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THE WORLD"S LARGEST WEEKLY CAR SHOW!



Hard to believe we're already in July. We had a nice turn out for the June meeting. Barbara Pluth captured all the highlights in her minutes, per her usual style.

Newsletter Editor Jim Thomson received two awards at the National Convention held in Louisville Kentucky. He received a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation POCI Chapter Editor Award and The Monthly Newsletter Award of Excellence. Our chapter received a check for \$150 as part of the Newsletter Award. Congratulations Jim for a job well done and thank you for your many of hours donated to create a great newsletter each month.

JC and I went to Mt. Baker in Washington State on Monday, June 23. It was an awesome ride up there and very scenic at the top, at Artist Point. The weather was perfect, warm and clear. We walked across the snow to get closer to the edge to take some photos. Last Saturday we took a drive to Peace Arch Park on the Canadian Border. You can place one foot in Canada and the other in the U.S. Very scenic park with a lot of history.

We've been staying in Birch Bay for the week. Our timeshare is right across the street from the Bay. It's a large cove with many islands out in the ocean you can easily see. When the tide goes out, the beach extends out a long way with lots of





NOTES FROM THE CHIEF







shallow tide pools. You can go clamming and oyster digging here. It's wild, people take out their beach chairs out on the expanded area for hours while the tide is out. We searched for rocks and shells. There is a lot of drift wood, large tree trunks all along the shore.

Congratulations to JC for his volunteer service on the San Diego Automotive Museum Board of Directors over the last ten years. JC was nominated then elected as Board Member Emeritus. He can continue to attend meetings without a voting status.

Last night on his one-mile walk, JC and Brother George had a great conversation with one of the locals. Dave and his grandson were cruising around in his beautiful 1968 Lemans. He restored it and put a built 400 with automatic trans. It was an exceptional driver. He also said he knew our former member Bill Dodd and his '70 GTO. Car Guys hang with Car Guys anywhere and everywhere.

Take a cruise with friends and family on a warm summers day and enjoy your Pontiacs. Wishing you all a Happy 4th of July! Enjoy your holiday food fare and the fireworks shows. See you all at our next meeting on Tuesday, July 8th.

Keep on Cruising – Sue Dumas, SDPOCI President





NOTES FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR







I hope all the Dads out there had a great Father's Day this last June 15th! I have a lot of great memories of my Dad but one that is relevant to my fondness of cars, specifically manual cars with a clutch, was my father teaching me to drive a stick shift. My Dad was looking to buy a new car in 1972 when we lived in New Jersey and he was looking at the 1973 model Ford Capri's sold by Lincoln Mercury dealers. There was a beautiful red with black bucket seats model in the showroom but it was a 4-speed manual with a V6 engine and my Dad was not looking for a manual shift car <u>or</u> a V6 (vs. a 4 cylinder automatic). Somehow I talked him into getting the showroom car and the rest is history. I think of my Dad and that old Capri a lot, especially when I am driving my '68 Firebird and my '78 Datsun 280Z, both now equipped with 5-speed trannys!

I drove up to the South OC Cars & Coffee held weekly at the Outlets Mall in San Clemente on Saturday June 28th. This event is billed as the World's Largest Weekly Cars & Coffee event! In addition to the typical Mustangs, Corvettes, MOPAR and yes Pontiacs, there were a ton of Porsches, Lamborghini's, Ferraris, Aston Martins, Mini Coopers and on and on. There are also a number of places there you can get breakfast or just a donut and a coffee. Well worth planning a future club cruise to this event! <u>www.southoccarsandcoffee.com</u>

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

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







Monthly Club Meeting Minutes – San Diego Chapter #58

PONTIAC/OAKLAND CLUB INT'L

P.O. BOX 1221

POWAY, CA 92074

June 10, 2025 – 6:04 P.M.

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 6:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes:

Bill Baugh made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 13, 2025.

Dave seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sue mentioned that the club's beach cruise on May 31st was held on a beautiful day and enjoyed by those who attended

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Treasurer's Report:

The club has received nine applications to the September 28th Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow. Fliers (500) for the show have been printed to be disseminated at local cruise nights and car shows.

San Diego Association of Car Clubs:

Bill Baugh informed members that the Council Meet-Up at the Midway Classic Malt Shop in Point Loma in June had a good turnout. The Mustang Club was the winner of \$500 for its charity. The next Meet-Up will be held on August 5 at Big Kahuna's. He said he will remain on the board until August.

Bill explained that Senate Bill (SB 712), known as "Leno's Law", is a California bill that proposes to exempt classic cars from the state's smog check requirements. This bill relates to all vehicles that are 35 model years or older and would exempt them from the smog check program provided they are registered as collector vehicles and insured by a classic car insurance provider. Bill added that these vehicles would necessitate having Historical Vehicle license plates. Members discussed this issue in detail. The law provides the optional program for allowing owners to choose whether or not to participate in the exemption. Several said they would opt to retain their original license plates and continue to have their vehicles smog inspected. Bill informed the club that the state of California is trying to create a zero emission zone with this bill.

Greg Raymond added that this bill proposes a rolling exemption, meaning that each year vehicles from the previous model year will become eligible for the exemption. Greg and Jim Thomson discussed the advantages of list plates.

Bill suggested that club members visit the SEMA Action Network to obtain a preformed letter to forward to your state assemblyman or senator to voice support of this bill.

Upcoming Activities:

June 15 – Father's Day at Belmont Park

<u>July 12</u> – Serra Mesa Big Block Party Car Show, 1-5 pm, 2650 thru 2900 Greyling Drive, San Diego. Free hamburger and hot dogs; jumpy jump for the kids; vendors; 3 bands, and cash prize for best in show. This is a charity event to raise funds for children who don't have families. Volunteers are needed for this Open car show.

<u>July 13</u> – Main Street America Car Show, 8 am to 3 pm, Embarcadero Marina Park North (Seaport Village) San Diego. Greg and Jim Thomson will attend.

<u>Aug 2</u> – Charger Steve's Wild Rides, The Pacific Beach Car Show, 11 am to 2 pm, at Garnet and Mission, San Diego.





<u>Aug 16</u> – 25th Annual Christian Rods and Custom Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm, at Faith Chapel, 9400 Campo Road, Spring Valley.

<u>Aug 23</u> – All American Car Show, sponsored by the Mopar Club, 8 am to 2:30 pm, Embarcadero Marina Park North, 849 W. Harbor Dr.

<u>Aug 23</u> – SDPOCI Pool Party, 12 noon - 7 pm. Roland and Janet Short hosting.

<u>Aug 24-25</u> – San Marino Motor Classic, Lacy Park, 9 am – 3 pm.

<u>Sept 6</u> – Sunset Cliffs Auto Show, 10 am to 2 pm., along Point Loma Avenue where it intersects with Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

<u>Sept 27</u> – Pre-C&RFPW cruise. Roland said it would be nice to go through the micro -mini museum, then through the mountains, and end up at the Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum in Escondido.

<u>Sept 28</u> – Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow.

<u>Oct 5</u> – Mustangs by the Bay. Registration closes Sept. 12. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 9 am - 3 pm.

New Business:

Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow

J.C. shared that things are being finalized with the port for our C&RFPW. Just a few more items need to be taken care of.

Club members need to sign up on the Volunteer List.

Registration: Bill Baugh, Dave Baker (?)

Parking: Jim Thomson

A sponsor letter has been developed to distribute to donors. Last year all the trophies were paid for and resulted in extra funds to be used exclusively for the car show.

Sponsor Categories:

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Gold:	\$	750
Silver:	\$	500
Bronze:	\$	250

J.C. will be meeting with the C&R rep soon and said he would like to have Ed handle our barbeque at Deer Park Winery. Janet Short said she is working with Thor for sale of t-shirts. Bill Baugh is working with KUSI to promote the show. Fox, CBS and ABC were also mentioned as possible promoters. Prizes for the opportunity drawing are still needed.





Activities Report:

Roland Short gave a brief report on the club's May 31st Beach Cruise. Only a few members were able to participate: J.C. and Sue Dumas, John and Barbara Pluth and Roland. We cruised to Mt. Soledad where we searched for and found plaques of relatives of Sue and J.C. Dumas. It had been a beautiful day thus far. However, on our return trip, the Dumas car developed transmission issues and had to be driven in third gear to our starting point at STP. Not to be stymied by this unforeseen problem, we stayed and enjoyed a delicious lunch before embarking on our travels home.

Old Business

None.

Racing Report:

Dave Baker said he improved his speed by 1/10th second at Barona.

Interesting Note:

June 14th is the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army. Our very own Colonel Bill Baugh met Omar Bradley, the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 50 years ago in 1975 when Bill was 29. He also said he had the opportunity to dance with Martha Raye.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by Sue Dumas.

Respectfully submitted:

<u>Barbara Pluth</u>

Barbara Pluth, Secretary





SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING EVENTS

7/12/2025 - Serra Mesa Block Party & Car Show

Date: Saturday, July 12, 2025

Time: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Serra Mesa

Address: 2700 Greyling Dr

San Diego, CA 92123

Website: https://www.serramesabigblockparty.com/

Description:

Serra Mesa Big Block Party

Saturday July 12th

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Welcome to the Serra Mesa Community Block Party, an annual event organized by longtime resident John Marsh! Each year, on the second Saturday of July, we come together to strengthen our community through art, tasty food, local vendors, and the thrilling Big Block Car Show. Come and enjoy a day filled with fun, connection, and creativity as we celebrate the vibrant spirit of Serra Mesa

8/23-8/24/2025 - San Marino Motor Classic

https://sanmarinomotorclassic.com/

Gordon Wangers will be there with Dave Anderson with Jim's Judge, My 1964 GTO will be there and Tenney Fairchilds "Red Car" 1964 Car and Driver GTO will be there.

San Marino Motor Classic

Sun, Aug 24 2025, 9am - 3pm

General Admission

Come visit the best car show in Southern California! A number of food trucks will be onsite at the show. Sandwiches, salads, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase. Children 12 and under are free.

VIP Tickets

If you prefer, you may purchase VIP tickets, and enjoy a gourmet luncheon and an adult beverage while taking a rest or watching the awards ceremony. The VIP Reception opens at 10:00AM. Lunch is served from 11:30AM - 1:30PM. The VIP Reception area will remain open through the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.







The South OC Cars & Coffee takes place every Saturday from 9 am to 11 am at Outlets at San Clemente, 101 W Avenida Vista Hermosa. Hundreds of vehicles attend each week, including supercars, exotics, vintage, classic, muscle and sports cars, hot rods, rat rods, pickups, 4x4's and motorcycles. There is no registration required and spectators are welcome!

South OC Cars and Coffee is now the biggest weekly car show in the world!





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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 to100-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 <u>www.poci.org</u> -Visa, Mastercard, Discover accepted



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The San Diego Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) was founded in 1989. We are a club dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all models of Pontiacs of all years. We drive 'em, work on 'em, polish '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 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.





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