Best Fascinator and Mark Lanier won the prize for Best Fedora. Bill and Cheryl Richards won the prize for Best Dressed Pony (Pontiac). It was a great Saturday afternoon! 🇺🇸



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY



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JEFFERSON CAR SHOW



JEFFERSON
15th Annual
CAR SHOW
MAY 9, 2026
9:00am-2:30pm
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CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA

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FRIDAY CROWD & WOLF PRE-PARTY
SATURDAY CLASSIC CAR COLLECTOR BUSINESS & SERVICE CENTER
SUNDAY SAVRAGE & SHOP TOURS

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PONTIAC ACTIVITIES

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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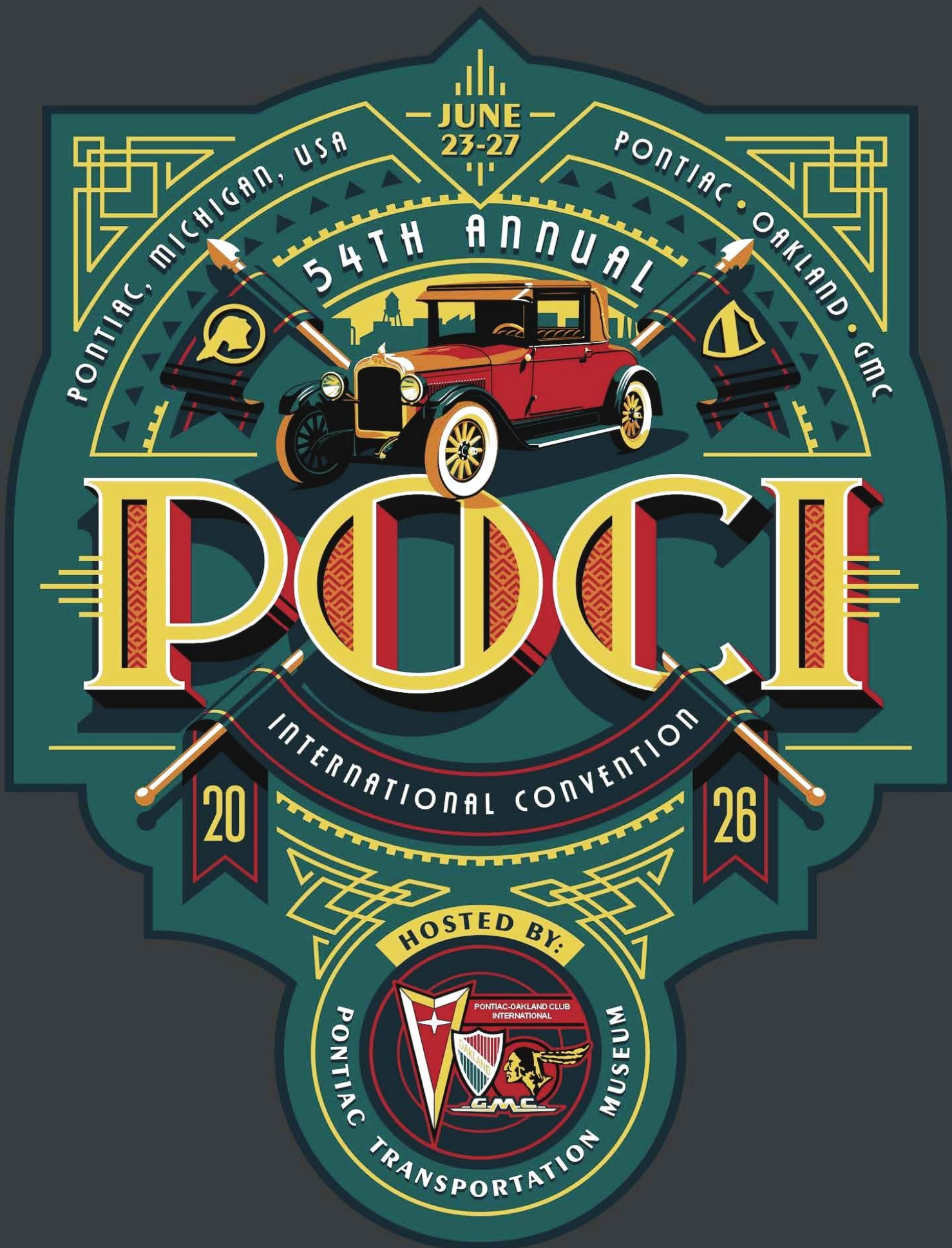
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FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE



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