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FILIPPI'S RESTAURANT 5353 KEARNY VILLA RD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92123 JUNE 10, 2025 6:00 PM

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SDPOCI SUMMER CRUISE TO THE BEACHES!!!



So here we are, at the beginning of summer. We did a wonderful cruise this past Saturday that Roland Short had charted out for us. It was a beautiful morning for a cruise. We cruised out from STP Bar-N-Grill heading for Mount Soledad Memorial Park. We stopped at the Memorial and walked around looking at all the plaques of the veterans who served our country. We found the plaques for two young men that we knew and their grandfather. One served in the Coast Guard and the other two served in the Navy. It's always emotional for me to walk among the honored men and women who did extraordinary things. The view from the top of Soledad is awesome, although it was a bit hazy that morning.

When we left Mount Soledad and starting heading down the hill, our GTO started having a problem. J.C. couldn't shift gears anymore. J.C. looked under the car and we took off the shifter knob and boot. The synchros were not engaging. J.C. got into third gear so we headed out to get back to STP where I had left my car. It was a bit nerve racking driving the seven miles back, trying to remember not to shift. We made it back to STP and enjoyed a great lunch with the rest of the cruisers. We left for home with me following J.C. in the GTO. Thankfully he was able to get it into fourth gear on the freeway. Now the GTO is resting in the garage waiting for us to pull the engine to work on it and the transmission. It's always something!





NOTES FROM THE CHIEF







At the beginning of May, J.C. and I spent nine days in Lake Havasu City Arizona. We were fortunate that the weather wasn't too hot. It was in the 70s and 80s mostly. If anyone wants to take a nice vacation, Lake Havasu is only a five-hour ride from San Diego and there are plenty of good restaurants to try out. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at Loco's. The lake is beautiful and we enjoyed watching the sun set over the lake and getting up early to view the great desert sunrises. The London Bridge is there with a small shopping courtyard plaza.

J.C. also went to the San Diego Association of Car Clubs Meetup held at the Midway Classic Malt Shop. J.C. also attended the first La Mesa Classic Car Show held in downtown La Mesa on Thursday evenings until August 28th. A special congratulations to Jim Thomson for having his '68 Firebird convertible featured in the Goodguys' Goodtimes Gazette magazine for his Firebird having been selected as a Goodguys Muscle Car of the Year Finalist. Check it out. With all that said the summer is officially here. Let the car cruises begin!

Keep on Cruising – Sue Dumas, SDPOCI President





NOTES FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR







May was a super busy month for me but other than a couple of Cars and Coffees, I did not attend any car shows or other car events. I missed both the SoCal Chapter All-Pontiac Show up in Fullerton on May 10 as well as the SDPOCI Spring Cruise led by Activities Chair Roland Short on May 31. From all accounts of those that participated, I missed two great events!

This month kicks off the summer cruise nights with Cajon Cruise Opening Night in El Cajon on June 4th and continuing every Wednesday from 5 - 7 pm through July 30. La Mesa Classic Car Show kicks off on June 5 and continues every Thursday from 5 - 8 pm through August 28. Good news, Cruisin' Grand in Escondido will officially begin on Friday June 13 and run every Friday night through September 26! The Oceanside South O Cruise Nights continue to be held at the South O Brewing Company on the second Wednesday of every month, 6 - 9 pm.

For those that are still required by CA State Regulations to undergo smog testing on your classic car, the California Senate recently passed SB 712, better known as Leno's Law (after sponsor Jay Leno)! This legislation removes outdated smog check requirements for classic vehicles that are 35 model years or older. Details still being worked out but to qualify, you likely will be required to have collector car insurance and be registered with CA historical license plates.

Enjoy each day with your family, loved ones, friends and favorite Pontiacs!

Jim Thomson SDPOCI Newsletter Editor jthomson@san.rr.com





SAN DIEGO POCI CHAPTER #58 MEETING MINUTES

Monthly Club Meeting Minutes – San Diego Chapter #58

PONTIAC/OAKLAND CLUB INT'L

P.O. BOX 1221

POWAY, CA 92074

Date and Time: May 13, 2025 - 6:07 pm

Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Kearny Mesa

President: Sue Lynn Dumas

Vice-President: David Whiteman

Treasurer: Sue Lynn Dumas

Secretary: Barbara Ann Pluth

Mission Statement

The San Diego Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI) was founded on July 10, 1991. We are a club dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all models of Pontiacs of all years. We drive 'em, work on 'em, restore 'em, break 'em, put 'em back together again and have great fun doing it! We are individuals, couples, and families that enjoy getting together for a variety of activities.

We host an annual Cops and Rodders Fall Pow Wow car show every summer and participate as a club in other local and regional shows. We hold annual pool and Christmas parties, participate in many of the San Diego cruise nights, organize automotive factory, speed shop and museum tours, and join in a variety of other events throughout the year.

The cars in the club range from Concourse cars, show cars, daily drivers, drag racers, and cars undergoing restoration.

Our goal is to have FUN while driving our Pontiacs.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Sue Dumas called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes:

Jim Thomson made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 8, 2025.

Greg Raymond seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Treasurer's Report:

Sue reported that there was little activity in the past month. New raffle tickets were purchased for the September 28 Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow. Sue read the very nice "thank you" letter from Fisher House accepting our donation. The check has cleared through our bank. The club has received four entries for the C&RFPW thus far.

San Diego Association of Car Clubs:

Bill Baugh informed members that Cajon Cruise Opening Night is scheduled June 4, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. continuing through July 30. He cautioned everyone not to park their cars earlier than 3 p.m. Regarding Cruisin Grand in Escondido, the Council has not received a definitive date as to when it will begin.

The next Council Meet-Up will be at the Midway Classic Malt Shop in Point Loma on June 3 from 5-7 p.m. Bill informed the club that he is no longer on the Car Council Board but will continue to be SDPOCI's representative. The August 5 Meet-Up will be held at Big Kahuna's in Imperial Beach. He said there is music, drawings, a 50/50 raffle and a chance for a club to win \$500 for the charity of its choice.

Bill said there is no date set yet for the Greatest Show on Turf, which is normally held in conjunction with the Clairemont Family Day. Holly is the Publicity/Media Relations contact.

Upcoming Activities:

May 31 - Roland Short presented a synopsis of our SDPOCI beach cruise. It begins at STP and proceeds to Mt. Soledad, then continues to Mission Beach and finalizes at JBA.

May 17 – Run to the Hills Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Pine Valley.

May 18 – "Eye Candy" The Sweetest Car Show in Town held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pal Joey's in San Diego.

May 26 – Swap Meet and Car Show at Pechanga Arena.

June 14 – 36th Annual Fords & Friends Car Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Equine Event Services in Lakeside.

July 13 – Main Street America Car Show, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Embarcadero Marina Park North (Seaport Village), San Diego.

September 28 – Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow.

New Business:

J.C. Dumas reported that our club purchased three sites at the Swap Meet and Car Show at Pechanga Arena on May 26. JBA offered to give extra spots they may have to our club. He asked everyone to drive their Pontiacs to the show and invited them to bring items to sell. Page 2 of 3





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Activities Report:

Plans for our upcoming C&RFPW are going well, according to J.C. The port is conferring with J.C., and ACME has been contracted for \$100 to pick up the signs for display, etc. at the car show. The club is still looking for 28 sponsors for the awards, and sponsorship for the event. Definitive plans will be discussed at the July meeting.

A cruise the day before the car show is being planned for out-of-town guests, hosted by club members, that will culminate at Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum in Escondido.

Sue added that raffle prizes are needed, and gift certificates are especially welcomed.

Jim Thomson gave a report on the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance, to which he was invited to place his car inside the park in the American Muscle Class. He competed against other muscle cars at this 3-day event. On Saturday there was a parade with 135 cars. The "Best of Show" was awarded on Sunday to a 1959 Mercedes Gold Wing.

Old Business

None

Racing Notes

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. by Sue Dumas.

Respectfully submitted:

<u>Barbara Pluth</u>

Barbara Pluth, Secretary

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JUNE 2025

SDPOCI COASTAL CRUISE - MAY 31, 2025



WHAT BETTER WAY TO KICK OFF THE START OF SUMMER THEN TO CRUISE THE SAN DIEGO COASTAL ROADS AND BEACHES! AND BEING JUST A WEEK PAST MEMORIAL DAY, A STOP AT THE MT. SOLEDED VET-ERANS MEMORIAL PARK WAS INCLUDED! BOTH J.C. DUMAS AND JOHN PLUTH ARE PROUD U.S. NAVY VETERANS AND WE THANK THEM AND ALL WHO ARE AND HAVE SERVED TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY!





SDPOCI COASTAL CRUISE - MAY 31, 2025



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