



Pontiacs of the Valley

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Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Monthly meeting this Wednesday at Rudy's!

This 'Bird flew for 1,000 miles

Club member Chip Beck takes his '70 Trans Am on Arizona rally with classic cars

Vintage Ferraris. Porsches. Alfa Romeos. BMWs. Jaguars. Maseratis. Even a 1929 Blower Bentley showed up for the 35th running of the Copperstate 1000, a classic car road rally through Arizona and neighboring states.

So what is Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club members **Chip Beck** and wife Peggy doing in the middle of this international competition – with their Ram Air III/4 speed, numbers-matching 1970 Pontiac Trans Am?



(above) Chip Beck before the start of the rally, and at his send-off (left). The car carries his dad's dealership logo. The rally entries included this Castillion Bronze 1971 GTO Judge convertible (below); the owners said it is one-of-one.

"I always wanted to do this rally," Beck, the son of former Pontiac dealer Bud Beck, told me.

Chip also owns a 1970 and 1971 GTO Judge.

Organized each year by the Men's Arts Council, the rally took place April 5-9 and started at Tempe Diablo Stadium, the spring training facility for the California Angels.

The event, with over 90 cars, was sold out even with the \$11,000 entry fee. The eligibility year for acceptance is up to the 1973 model year; clones, reproductions, tribute cars, and recreations are not eligible.

Beck joined other American vintage iron on the rally, including a couple of 1960s-era Corvettes, Mustangs, a '68 Cadillac DeVille convertible, a 1956 Continental, and an ultra rare 1971 Pontiac GTO Judge convertible, one of only 17 built that year.

The rally starts with the entries staged in a semi-circle on the grass for public viewing. Then, former local TV newscaster Rick DeBrule, a classic car fan who now does commentary for the Barrett-Jackson auction, leads them off one by one from the stadium. This year's 5-day tour went to Flagstaff, over to St. George, Utah, and back through Northern Arizona and into Scottsdale for the final day of the rally.

"The car ran like a top," Beck said. "About 50% of the cars on the tour broke down at some point on the trip, and probably a dozen had to retire. But my Pontiac didn't miss a beat."



President's Message

Hello club members,

First and foremost, CONGRATULATIONS to our Club after hosting the largest Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC show ever. Thank you to all car show committee members for their hard work and for those who offered their assistance the day of the show.



Thank you all who participated from our club; however, I must be honest: only 38% of our members registered their cars for the show. We can and should do better. The Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, & GMC truck lines were well represented.



There will be a full report from our BOPC committee on how and where we can improve an already GREAT SHOW!!!

The day before the show, on March 29, we had a great time during our cruise with members of the San Diego POCI chapter who came over for our show. The weather was awesome, and 20+ cars made the trek out to Tortilla Flats and later a cruise past the Saguaro Lake area and on to the Pavilions. The group asked me to make sure to extend their THANK YOU's to all who attended and make their trip to AZ great.





(left) Show volunteers Elly Mohr and Beth Grimm, and our 'get it done' BOPC+GMC show chairman Carl Bylander. Below, club member Rick Unterseh won the "Leadfoot" Award at our show with his Pontiac-powered dragster. Rick needed to be creative and have special driving skills to navigate the speed bumps in the EVIT parking lot!

They also covered it well in their club newsletter and went so far to say that this was the best cruise they have been on.

Don't forget that we have elections for our club's Officers and Board of Directors coming up for 2025-26. Please consider



nominating yourself or a fellow club member (as long as they agree to serve) for one of these 13 positions. You will get a ballot through your email which you will use to share your vote on and an email address to send the ballot for tabulation.

We are looking for someone to fill the Secretary's position. This person would take minutes at our general and Board of Directors meetings and handle other club needs. Please volunteer for this important position.

We will announce the results of the elections at our May 21 meeting and forward the information to all members.

We have a number of activities still coming up before our summer break – Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on April 19, Pontiac Night at Mixteca, and our annual Cruise to Phil's Filling Station on May 4 (see details on these events below).

Stay tune to your emails, and check our Facebook page and website, www.valleysunpontiacs.com, for further developments and all news about our great club – now at over 215 members! Hope to see you at our meeting this week.

Paul

Paul Albinger Jr

Join us April 16 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.



Sale of Pontiac manuals, books to benefit Pontiac Transportation Museum

Our two Arizona chapters of POCI have received a well-preserved collection of manuals and books from Roy Moore, who recently sold his Pontiac collection. He connected with Southern AZ POCI chapter newsletter editor Dave Green and the two chapters are offering the publications for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Pontiac Transportation Museum in Detroit (site of the 2026 POCI National Convention).

See below for the list of books and prices. Contact Mark Neumann (markneumann16@gmail.com) about your interest. We will have the books at the April 16 club meeting. Checks and cash are accepted.

Let's make a generous donation to the Pontiac museum! More info on the museum at <https://www.pontiactransportationmuseum.org>.

Pontiac Books for Raffle to benefit the Pontiac Transportation Museum							Price
Service Manuals							
1966 Tempest Chassis Shop Manual				Pontiac Motor Division			\$15
1969 Pontiac Service Manual				Pontiac Motor Division			\$40
1969 Pontiac Master Parts and Accessories				Pontiac Motor Division			\$25
1969 Fisher Body Service Manual				General Motors			\$20
1967 Firebird Service Manual				Pontiac Motor Division			\$40
1967 Fisher Body Service Manual				General Motors			\$20
1970 Lemans/GTC Grand Prix Service Manual				General Motors			\$45
1970 Fisher Body Service Manual				General Motors			\$20
1970 Pontiac Service Manual				Pontiac Motor Division			\$30
1981 Fisher Body Service Manual				General Motors			\$20
1981 Pontiac New Model Product Information Manual				Pontiac Motor Division			\$25
1981 Pontiac Service Manual - Grand Prix, Lemans and Firebird				Pontiac Motor Division			\$35
1981 Pontiac Chassis and Fisher Body Service Manuals				(DVD)			\$15
Buyers and Restoration Guides							
Pontiac Muscle Cars 1973-1981 Used Parts Buyers Guide				John Miller			\$20
Catalog of Pontiac GTO ID Numbers 1964-74				Cars and Parts			\$40
Firebird: A Source Book				Thomas Bonsall			\$20
GTO: The Red Bc (1964-74)				Peter C. Sessler			\$30
Buyer's Guide: GTO				Paul Zazarine			\$50
Pontiac High Performance Engine Design and Blueprint Assembly				Craig Hendrickson and Kern Osterstock			\$15
Pontiac Heavy-Duty Parts and Specs				Craig Hendrickson and Kern Osterstock			\$15
History Books							
Pontiac GTO - The Great One				Steve Statham			\$35
Pontiac: The Performance Years				Martyn L. Schorr			\$35
The Big Little GTO Book				Albert Drake			\$25
Pontiac Firebird 1967-1973				R.M. Clarke			\$30
Pontiac Muscle Cars				Mike Mueller			\$30
Pontiac GTO Restoration Guide 1964-72				Paul Zazarine/Chuck Roberts (2nd Ed.)			\$45



Club events coming up!

Adopt-A-Highway on the Apache Trail: Saturday, April 19



Our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs chapter is **buying lunch** at Tortilla Flats for all club members – as long as you are willing to pick up a little trash along the way. Volunteer to help us clean up our beautiful mile of the Apache Trail. We provide trash pickers, bags, safety vests and cold drinks. Afterward, we treat the crew to lunch at the 'Flats. Contact club members June and Tim Smith to sign up (602-620-4120; kachinarv@yahoo.com). Details: we meet at 8:30 am at the Needle Vista Viewpoint turnout, half mile past mile marker 203 on the Apache Trail (right side of road).

Pontiac Night at Mixteca: Saturday, April 26

This will be our go-to spot each month from June through August while Pavilions shuts down during the summer months. 67th Avenue and Bell Road. Great classic car show!



Cruise to Phil's Filling Station: Sunday, May 4

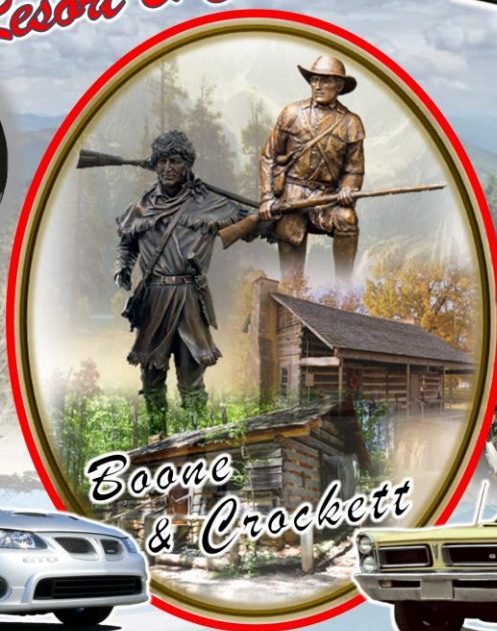
We have filled all reserved spots for this **cruise**, but a stand-by list is available if there are cancellations, and we are working to get additional show car spots and breakfast spots in addition to those in the reserved area. Contact Paul (pajeb@aol.com) for more info.





For more info and to register, visit www.poci.org.

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Not pictured: Mike Fleury, club treasurer