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***Paula and Bob Parker with their
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



People Parts and Pow-Wows!

First and foremost, I am grateful to continue to be President of the Yankee Chapter for 2024. Now brace yourselves for February! As I write this it is snowing and more snow is forecast. February is a good time to

reflect back on the previous year and look forward to the next. Our club had a good year. We grew to 154 members, which is up from 112 members 2 years ago. We donated over \$3000 to our 2023 Charity, Shriners Hospital for Children. I know I had a lot of fun at the shows, swap meets, cruises and club events I attended and I believe everyone else did as well. One very memorable event, Charlie Egirous' beautiful '69 GTO decided to spit out a fuel pump at the Endicott Show. Never fear! Fellow club member Dave Kantarges actually had a spare in the trunk and between all the members and a couple extra guests we had the tools necessary to replace it right there! That is one event that I will not hesitate to tell people about when I am asked the question, "Why should I join your club/chapter?"

Looking forward to 2024....Very excited that Kara Davidson has stepped up to fill our vacant Secretary position. She is enthusiastic and it will be good for us to have our club archives and history consolidated and organized. Maybe that will even get online? I would like to see us add another 10-15 members. We did not do a cruise event in 2023 so we should get that in the books. Looking forward to the Dust-off, the Charity Show as well as lots of other events. As always I look forward to reading my digital copy of the Yankee News. Andy Epstein does a great job putting our monthly newsletter together.

I hope everyone opened Smoke Signals and read Randy Pribyl's interview with Tim Allen about his passion for Cars and Trucks in general and his passion for Pontiacs. That article itself was worth the yearly dues to the National POCI club. If you are not a member of the national club, you missed out, but you can join at www.poci.org. Smoke Signals is probably the best national "newsletter" in print. Tim Dye and all the contributors put together a great magazine.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting. Due to weather and the Super Bowl we will meet via Zoom at 2pm on February 11. The link is below and on the Club Calendar page of www.yankeepoci.org

I plan to open the meeting at 1:30pm so we can gather and catch up virtually.

Use this link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83562246746?pwd=I9PGLSSJZ0lKQNvnbM9x4xW1zTuDJ.1>

Respectfully,

Mike Green

President, Yankee Chapter POCI

NEWSLETTER EDITORS MESSAGE



Congratulations to our newly elected Leadership Team for 2024. It's this group of dedicated individuals who will set the tone and direction for our club in 2024. With your input and support, the Yankee Chapter will have another successful year.

Our 2024 calendar is taking shape. Events are constantly being added to our website by club VP Scott Peitzsch. Please visit often to view cars shows and club activities at www.yankeepoci.org. Our next club meeting will be via Zoom on Feb 11 at 2pm. Link will be emailed to you. You can also find link to log in below in this newsletter and in our Presidents Message on the previous page.

Regards,
Andrew Epstein
Newsletter Editor
Digital Media Manager

Congratulations to our 2024 Leadership Team!

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CLUB MEETING - JANUARY 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by Kara Davidson, Club Secretary

Over 25 members and guests in attendance at our January meeting at Tucks Trucks GMC in Hudson, MA. All current officials were re-elected. Kara Davidson is our newly elected Club Secretary. See list of our leadership team in this newsletter. Congratulations to all and thank you for your service to our club. During our meeting we reviewed our very busy 2024 show season.

Be sure to check our website for club events at www.yankeepoci.org.

We are very proud to announce that our 2024 club charity is the **Disabled American Veterans (DAV.)** We will be promoting this great cause throughout the year.



Welcome new Honorary Club member, Jim Boyle. Jim and the team at Tucks Trucks have been generous sponsors of the Yankee Chapter for many years. We value our partnership. In addition to supporting the club, Jim is the proud owner of a 1968 GTO convertible which can be seen at the many events he hosts for us. Thanks Jim for all you do!



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Disabled American Veterans

**The Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
has been named our 2024 club charity.
Please visit their website at www.dav.org**



We know Mike Green as the President of the Yankee Chapter POCL.

Mike is also an entrepreneur, husband, father, avid car collector and airplane pilot. What you may not know about Mike is that in

his spare time he uses his pilot skills to transport families in need of medical care and treatment thru the PALS SkyHope program. The SkyHope flights save hours and hours of driving time for these families so they can meet their appointments which are typically several hundred miles away. Patient AirLift Services (PALS) is a nonprofit organization that arranges free flights for medical patients requiring diagnosis, treatment or follow-up and who cannot afford or are unable to fly commercially. PALS also arranges volunteer flights for family members to ensure patients have support when they are away from home for long periods. PALS is proud to assist military personnel and their families with free flights to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation processes for our wounded veterans. Finally, PALS has a history of supporting humanitarian efforts in the event of natural or man-made disasters. Thank you Mike for your volunteer work for this tremendous organization.



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CAR OF THE MONTH

This is Paul O' Toole's gorgeous 1968 Bonneville convertible. He acquired this beauty in May 2021 from the estate of Ned Anello, a long time Yankee Chapter member. After Ned's passing, his wife Paula began to look for new caretakers. It was at this time that Paul was able to view the car. It was love at first sight and he was honored to take stewardship and appreciated Paula's trust in him to take care of Ned's beloved Bonneville. Along with the standard equipment, options include custom air conditioning, power windows, Soft Ray glass in all windows, cornering lamps, outside rear view mirror, AM radio with power antenna, rear speaker, door edge guards, and Rally II wheels. Color is a stunning Solar Red (Code R) with black convertible top and interior. Under the hood you'll find a 400 cube, 340 horse motor mated to a Turbo-Hydramatic transmission.

Paul's Bonneville was an early build from the Linden NJ plant in October 1967. It was then shipped to Cerami Pontiac in nearby Ridgewood, NJ. It's one of 7,358 Bonneville drop tops built for 1968. In addition to this fine red convertible, Paul also owns a 1968 Bonneville 4 door in Verdoro green parchment interior and white vinyl top. Paul's owned several Pontiacs over the decades and they are all special but this Solar red beauty is unique. Paul has a deep connection with this car in large part due to its history.





Tech Talk - *Repro Rochester Carb Top Plate*

By Dan Hurley

Ames Performance and **pontiactripower.com** offer complete replacement top plates for Rochester "2-Jet" carbs as installed for front or rear units on 1959-66 Tri-power assemblies. We all want to

keep our original parts, but when you discover that a fuel line fitting was attached with epoxy to stripped threads, plus the corner mounting ear is cracked and also fixed with epoxy, you begin to think about the advantages of fresh metal. The price for a Rochester "2-Jet" top plate is \$92 and it arrived from Spofford, NH the very next day. The finish of the replacement plate is considered authentic although the color is unlikely to exactly match the aged appearance of your existing units. You'll be able to pick out the new part on the rear carb in the photo. Ames notes that the reproduction plate is stamped correctly, but that the "GM" logo is upside down. Interestingly, the "GM" logo on our original plate faces the same direction as the new unit, although the original logo is inside a circle that is not included in the reproduction.

The plate includes an installed lever for the accelerator pump, although Ames warns that the lever may fit loosely and they offer a \$4.00 brass bushing that can be used to improve the fit. On our unit, the lever actually fit too tightly and we did not use the bushing. Instead, we spent time working the lever loose. Ames also warns that the accelerator pump's inner lever may fit loosely into the top plate lever, and they offer another \$4.00 part to improve that fit. Our accelerator pump inner lever was again almost too tight and we did not use the part. And finally, Ames offers excellent replacement brass fuel line fittings that are correct for the front, center, and rear carburetor. The reproduction plate was a tiny bit thicker at the air horn wall and would not fit over the original screws that mount the venturi cluster in the main carburetor body (visible in the photograph looking into the bore). A little patience with the Dremel tool created the necessary clearance and the plate then installed nicely. The fuel lines and mounting screws matched well and the installation was leak-free. The completed assembly has now worked properly during the course of several drives over a few weeks. In the end, 92 bucks seems like a solid deal for the opportunity to get some epoxy out of the tri-power set-up. The reproduction plate might also be an option to keep your car on the road while you work out permanent repairs to your original plate.



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Upcoming Events



- February 11, 2024: Club meeting via Zoom at 2pm. See Zoom link below.
- March 10, 2024: Club meeting 2pm. Tucks Trucks, 244 Washington St Hudson, MA.
- April 14, 2024: Club meeting 2 pm hosted by Judy and Jim May Charlton, MA.
- May 2024: Club Dust-Off at Tucks Trucks 244 Washington St Hudson, MA.
- June 2024: Club meeting TBD.
- July 14, 2024: Club meeting held at the BSAAC Show Dedham, MA.
- August 10, 2024: 1A/Yankee Chapter Car Show Town Field Pepperell, MA.
- September 2024: Fall Cruise TBD.

Next Club Meeting will be via Zoom!

Sunday February 11 at 2 pm.

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