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**THE YANKEE NEWS**  
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## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON



**FATHER TOM TUPKA'S 1962 STAR CHIEF**  
**SON FRANK TUPKA'S 1964 CATALINA**

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



People Parts and Pow Wows!

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and blessed Holiday Season to all! My suggestion for all you car fanatics this season is....put together a Wish List! Even better email it to your loved ones complete with the links directly to the items you need for yourself or your vehicle. Some people have told me this is kind of tacky. Well, I don't think so and my 2 daughters, 17 and 20 have told me it REALLY works for them. It looks like 2023 has turned out to be a great year. Membership has grown. We have seen new faces and the return of some familiar faces! Our calendar for 2024 is already filling up with meetings, shows and events. January is an important meeting. We will be electing the club leadership and choosing what charity to support for 2024. I look forward to seeing you all at Tuck's Trucks in Hudson, MA on January 14th. Good luck with your winter projects! Wishing you the best this Holiday Season! Merry Christmas!

Mike Green

President

Yankee Chapter POCI

# NEWSLETTER EDITORS MESSAGE



Yankee Chapter has lots going on as we enter the holiday season. We will be choosing our 2024 charity at January's meeting. We will also hold club elections that day. If you would like to enter the race, please submit your name to Paula Parker. See details in this newsletter. All club positions are open.

Also, it's RENEWAL season. If your membership expires on Dec 31, please take time to sign up for another year or more. A notice will be emailed to those members who membership is up for renewal. We have a very busy off season with selecting our club charity, club party, club elections and other non car show business. We are also scheduling events for the upcoming year. Pretty full dance card so far with monthly meetings, shows and other activities. 2024 looks to be another banner year for the Yankee Chapter.

I want to wish all our club members and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Seasons Greetings. Be well and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

Regards,

Andrew Epstein

Newsletter Editor

Digital Media Manager

# *Rest In Peace Don Bougher*

We are sad to announce the passing of  
POCI Founder Don Bougher on November 22.  
The Yankee Chapter wishes to extend our deepest condolences  
to Don's wife Pat and his entire family.  
Our Club, Pontiac Nation and our hobby have lost a giant presence.  
May he rest in peace.





# Club Elections

*We will be holding our club elections at our **January 14, 2024** meeting.  
All offices are open including 2 for Board of Directors.*

## **President:**

- Shall preside at all Chapter meetings.
- Shall have all powers and duties normally vested in the President of an organization.

## **Vice President:**

- Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.  
If for any reason the President should resign or become unable to perform the duties of the office, he/she shall become President and serve in that position until the next regular chapter election.

## **Secretary:**

- Shall insure that meetings minutes are kept and delivered to members in a timely manner.
- Shall be responsible for maintaining the archives of the organization.
- Shall be responsible for all official Chapter correspondence.

## **Treasurer:**

- Shall collect and disburse the funds of Yankee Chapter POCL.
- Shall render a financial report to the members on an annual basis, or upon request.
- Shall be responsible for all Chapter bank accounts

## **Board of Directors:**

- Shall work with the Activities Chairman and Publication Editor to conceive and implement activities designed to maintain member interest, promote the Chapter and attract new members.

If you are interested in running for one of our open elected offices,  
please contact Paula Parker by **December 31st, 2023** at:

[phparker1951@gmail.com](mailto:phparker1951@gmail.com) or call 508-987-2804

# **Yankee Chapter Club Meeting- November 12, 2023**

*Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Scott Peitzsch*

*Photo Credits: Fiona McGoldrick*

35+ members and guests gathered on a crisp Autumn day for our club meeting held at the Sherborn Firehouse. Lots to go over including our 2024 charity, Dec 2 Holiday Party and club Elections. Don't forget to renew if your club membership expires on Dec 31.

Big THANK YOU to Judy and Bruce Muldoon for hosting today's activities.

## **Meeting Minutes:**

- *35 members & guests in attendance (1 new member, Mike Backer.)*
- *Club recognized both our veterans in attendance, as well as our charter members.*
- *John Bace shared with us information about a '41 Pontiac in Brockton that needs rescuing. Reach out to him for additional details and contact information.*
- *The Christmas party will be on Saturday December 2nd at the Auburn Elks. Please be sure to RSVP with Ann Marie. Cruisin Bruce will be our DJ again this year. Please reach out to Mike with Raffle items – proceeds to benefit the Pontiac Museum.*
- **January** meeting & elections will be at Tucks Trucks on January 14th @ 2pm  
*Paula Parker is coordinating – reach out to her if you are interested in running. We have an open spot for club Secretary and there will be at least 1 Board spot open.*
- **February** meeting will be via Zoom on February 11th.  
*Additional details, including Zoom links will be sent out closer to the meeting*
- **March** meeting is still TBD.
- **April** Meeting will be hosted by Jim & Judy May on April 14th.
- **May** meeting & Dustoff show to be held at Tuck's Trucks on May 12th.
- **June** meeting will take place at the Bay State Motor Festival to be held at Cushing Memorial Park in Framingham, MA on June 16th.
- **July** meeting will be held at the BSAAC show at Endicott Estates on July 14th
- **August** meeting will take place during the 1A Auto charity show at Pepperell Town Field on August 10th
- *The club is looking for volunteers to set up a fall cruise. The suggestion was to arrange a trip to the Steve Ames collection. Ron S and Dave K to coordinate, possibly with some participation by the PVGTO club.*

# Yankee Chapter Club Meeting- November 12, 2023



# Who's Where?

Check out page 12 in November's Smoke Signals for a cool article written by Club member Frank Tupka about his excursion last Summer to the Ames Tri-Power Nationals in Ohio.

Frank was joined by dad Tom, Marty Covais, Sharon Belland and Bobby Farland.

***Awesome Job Frank!***



Merle Green and his gorgeous 1966 GTO received a *Concours Gold Award* at last month's Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Illinois. Merle's GTO was expertly restored by Jake Cryan and the team at Resurrection.

***Congratulations Merle!***

Club Member Jim May "driving" El Presidente Mike Green last month at the Auburn Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana.



# CAR OF THE MONTH

Mike Backer had a “mid life crisis” a few years after mid life. You may have seen his newly acquired 1956 Chieftain 870 four door at our Tucks show. This Poncho is wrapped in the gorgeous hues of Camilla Pink and white. Under the hood is a 316 cu V8 engine capable of over 200 hp and mated to Pontiacs *Hydra-Matic* transmission. That’s the oil bath air cleaner sitting atop the carburetor. There’s drum power brakes and no power steering so Mike gets a good workout when taking this beauty out for a ride. Mike’s Chieftain was shipped from the factory to Stranahan Pontiac in Hillsboro Oregon. It resaled for \$3200.

This car spent the next 66 years in Oregon and Mike has a lot of the original documentation. Not many options came with this car. It was a part of the Basic Group which included a radio and 57 inch telescopic radio antenna. It did come with a windshield washer bottle. You can see it on the left side of the firewall below. Mike enjoys cruising in his ‘56 and why not? It’s a beauty that also gets many looks. You can’t miss Mike’s car on the road or at a show. It’s an eye popping example of Pontiac styling in the mid fifties.





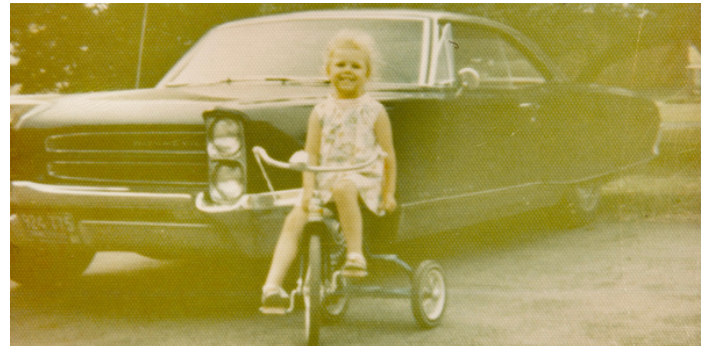
## Back In The Day.....

Here's a few "Poloroids" from back in the day of our club members/families and their Pontiacs.

*Below submitted by Merle G, Les W, Marty C, John C, Mike G*



*Below submitted by Tracey M, Frank T, Greg C, Tom T, Andy E*



## ***Honoring A Fallen Ponti-Addict***

On October 30th, the Yankee Chapter received an email from Alan Hindle.

Alan's brother Anthony Correia recently passed away after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Anthony had a lifelong passion for Firebirds and Trans Ams. He owned several

"F" bodies and loved driving and repairing them. Alan asked if there were any club members in the Taunton area that could lead a procession in their classic Pontiac from the church to the family home.

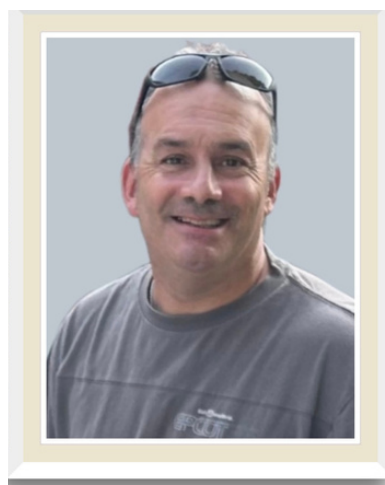
Yankee Chapter club member Darrel Michaelis and his beautiful 1967 Firebird convertible answered the call. Darrel said he was touched by the heartwarming emotional response by Anthony's family. Even though Anthony was not a member of the club, it was an honor for us to support a fallen fellow Pontiac brother. I'd like to think that Anthony was smiling down as Darrel revved his 400 engine.

The Yankee Chapter sends our deepest condolences to Anthony's wife Kristina, his sons Kody, Lucas and Evan and his many siblings, grandchildren, family and friends.

May he rest in peace.



*Darrel and his beautiful '67 Firebird led the procession from the church service to the family home.*



**Anthony C. Correia Jr.**

October 25, 1967 ~ October 28, 2023

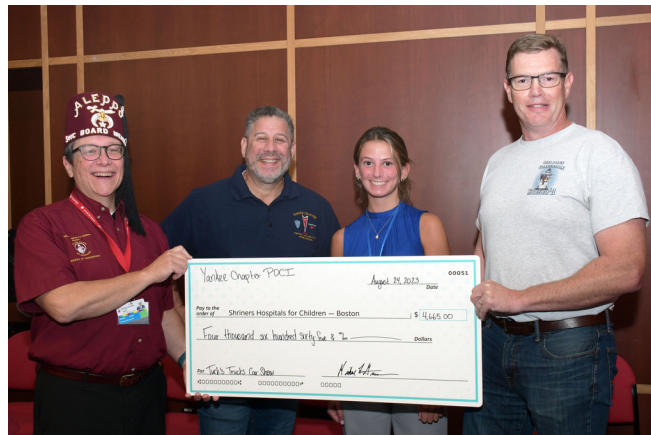


*One of Anthony's several Firebirds that he's owned over the years.*

## ***The Yankee Chapter is a proud supporter***

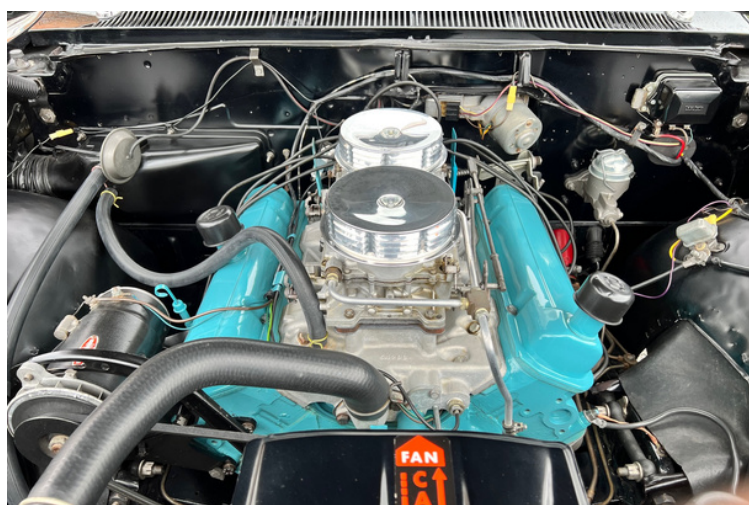


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Those of you at this years **Pontiac Celebration** in September will recall seeing this stunning 1962 Super Duty Catalina now owned by Henry Hart of Tennessee. This car terrorized tracks all over New England and was ordered from and sponsored by Ted Ware Pontiac in Westboro Center. Under the hood you'll find dual quads atop the 421 cu engine and mated to a four speed gearbox. This is a rare piece of racing history with Massachusetts roots. There were less than 200 Super Duty cars made in 1962.

It was a real treat to see it at this years Celebration!



# Our Leadership Team Consists Of The Following Dedicated Members:

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