



Pontiacs of the Valley



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Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Club meeting this Wednesday night at Rudy's!

Students bringing a Pontiac back to life in East Valley auto shop class

Trans Am part of restoration program

By Mark Neumann

We like to see the younger generation show an interest in classic cars. Without them, our Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, Buicks and other hot rods will end up in museums or collections behind closed doors.

Our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club has been working closely with the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in promoting their automotive classes (their Mesa campus is also host to our annual Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, and GMC Truck show each year).

A new school system in the East Valley, called the American Leadership Academy, is now offering a new Customs and Restoration class at



its Mesa campus as part of the Automotive Academy at Applied Technologies High School.

The first-year program has attracted 134 students for the 2024-25 school year.

Donny Lofstrom, a former teacher at EVIT who manages the new class with two other instructors, says his students are



interested in restorations and custom work on hot rods, trucks, and pony cars from the 1950s, 60s and later.

The students “seem to like both,” Lofstrom said, when asked if they enjoyed working on vintage iron vs. newer cars. “When I brought my ’29 Ford in, or my dad brings in his ’70 Challenger, they say, ‘Oh, that’s cool.’ So, it’s not just about liking lowered Civics.”

And his students are now putting some focus on a 1977 Firebird Trans Am (top photo) as part of a restoration project. The original Pontiac 400 block will go back in as part of the project. It needs a complete interior and paint. “With the Trans Am, we are going to start working on patch panels and body next week,” he said in an interview.

Lofstrom also has his first car in the shop – a ’54 Chevy (top, left) that is being built as a custom.

The Customs and Restoration class, which goes for 2 hours each day, is an elective as part of the 4-year Automotive Academy program at Applied Technologies. Students must take Automotive 1 in their first year as a prerequisite to get into the Customs and Restoration program, Lofstrom said. Students learn in Automotive 1 the major components of car repair – “bumper to bumper” – such as electrical, brakes, engine repair, etc. before they can enroll in the Customs and Restoration in their sophomore year.

The students also learn how to fabricate body panels. CAD work on building new parts is also on the schedule, Lofstrom said.

President's Message

Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!



Time has flown by since we reconvened in September. Our Officers and Board of Directors, as well as members at large agreed to take on individual challenges to make our club better. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please thank these people for their efforts in taking the tasks on seriously and doing this for the betterment of our club.

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VP Mark Neumann: Instituted a monthly newsletter to keep all of us informed. A wonderful addition for our club.

Secretary Georjann Stull: Improving the weekly calendar and making sure we get it every week and makes sure we have club business cards.

Treasurer Mike Fleury: Worked hard on membership renewal and keeping up the club demographics. We sure know a lot of detail.

Lorry Getting: Ordering and delivering nametags and setting up the Dwarf Car Museum Cruise.

Tom Knecht and Tim Blattner: Updating the history of the former Desert Renegades and Cactus GTOs – all on our club website, www.valleysunpontiacs.com.

Tom also organized the cruise to San Diego

Mary Sundberg: Making sure we all have access to window decals and so many behind-the-scenes tasks.

Frank Gostyla: Hosting the Car Clinic and working with me on the MAG Auction.

Tom Locke: Hosts the "Tech Minute" & Midnight at the Oasis event in Yuma.

Carl Bylander: again, agreed to organizing the BOPC Car Show and thank you to all committee members.

Bruce Almond: has been very active in marketing our club and organized the monthly MIXTECA Pontiac Night.

Scott Svenheim: donates his time to maintain our excellent website.

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Tim & June Smith: organized our Adopt a Highway Program.

Marc Shutro: has done a great job promoting our club on social media.

Owen Zangle: has offered his talents to help market our club to the younger generation to get them interested in PONTIACS.

Rick Unterseh: promoting drag racing activities and Information on the sport for our membership to partake in.

I don't think I missed anyone but if I did my sincere apologies.

I look forward to our meeting on Wednesday where I will present details on our annual NEW YEAR'S DAY CRUISE and the MAG Auction. See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Paul

Paul Albinger Jr

Join us this **WEDNESDAY** for our monthly club meeting

Be there at 5:30 for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting! The address is Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, 15257 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale.



Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club Activities This Past Month

Sunday, Oct. 20th: Car Clinic. Club Board member Frank Gostyla hosts this twice-yearly event at his monster garage. Plenty of cars to work on and a great lunch from chefs Mike Jewell and Mary Sundberg.



Saturday, Oct 26th: First Pontiac Night at Mixteca. Club Board member Bruce Almond organized this event. Great turnout with 49 Pontiacs competing for 10 awards presented by Nancy Perry Productions.



Saturday, Oct 26th: Adopt a Highway Project. Our bi-annual clean-up of a one-mile stretch of the Apache Highway heading to Canyon Lake and Tortilla Flat. Six hardy members filled ADOT trash bags. A previous forest fire scorched one side of the trail, limiting our pickers.

Sunday, Nov. 3: Visit to the Dwarf Car Museum. Great turnout for this event organized by Club Board member Lorry Getting, plus lunch afterwards. These cars were built with precision by Ernie Adams in his Maricopa shop and are street legal.



Saturday, Nov. 16: Outlaw Pontiac Racers West at Tucson Dragway. Club member Rick Unterseh organized this event. More details on the Outlaw Pontiac Racers' Facebook page.



Saturday, Nov. 9th: Covenant Hot Rod Association 9th Annual Southwest Regional Car Show. \$2,125 of the proceeds from this Chandler event benefitted



the Solders's Best Friend, an organization dedicated to training service dogs for military vets. Club member Pete Senese helped organize this show, which attracted about 85 cars, including 7-9 cars from our club. Member Mike Lamberth (right) took home a trophy in the original/restored category



for his '77 Can Am. This '52 Chieftain (left) owned by Chris Chastain of Peoria was a beauty, as was new club members John and Mandi Marsh's '68 GTO convertible.



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THIS WEDNESDAY to get more details about signing
up for our club's big event.**

Special Projects Underway

Pontiac Cars and Parts Buyer's Guide

Send along your parts and cars for sale for our semi-annual guide. Include parts description, photo, price, where you are located and contact information (phone or email).

Send to Mark Neumann @ markneumann16@gmail.com

Pontiac Resource Guide

Have a body/paint shop, mechanic, upholster, chrome shop, auto transport, transmission, or fabricator you want to recommend to club members? We want to include them in our Resources Guide. Include name of shop, location, what is their expertise, contact person, contact information/location and website, and why you liked the service they provided. Send to Mark Neumann @ markneumann16@gmail.com



42nd Annual TOYZ 4 TOTZ Wickenburg Run

Dec. 8, 2024 10 AM to 3 PM at the Community Center, Wickenburg, AZ

Meet at the old Kmart parking lot, 67th Ave. & Bell Rd. 8 AM

Cruise to Wickenburg at 9 AM

Entry Fee: One (1) new, unwrapped toy



Dash Plaques

Vendors

Event T-shirts

Awards

Kid's Booths

\$\$ 50-50 \$\$

Crafts

Chinese Raffle

DJ Playing
your favorites

Raffles



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BUICK ~ GMC

27 TH BOPC SHOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00PM

**EAST VALLEY INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY**

1601 W. MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

SOME PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOW WILL SUPPORT THE
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT EVIT
SEE BACK FOR REGISTRATION OR VALLEYSUNPONTIACS.COM



27TH ANNUAL B.O.P.C. & GMC SHOW

HOSTED BY VALLEY OF THE SUN PONTIACS

1ST & 2ND PLACE TROPHIES IN 51 CLASSES, PLUS BEST OF SHOW & BEST OF EACH OF THE 5 MAKES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025 10:00 am - 3:00 pm AT EVIT, 1601 W MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

Complete This Registration (Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Before - Mar,22 2025: \$25 for 1st car, \$10 for each additional
Day of Show - Mar,30 2025: \$30 for 1st car, \$15 for each additional

CAR	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS CODE	AMOUNT
1					\$
2					\$
3					\$

T-SHIRTS:

SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
SMALL	\$15	X	\$
MEDIUM	\$15	X	\$
LARGE	\$15	X	\$
X-LARGE	\$15	X	\$
2X-LARGE	\$16	X	\$
3X-LARGE	\$16	X	\$

RAFFLE TICKETS:

BLOCKS	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
7 TICKETS FOR:	\$5	X	\$
20 TICKETS FOR:	\$10	X	\$

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE, T-SHIRTS & RAFFLE TICKETS: \$

* Day of show- Cash or check only

Mail this form and a check payable to: Valley of the Sun Pontiacs, 5102
E Paradise Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

I do not hold Valley of the Sun Pontiacs (VOTSP), Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) or East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) liable for any damages while attending this event.

Signature: _____

Contacts: Carl - 480-507-0331, cabylander@outlook.com OR Mike - 843-860-0791, mwflurey@bellsouth.net OR Stan - 480-662-0767, bbtorque@gmail.com

(A) Original Paint, Drivetrain, Wheels and Interior

CLASS CODE	PONTIAC	YEARS
P-01	CUSTOM PONTIAC'S	ALL YEARS
P-02	UNRESTORED (A)	1900 - 1974
P-03	SOLSTICE	ALL YEARS
P-04	FIERO	ALL YEARS
P-05	JUDGE	1969 - 1971
P-06	GTO	1964 - 1965
P-07	GTO	1966 - 1967
P-08	GTO	1968 - 1969
P-09	GTO	1970 - 1974
P-10	GTO / G8	2004 - 2010
P-11	FIREBIRD / TA	1967 - 1969
P-12	FIREBIRD / TA	1970 - 1973
P-13	FIREBIRD / TA	1974 - 1976
P-14	FIREBIRD / TA	1977 - 1978
P-15	FIREBIRD / TA	1979 - 1981
P-16	FIREBIRD / TA	1982 - 1992
P-17	FIREBIRD / TA	1993 - 2002
P-18	TEMPEST / LEMANS	1961 - 1974
P-19	PRE 50 PONTIAC'S	1900 - 1949
P-20	50's BIG PONTIAC'S	1950 - 1959
P-21	BIG PONTIAC'S	1960 - 1964
P-22	BIG PONTIAC'S	1965 - 1969
P-23	70's BIG PONTIAC'S	1970 - 1979
P-24	80's UP PONTIAC'S	1980 - 2009

CLASS CODE	BUICK	YEARS
B-01	CUSTOM	ALL YEARS
B-02	UNRESTORED (A)	ALL YEARS
B-03	RIVIERA	ALL YEARS
B-04	GS / GSX	1965 - 1972
B-05	GN / GNX	1982 - 1987
B-06	PRE 50 BUICK'S	1900 - 1949
B-07	50's BUICK'S	1950 - 1959
B-08	60's BUICK'S	1960 - 1969
B-09	70's BUICK'S	1970 - 1979
B-10	80's BUICK'S	1980 - 2024

CLASS CODE	OLDSMOBILE	YEARS
O-01	CUSTOM	ALL YEARS
O-02	UNRESTORED (A)	ALL YEARS
O-03	CUTLASS / F85 / 442	1961 - 1967
O-04	CUTLASS / F85 / 442	1968 - 1972
O-05	HURST OLDSMOBILE'S	1964 - 1972
O-06	PRE 50 OLDSMOBILE'S	1900 - 1949
O-07	50's OLDSMOBILE'S	1950 - 1959
O-08	60's OLDSMOBILE'S	1960 - 1969
O-09	70's OLDSMOBILE'S	1970 - 2004

CLASS CODE	CADILLAC	YEARS
C-01	CUSTOM CADILLAC	ALL YEARS
C-02	UNRESTORED (A)	ALL YEARS
C-03	PRE 50 CADILLAC'S	1900 - 1949
C-04	50's CADILLAC'S	1950 - 1959
C-05	60's CADILLAC'S	1960 - 1969
C-06	70's CADILLAC'S	1970 - 1979
C-07	CADILLAC'S 80's UP	1980 - 2024

CLASS CODE	GMC	YEARS
G-01	GMC	ALL YEARS

Hear about these new safety rules at the Saturday night Pavilions car show during our club meeting this week.



WELCOMES *New Management*

We are excited to proudly announce that the **Rock N' Roll Car Show at Pavilions at Talking Stick** is now under new production management by **Arizona Events Group**. As the new stewards of this iconic event, our mission is to honor its incredible legacy while introducing new ideas to enhance the experience for car enthusiasts, families and the entire community.

We deeply appreciate the support and passion shown throughout the years, and we're committed to creating an even better experiences - one that continues to be the heartbeat of the car show community in Arizona.

To Include:

- **More engaging activities:** Expanded vehicle categories, fun contests, and exciting prizes.
- **Live entertainment:** Local bands and curated music events to capture the spirit of Rock & Roll.
- **Special opportunities:** Dedicated spaces/rows for car clubs and exclusive offers for loyal participants.
- **Exclusive Membership Access:** Car owners may choose premier membership levels to gain better access to preferred communication for a more seamless experience.
- **New Traffic Control Plan (TCP):** Better traffic flow for safety, control, organization and additional display space.

We know hundreds of car enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the Rock N' Roll Car Show at Pavilions at Talking Stick where the finest vehicles in Scottsdale and surrounding areas are showcased every weekend. That's why we're excited to bring even more of what makes this car show special. Focusing on minimizing distractions and maintaining a smooth, organized experience.

We believe that the heart of this show lies with you, the participants. Your input is invaluable to us. If you have suggestions or feedback, we'd love to hear them as we embark on this exciting journey together.

With gratitude, McKall Matykiewicz
Event Director - Arizona Events Group
mckall@azeventsgroup.com



ENTER

- There will be One Show Entrance
- Show Entrance will close at 4:00 pm
- There will be One "Special Entrance" option at 6:00 pm

*****> **EXIT** <*****

- The South Lot will Exit and go South
- The North Lot will Exit and go North





Officers and Board of Directors, 2024-25

President: Paul Albinger

Vice-President: Mark Neumann

Secretary: Georjann Stull

Treasurer: Mike Fleury

Board of Directors: Bruce Almond, Tim Blattner, Carl Bylander, Lorry Getting, Frank Gostyla, Valarie Johnson, Tom Knecht, Tom Locke, Mary Sundberg



Not pictured: Mike Fleury, club treasurer