



Pontiacs of the Valley

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

Next club meeting is Oct 21

Kingman Route 66 Fest, Covenant Hot Rods 11th Annual Show

President's Message

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Our summer break is over, we have had our first meeting since the break and we are off and running. Please keep an eye on your emails as a lot of information will be forthcoming. First is your monthly newsletter published by our VP David Hutchison. Second is the weekly activities update that will be handled by Board Member Vinnie La Macchia. I will also have pertinent updates for events and happenings as well. We will try to keep it to a minimum so the numbers of emails do not become bothersome, but watch for them. If you are not getting them, please check your SPAM FOLDERS. Some members have had emails routed there.

We have a very active fall coming up with numerous events. They are listed in this newsletter so make sure you put them on our calendars. For new members and as a review for existing members, we have Affiliated Events and Non-Affiliated Events. An Affiliated event is one that is sponsored or championed by one of our members; a coordinator for that particular event.

An Affiliated Event activity such as a cruise in, car show, educational event or a party, etc.; a meeting place for members to report to is usually selected so we can all go together. Depending upon length and time, a place to eat or fuel up is also included.

A Non-Affiliated Event could be a car show, cruise in, or other event that is occurring that member(s) are attending without any formal organization or schedule planned.

I look forward to seeing many of you at some of activities, meetings, and events for 2026-2027

Paul Albinger Jr.
President,
Valley Of The Sun Pontiacs

We're Back!

The next season of club meetings are scheduled. We are looking forward to a great season of shows, meet-ups and cruising.

As our President said, we are back for another season of Pontiac club meeting and many Pontiac related events. With cooler weather ahead, many great events are planned. Watch for details on the club website and facebook page.

The first club meeting of the 2026-2027 season was Sept 15th 2026. Club meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. See the VOSP website <http://www.valleysunpontiacs.com/about.php> for the meeting location, date and times.

Even though the club meetings are not held and many members scatter for cooler climates during the summer, there were still some gathering around the valley. Members gathered Saturday evenings at the Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers locations in Gilbert and Scottsdale as other locations across the valley.

Scottsdale CB&CB



There were also Cars and Coffee and local car shows that members attended.

High Street Cars and Coffee



And congratulations to club members Keith Dahl and Gary Blythe for winning top ten awards at the Sept 6th Mint Car show organized by Nancy Perry.



Local Shows and Events

2026

October 16-17

Kingman Route 66 Fest Classics Car Show is being held October 16-17. The 2 day event is hosted in beautiful Lewis Kingman Park.

For events schedule and car show registration, visit <https://www.66fest.com/>

A block of 19 rooms is available for Friday and Saturday nights, October 16th and 17th at Best Western Plus King's Inn & Suites. If you plan to extend your trip, the hotel allows you to book extra dates both before and after the event.

Group rates per night are:

- King rooms: \$116
- Double Queen rooms: \$120

Here is the link to register for the hotel online:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.03012.html?groupId=6U0MM6F3

October 31

VOSP Halloween Trunk and Treat is October 31 in Globe/Miami. The club sponsored event supports the families and kids of the Globe/Miami area. More details will be available soon. RSVP to Georjann Stull @ 480-360-0377 or georjstull@gmail.com

November 7th

Covenant Hot Rod's 11th Annual Southwest Regional Car Show is being held on Saturday, Nov 7th at Covenant Life Christian Center at Paseo Del Oro (3029 N. Alma School Rd. in Chandler, AZ) from 10am - 2pm. This new venue will fit about 140 vehicles. Part of the proceeds from the car show will again benefit Soldier's Best Friend. The show is free to the public. Pre-registration is in progress for vehicles and is still \$35 which includes a car shirt, dash plaque and goodie bag. The registration link is: <https://register.covenanthotrod.com/>

2027

February 28th

The 29th annual BOPC and GMC show is being held on Sunday, Feb 28 2027 from 10:-- am to 3:00 pm. The show is hosted by Valley of the Son Pontiacs. There will be 100+ awards given out plus a 50/50 raffle and vendor and food trucks.

National Events

2026

November 21-22

Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Info: <https://www.mcacn.com/>

2027

April 16-18

Pontiacs at the Strip, Las Vegas International Raceway, Las Vegas NV. Part of the Muscle Cars at the Strip. Event planning is work.

Additional details: <https://www.matslv.com/>

June 22-26

2027 POCI International Convention, Norman OK. Online registration is now open.

Details and registration info: <https://www.poci.org/annual-convention>

See our newest photo galleries of Valley of the Sun Pontiac club events in 2025-26 at
www.valleysunpontiacs.com/gallery.php

- **BOPC+GMC Show// Club Holiday Party**
- **Cruise to Phil's Filling Station // AZ Chapter 45th Anniversary Party-Casa Grande**

Thank you to our webmaster Scott Svenheim for his work this year in maintaining our website!

Club Member New Pontiacs

Club member Tom Locke recently picked up this 1977 Trans AM. It is a W72 with the Y82 Special Edition option. Originally delivered to Mechem Pontiac in Glendale AZ. Hurst T-Tops, automatic transmission.



Club member Walter Andrushenko picked up a numbers matching 63 Grand Prix 421 HO car with air. "I can't get enough of the exhilaration", says Walter.



Beautiful Pontiacs, enjoy and we hope to see them at the shows

Club Adopt-A-Highway Program needs a new manager!

Hundreds of pounds of garbage have been collected by club members who have volunteered a day in the spring and fall to clean up a mile along the Apache Trail as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program.

After serving as trusty managers of the cleanup for many years, club members Tim and June Smith are ready to hand over the reins to a new leader.



If you enjoy doing your part to help keep Arizona clean, and working with other like-minded volunteers, let us know if you can take on this leadership role to organize our pickups twice a year. Trash pickers, safety vests, and the ADOT "blue bags" are provided for volunteers and the club treats all workers to lunch at Tortilla Flat afterwards!

Interested? Contact Mark Neumann at 602-653-5074 or markneumann16@gmail.com

Frank's Car Clinic

October 24th will be our next car clinic. We will hold the Fall Car Clinic at Frank's Monster Garage located at 11348 E North Ln. Scottsdale, AZ 86259, from 9AM till the work is done. Lunch will be provided by the club, prepared by Mike Jewell and Mary Sundberg. To get on the schedule email Frank at FRANKG23312GMAIL.COM or call at 804-307-5427. If you do not have work to be done on your car, bring it anyway and join in on the educational part and comradery that is shared. After the clinic, those who would like to attend Pontiac Night at Mixteca can caravan together and continue the fun.

For Sale

1970's era Pontiac AM/FM Stereo Radio. Model 02 GFM1 Removed from a 1970 Grand Prix. Restored by The Radio Doctor in April. Price \$550. Contact: Michael Jewell at 602-916-3391; email: jewellmichael57@gmail.com



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



1967 Pontiac GTO Rear Bumpers (2). Plated 20 years ago. Some chrome blemishes. Fair driver quality. \$200 each david@hutchwareltd.com



1964 GTO shifter (A/T), bezel, clock and gauge cluster. All working when removed from a 1964 GTO. Tachometer and Sunpro underdash gauges, working when removed. Will sell individually or as a package, make offer. Harold Legreid-701-306-4997



Wanted

Looking for old, early issues of Smoke Signals.. 1970s-80s. Contact Mary Sundberg (garyandmary59@cox.net)



Route 66 Classics Car Show

Hosted by the Pharoahs Car Club of Arizona

<https://www.66fest.com/shows-on-wheels>

- Saturday, October 17, 2026 – 10am to 6pm
- Vehicle must be year 1985 or older
- 140 participants, pre-registration advised.
- Register at <https://www.66fest.com/shows-on-wheels>

Classic Car Show is part of the greater Route 66 Fest, October 16-17, 2026 Kingman AZ. Visit <https://www.66fest.com/> for details.

Route 66 Fest is free for spectators and free public parking is in the adjacent lot at the corner of Andy Devine Ave (Route 66) and Fairgrounds Ave.



HALLOWEEN NIGHT

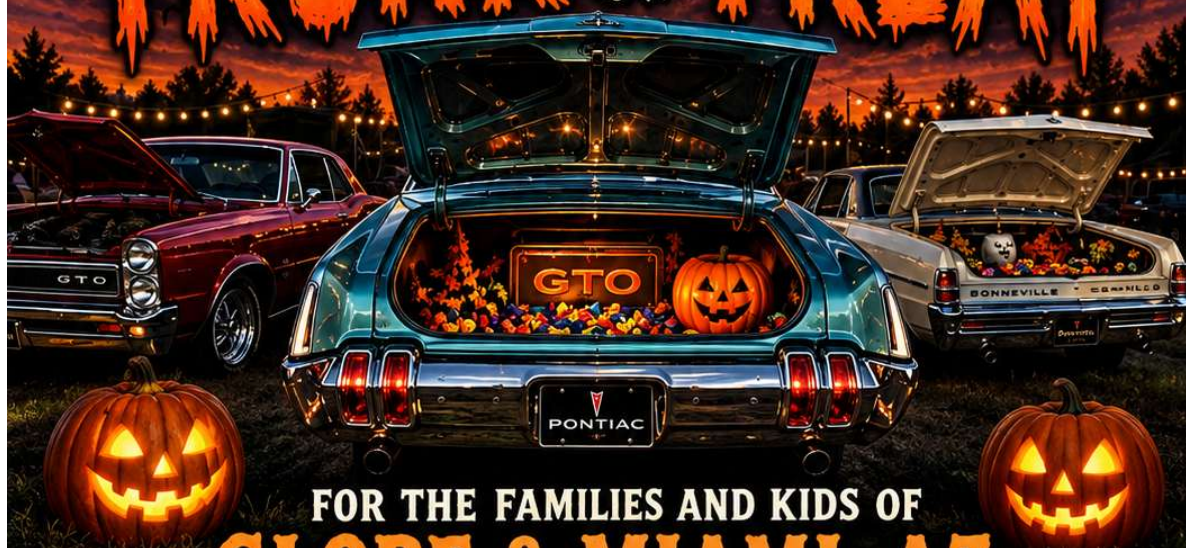
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VALLEY OF THE SUN



PONTIAC
CLUB

TRUNK & TREAT



FOR THE FAMILIES AND KIDS OF
GLOBE & MIAMI, AZ

RSVP

to Georgann Stull
@ 480-360-0377
or georjstull@gmail.com

COVENANT HOT ROD'S 11th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CAR SHOW



EVENT LOCATION & HOST

Covenant Life Church

3029 N. Alma School Rd. #122

Chandler, AZ. 85224

Covenantlifecc.org

DATE OF SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2026

REGISTRATION

OPENS at 7:30 AM CLOSES at 10:30 AM

REGISTRATION

FEE \$35.00

T-shirt & Goodie bag included with registration.

THESE VEHICLES WELCOME

Street Rods – Muscle Cars – Rat Rods -

Sports Cars - Custom Cars – Trucks –

Classics

Vehicle Classes on Reverse Side

Pre-register and pay at:

Register.Covenanthotrod.com

Part of all proceeds go to support:



Don and Barbie Webb

480-205-7925

donchra91@gmail.com

www.covenanthotrod.com

**Covenant Hot Rod
Association**



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Touching 2 Lives at Once

REGISTRATION INFORMATION *(Please type or print clearly)*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size- **Circle One:** SM MED LG XL XXL XXXL

Club Affiliation: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Brief Description: _____

Modifications: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

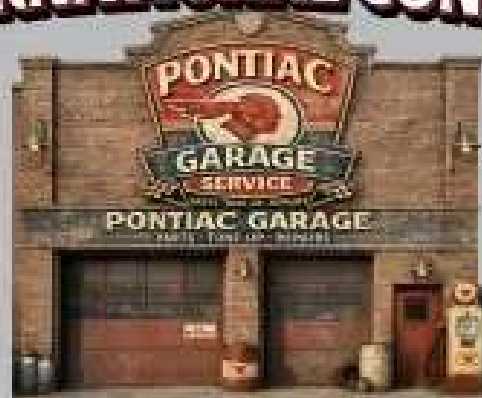
LIABILITY RELEASE

By attending or participating in the Covenant Hot Rod Association Car Show event on November 7, 2026, at 3029 North Alma School Road, Suite 122, Chandler, Arizona, you acknowledge and accept all risks associated with the event, including personal injury, property damage, or vehicle-related incidents. You agree to release and hold harmless Covenant Hot Rod LLC dba, CHRA, and Covenant Hot Rod Association, Covenant Life Church, MAP International Management Inc., and their respective representatives from any and all liability arising from your participation or attendance. You further agree that you are solely responsible for your vehicle, its condition, and any related damages or losses, and that you will comply with all applicable laws and event rules, participating voluntarily and at your own risk.

1	Original Cars 1900-1989	16	T-Bird: all others
2	Street Rods	17	Mustangs: 1964-1/2-1973
3	T-Buckets	18	Mustangs: all others
4	Muscle Cars: 1958-1987	19	Trucks Stock
5	Sports Cars/Exotics	20	Trucks Modified
6	Corvette 1953-1967	21	Orphan Cars
7	Corvette 1968-1972	22	Tri-Fives 55-56-57
8	Corvette 1973-Current	23	Rat Rods
9	Camaro/Firebird/Trans Am: 1967-1969	24	Special Interest Vehicles
10	Camaro/Firebird/Trans Am: 1970-1981	25	Mopar All Years
11	Camaro/Firebird/Trans Am: all others	26	VW: Bugs, Busses, & Karmann Ghia
12	Chevy II/Nova	27	Shelby/Cobra's
13	Chevelle	28	Imports
14	Custom Cars	29	Work in progress
15	T-Bird: 1955-1957	30	Low Riders / Tail Draggers

Pre-register and pay at: <https://register.covenanthotrod.com> or send the completed form and checks payable to:
CHRA • 1063 W Mendoza Ave Mesa, AZ 85210. For more information contact Don Webb (480-205-7925) or email us at donchra91@gmail.com. Judging criteria: Tires & Wheels, Paint & Body, Interior (1 window must be rolled down to judge). Engine (hood must be raised to judge). Trophies will be 1st place only & Best of Show. All judging is performed by CHRA staff.

55th Annual PONTIAC POCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



June 22nd - 26th, 2027 • Norman, OK



Welcome new Valley of the Sun Pontiacs members in 2026-2027!

Please welcome the following 2026-2027 new members to the club.

Jeff Carver
Rod Martinez

Greg Gehle
John Rowe

Will Grace
Jeffery Wright

Nancy Kragl
Kris Walski

(newest members in red)

Club Badges

If you are a new member and would like a club, they are free to members and can be requested by contacting Thom Mohr thomohr43@yahoo.com. The badges will have your name and list up to two Pontiac autos that you own.

If you have requested a name badge and haven't picked it up yet at one of the club meetings, contact Thom Mohr thomohr43@yahoo.com.

Valley of the Sun Pontiacs Club Merchandise

Looking for Club Merchandise? The Club Store has tees, hats, mugs and more. Proceeds from the Club Store help fund Pediatric Disease Research. Checkout the Club store @ <https://rareitees.org/collections/valley-of-the-sun-pontiacs> or click on the VOSP Club Store link on the VOSP website <http://www.valleysunpontiacs.com/>



AWARD WINNING
SAN DIEGO PONTIAC
OAKLAND CLUB INT'L



May 2026

JOIN THE PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL (POCI)

We Invite You To Join!

Keeping The Pontiac Legacy Alive...

Formed in 1972 by a small group of enthusiasts who wanted to pool as much Pontiac and Oakland information as was possible, the first convention was held the following year in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Since then, POCI chapters have formed all over the country and POCI Conventions have been held every year in a variety of locations. The events include a car show, tech seminars, presentations, drag racing and a great swap meet. GMC trucks were included in 1998, due to their close relation to Pontiac.

The club's magazine, *Smoke Signals*, also started in 1972 and has evolved into a world-class, award-winning monthly that continues to raise the bar for non-commercial publications. *Smoke Signals* was redesigned in 2006 and again in 2013. Today, it is a 92 to 100-page, full-color publication printed on heavyweight paper and also comes in digital form.

We are very excited with the future of the Pontiac hobby and we invite you to join POCI and start receiving *Smoke Signals*. Please note that members get access to download our digital editions that go all the way back to 2006.

We welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMCs of any age or type to join us. Just use the membership form provided and get in on the action.

Whether you have an early Pontiac, a muscle-era GTO or Firebird, a full-sized Wide Tracker or late-model Trans Am, Solstice, or G8, we have a place for you and your car.

We thank you for your time and look forward to seeing you at a POCI event soon!

Annual Membership Fees

Worldwide Electronic-Membership

(downloadable version of Smoke Signals, no magazine is mailed): \$25

United States Membership: \$45

Outside of U.S. Membership: \$74

All memberships except E-memberships come with two free associate memberships. Associate members are spouse/significant other and/or a dependent child, 19 years old or younger living with you.

Join Online at www.poci.org -Visa, Mastercard, Discover accepted



Call the Club Office for more information
(763) 479-2111

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Facebook: Pontiac Oakland Club
E-Mail: pociworldhq@aol.com



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