



The Modifier

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Pontiac – Oakland Club International

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Modified Pontiacs at the POCI 2012 Convention



This classy '64 Tempest wagon belongs to Gregg & Nancy Hawley.
It was one of many modified Pontiacs at the 2012 Convention.



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***President's Message* - Lou Calasibetta, Chapter President**

Convention was the Biggest Ever

If you missed this one, you missed the biggest one ever put on for the Pontiac enthusiasts ever. I have been going to these conventions since 1976 and, wow, what a change from then to now. It was really great to visit with old friends that I met way back at that Medina, Ohio, convention. Maybe this is another reason to join a car club, just for the friends. This year in St Charles I visited with my old friend from grammar school that lives near the site of our event. See, friends once again.

There were so many cool cars this year that it is ever so tough to describe them to you. Hopefully the *Smoke Signals* will feature some of them in the near future.

It is the way it used to be [in POCI]. I have a feeling some good changes will happen all over again since Alan is our new Pres. We are a lucky chapter; both the Pres and VP are members of the Modified club. Also the two head judges. Now that is really saying something, huh? I am ever so glad to be their friends, too. Hopefully you will get to know these men that volunteer many free hours just for us.

Our chapter meeting at the ice cream shop was a nice success. I am grateful for all of those that attended this time. It is tough at the POCI event to do it all. I know there are many meetings that go on the same time and it puts a strain on many of us. Nothing is ever easy. It's a hard task to organize the times of the meetings; hopefully, since Larry Crider is now an assistant convention coordinator, thing will work even better in Dayton, 2013. There were so many things going on this year that I needed two weeks to do it all, not four days!

I spent two weeks on the road with my custom '60. After the convention, I visited with a friend. Steve Cook and he showed me St. Louis and the places of interest. See, back to the old friend story again! After leaving St. Louis, I attended a custom car event in Salina, Kansas, and there with other friends I met Alan Young from our Modified Chapter with his really nice '50 hardtop. We will offer some pictures of it in the next issue. This one we will dedicate to the POCI event in Illinois.

So, friends, that is it for this month's issue. Have a nice summer and enjoy your cars and your friends along the way.

Lou Calasibetta, still the President

***Editorial* – Alan Mayes, Editor**

As I mentioned in our last issue of *The Modifier*, my wife went with me to the POCI Convention in St. Charles. She's no car person. In fact, her eyes glaze over when I start talking about cars. The attraction of going to St. Charles for her was to see some of the sights around St. Charles and Chicago. I took advantage of the fact that the Cruisin' Tigers had the convention well-manned and that Les Iden was going to be on-site to handle the presidential duties. My wife and I did a lot of touring.

We're both fans of distinctive 20th century architecture; especially Mid-Century Modern and Frank Lloyd Wright's works and we got to see both in and around the Chicago and St. Charles area. On Sunday after the convention ended, we hung around Chicago for most of the day, taking an architectural tour on the Chicago River and touring one of Wright's more famous structures, the Robie House.

That's one of the great things about our conventions rotating among different cities - there are lots of things to see and do. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities when you can.

Alan Mayes, Editor

Modified Pontiacs at the POCI Convention, St. Charles, IL

Photos by Lou Calasibetta & Alan Mayes



Above and below – 1937 through 1939 Pontiacs were well-represented at the convention this year. The 1937 was honored on its 75th anniversary.





Above – A modified '68 Grand Prix is a rare sight. Too bad Pontiac didn't make a '60 "El Poncho" like this one!



Above – Here's one bad '67 Firebird. Wonder if it's as hot as it looks?







2012 Street Rod & Modified Chapter Annual Meeting Minutes

The SRM Chapter held its annual meeting at the Colonial Café in St. Charles, IL, on Thurs., July 19, 2012, during the POCI Convention.

Meeting was called to order by President Lou Calasibetta at 2:45 PM.

Members in attendance were Paul & Pam Bourbeau, Steve & Andrea Cook, Larry Crider & Darla Willhite, Martin Hirsch, Charlie & Rose Huntington, and Myron Wadleigh.

Guests attending were Luke & Kathy Miller, Robin Clark, Gary Parker, Alan Jones, Mark & Robin Petry, Harold & Carol Cary, Jim & Sandy Bowers, Steve Disch, Lee & Ruth Hadley, and Tom Young.

Lou welcomed everyone and commented that it was nice to have our meeting in such a casual surrounding with the Safari Chapter joining us in the cruise.

Steve Cook gave a Treasurer's Report; \$1955.50 in account as of 7/18/2012. Steve also commented that again for the previous year, Alan Mayes has donated the publishing and distributing of the *Modifier*. Steve and Lou both reminded everyone to let Alan know how much his generosity is appreciated. Our chapter waives Alan's dues, but that is minimal compared to the time and expense that Alan donates. Thank you Alan!

Lou led a discussion on our SRM tees; there are (6) XL, (1) L, (4) M, and (3) S available. There were 2 or 3 requests for size 2X that we don't have. A couple members commented it would be nice to change to a yellow or ash (gray) shirt with the same logo. Lou will get with Ray Schweldhelm, who ordered them last, to look into a reorder and our color options.

There was a suggestion from the floor to look into SRM caps. Steve mentioned that he has a cheap supplier for Made in USA custom embroidered ball caps. Minimum order is 48 at \$7.05 each. Discussion sort of fizzled out because of: Ice Cream Break!

Lou and Steve led a discussion about recruiting more members, not so much for the dues, but to broaden the base of people with like interests and articles for the newsletter.

Lou stated that we put out 100 copies of the latest *Modifier* in the Chapter display to attract more potential members.

Lou pointed out that this year, instead of the club buying a plaque and picking our "Favorite Modified" at the convention, that the money was used for the extra copies of the *Modifier*. Paul B. suggested that in the future, we again give out the "Favorite Modified" plaque to some non-member at the Convention, and include a free year's membership to keep them interested. Lou commented that he liked the idea and let's see if the free *Modifier* copies works to boost membership.

Meeting adjourned at 4PM.

Post meeting comment- Guests Jim (and Sandy) Bowers joined the SRM Chapter and bought a tee. Also, had Ernie "the Greek" (and Marilyn) Abariotes as well as Wayne (and Patty) Kitchen join the SRM at the 2012 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Cook- Treas.

Update on '61 Ventura Rework – Alan Mayes

Well, this chapter of the '61 Ventura body repair saga is about to draw to a close after two years. As the photos below show, the bodywork is complete except for sanding and priming the right door and fender. Everything else has been repaired, the primer has been laid on all the other sections and it's about a wrap. Scott at Street Rods by Michael in Shelbyville, Tennessee, has the flanks smooth and straight.

I should be bringing the ol' gal home this coming week. Then I can start concentrating on the '64 Riviera project again. Trying to do two cars at once does not work at all! If I had known what we were getting into on the Ventura, I wouldn't have taken the paint off until after the Riviera was done. It would have been finished by now.



Street Rod & Modified Chapter Information Sheet - *Tell us about yourself and your cars*

Please complete the following information and return it along with pictures of your car(s).
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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ OCCUPATION _____

CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ BODY STYLE _____

ENGINE _____ ENGINE MODIFICATIONS _____

TRANSMISSION _____ REAR END _____ CARB/INDUCTION _____

EXHAUST _____ INTERIOR _____ CHROME _____

COLOR _____ TYPE OF PAINT _____ BRAND OF PAINT _____

BODY MODIFICATIONS _____

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TIRES _____ WHEELS _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK DONE AND FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CAR _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – POCI Street Rod/Modified Chapter

This chapter is for those interested in Modified Pontiac, Oakland & GMC vehicles.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ POCI Membership # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Pontiacs/Oaklands/GMCs owned & Modifications: _____

PLEASE SEND A STORY AND PHOTOS OF YOUR VEHICLE FOR *THE MODIFIER* AND FOR THE CLUB SCRAPBOOK TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

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