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The PCPV Chapter (chapter #79, founded in 1998), is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, education and enjoyment of commercial and professional Pontiac, Oakland and GMC vehicles, past and present. These include: limousines, taxi cabs, hearses, police and fire cars, ambulances, sedan deliveries, station wagons, trucks, vans and SUVs. Pontiac and GMC produced military items and other special interest items are also included.

Dues are \$20 per year (U.S. funds, \$25 outside of U.S.); \$12 for electronic membership. We recommend membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International also - see **www.poci.org**.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Pontiac Enthusiasts,

Ahh, longer evenings and more time to stay out! I hope everyone's weather is cooperating somewhat, it's gradually becoming Spring here in central Nebraska.



I attended the Lincoln Swap Meet on the 8th of March. Our weather was taking a break at the time, with temps in the 50's, and breezy, Great attendance there, wow! Best I've seen and vendors clear out in the south east parking lot at the Lincoln Event center. I picked up an old SIRENO siren- checked it out on-line and they can really look cool!

I am planning on attending a huge car show with some buddies in Colorado in April, it should be a good time. Well, take care everyone and... see ya on the Road Less Traveled!



Michael Leonard
PCPV Chapter President





1962 Pontiac Hearse

Vintage photos from POCI Founder, Don Bougher.



Looking Out The Back Door

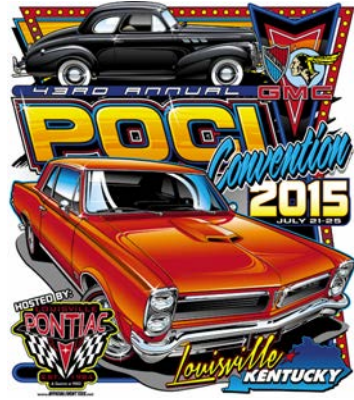
We just kicked off the car show season here in Minnesota at the end of April. Treasurer Terry Columbus brought out his '39 Hearse, see photos on page 5.

PCPV ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held on Friday, July 24 from 10-11 a.m. in the Perry Room in the Crowne Plaza (host hotel). Please let me know if you will be able to attend and if you have any agenda items for the meeting.

I'm looking for material for the newsletter, help me out! Until next issue,

Let's keep the Pontiac legacy alive....
Paul Bergstrom, Editor



2015 POCI Convention Louisville, KY

*Louisville Fair
and Expo Center*

July 21-25

On-line registration and activity sign up is available at poci.org. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza-Louisville.

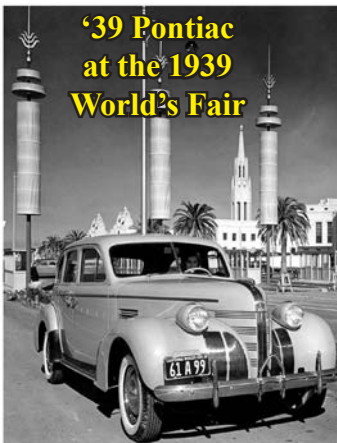
Check the poci.org website for activity sign-up and convention updates, or call the the POCI Club Office at (877) 368-3454.

If your PCPV Chapter dues are due, we have enclosed a renewal form inside this newsletter.

**THANKS FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



OUT & ABOUT TERRY COLUMBUS: '39 HEARSE



Check out the new lights Terry added to the front bumper. The lights have LED turn signals and are on their own circuit.



SAWRUK'S STASH



THE MOTOR TRUCK

October, 1926.

Pontiac Six Delivery Truck Launched

THE new Pontiac Six De Luxe Delivery, rumored for some time as about to be added to the Pontiac line, has been announced by the Oakland Motor Car Company, Pontiac, Mich. This truck is priced below \$1000, listing for \$770 f. o. b. factory in fact, and will be

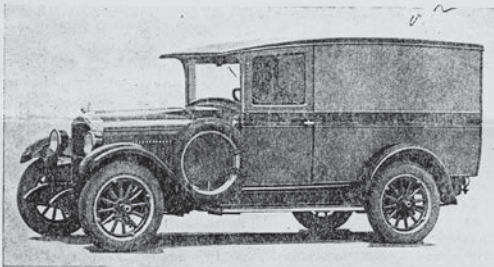
hard wood, protected with steel strips running lengthwise of the body. There is a door on each side of the driver's compartment with adjustable plate glass windows, raised and lowered by high speed window regulators. There are two doors at rear, each with window,

a sun visor and over sides similar to best passenger car practise, together with drip moulding. The tire carrier is located on the left front fender and the gas tank is accessibly located at the rear, suspended from the body rather than chassis.

The chassis with special heavy duty rear springs, and heavy duty, six-ply balloon tires (29x4.75) provides for additional load. The tail light and license brackets are suspended from rear of body.

Two of the unique features of the De Luxe Delivery are the Fisher V. V. one-piece windshield and lowness of body to the ground, a distance of but 25½ inches from top of body platform at rear (with full load). The loading space of the body is 77 cubic feet, with a rated loading capacity of 1000 pounds. The gross weight loaded with rated pay load is 3470 pounds.

Equipment includes automatic windshield cleaner, cowl lights, rear view mirror, convenient door/lifts, quality hardware and lock on right front door.



New Pontiac Six De Luxe Delivery Truck.

recognized in the business world as a low-priced business vehicle having the smoothness, traffic agility and stamina inherent in a six-cylinder car.

To the rugged, dependable Pontiac chassis has been added a body specially designed by Oakland engineers—affording beauty of line and color combinations seldom found in any type of delivery car. Chassis and body are sold as a unit.

The body is of the enclosed panel type, finished in balsam blue duco with wheels to match; belt panel on sides and back in burning bush orange duco and striping on body, hood, louvres and wheels. Body moulding, fenders and other metal parts are black. Wood and metal body construction is employed, all joints being mortised, glued, screwed and braced where necessary. The side panels are of wood and metal veneer, cemented together to prevent rattling and vibration.

Roof of Slatted Construction.

The roof is of slatted construction, covered with rubber waterproof top material and floors are of

and two Pontiac Six Sedan folding front seats, upholstered in fabrikoid.

Graceful roof lines extend over the windshield at the front to form

Truck Makers Draw for Auto Show Space

Drawing for space at the New York and Chicago National Automobile Shows for 45 makes of automobiles, 19 kinds of trucks, and several taxicabs was held at the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce offices in New York City Oct. 7.

The show dates are: New York, Jan. 8-15; Chicago, Jan. 29-Feb. 5.

Considerable interest is being evidenced this year in the exhibition of light trucks. The exhibition will feature the business service of motor transport.

Business men visiting the shows will have an opportunity to get facts not alone on the engineering features of the commercial vehicles but also on the different types of service and operating costs of these units in industry.

Space was drawn for the following makes of trucks:

Atterbury, Autocar, Chevrolet, Commercial, Cunningham, Federal, Garford, Graham, Larrabee, Oakland, Reo, Republic, Seacht, Selden, Star, Stewart, Yellow-Knigh, Walker, Ward.

Offers Road Show Trip Ticket for Best Article

In an effort to interest engineers in the importance of economic construction, maintenance and operation of highways, the American Road Builders' Association will offer a free trip to the 1927 Convention and Road Show in Chicago, Jan. 10-14, to the engineer who writes the best article describing a method, material, or equipment and its application to the economic construction, maintenance or operation of highways.

Thanks John!

I wonder how many of these survived? Has anyone ever ran across one?

1951 PONTIAC NATIONAL STEVE ERLICH



Steve writes: “Paul, my ‘51 Pontiac National sedan delivery has a long story. I first bought it in 1969, did an amateur restoration, sold it in 1972. The same car was found on eBay in 2003. I bought it back and restored it with many upgrades, including a Trans Am subframe, 455 with tri power, ‘69 GTO interior. The car is still 100% Pontiac. It’s a fun car to drive. The photo above was taken of my car in 1954. The driver of the ambulance is still alive, I contacted him and he sent me a letter about the car and the photo.”





PCPV POTPOURRI



This '64 Limo was on eBay, relisted... not sure if it did sell. The ad stated:

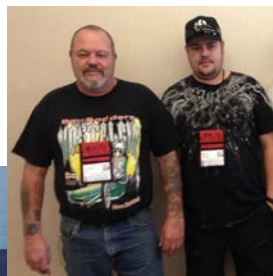
"This is a 1964 Bonneville Superior limo, very rare they only made 67 limos in 1964 this is car # 25 less than half are left this car was special ordered by green lake funeral home in Seattle, Washington they owned the car and used it till 1984 it dose run and drive it has a 389 engine with automatic transmission it has a new battery and a fresh oil change. It has the big aluminum finned brake drums 15 inch wheels the original hub caps are gone it has 1969 hub-caps on it the car is black with grey blue int the inside needs total redone the trunk has rust in it common for 1964 one rust spot in rear floor the rest of the car is great. I have lots of paperwork to go with car original owners manual protecto plate lots of warranty papers to go with car."



PONTIAC  **WE BUILD EXCITEMENT**

Share your PCPV-related photos, stories and vintage ads with the us! Items can be scanned and returned. Contact Paul B., editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Dave Roper

Whakatane, New Zealand

Owns: 1960 Bonneville, '57 GMC Pickup, Chevy Van

Dave and his son Jody (pictured above right) attended the 2014 POCI Convention in Wichita, Kansas.



Photo at left:

"Check out the custom bed I made for my grandson. He is now 7 and still won't swap it for a new conventional bed!"

FOR SALE: 1957 Pontiac Sedan Delivery



Ralph Wescott is selling his beautiful Larkspur Blue '57 SD. It is body number 870 being one of only 897 built with 40 being sold for export (proported to be ONE OF FOUR known to remain). Contact Ralph at 727-430-3599

More photos & video: www.ccautosales.com/1957_Pontiac_2000_Riverside_NJ_229932638.veh

EBAY WATCH



1955 Pontiac Ambulance

built by **Guy Barnette & Co.**

The eBay listing ended early on this one, not sure if it found a new home or not! Ad stated : "The car is in pretty straight condition and all chrome is there. It is an 800 series car with the 287 ci. Motor and everything is there. Clear title. Car is located in central Utah."



1941 Pontiac Woodie BARN FIND

The eBay listing showed a winning bid of \$7,600. Ad stated: *"ONE OF AROUND 400 MADE AND POSSIBLY 1 OF 12-15 KNOWN TO EXIST WORLDWIDE. THE CAR STARTS RUNS AND DRIVES ON ITS OWN POWER WITH A GRAVITY FEED GAS TANK AND RUNS WELL BUT THERE ARE NO BRAKES. THERE ARE EXTRA PARTS IN THE CAR."*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tri-Chevy Association Car Show & Swap Meet, June 14, 2015 at the Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL, more details at trichevy.org

Route 66 Swap Meet and Show & Shine, Oct. 4, 2015 at the Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL for more details contact **Rodney Brockman** (815) 478-3633



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PCPV Classified Ads

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For sale: my collection of over 1,600 GM shop manuals, Motors, Chiltons, Mitchell Repair books 1960-2000. All in good condition. Great money maker for young vendor. \$3,500 you pick up. **Rodney Brockman**, 24862 Ridge, Elwood, IL 60421 (815)478-3633

Parts/Pontiacs Wanted

1951 Pontiac Sedan Delivery: 8 cyl., manual trans. I need dash components, exterior stainless, steering wheel and a radio. **Dennis Statz**, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Phone (920) 559-0561 or Romance@WhitelaceInn.com



Newsletter Contributions Wanted

Send photos, stories, want ads, restoration tips, or just drop a note to say hello. Tell us what's happening on the Pontiac/Oakland/GMC scene in your area!

**E-mail submissions to
pontiacpaulb@gmail.com**

Pontiacs For Sale



1956 Pontiac Hearse - Superior Body #7. Original 316 V8, 3-SPD Manual Trans. Needs Restoration. Car has a solid body but does need front floors. Reduced to \$2,900



1964 Pontiac Bonneville Ambulance Good Solid Rust Free Body, No Engine. Speedometer reads 59,962. Very Restorable Project Car. Reduced to \$2,500

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1957 Pontiac Sedan Delivery, excellent condition. \$23,000. For info call- **Doug McCurdy** (519) 473-8668 or for additional photos email dmccurdy@ody.ca.



Parts/Pontiacs Wanted

1953 Pontiac Sedan Delivery: tail lights, rear bumper, rear pan, gas tank, head light bezels, grille. Contact **Ruben Garnica** (435) 272-4230 (Utah)

Canadian Pontiacs and GMCs: wanted light-duty GMC sales brochures 1937-1958 showing panel trucks and sedan deliveries; Canadian Pontiac brochures 1937 - 1962; 2003 Vibe manuals and dealer literature. Contact **John Preikschat**, Phone (306) 771-2929 email: bigjohn@sasktel.net (M)

1956 Pontiac 860 Station Wagon: third seat wanted. Contact **Mike Wamboldt**, (262) 914-3355 or email mjjw3355@gmail.com (M)

1956 Pontiac 3-seat wagon: need 3rd seat for pattern. Have 4 wagons with no rear seats! Chevy will also work. **Perry Eaton** (530) 534-5510 (CA)

Literature/info wanted - for '66 Bonneville Superior Embassy limousine. Contact **Joe Sharpnack** (402) 789-3015 (NE)

1962 Superior Criterion Ambulance: 15" Deluxe wheel covers, '62-era Superior Coachworks assembly manuals or photos to help with restoration. **Matt Planning** (262) 646-3363 matthew@brewcityengineering.com (WI)

Wanted: 1960s-70s Pontiac ambulance. **Robert Flesh** (909) 673-0777 or email rtflesh@communityam.com

Wanted: any literature for the 1955-56-57 Pontiac Sedan Delivery. **Rodney Brockman**, 24862 Ridge Road, Elwood, IL 60421



Restoration Tips

1926-1958 Pontiac parts: Free parts catalog available from California Pontiac Restoration. Contact **Richard Plastino**, (714) 245-9800 email rich@pontiacparts.net, mailing address: 820 Poinsettia Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701



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