

Pontiacs of the Valley

March 2025 | Newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Monthly meeting this Wednesday at Rudy's!

A party of Pontiackers, 'Midnight' ride, and a tribute

February and March had a month full of activities, and more to come.

A record-breaking attendance at our annual club party set the tone for club activities in the month of February, followed in March by the Midnight at the Oasis car show in Yuma, a special celebration of life for club member Stan Ford, drag racing at Pontiacs on the Strip, Awatukee Car Show, and Good Guys in March, leading up to our big

Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac and GMC show at the East Valley Institute of Technology on March 30.

Complete your registration today!

< 19 Pontíacs were at the Celebration of Life for Stan.



(above) Children of club member Stan Ford, who passed away Dec. 23, at the memorial service included Dallas Ford (far left) and Tracy Vasquez (at the podium).



Hello club members,

We have several important events to put on your schedule. More details at our meeting this Wednesday at Rudy's.

On March 29th we will have a cruise for our friends of the San Diego Pontiac Club traveling to Arizona for our BOPC Car Show. We will start on Saturday morning with a cruise to Tortilla Flats and hopefully a lunch there as long as there is not a long wait. If not, we have an alternate location in Mesa we can cruise back to after they view the area.

After lunch, we will take them to the Pavilions for the Saturday night cruise in. Please consider attending all or part of the event as they always treat us well when we go to San Diego for their annual Cops and Rodders show. Contact me if you are able to participate (480-284-3607 or pajeb@aol.com). We will meet at their hotel in the Mesa/Scottsdale area.





< Club members riding through Good Guys Car Show this week on military transport.

On March 30th, if you haven't signed up yet, please register for our BOPC Car Show. Further info can be found in this newsletter.

Our annual Breakfast and Cruise In to Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills will be on May 4th. Further details will be made available at our club meeting and upcoming emails.

On a somber but proud note, 19 cars and many members in their daily drivers showed up

for Stan Ford's Celebration of Life (below, Father Eric Tellez talked about Stan's love for classic cars during his homily).



Thank you to all who attended with a shout out to our youngest members, Owen Zangle and Robbie LaMacchia, who proved that young and respectful adults know and understand what honor and respect really mean. And thank you and congratulations to their parents as well.

Stan's family noticed and they asked me to extend their heartfelt thank you's and appreciation to our club.

Paul Paul Albinger Jr

Join us March 19 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.



We had a great turnout – our largest ever at 120 club members and guests –

for our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs annual party. held on Feb 15. This year's event was hosted by Frank and Toni



Gostyla at their Scottsdale home. Everyone loved caterer YoPauly's Italian food so much we ran out. Thanks to everyone who attended and special thanks to Frank and Toni for opening up their home to us.

Manuals, books donated to AZ Pontiac clubs

Our two Arizona chapters of POCI have received a beautiful collection of manuals and books from Roy Moore, who recently sold his collection of Pontiacs. He connected with Southern AZ chapter newsletter





editor Dave Greene about donating the books, and the two clubs will discuss how best we can distribute the books to our members. They are all in excellent condition. Thank you, Roy!

More events!

Midnight at the Oasis/Yuma, AZ



Car shows, events from March-May

(red type = VSP Club sponsored/affiliated)

- March 18-22: Mecum Classic Car Auction, Cardinals Stadium, Glendale, AZ. Lots of cool Pontiacs going up on the block. Check out the list at https://www.mecum.com/tags/mecumglendale-2025/
- March 19: Monthly Club Meeting at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, Time: 5:30 Address: 15257 N. Northsight Blvd, Scottsdale.
- March 21-23: NHRA Arizona Nationals, Firebird Raceway, Chandler
- March 22 Pontiac Night at Mixteca (67th Ave and Bell)
- March 29: Special Cruise with POCI San Diego Pontiac Club See President's Message for details.
- March 29: Auction of the Tom Minnick Collection of Classic Pontiacs and Other Muscle Cars, 51415 US 60, Wickenburg. More info at www.vanderbrinkauctions.com/catalog/?auction=21506

- March 30: 27th Annual Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac and GMC Car Show

Don't forget to register for our big car show of the year -BOPC! Let's make this the biggest turnout ever for Pontiacs from our club! Send in your registration forms today!



And more club events to come in April and May:

April 12: Pontiac Night at Pavilions

April 12: Ridge at the Stratford Classic Car Show, Phoenix.

April 16: Monthly Club Meeting at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, Time: 5:30 - Address:

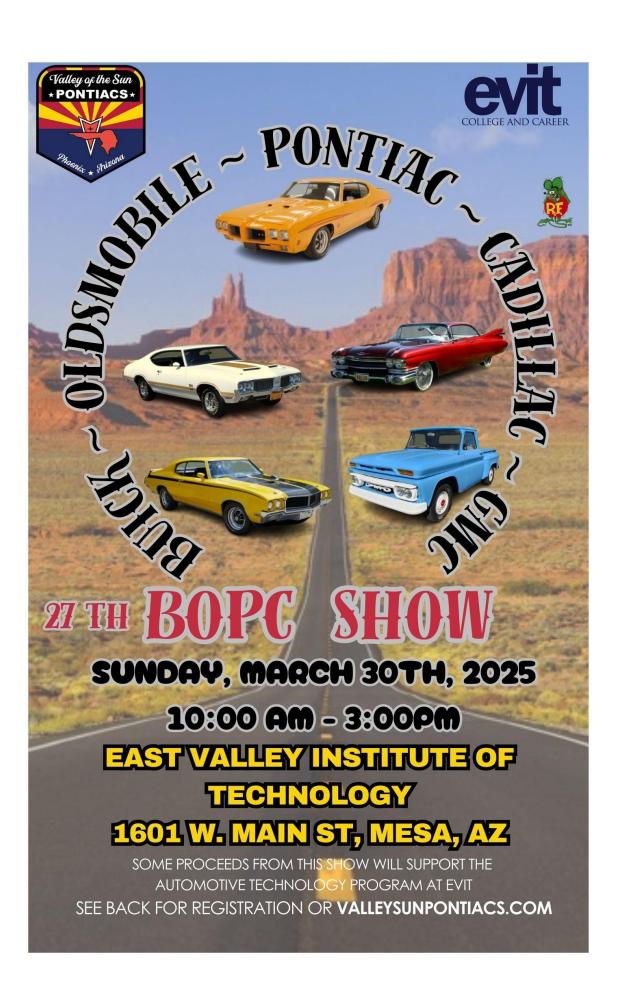
15257 N. Northsight Blvd, Scottsdale.

April 19: Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on the Apache Trail

April 26: Pontiac Night at Mixteca

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

Following club activities on our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Facebook page and our website, www.valleysunpontiacs.com



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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 EACH OF THE 5 MAKES.

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

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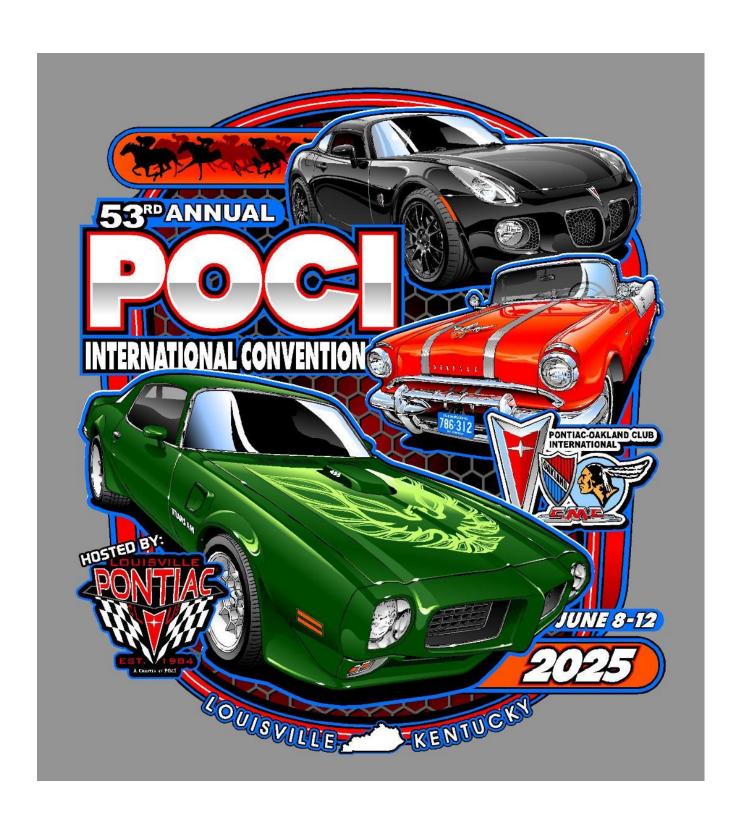
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[Latest News]

The Pavilions car show will shut down for the summer; Mixteca show will continue. More details at this week's club meeting.









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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

Jay Leno brings his '68 Firebird Sprint to the 'Shifting Gears' set

On his new ABC-TV show, 'Shifting Gears,' actor **Tim Allen** ('Home Improvement, Last Man Standing') portrays an owner of a classic car restoration shop. Allen, who owns a 1970 GT0 as part of his own car collection, included fellow comedian and mega-classic car collector **Jay Leno** as a guest in his most recent episode.

Leno appears on the show to pick up a 1968 Firebird Sprint convertible, which is actually part of his own collection.

The two actors are long-time friends and classic car collectors; Leno made numerous appearances on 'Last Man Standing,' where Allen showed his love for classic cars. Catch "Shifting Gears" on ABC-TV every Wednesday night at 7 pm MST.

