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Longtime Yankee Chapter Member, Past Club President, VP, Newsletter Editor and all around great guy, Paul O'Toole standing next to his sweet 1968 Verdoro Green Bonneville.

Check out the cool license plate!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



People Parts and Pow-wows!

WE DRIVE IN '25!!!!!!

The weather is getting warmer, no salt used for a while, and we've had a few days of rain to wash the roads off! Time to drive a classic!

I am getting good feedback to "We Drive in '25." It appears we have at least 2 people beyond Merle and I driving to the POCI nationals. Rather than take up a ton of space in the newsletter if you want to join a caravan to one of our destinations please email me and I can send an itinerary directly.

Our destinations are:

June 8 - Pioneer Valley GTO charity show Springfield, MA

June 9-12 POCI Nationals Louisville, KY

July 18-20 Ames Tripower Nationals, Norwalk, OH

Sept 4-7 Adirondack Nationals

Look forward to seeing everyone on April 13th at Jim and Judy May's. Please visit yankeepoci.org and click on our club calendar to keep up with everything going on.

Respectfully

Mike Green

President Yankee Pontiac - Oakland and GMC

NEWSLETTER EDITORS MESSAGE



Great turnout at last month's club meeting at Tucks Trucks. Weather warmed up enough for even a few classics to show up. Kudos to Tim Cipriani for making the long drive all the way from New Bedford in his '37 Pontiac. See photos and meeting minutes in this newsletter.

A few big events coming up in May and June. First is our Dust-Off on May 18 at Tucks Trucks. This is always a well attended show. Look forward to seeing everyone there. June 8 we have the PVGTO Show in Springfield MA. Any member that wants to caravan should meet at the Ludlow rest stop Mass Pike west by 8 am. There are some that will travel to the POCI convention in Louisville KY immediately following the PVGTO Show.

Next club meeting is April 13 at 2 pm, Judy and Jim Mays house at 68 Bond Rd Charlton, MA.

Regards,

Andrew Epstein

Newsletter Editor

Digital Media Manager



Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by Kara Davidson, Club Secretary



Terrific crowd of 25+ members and guests at today's meeting at Tucks Trucks in Hudson, MA. Lots to go over including our very busy show schedule.

Big THANK YOU to Jim Boyle of Tucks for hosting our meeting.

- 2:05 PM - Meeting called to order by Club President Mike Green.
- 27 members and guests in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence to those who have passed or are ill.
- 157 Members, 126 are paid thru 2025. 5 new members year to date.
- 1200+ followers on Facebook page. Ask family and friends to "LIKE US."
- April 13: Club meeting hosted by Judy and Jim May at their home in Charlton, MA.
- May 18: Club Dust-Off at Tucks Trucks Hudson, MA.
- June 1: L'il Rhody Car Show. Details to follow.
- June 8: PVGTO Show Springfield, MA. Yankee Meet at Ludlow Service Plaza at 8 AM.
- June 8-12: POCI Convention in Louisville, KY. Several will travel from the PVGTO Show.
- June 8: Bay State Auto Fest, Cushing Park, Framingham, MA
- July 13: BSAAC Show at Endicott Estates Dedham, MA. Always a terrific Yankee turnout.
- Aug 9: Yankee Chapter/1A Auto Charity Car Show 9-1 PM to benefit St Judes.
- Sept: Club Meeting TBD.
- Oct 12: Club Fall Cruise. Details to follow.
- 2:40 PM - Motion to close. Lunch served.



2025 DUSTOFF SUNDAY MAY 18 10 - 2



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244 Washington Street
Hudson, MA

Club Meeting - March 9, 2025



CAR OF THE MONTH

This is Roger Coulson's sweet 1988 Fiero GT Fastback in stunning Bright Red exterior and Dark Gray Metrix cloth seat interior. A low mileage car, Roger acquired this sporty beauty in September 2023. The 1988 models had a 30 million dollar makeover by Pontiac that is not obvious by looking at it. Before 1988 the Fiero had a Chevette front end and a Citation cradle in the rear. The 1988 model has a full rack and pinion steering in the front, a Lotus inspired tri-link suspension in the rear, 4 wheel vented disc brakes, an internally balanced engine, revised front control arms, staggered front and rear wheel and tire sizes, along with other minor changes. Under the hood you will find a 2.8L (173 ci) EFI V-6 mated to a 5-speed manual transmission. Options include removable sunroof, rear spoiler, air conditioning, cruise control, power door locks, power mirrors, AM/FM stereo cassette and 15" black diamond spoke aluminum rims. Roger loves the small size and sporty look of the Fiero. Having owned other Fieros in the past, he's become quite knowledgeable of the inner workings of the model. You'll see Roger and beautiful Fiero at car shows and events all over New England.



--- WHAT'S HAPPENING ---

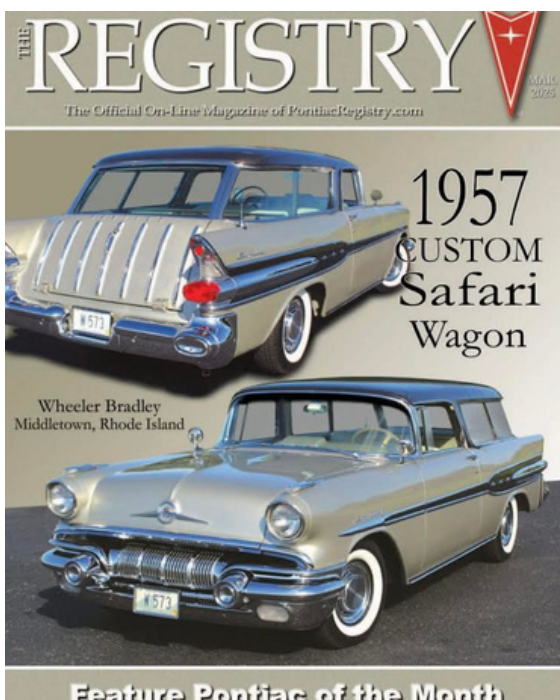


New acquisition for Club Member Matt Morana. This 1968 LeMans will be tearing up tracks all over the northeast.

Look for it at a 1/4 mile near you.



Congratulations to Club Member Colm Lydon whose stunning 1967 GTO convertible graced the cover of GTOAA's *LEGEND* Magazine. Colm has owned this beauty for over 40 years years but it was recently and expertly restored. The picture shoot for the story took place at historic Fenway Park. To read the full article, please click [HERE](#).



Congratulations also go out to Club Member Wheeler Bradley and his outstanding 1957 Safari Wagon for being on the cover of the online magazine *Pontiac Registry*. In addition to the Safari, Wheeler owns several other 1957 Pontiac models. Nice job Wheeler!





The Yankee Chapter wishes Mark Wiitala a very easy move to Florida. Mark will be working remotely for Tucks Trucks and McGovern Toyota in their Marketing Department. Mark has been a huge contributor to our Dust-Off and August

Car Shows. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate food vendors and sponsors as well as aggressively promoting our shows online. Our past events at Tucks Trucks were successful in part due to Mark's tremendous efforts. We wish Mark well in his new home in the *Sunshine State* and send him a BIG THANK YOU for all he has done for our club!



Hey, friend!

Thank you so much for the support you've shown us on social media. It's people like you that help make our online community a better place, so here's a little something to show our appreciation.

Thanks again and see you in the comments!

– Your Friends at GM

P.S. Make sure to share your surprise with us @GeneralMotors!

Congratulations to Club Member Frank Tupka for being recognized by General Motors for his Facebook and Instagram features. Frank's stories, called *GM Marks Of Excellence*, are as entertaining as they are informative and cover a wide range of GM vehicles.

GM presented Frank with this wonderful note and much swag including GM gear, drink ware and a really cool backpack. Nice job Frank and well deserved!



Get Well Wishes go out to Club Member Dave Cataloni after recent surgery. Hoping for a speedy recovery and to see you and your gorgeous Grand Prix on the road soon Dave!

The Yankee Chapter extends our best wishes to Club Member Mike Hammond who is battling another bout of cancer. Mike, we are sending you good thoughts and support as you proceed with your treatment. We look forward to seeing you and your amazing 1969 GMC C-1500 at car events soon.



For Sale

Club Member Joe Mandarano is selling his gorgeous 1960 Pontiac Station Wagons. No disappointments, collector quality. Stunning in every aspect. Epitomizes Pontiacs styling and performance at the very beginning of the "Wide Track" era.

Both cars are located in Holliston, MA.

If interested, please contact Joe at (617) 719-1717 or

Email at jmmandarano53@gmail.com

1960 Pontiac Custom Safari Bonneville.

Coronado Red with Tri-Tone interior.
425-A Tempest Trophy V8 engine (348 hp.)
Tri-power carb, automatic transmission.
4-bolt mains, Hi-Lift, Hi-Duration Cam,
factory headers, dual exhaust,
Bucket seats, Wonderbar radio,
ps, pb, pw, a/c.
Wide white wall tires on 8 lug rims.
Plus many more options. Asking \$35k.



1960 Pontiac Safari Catalina.

Sky Mist Blue with white top and
Tri-Tone Blue interior.

389 engine with 2bbl carb.

Automatic transmission, dual exhaust.

Manual brakes, power rear window, deluxe
radio, roof rack, rear window screen (rare.)
Wide white wall tires with spinner hubcaps.
Factory floor mats and carpet. Asking \$35k.

Club Member Bob Lassman is selling his
beautiful 1963 Grand Prix. 389 engine,
4 barrel carb, Hydra-Matic transmission,
dual exhaust, 68k original miles. White wall tires
on 8 lug rims. New dual master cylinder, brakes,
hoses & radiator core. Rebuilt carb & starter.

White with black bucket seat interior.

Turn the key and drive. Located in Franklin, MA.
Asking \$30k. Email Bob at mrbbob52@msn.com





Upcoming Events



- **Apr 13:** Club meeting at 2pm. Judy and Jim Mays house, 68 Bond Rd, Charlton, MA
- **May 18:** Club Dust-Off, 10-2pm. Tucks Trucks, 244 Washington Str, Hudson, MA
- **Jun 8-12:** POCI Convention, Louisville, KY
- **Jun 8:** PVGTO Show, 9-2pm. 440 Tiffany Street Springfield, MA
- **Jun 8:** Bay State Motor Fest. Cushing Park Framingham, MA
- **Jul 13:** BSAAC Show Endicott Estates Dedham, MA.
- **Aug 9:** Yankee Chapter/1A Auto Charity Car Show, Pepperell Town Field, Pepperell, MA

Check Out the Club Calendar section of our website for all club events and shows.

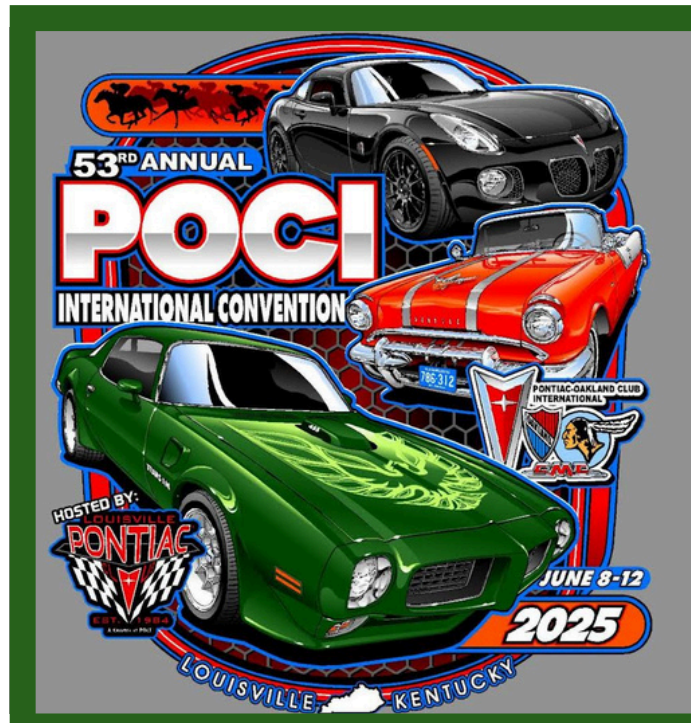
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Club Meeting!!!

Sunday April 13 at 2pm

Judy and Jim May's Home
68 Bond Rd, Charlton, MA

For Directions, click [HERE](#)



Our Leadership Team Consists Of The Following Dedicated Members:

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