



## Pontiac-Oakland Club International

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### GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is here and the old cars get put back in storage. Up north it's just the opposite. Our car friends and relatives up north are trying to get to as many shows in between the raindrops. Back here in Florida the big car shows are in late fall, winter and very early spring. One of the reasons is heat; the other is vacationing up north or visitors coming down here. Attendance at our club meetings is always down in summer. For this reason and the fact that a number of our members are going to the convention in July, we will not have a meeting in July. The June meeting is still on for the 18th. Danita still needs material for the newsletter. Please help her out. Thank you.

~ Rich

### HELLO PONTIAC ENTHUSIASTS

This month we are pleased to feature our Master Modeler, Rich Fedor, and his beautiful 1959 Pontiac. If you didn't look carefully, you'd think it was the real deal!

Please, we would love to include **YOU** in our next issue, so please send your Pontiac articles, along with pictures, to Danita Sisco at [dasiscokid@hotmail.com](mailto:dasiscokid@hotmail.com).

Thank you.

### Florida Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting will be held  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
7:00 PM

Location:

IHOP

4910 Spruce Street  
Tampa, Florida 33607  
(813) 288-8828

*Arrive around 6:30 PM and order  
your meal before the meeting.  
See you there!*

### CURRENT FLORIDA CHAPTER OFFICERS:

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## ***CRUISING IN TIGHT SPACES***

From Rich Fedor

If you can't take your show car out due to inclement weather, what better way to enjoy your vehicle than with a scale model in the house.

Anyone who has visited the Fedor residence has enjoyed a special tour of Rich's model room. The cars on display are absolutely beautiful and each holds a special meaning to Rich.



Here are the parts and preparation for assembly of Rich and Marge's 1/18 scale Sunstar 1959 Pontiac – an exact replica of their show car.



Rich's workshop for building his models is in the cool comfort of his home. In these photos, Rich has painted the 1959 Pontiac model in the exact colors as his show car. His attention to detail is stunning, right down to the correct color of the seats, door panels, dash, carpeting, steering wheel, etc.



Rich has certainly captured the beauty of the 1959 Pontiac with his model car. ♦



## **HOW I PURCHASED MY 1962 PONTIAC**

From Dave Sisco

My profession was plumbing and in 1988, working in my own business, I was trouble shooting a leak in the kitchen area of a local cafe. As I was lying on the floor checking their sink, the dishwasher asked if I was going to finish up soon. I informed him I was just about finished and cleaned up any mess I may have made. Afterwards, I went to my truck to make out the bill and went back inside and sat at the counter with the owner, all the while chatting as he paid me from the cash register.

The subject of cars came up and the owner spoke of liking the Tri-Five Chevy's (in his terminology). However, he knew of a 1962 Catalina Convertible at a salvage yard off SR52 in Pasco County. My ears perked up – I was interested. The cafe owner wasn't sure if the salvage yard was selling the Catalina, but he was kind enough to give me a name and address. I hurried home, got the wife, and off we drove to Pasco County.

The name that was given to me was Lee Johns and the yard was called Park Auto Salvage. At that time it was located on SR52 in the area locals called Gower's Corner. The only other building there was the old service station, by this time closed.



Gower's Corner - by Jeff Miller.

Pasco Times — STEPHEN HEGARTY

Photo by Stephen Hegarty - Pasco Times

Sure enough, we found Park Auto Salvage on SR 52 in what is now known as Land O Lakes. It was an old fashioned junk and salvage yard – corrugated metal roofing placed side-ways as fencing on the outside, along with a very narrow drive that led to the unfinished house in the middle.



Once we stopped the truck, out popped an older gentleman with a very scruffy beard asking us what we wanted. Introducing ourselves, we learned he was Lee Johns, owner of the yard, and did he have tales to tell! Johns wasn't sure about selling the 1962 Catalina, but he sure wanted to give us a "cook's tour" of his place. We had the 'pleasure' of looking at his 'scrap,' checking out his unfinished house (to this date wife has no idea where he slept), and the usual chewing the fat.

After a few hours, Johns must have decided we were decent enough people to sell the Catalina to, as the deal was completed with the "legal" handshake – and some money down. Arrangements were made to have the Catalina delivered to our house (at that time in Spring Hill) and the balance paid in cash to Johns.





We finally received the Catalina a few days later – as promised, along with the Florida title with numbers so low, in researching, found that whomever first purchased the car must have been retiring from the Maryland/Delaware area in 1962 to the St. Petersburg area. And what better way to enjoy retirement in Florida than with a convertible!

Part of owning and restoring older vehicles is the thrill of the hunt! However, I couldn't end this segment without a note about Johns.

When we met Lee Johns, he probably owned the salvage yard for a couple of years. He was a trusting man – probably too trusting, for the Pasco Sheriff's Office found Mr. Johns murdered on September 14, 2007 in the afternoon. Mr. Johns had been shot and several personal items and cash had been removed from the premises. By this time Johns owned and operated the yard for over 20 years. This is still a Cold Case homicide which the Pasco County Sheriff's Office needs help in solving.

We are thankful for the time we spent with Mr. Johns back in 1988, and the decision he made to let us purchase the Catalina (he really wanted to keep it himself [as they all say!]). ♦



How we found the Catalina at Park Auto Salvage.

## A FEW MORE MEMORIES FROM OUR CLUB PICNIC



## CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

**Dealer Albums** from the late 70's, 80's and early 90's. Call Stu @ 440-725-2014

**1960** Parts for Sale – Bonneville trunk lid (VG) \$250; Grill set w/top & bottom valances (G) \$125; Core support w/upper cross beam (VG) \$125; Gas door w/emblem (VG) \$30; Front seat from 4-dr (G) \$25; Rear seat from 4-dr (G) \$25; Cowl Grill (VG) \$20; and more. Call Dave @ 352-797-9671

**1967** Parts for Sale – LeMans Hoods (VG), have 2 @ \$80 each; GTO Left side rocker trim (VG) \$160 each or \$299 for both. Call Dave @ 352-797-9671

### *Services*



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AND MERCHANDISE  
877-393-1110

EMAIL- gmclub@gmclubapparel.com  
<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/poci-tampa-chapter-collection>

## *Parts and Services Wanted*

61 Full Size Pontiac AC Dash Vent  
66 Full Size Pontiac Dash Tach  
40 Pontiac 323 Gears & Carrier  
E-mail me if you have any of these parts for sale. Rich at [wanta59pontiac@verizon.net](mailto:wanta59pontiac@verizon.net)

## CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS

### *Cruise-Ins:*

- Quaker Steak & Lube – St. Petersburg  
Every Thursday 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Dade City – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month
- Plant City – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month
- Wesley Chapel Streetside Classics – Last Saturday each month 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

### *Local Area Shows:*

20<sup>th</sup> MidFlorida Auto Show and  
Lake Mirror Concours  
October 18 - 20, 2019,  
Frances Langford Promenade, Lakeland, FL  
<https://www.midfloridaautoshow.com/schedule/>

41<sup>st</sup> BOPC Show  
October 26, 2019  
Downtown Park, Auburndale, FL  
[www.oldsclubofflorida.com](http://www.oldsclubofflorida.com)

### *National Shows:*

47th Annual POCI Convention  
Venue: Gateway Gettysburg  
95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA  
July 16 – 21, 2019

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Ames Performance Tri Power  
Pontiac Nationals  
Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, OH  
August 2, 3, 4, 2019  
[www.pontiacnationals.com/](http://www.pontiacnationals.com/) for more info



**AN INVITATION TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE NORTH**

Many of our members have gone north for the summer and we wish them safe travels.

Car shows wind down here in Florida during the summer; however, the shows are in full swing up north. We would love for you to share with us your experiences and photos.

Please email to [dasiscokid@hotmail.com](mailto:dasiscokid@hotmail.com) your information and photos. Thank you.



**Florida Chapter  
POCI Membership Application**

\$20 Annual Dues – payable to  
Florida Chapter of POCI

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Type: Renewal  New

POCI # \_\_\_\_\_

*POCI National Membership must be current*

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

Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member: \_\_\_\_\_

New member (and associate) get name tags. Please PRINT clearly the names you want on your tags:

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Information:

Please list year, make, model and engine:

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Other Hobbies:

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Please make check payable to  
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