

# Pontiacs of the Valley

October 2024 | Newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Club meeting this Wednesday night at Rudy's!

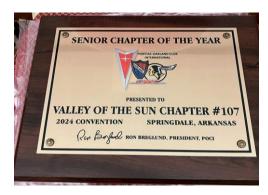
## Run to the Sun

From Arkansas to Las Vegas to San Diego, hot Pontiacs met hot pavement this past summer.



Pontiac Oakland Club International Annual Convention,

Springdale, Ark. Our 200+ member Valley of the Sun Pontiacs chapter won the POCI Chapter of the Year Award!



Cops and Rodders, POCI Regional Show, San Diego





Muscle Cars at the Strip, Las Vegas Motor Speedway





### President's Message

We have had a busy month for our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs car club, so I am going to forgo a review of past events and focus on what is coming up this month.



We are going to have two exciting announcements at our monthly meeting on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing a lot of members there. I am pleased with members stepping up to offer their talents to make our club better and exciting.

<u>Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: Car Clinic</u> Club member Frank Gostyla hosts this twice-yearly event at his monster garage. You bring the parts; club members provide the expertise. Call Frank to get yourself in the que (804-307-5427). Frank's address is 11348 E. North Lane, Scottsdale (off Shea Blvd and 112 Street). Time is from 10 am to 3 pm and lunch is provided by the club.



<u>Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup></u>: First Pontiac Night at Mixteca Car show (67th and Bell), See flyer below for details. 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

<u>Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup></u>: Adopt a Highway Project Our bi-annual clean-up of a one-mile stretch of Apache Highway heading to Canyon Lake and Tortila Flat. We provide vests, pickers and trash bags. Our club provides lunch at Tortila Flat afterwards. Sign up with Tim and June Smith (602-620-4120). We meet at 8:30 am, Needle Vista Viewpoint, ½ mile past mile marker 203.

At the September meeting, I mentioned a Christmas Season Poker Run to benefit homeless veterans. We only had 2 volunteers offer help to organize it. Please consider offering your time if you can.

I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

#### 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



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### Hot Rod Power Tour West wraps up at Firebird Raceway



The five-city, five-day event included hundreds of cars and trucks of all years, makes and models that travelled across California and

Arizona. The Power Tour event wrapped

up on Friday, Oct. 11, at Radford Racing School, Chandler (located at Firebird Raceway). There were some Ponchos in attendance at Firebird, and Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club member Dave Reichel took his 1971 Chevy El Camino on the tour (he's working on his '67 GTO) and was seen in the staging lanes for the autocross (center). Some interesting rides made the trek.



The Pontiac Grand Am had a 4-speed option in 1973-74 for both its two-door and four-door models. Do you know how many were sold?

Interesting article from the POCI archives.

https://www.poci.org/vehicle-stories/found-1973-1974-grand-am-4-speedproduction-totals

In memoriam — Larry Crosby passed away July 11, 2024. He and Jeannie were longtime members of the Desert Renegades and Larry was one of the original BOP organizers.

## **Calling all Pontiac enthusiasts!**



Join our family-oriented Pontiac club here in the Valley. We proudly showcase cars from all years and models. Our club includes some of the nation's top Pontiac restoration experts, offering a wealth of technical knowledge. Come make new friends and talk all things Pontiac!

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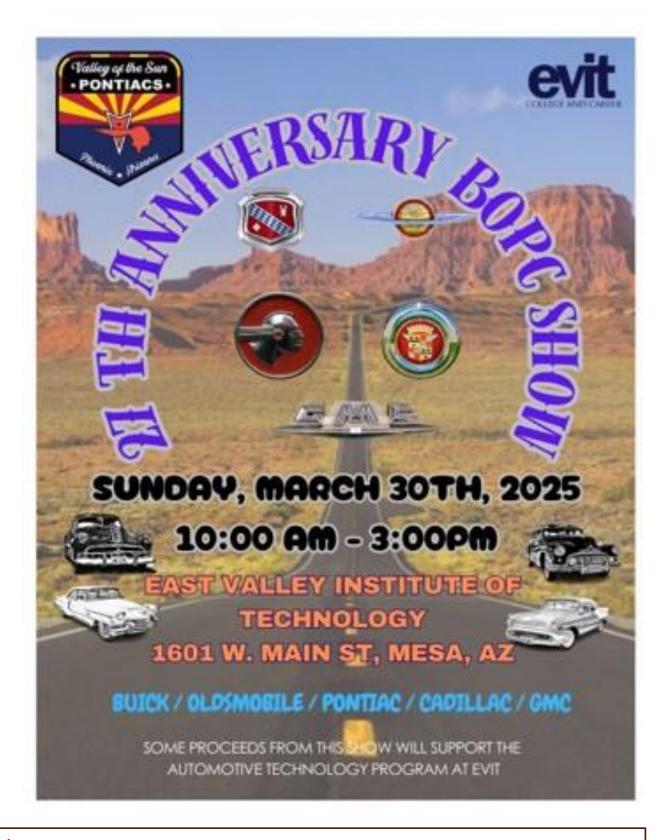
2ND SATURDAY FROM SEPTEMBER THRU MAY 9120 TALKING STICK WAY/SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250 3PM TO 8PM ANNUAL DUES ONLY \$15!

PONTIAC NIGHT

**MIXTECA** 

4TH SATURDAY FROM SEPTEMBER THRU MAY 6731 W BELL RD. GLENDALE, AZ 85308 3PM TO 8PM





Interested in going to the Midnight at the Dasis on March 6-9, 2025? Slots are still open for this great car show in Yuma, with 900+ cars, cruises and concerts. See club member Tom Locke at the meeting on Wednesday or contact him at <a href="mailto:gtolockes1@msn.com">gtolockes1@msn.com</a>. Visit the car show website for more info <a href="mailto:here">here</a>

## Show ... and Make it Shine!

Valley of the Sun Club president Paul Albinger put together a second visit for club members on Oct. 12 to **Adam's Polishes** in Scottsdale. Adam is a real success story, starting in his teens cleaning limousines, and creating his own waxes and polishes. It was a great demonstration at his shop about how to take care of our Pontiacs. We learned





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