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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello Fellow Yankee Chapter Members,

T-Minus 9 weeks until convention time. If you haven't yet registered and plan on attending *Wicked Fun In 21*, I strongly suggest you do so ASAP.

Registration ends mid June. Just log on to www.POCI.org to sign up. Also host hotel rooms are selling out quick.

The Yankee Chapter is also looking for volunteers for that week. If you can, please reach out to me and let me know so we can plan accordingly.

[Our Annual Dust-Off on May 16 at Tucks Trucks from 11-2.](#)

See flyer below. A club and convention meeting will follow.

Please remember that masks and social distancing required.

See you all soon.

Thank You,

Ron Senesi

Yankee Chapter President

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



By the time you receive this newsletter most if not all of us would have at least one of the vaccination shots to fight this dreaded virus. This is a huge step forward in normalizing our lives. The Yankee Chapter is starting to cautiously get back to business by having in person meetings. The green light on the 2021 convention was also a big step. We have many events planned for 2021 in addition to the Convention including our ***[Spring Dust-Off on May 16](#)***, Tucks Trucks Show in August and Septembers Pontiac Celebration in Warwick, RI.

Also, this is a club newsletter and your input is encouraged and welcomed. If you have content that you would like to contribute, please email me at: yankeepociwebmaster@gmail.com

Regards,

Andrew Epstein

Vice President

Newsletter Editor

Digital Media Manager

Yankee P.O.C.I. Spring Dust-Off

(Club & Convention Meeting to Follow)

When: *Sunday May 16, 2021 11-2 pm*

Where: *Tucks Trucks 244 Washington St. Hudson, MA*

Take Route 495 to Exit 65A (Route 85)



Meeting Minutes Sunday April 11, 2021

Submitted by Paul Bertrand, Club Secretary

2:10 PM President Ron Senesi called meeting to order.

Ron thanked Judy and Jim May for hosting today's meeting.

16 members and guests in attendance.

Ron recognized Paul Bertrand as our new club Secretary.

We need stories, photo's and tech articles for our newsletter.

The National Convention is ON!

Our next event is the Spring "Dust off" on May 16th at Tucks Trucks in Hudson.

Upcoming Schedule of Club Meetings..

May 16: Yankee Chapter Spring "Dust-Off" at Tucks Trucks Hudson MA.

June 13: Janice and Merles house, 4 Mt Lebanon Str Pepperell. 2 pm.

July 11-15: POCI National Convention

August 8: Yankee Chapter Car Show at Tucks Truck Hudson, MA.

September 12: Club Meeting at Greg Corwin's house in Duxbury. Details TBD.

October 12: Yankee Chapter Fall Cruise. Details TBD.

2:20 PM: Yankee meeting adjourned

2:36 PM: Convention meeting called to order.



Steve's '65 2+2



Merle's Torrent



Scott's '70 Bonneville



Convention Corner

Larry Crider, POCI President

POCI 2021 CONVENTION - IT'S ON!

Due to the continuing effects and restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic, POCI officials, Yankee Chapter and the POCI Convention Committee has delayed release of some material related to the 2021 Convention. Weekly we have been gathering information from the local and federal governments surrounding restrictions on allowing large events. Several items have kept our hands tied from making the decision whether we could host the convention or not. Our biggest hurdle was obviously the number of people allowed in all our banquets, seminars, meetings and the area surrounding the show vehicles. We also had to consider the liability of both POCI and the hosting chapter. Without a protocol and guidelines that had to be in place, we could not get insurance that would allow us to hold this event. With all information gathered at this time, and with the help and understanding of our members and guests, we strongly feel we can move forward and hold the 2021 POCI Convention. With this announcement there will be many guidelines that everyone MUST follow. A more detailed list will appear in a future Smoke Signals and email to the members. Like most current places, everyone MUST always wear a mask. Mohegan Sun officials and security will also be helping us enforce this. Seating for the banquets will be spread thin at the tables and seating assignments will be required in registration after you have picked up your packet. Social distancing will be enforced in areas that are required and we ask everyone to have patience while in line for registration. Mohegan Sun will supply extra handsanitizer stations. The key to making this happen is that everyone be flexible and understanding. All information concerning our bus tours and other events of the convention, are subject to change at any time. Hopefully if anything changes it will be for the good. If tighter restrictions are enforced and some items should get cancelled, a full refund for that event will be given. We have delayed the mailing of the convention schedule and sign up sheets, but those will go immediately in the mail and posted online on our website once finalized. We hope everyone will come join us for the 2021 POCI Convention. We look forward in seeing everyone and enjoying some Pontiac action.

CAR OF THE MONTH - MAY 2021

This is Rod and Edie Crochiere's beautiful 1967 GTO. It's in a stunning Regimental red with parchment interior and black vinyl top. Rod grew up in Chicopee MA. Just around the corner from his house was Chrapak Pontiac. As a little kid, his bedroom faced the dealership and at night he would fall asleep with the bright glow of a red neon Indian head in the distance. He essentially has been a Pontiac guy for his entire life. His Mother bought a 1967 GTO in 1970 from Mr Chrapak and it was a beautiful car. At 15 he could not wait to drive it. It too was Regimental Red and very fast. Rod would later own at least 4 GTO 's.

Fast forward to 2020 and Rod knew he wanted to purchase a GTO. He looked everywhere and fortunately found one in the Boston area. Long story short, after some back and forth with the seller, he bought the car just before the COVID virus hit. Here are the specs as it came out of the factory.

Built at the Pontiac Michigan plant.

Shipped to Wells Pontiac Richmond IN Nov 1966.

YS 400 engine, 335 hp 670 heads , 4 barrel Quadrajet Carb.

400 turbo hydra-matic transmission, His/Hers shifter.

Rally II wheels with wide oval tires.

Power Steering, Power Brakes with pedal trim package.

Pushbutton Radio

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Electric clock

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Rod has many people to thank for his passion for Pontiacs. They include Mr Chrapak (RIP) for having that Front Street dealership and that great neon Pontiac nightlight. His mom for having that her 1967 GTO that he would borrow. His older brother Keith for owning a sweet 1966 GTO. His brother Chris (RIP) for his 1968 ragtop. His older brother's buddy Teddy who came home from Vietnam and parked his 1965 Iris Mist GTO in front of the house. The Pontiac seed was planted very early for Rod and over the years it's grown in to a huge *Redwood Tree* size passion.



All In The Family



Expanding on our February feature on Vintage Photos, here is Richard Simone with his brand new 1970 GTO Judge. Richard is the father of Yankee club member Chris Simone. Back in September of 1970, Richard went to purchase a new GTO at Fiore Pontiac in Warwick RI. This was very late in the model year and the 1971's were scheduled to arrive at dealerships within the next few weeks. Adding to a shortage of vehicles was the 1970 GM strike which lasted from September to November. The strike created a ripple effect thru the economy

from big suppliers to GM all the way to the little mom and pop shop on Main Street. As a result there were very few 1970's on the lots. Fortunately for Richard, Fiore was able to locate one GTO. It was an Atoll Blue Judge. Richard was not a fan of the fancy stripes and added costs for the Judge package but being it was slim pickings, he bought it. This is no ordinary Judge however. The Ram Air IV engine and four speed transmission makes it a rare and desirable GTO with only 325 produced. Sadly Richard passed away in 2017 at the age of 89. His son Chris, who has known this car for the past 50+ years, has stewardship and takes great pride in preserving this piece of Simone and Pontiac history. It's currently being repaired and preserved for upcoming events. Note: The white wall tires are factory correct and a result of the GM strike. Look forward to seeing this awesome vehicle on the road sometime soon!

See Ya In The Funny Papers

(Thank you John Bace for sharing)



Look who made April's Smoke Signals

Way to go Marty Covais!



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