



Pontiacs of the Valley

March 2026 | Newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club
Chapter #107, Pontiac Oakland Club International

Next club meeting is March 18 at Rudy's Country Store/BBQ

Good Guys, Pontiac Night at Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers this weekend!

A "Midnight" ride to Yuma

Club members journey to annual show

Hundreds of classic cars and trucks covered the baseball fields at the Yuma Civic Center this past weekend for the 33rd Annual Midnight at the Oasis car show presented by Caballeros de Yuma, and Pontiacs made their mark among the sea of Fords and Chevys at the show.

(top, right) Our club contingent on the Friendship Park baseball field; (right) dinner at Mi Rancho Saturday night; (left) Alan and Owen Zangle with their 'Bird and Circle of Winners trophy.

The event drew over 950 entries and the parade through Yuma had close to 500 cars. Arts and crafts booths, concerts, and good food was part of the show. Club members **Alan and Owen Zangle** won one of 30 Circle of Winners awards presented at the show with their 1979 Pontiac Trans Am. Special thanks to club Board member **Tom Locke** for organizing our participation each year for this show

– reserving our spots on the field, booking the hotel, and organizing our caravan. Congrats also to **Randy and Carol Willard** with their custom 1966 GTO from the POCI AZ chapter who also took home a Circle of Winners award. Check out more photos and videos from the event on our club Facebook page.



28TH BOPC SHOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 AM - 3:00PM

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Making these Pontiacs roadworthy again



Some of you may remember the sale of a large collection of vintage Pontiacs in central California last September. Boyd and Dianna Lasater were clearing out the property of their brother, who passed away and was an avid Pontiac collector, particularly Firebirds. The inventory had about 40+ vehicles on his estate, located about 35 miles northeast of Sacramento, and the vehicles represented some 30 years of collecting Pontiacs.

Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club members **Mike Lamberth** and

Julian Grant made the

(top) The 4-door Grand Am rests in Lamberth's garage next to his '77 Can Am; (right) showing off the new deck lid spoiler; (bottom) the car is preped for stripping and powder coating the chassis.

trek out to Lasater's house and returned with some new projects.

Lamberth, who owns a



fully restored '77 Can Am, bought the 1973 4-door Grand Am in the collection, which has a rare 4 speed, seeing it as a chance to build the car his way. While the NACA hood was not available on the Grand Am sedans in '73, he found it among the parts in the estate sale, bought it and added it to the car. A new spoiler on the rear deck lid has been added too. "Once this is done, hopefully by the end of 2026, it will be a very

cool car with all the things that I have planned for it,” Lamberth said. “After all, if you are going to have a 4 door Pontiac, then make it a cool one!”



Grant, who has a '67 Firebird and a '78 Trans Am already in his stable, picked up 3 Firebirds from the collection with the intent to get them back on the road, particularly the rare, 1973 Brewster Green 4 speed Trans Am, which needs a drivetrain and an interior. The others are a 1970 Firebird with a 350/automatic, and a 1971 Formula 455/auto. The Formula also needs a drivetrain.

“I made the original trip out to the estate on Sept. 14 to look at the cars and decided to purchase these three,” Grant said. “I returned Oct. 4 to pick them up and dropped them off at a friend’s property about 30 minutes away. They finally got to my house Nov. 21-22.

(left) The Firebirds at Grant’s home in Tempe. The Trans Am and the Firebird 350 (below) were stored inside at the California property.

“I am starting on the Firebird 350 first as it still has a drivetrain,” Grant said. “None of the cars have any rust, but they have been sitting for many years.”



Grant hopes to put a 455 in the Trans Am (the car came originally with one) with a 5 or 6 speed, and a 455 in the Formula.



President's Message



It's election time for your club's officers and Board of Directors.

Here is an opportunity for YOU to get more involved in your club. We need some "young blood" with some new ideas, thoughts, suggestions, input, etc. I am not just saying that. It is true!!! Do you realize that the average age of our Officers and Board of Directors is in the 70s? It is and that is not a bad thing; however it also shows that we need to be more diverse.

We have a lot of new members who are younger that really need to get involved in the club and help take it to the next level. Perhaps you were not asked in the past. Now we are asking.

I am so pleased with our current officers and Board Of Directors. They are very dedicated. Besides holding an office each one of them takes one or champions one or more facets of the club's lifeline.

It has been a great year full of activities. With over 215 members, we are the third largest chapter in our national Pontiac-Oakland Club International organization - after less than five years of existence.

As time moves on, things happen in our lives. Currently we have openings in our leadership due to job changes, health issues, and relocations. **SERIOUSLY, WE NEED YOU TO CONSIDER TAKING THE NEXT STEP AND MAKE AN IMPACT IN OUR CLUB!!!** There is a lot of talent in our ranks. We don't need to be the best club. We do need to be the best that we can be.



Our Valley of the Sun Pontiacs club is managed by
9 Board of Directors
4 Officers

Please consider volunteering to make our club the Best It Can Be. At our March and April club meetings, we will be taking nominations for the openings of Vice-President, Secretary, and Board Of Directors for 2026-27. We can also take nominations for any other office.

If you have any questions about the positions and would like to nominate and volunteer, please feel free to contact me. I will be appointing an election committee at our March meeting to oversee the elections. If you wish to nominate someone else please feel free to do so. **HOWEVER**, please talk to them before nominating them to make sure that this is something they want to do. Our elections committee will be informing you about the process and provide an avenue for anyone who cannot attend the May Meeting an opportunity to vote.

Paul
Paul Albinger, Jr.



45TH anniversary



ARIZONA

Statewide Picnic

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BRINGING TOGETHER **PHOENIX** and **TUCSON**
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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Dave White Regional Park, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
2121 N. Thornton Road • Ramada "D" • Arrive at 12 Noon

CATERED PICNIC LUNCH

BBQ Pulled Pork, buns/cornbread, mac & cheese, baked beans, pickles, chips, Ghirardelli chocolate brownies.

COST: \$10 per person

We're requesting a \$10/person donation from all chapter members and their families, TO BE COLLECTED AT EVENT.

YOU MUST RSVP! ✨

The caterer must know in advance how much food to prepare. Let us know how many are in your party:

RESERVE YOUR MEAL(S): Contact member Valerie Johnson at (208) 604-4303 or email: vallynne1959@gmail.com

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026.

*NOTE: If you do not wish to partake of this catered meal, you may instead bring your own picnic food items AND you do not need to RSVP. Simply join us in Casa Grande at Noon!

ENJOY ROOT BEER FLOATS!

Following lunch, participants will be treated to old-fashioned Root Beer floats ... and perhaps a few other fun surprises, too!

WHAT TO BRING:

Please bring your own choice of beverage to enjoy during lunch.

NOTE: If you do not wish to reserve any \$10 meals from our designated local caterer, you may instead bring your own picnic food items. Due to numerous factors, we discourage the use of the barbecue grills during our anniversary gathering.

You may also bring your own folding chairs, tables and canopies, but they are not at all necessary.

PAYMENT: PLEASE BRING CASH TO PAY FOR YOUR MEALS ONSITE. These funds will reimburse both club treasuries.

QUESTIONS? If you have questions, and/or to make your reservations, contact:

Valerie Johnson at (208) 604-4303 • vallynne1959@gmail.com

TWO CARAVANS: From Chandler: Meet @ Wild Horse Pass Casino (West of I-10 & Sundust Rd) at 11:00am; Depart 15 mins later.
From NW Tucson: Meet @ QuikTrip Gas, 6455 W. Twin Peaks Rd (East of I-10) at 11:00am; Depart 15 mins later.

Get your kicks on the Mother Road this year...

With the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Historic Route 66 happening this year, we can look forward to not one — but two — Pontiac tours of The Mother Road in the months ahead.



The first of the tours, as coordinated by Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club president Paul Albinger, will take place in May. The second tour, coordinated by Club board member Valerie Johnson, will take place in mid-October. Each of the two tours will be “modular,” meaning that you can participate in as many or as few of the pre-announced daily segments as you’d like.

The May Cruise

Day 1 (Wed, May 6th): Travel from Phoenix to Gallup, NM.

Day 2 (Thurs, May 7th): Gallup to Williams, AZ, with pauses in Holbrook, Winslow, Flagstaff.

Day 3 (Fri, May 8th): Williams to Kingman, AZ with pauses in Ash Fork and Seligman.

Day 4 (Sat, May 9th): Kingman to Oatman, AZ (plus an optional 30-minute drive to California state line) and return to Kingman overnight.

Day 5 (Sun, May 10th): Return home.

The October Cruise

Stops will be based around participation in the “I Love Route 66 Festival” in Kingman (www.66fest.com) on October 16-17. More details coming.

For more information on the Route 66 celebrations around the country, check out <https://www.route66centennial.org/>

Join us for our next club meeting!!

The meeting is being held Wednesday, March 18 at Rudy’s Country Store and BBQ, starting with dinner at 5:30 pm, and the meeting at 7 pm. Address is 15257 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale.



**Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers + Pontiacs this Saturday night!
Pima Crossing Shopping Center/8624 E. Shea. 4 pm- 8 pm**

Cars and parts for sale by club members

>1969 Bonneville Coupe. 70,000 miles. Asking \$34,500. Contact: John Pinto at jpintoii@hotmail.com



>1972 Pontiac Grand Prix custom convertible. Asking \$75,000. Contact: Gary Derner at geesderner@yahoo.com



< 1951 Pontiac Chieftan Deluxe. Asking \$60,000. Contact: Joel Hernandez at xmarinero01@yahoo.com

> 1965 Pontiac GTO. Asking \$75,000. Contact: Denny Deal at Dennyd46@cox.net.



< 1973 Pontiac Trans Am. Asking \$100,000. Contact: Gary Rude at garyrude@gooseneckimp.com.

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>Original gas tank from 1972 Pontiac GTO, comes with straps. Asking \$100. Radiator from same car. Asking \$125. Both in good condition. Contact: Robert Mock at nashmetro57@aol.com



Pontiacs in Vegas on the Strip – Join the fun on the quarter mile!

Club members are planning a road trip to Vegas for the 4th annual Pontiacs At The Strip Show and Drags at the end of March. Come see club members Frank Gostyla and Rick Unterseh go racing!

Pontiacs at the Strip Show and Drags will be held at Las Vegas Motor Speedway (7000 N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas).

Here are the details for Valley of the Sun Pontiacs participants:

- Depart Phoenix on Thursday, March 26 (departure time/meetup location to be determined)
- Show and drag racing is Friday – Sunday, March 27-29
- Most likely a departure of Sunday AM back to Phoenix

Hotel reservations via www.hotels.com

We are staying at LaQuinta Inn and Suites by Wyndam Las Vegas Nellis 4288 N Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas

You are responsible for making your own reservations.

Registering for the show

The show registration form is available at www.MATSLV.com. Scroll down to “Car Show” link. We should sign up for the Pontiac Judged Class.

Contact Tom Knecht at 602-708-6960 for more details.

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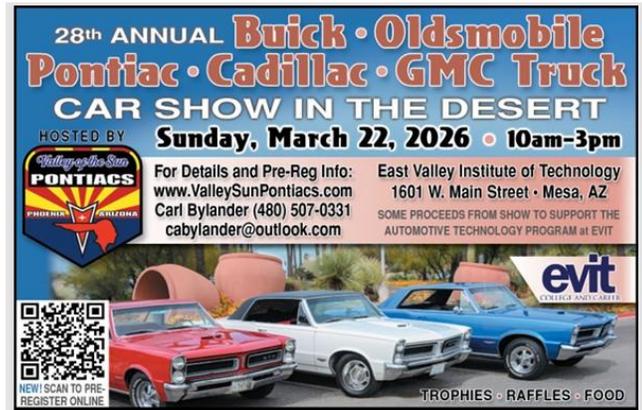
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10 reasons to register your Pontiacs NOW for BOPC+GMC '26!

1. It is annually the biggest show for Pontiacs in Arizona. You have to be there!
2. Registering before the show date saves you \$12.
3. The show will have over \$4,000 in raffle prizes!
4. You can order your show t-shirts and your raffle tickets early so you can get them when you check in on the day of the show. No waiting in line.
5. Pre-registering allows you to print out your window dash card ahead of time – making your check-in on the day of show a breeze and you can park and get setup faster.
6. Sleep in! Instead of having to wait in line at 8:00 am to register day of show and pay more money, you can arrive at 9:00 am at EVIT and have plenty of time to park your car and be ready for judging.
7. Registering now makes it easier for club members who volunteer to run the show – the staff who set up the tables and ez-ups, registration staff, judges, parking staff, those who help with vendor setup, etc.
8. Get in line at the food truck sooner and beat the rush for your breakfast burrito.
9. You can use our handy tutorial below to make registration easier.
10. If you pre-register, you can register a second Pontiac for the show for \$10. Day of show, there is no discount for your second car.



A tutorial to register:

1. Go to the Valley of the Sun Pontiacs website (www.valleysunpontiacs.com) and click on the flyer for the show on our home page.



2. That takes you to the back of the flyer. That will show you the classes you can register your car(s), contact information, and details of the event.



3. You now have two options to get to the Car Show Pro website and our event page to register your car:

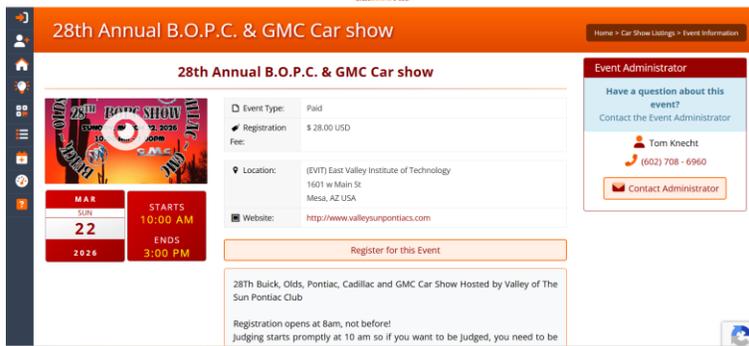
- Registering with your cell phone: scan the QR code with your camera on the flyer
- iPad, lap top, or desk top computer: Click on the link provided. Either one will get you to the site and our event page.

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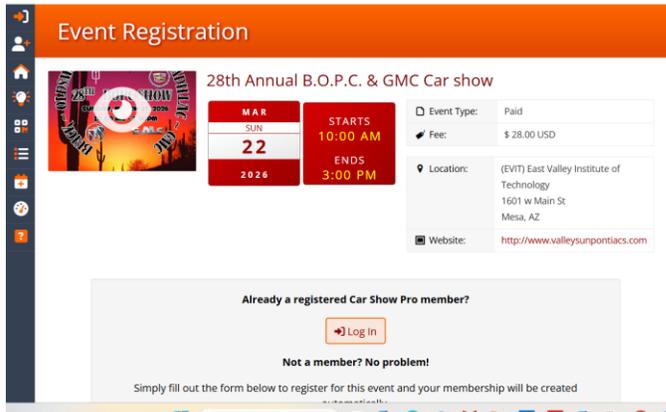


<https://carshowpro.com/event/2831>

4. That page on the Car Show Pro website looks like this. Our event page has lots of information about the show. Click on the “Register for this Event” bar.



5. That will take you to the BOPC car show registration page. THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE A LOGIN TO THE SITE. Once you register, the site will do that for you.



6. Scroll down and fill out the personal and auto information requested in the form to start your registration. Adding a photo of your car is optional and not required to complete registration. Then select the “auto classification” button to choose your class, and add club affiliation as “Valley of the Sun Pontiacs.” It will auto-populate once you start typing.

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Click to expand

Auto Classifications
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Select Auto Classification ▼

Select an auto classificaton above

7. Fill in your payment information, then click, “Pay Now to Register.” Once this is accepted, it will automatically generate an email to you to confirm you are registered for the show. You can also print out your window card.

I agree to the **Car Show Waiver/Registrants must CHECK THE BOX**

I agree to the **Terms of Use** of this website

Registration Ticket Price: **\$28.00**

Total: \$28.00 USD

Card Google Pay

Card number: 1234 1234 1234 1234    

Expiration date: MM / YY

Security code: CVC

Country: United States

ZIP code: 12345

You're done! See you March 22!

Contact show administrator Tom Knecht (602-708-6960) if you experience any trouble registering. Contact Mike Fleury (843-860-0791; mwfleury@bellsouth.net) if you want to register a second car for the show.

Want to order BOPC show T-shirts and raffle tickets??

To pre-order event t-shirts and raffle tickets, scan the QR code below or type in the link below into your browser:

- TO PRE-ORDER SHIRTS / RAFFLE TICKETS USE THIS QR CODE or URL LINK BELOW:



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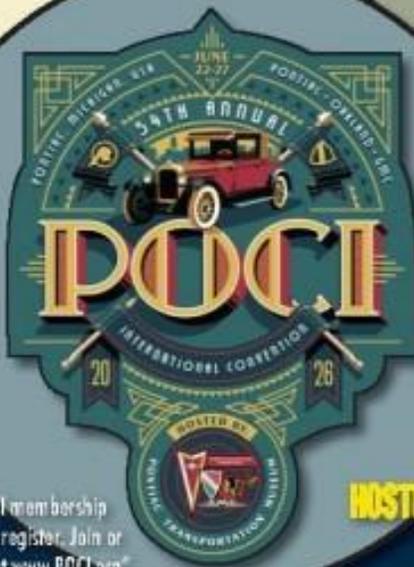


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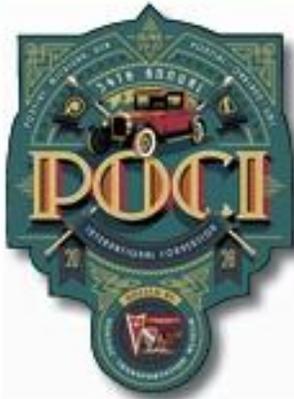


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3600 Centerpoint Parkway
Pontiac, Michigan 48341
(248) 253-9800**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS, EVEN IF NOT ENTERING A VEHICLE.

**MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE: \$65.00 ~ AFTER MAY 15, 2026: \$85.00
(REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES MEMBER, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN)**



MAIL THIS FORM TO:

POCI 2026 CONVENTION
PO Box 421
LONG LAKE, MN 55356

CONVENTION UPDATES ARE POSTED AT WWW.POCI.ORG
FOR CONVENTION QUESTIONS, CALL THE POCI CLUB OFFICE (763) 479-2111

Convention Coordinators: Art Barrett (417) 737-1469 artbarrett@centurytel.net
Larry Crider (918) 798-2765 pontiacfun@gmail.com
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THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

PAY BY CREDIT CARD, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:
"2026 POCI CONVENTION". YOU MAY REGISTER ON LINE AT: WWW.POCI.ORG

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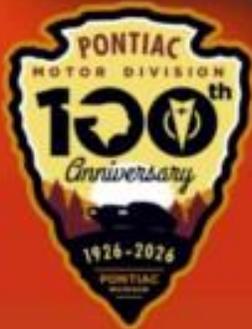
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