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Robert Deal's '32 Pontiac Sedan – a Real Beauty



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

Well, here we are at the end of the summer's big time car events. It surely has been a busy year for some of us. This past season was filled with many types of car functions. I am sure most of you have had some, too. The biggest one that we all had in common was the POCI Co-Vention in Dayton Ohio. It really was another big one for sure. All of us experienced the winds and rain and made it through without too much harm. Sadly a few cars under a tech tent did get some dings.

Another big thing that happened this year is a new President for POCI. Our own Alan Mayes has stepped down and handed the gavel off to another good guy, Merle Green. Great job as usual, Alan. Thanks for all of your hard work that you did for all of us. We want to wish Merle the best also in the years to come.

It is really hard to get over the quality of cars and trucks at this year's convention. Many cars are just over the top. The paint and finish of many are just getting better than ever. I was a judge again this year and let me tell you, the finishes on many were out of this world.

Next year in Kansas will probably be even better, with a new location out West and more cars from the West Coast, the land of the custom car movement. They say it started out there in the early 1940s. Look out for the West Coast customs and rods to invade Kansas next June.

This issue will be covered mostly by the Dayton Convention. Alan has a lot to put into this newsletter. Oh, this does not put you off from sending in something for the future letters. He needs input and we should get it from you. I will send him photos from the few big shows that I have attended soon - the KKOA show in Salina, Kansas; Wheels of Time in Macungie, PA; and lastly, Lead East in NJ. So come on, guys, get the camera out and shoot a few Pontiacs and GMCs for Alan.

Hope you all had a nice summer and a safe one. Keep the Pontiacs going.
Lou Calasibetta

***Editorial – Highs & Lows* - Alan Mayes, Editor**

Let me start out by apologizing profusely for this issue being so late getting out to you. I do have an excuse, though. My brother and granddaughter, both of whom live in Indiana, have been very ill. I have tried to get up there to see them as often as possible and when I cannot, their illnesses have been weighing heavily on my mind. I hope you will keep them both in your prayers.

My brother Dana has stage four prostate cancer. He is two years younger than I. Unfortunately, Dana's cancer had spread throughout his body by the time it was detected (almost three years ago). His bones are very brittle as a result of the chemotherapy and the cancer. He rolled over in bed and broke his jaw on the pillow! We can all learn from his illness, though. He had never had a prostate exam in his life until he got sick. The recovery rate for prostate cancer is very high *when it is detected early*, so please, men, have your prostate exam and PSA blood test every year.

My granddaughter Shelby (my son's youngest) recently gave birth to my first great grandson. One week later, she was rushed to the hospital and found to have cardiomyopathy, and as a result, she had experienced congestive heart failure. She is much better now but will likely be on heart medication the rest of her life.

Anyway, back to the business at hand. As Lou mentioned in his message, the Dayton Co-Vention was a great one. But I am already looking forward to the next convention in Wichita. The host hotel is adjacent to the convention hall, which will probably be large enough to house all show cars inside, whether points judged or popular vote. I am looking forward to this Wichita shindig. The second POCI convention was in Wichita, but our numbers are a few thousand larger now! I plan to haul my '61 Ventura out to the convention and then leave it and my trailer with friends and go back in July for the KKOA Leadsled Spectacular. Wouldn't it be great to have a large POCI SRM contingent at both shows? Think about it. In the meantime, register for the convention and get your room booked at the Hyatt.

A Pictorial Tour of the 2013 Co-Vention - Alan Mayes



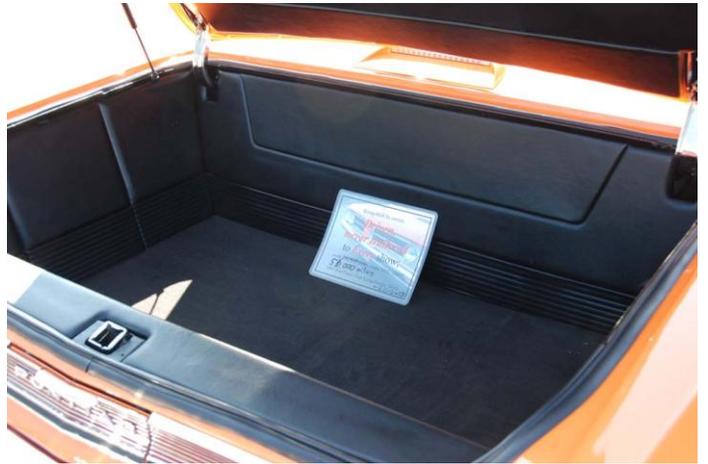
Above – Joe Barber’s ‘62 Tempest Safari ; Below – Joe Stout’s ‘38 wagon





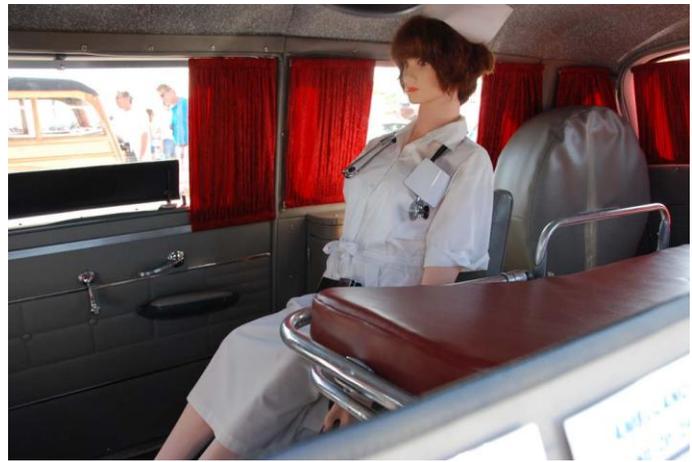
Above – Multi-color changing light rings on a '67 GTO; Below – Ken Burmesiter's '38 Pontiac coupe





Above - Steve Disch's custom '64 GTO, driven to every show; Below – Kenny Pierson's '72 Ventura II; The prez sportin' the brand!





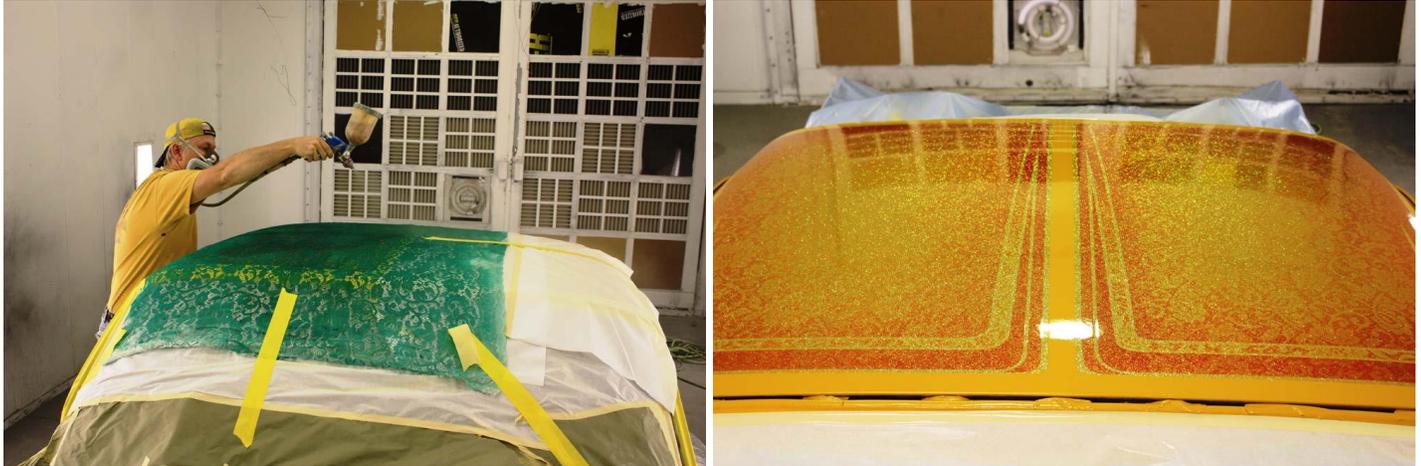


Above – Bill Muck’s 421-powered ‘63 Tempest LeMans; Below – An early photo of some of the points-judged cars.



Ladies & Gents, We Have Paint! – Alan Mayes

Are you sitting down? My '61 Ventura has paint on it! Not everywhere, mind you, but still there is movement. Here are a couple of photos of the progress. Fritz Schenck has been working on it off and on around his own radical bubbletop show rod (think Big Daddy Roth) that he is trying to get done in time for this winter's indoor car show season.



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

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ BODY STYLE _____

ENGINE _____ ENGINE MODIFICATIONS _____

TRANSMISSION _____ REAR END _____ CARB/INDUCTION _____

EXHAUST _____ INTERIOR _____ CHROME _____

COLOR _____ TYPE OF PAINT _____ BRAND OF PAINT _____

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TIRES _____ WHEELS _____

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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: _____

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