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1938 PONTIAC SEDAN DELIVERY

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The **PCPV News** is published six times a year by the Pontiac Commercial and Professional Vehicle Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI), a nonprofit organization.

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](http://www.poci.org)**.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Pontiac Enthusists!

Wow! What a hot summer! I don't remember when the humidity was so relentless with all this heat. Paul let me know about our meeting at the POCI convention. Glad the few of you were able to stop in. I sure would like to have been there.



My friends, my work has increased here and my time unfortunately to even work on my cars has come to a halt. I need a 72 hour day it seems to get the things I really would like to do done! I feel I really cannot be a good contributing member of our PCPV Chapter. So I would like to step down as our President, and am asking for someone to step in and take over.

I will still stay in our great organization, just hoping life will slow down in the near future! Contact myself or Paul if interested. Thank you everyone.

Have a great summer and fall and I'll *see ya on the road less traveled...*



*Mike Leonard,  
PCPV President*



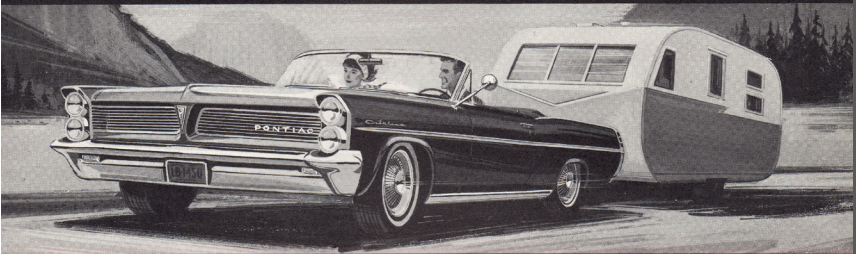
*Please contact Mike or Paul if you are interested in taking a turn at the PCPV Chapter president position.*



# SAWRUK'S STASH

Thanks to **John Sawruk, Jr** for sharing these from his Dad's collection of Pontiac artifacts!

## HAUL THAT TRAILER SAFELY & DEPENDABLY with 1963 PONTIAC and TEMPEST HEAVY DUTY OPTIONS



**WILL YOU BE PULLING A TRAILER** that weighs more than a thousand pounds with your new Pontiac or Tempest? If so, you can have your car equipped exactly the way you need it, to make it . . .

**MORE DEPENDABLE**—with extra-rugged components built to stand the gaff of trailering.

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**SAFER**—with extra engine-braking for easing your trailer down the steep ones.

**MORE ECONOMICAL**—with the right engine-transmission-chassis combination to make the most of every drop of fuel and minimize maintenance.

**MORE COMFORTABLE**—with suspension units designed to handle the added load of a trailer, with minimum loss of riding comfort.

Talk with your Pontiac-Tempest dealer about your type of trailering. He handles the most trailer-wise cars in America!

### A FEW WORDS TO THE WISE . . .

- *Light* trailers require no special equipment. For *medium* trailer loads, Hydra-Matic Transmission and 3.08 to 1 axle ratio (**Code AD**) are the only options recommended. *Heavy* trailer loads need the complete Trailer Package (**Group 594**). See inside for descriptions and prices of this equipment, plus definitions of light, medium and heavy.
- For best over-all results, the loaded weight of the trailer should not be excessively more than the loaded weight of the car itself. When trailer loaded weight and tongue load indicate different equipment, the loaded weight should be the determining factor in choosing the equipment.
- Pontiac recommends a *Hydra-Matic* Transmission over a Manual Transmission for pulling trailers.
- *You save on installation and material charges* when you order your Heavy Duty equipment at the same time you order your new Pontiac or Tempest. The equipment is then built into your car at the factory much more economically than if you have it installed later. (See inside for suggested retail prices.)



## Looking Out The Back Door

Summer is passing by quickly and I am just a bit late on getting this newsletter in your hands. We had a great time at the POCI convention, seeing old friends and making new ones. Pontiac folks are the best and we thank everyone for supporting POCI and the PCPV Chapter!

What do you think of the '38 Sedan Delivery on the cover? I recently talked with the owner and he is continuing to fix it up to his liking. I wonder if any of the other 50 SDs survived?

**We are in need of a new CHAPTER PRESIDENT**, please consider serving. It requires only 6 short "President's Messages" for the newsletters.

Until the next issue... let's all do our best to *keep the PCPV Legacy Alive!*

*Paul Bergstrom, Editor*

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR  
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**Dennis Carol  
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## 2017 POCI Convention Fort Worth, Texas July 11-15

Online registration (\$65) is available on the POCI website ([www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)).

The host hotel is the Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club (866) 348-3984. Mention the "Pontiac National Convention" for the best room rate.

Call the POCI Club Office at (877) 368-3454 if you have any questions.



# The Pontiac Tojan

By Dennis Carol

I suspect many of you looked at the title of this article and though perhaps there was a letter missing. Nope. That is the correct spelling for special order third-generation Trans Am GTAs that were commissioned by General Motors to be built by Knudsen Automotive from 1985 to 1991. They were built so that Pontiac would



The Tojan logo looks like some sort of demonic horse!

have a car that was capable of competing with Ferrari. They wanted a sports car that could go head to head with a Ferrari on a road course, yet would still be affordable to the average American.

Production was limited; only an estimated one hundred and fifty to three hundred Tojans are believed to have been produced between 1985- 1991. These cars were assembled in Omaha, Nebraska at the Knudsen plant. GM provided Knudsen with GTA frames, Tuned Port Injection 305 engines (LB9s) and 4-speed Turbo Hydramatic 700R4 transmissions. The car was then

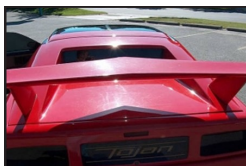
equipped with power disc brakes on all four wheels, and power steering to make handling easier. Knudsen then beefed up the stock suspension so the Tojan would handle better than a stock Trans Am GTA ever could. These mods would allow it to run with the best Ferrari had to offer.

The exterior of the car was a 100% original design by Knudsen. A little bit weird, a little bit radical, the body's 1980's styling looks like some unholy love child between the Trans Am and the Fiero. But actually, the Tojan's styling was heavily inspired by the Ferrari 305. Its influence is especially noticeable on the rear trunk lid and rear tail lights. Further adding to the Italian super car feel, a Lamborghini style wing was available as an option.



Is it a Fiero? A Ferrari? A Trans Am? Nope, none of the above. It's a Tojan.

To look at it, you might not readily know *what* it is, but it does look kind of cool...



You could get the Tojan with the optional Lambo-inspired wing. (Lambo doors, unfortunately—or fortunately, as the case may be—were not available).



# POCI CONVENTION



## *“Elusive” 1949 Sedan Delivery*

There were several Pontiac 1960s station wagons at the POCI convention, but no hearses, ambulances or limousines. I received this photo from POCI member **Lyman Hall** after the event. He told me that he saw this ‘49 sedan delivery pulled in one day, but he had no other information. It looks like the SD has Wisconsin collector plates on it. I never did see it at the car show on Saturday, so the owners must have just stopped in and looked around. Does anyone know who owns this one? Let’s find out and get him signed up with the PCPV chapter!

Here are the official stats from the convention: 670 members registered, 453 vehicles registered (102 Points Judged, 273 Popular Vote, and 78 Road Warriors).



## *~Cover Car~ 1938 Pontiac Sedan Delivery*

This very rare SD is owned by POCI member **John Dornbush** (Fulton, IL). See the write up in the August *Smoke Signals* on page 70. Only 50 Sedan Deliveries were reportedly built in 1938 in Canada. It is powered by a Pontiac 400 engine. I invited John to join up with us!

# 1947 PONTIAC HEARSE



**Shane Short**

Jun 26 at 10:20pm • 📍

## 1947 Pontiac Hearse

**\$1,500** — 📍 Selma, NC (27576)

Located in Selma NC. Has original straight 8 with only 7000 miles. In rough shape, but very restorable. I have no title.



Contact Shane Short on Facebook for more information on this one.





# 1975 "GRANDAMINO"



This cool "Grand Am ElCamino" conversion is currently listed for sale on the internet. Here is the description from his ad on Craigslist:

*"1975 Pontiac Grand Am was 1976 Chevrolet El Camino VIN ID80U6Z457016 This is not a factory prototype, this was done by a shop much later. The donor car was a 1976 El Camino (title still reads 1976 Chevy) completely taken apart and rebuilt as a 1975 Grand Am which I call the "Grand Amino". Everything from the Pontiac was transferred to the chassis / body shell of the El Camino including the doghouse, doors, dash, seats and console, and engine. The odometer shows 99,300, I do not know what the true mileage is because the chassis would have had the Chevy odometer and it now has the Pontiac one, so is being sold as "exempt". It has a 455 with 4 barrel carb and runs great. I have already driven it about 300+ miles in the last two months to make sure it was running good before listing for sale. The tires are older and I do not know the mileage, so I am comfortable driving around town but I would hesitate to take it on the highway for any distance."*

<http://indianapolis.craigslist.org/cto/5711468477.html>



# EBAY WATCH / CRAIGSLIST ADS

## 1939 Pontiac Woodie

*“This automobile will require a frame up restoration. All the parts are here and the wood that is deemed not usable for reconstruction can certainly be used as a template. The steel is in remarkably good shape because a friend of Nellie’s put a coat of house paint on the car every summer while it sat outside in her fields. It is missing a frame for the back seat, and a hubcap. It also has a split water jacket from a winter freeze. The car is located in Anchorage Alaska, and I will help you make arrangements to get it shipped out after purchase.”* No bids yet, starting bid is listed at \$7,500



eBay seller information = alaska201283



## 1952 Pontiac Hearse - \$6400 OBO

*“Beautiful Vintage Hearse! Full restoration needed. Engine Started when it was parked, but it has been sitting and will need to be towed on a flat-bed. Very long and heavy hearse!*

*These vehicles are few and far between. Paint was a custom job from the previous owner. Was planning to restore, no time, so now it’s on to a new owner that can bring this beast back to life!*

*Pink Slip in hand. Please look at all of the pictures, this hearse will need some love and devotion, but this is a very hard-to-find vehicle, even for a restoration project. Almost 65 years old, and a beautiful automobile!”*

Craigslist ad: [orangecounty.craigslist.org/cto/5683473901.html](http://orangecounty.craigslist.org/cto/5683473901.html)



## 1938 Pontiac Hearse

*"1938 Pontiac Hearse, not running. Has spare tire mount front fenders, casket lock with key. I have the hood, side panels and grill. I JUST FOUND THE TITLE!!! Asking \$6000.00 CASH ONLY!!!"*

Craigslist ad = [desmoines.craigslist.org/cto/5679101463.html](https://desmoines.craigslist.org/cto/5679101463.html)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Pontiac Adventures**

September 16-18, 2016  
Wisconsin Dells

Join us for 2016  
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Presented by Pontiac-Oakland Club International

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Touring Events with Show and Shine Judging  
at Chula Vista Resort

Visit [PontiacAdventures.com](http://PontiacAdventures.com) for more information

**September 18th:**  
Boneyard Reject 7th Annual Swap Meet & Car Show. Peotone, IL. More info: Mark or Debbie (815) 478-4356

**October 2nd:**  
8th Annual Rt 66 Raceway Swap Meet & Car Show. Joliet, IL. \$20 vendor fee; \$5 car show. More info, call Rodney (815) 478-3633





## PCPV Classified Ads

### *Parts For Sale*

**For sale:** GM Shop Manuals, book vendor sale. Almost 2,000 books 1960-2000. In good condition. Ideal money maker for young vendor. Priced to sell all at \$1 each, \$2,000 buys all. Also, Motors, Chilton, Mitchell books in this pile. **Rodney Brockman**, 24862 Ridge, Elwood, IL 60421 (815) 478-3633

**1955 Pontiac parts:** complete under seat heater system, radiator; **1955 Pontiac Star Chief 4-door sedan** (motor, trans out for rebuild) no rust, new interior \$3,800. **Mike Koch** (937) 572-8035 (OH)

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## Newsletter Contributions Wanted

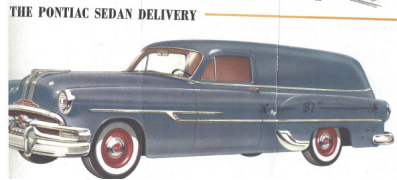
Send photos, stories, want ads, restoration tips, or just drop a note to say hello. Tell us what's happening on the Pontiac/Oakland/GMC scene in your area!

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



### *Parts Wanted*

**1949 Pontiac Sedan Delivery:** I am looking for a set of 1951 Pontiac full size hubcaps with the chief in red. I have available a set of original '49 SD bucket seats, complete and nice. I also could use an exterior windshield sunvisor for my '49 SD. **Mike Theim**, yellowsidecar@hotmail.com or call 920-261-6724 (WI)



**1953 Pontiac Sedan Delivery:** battery tray and the stainless-steel trim 81" long for the driver's side only. Contact **Roger Bentley** (MD) email: airlinebuff2000@yahoo.com

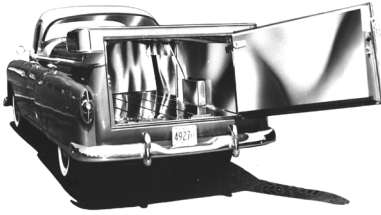


Send want ads to:  
pontiacpaulb@gmail.com

**1949 Pontiac parts wanted:** Quarter Panel Stainless- Spears for 1949 Pontiac 2dr or sedan delivery, **Russell Cogar** 304-847-7542

**1963 Pontiac:** looking for a Perfect Circle cruise control setuo (or whatever you've got). **Mike Leonard** (308) 391-3833

# PONTIAC



## *Parts/Pontiacs Wanted*

**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 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 mathew@brewcityengineering.com (WI)

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



## *Vehicles For Sale*

**1951 Sedan Delivery:** 8 cyl, auto, high compression head, 42,213 miles, 1 of 1822 produced, exterior sunvisor, deluxe heater/defroster. AM radio, original working gauges, one repaint. Runs excellent \$52,000 **Mike Strober** 908-752-7789 (NJ)

## *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

## *PCPV News* **Classified Ad Rates:** (for 6 issues)

\$200 full page  
\$100 half page  
\$50 quarter page  
\$25 business card size

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Style Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_ No. Cylinders \_\_\_\_\_

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Style Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_ No. Cylinders \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By (Name & Member#): \_\_\_\_\_

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Worldwide E-Membership	\$25.00
U.S. (Includes 2 Associates)	\$39.00
Canada (Includes 2 Associates)	\$40.00
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### **PCPV Chapter Membership Form**

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POCI Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Annual Dues = \$20.00 Outside of U.S. = \$25.00

Electronic Membership = \$12.00 (newsletter received via email)

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