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OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

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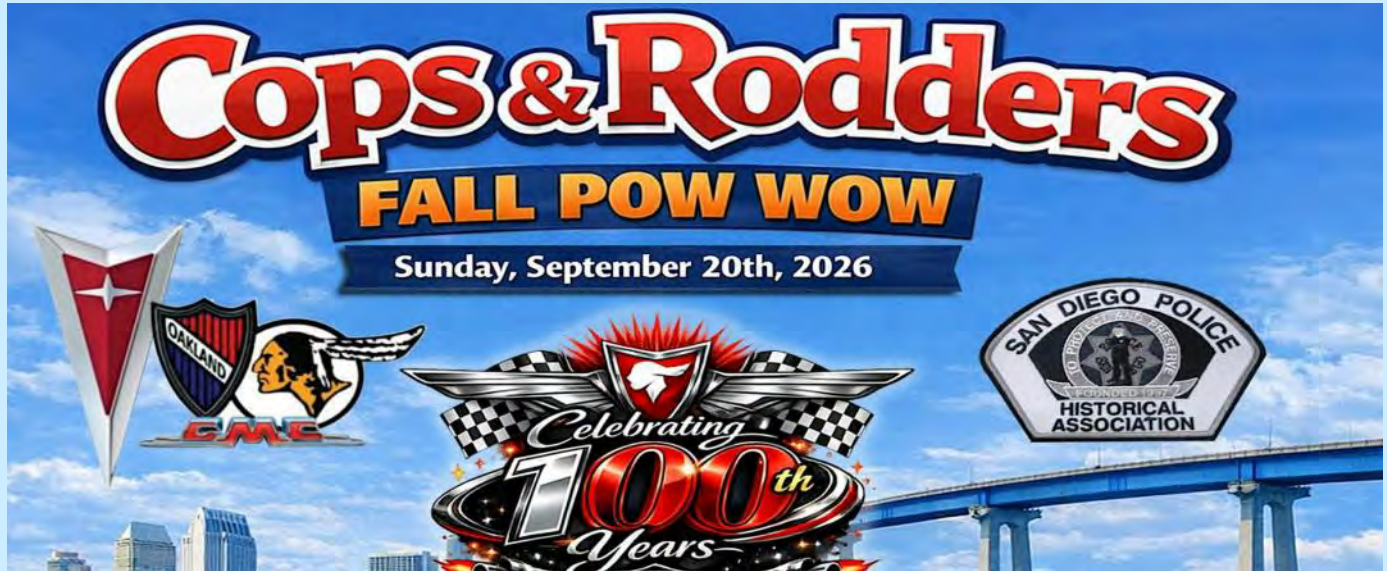
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20TH ANNIVERSARY COPS AND RODDERS FALL POW WOW!

THANK YOU FROM THE C&R FPW CHAIRMAN



As Chairman of the Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all Attendees, Club Volunteers, Team Captains and Financial Supporters of this very successful show.

Without your support and dedication this 20th Anniversary Show would not be the success it was.

The feedback I have received has been overall positive. There are many moving parts in putting on a show of this size, (approximately 250 cars on the field), so there are inevitable glitches. Amazingly, the few I had observed were minute and minimally impactful. These will be addressed at the wrap up meeting. What my ask is from all in attendance is for feedback, so these minor issues can be addressed and repaired.

We are going to schedule a wrap-up meeting for the Team Captains, Club Sponsors and Club Volunteers that assisted with the C&RFPW 2026 show in the near future. Details to be provided at this month's meeting (Oct. 13 at Filippi's).

Again, I thank all members for your support.

JC Dumas
Chairman, Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow

NOTES FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR



October is here and that means another Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow is in the books! And what a show it was! Thanks to all who attended, especially the out of town (and out of State!) Pontiac Clubs that made the trek to the show! And our annual cruise the day before the show was also a lot of fun. This year club members and our Pontiac friends from AZ headed over the Coronado Bridge for a stop at Tidelands Park followed by a drive through Coronado to the Silver Strand and lunch at Big Kahuna's in Imperial Beach. Return to San Diego via the Silver Strand and a stop at the San Diego Automotive Museum made for a great cruise!

Even though Summer has faded to Fall, there are still a bevy of Cars and Coffees and other car meet-ups to keep us busy. Our meet-up for November is at the Poway Cruisers Car Club monthly meet-up (first Saturday of every month) at the In-N-Out Burger shop located at 12890 Gregg Court in Poway. This gathering of classic and vintage vehicles is free for spectators and vehicles and runs from about 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and features a 50/50 raffle and Favorite of Show trophies.

Enjoy the ride!

Jim Thomson
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SAN DIEGO POCI CHAPTER #58 MEETING MINUTES

Monthly Club Meeting Minutes – San Diego Chapter #58

PONTIAC/OAKLAND CLUB INT'L

P.O. BOX 1221

POWAY, CA 92074

August 11, 2026 – 6:08 P.M.

Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Kearny Mesa

President: David Whiteman

Vice-President: Brett Stilwagen

Treasurer: Sue Lynn Dumas

Secretary: Barbara Ann Pluth

Mission Statement

The San Diego Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI) was founded in 1989. We are a club dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all models of Pontiacs of all years. We drive 'em, work on 'em, restore 'em, break 'em, put 'em back together again and have great fun doing it! We are individuals, couples, and families that enjoy getting together for a variety of activities.

We host an annual Cops and Rodders Fall Pow Wow car show every summer and participate as a club in other local and regional shows. We hold annual pool and Christmas parties, participate in many of the San Diego cruise nights, organize automotive factory, speed shop and museum tours, and join in a variety of other events throughout the year.

The cars in the club range from Concourse cars, show cars, daily drivers, drag racers, and cars undergoing restoration.

Our goal is to have FUN while driving our Pontiacs.

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Whiteman called the meeting to order at 6:07. He welcomed our guest, Nick Iorio. Nick shared his ownership of the Pontiac Judge through the years.

Minutes

J.C. Dumas made a motion, seconded by Brett Stillwagen, to approve the Minutes of August 11. The motion was carried unanimously.

SAN DIEGO POCI CHAPTER #58 MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer's Report

Sue Dumas gave an overview of the club's finances, which included the bills and payments, sponsorships, and income from the registrations to date for the Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow (C&RFPW). She reported that Greg Raymond is working with Eventbrite to confirm payments made using our QR code.

San Diego Association of Car Clubs

Bill Baugh said the next Meetup of SDACC will be on October 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Pathway Church, 9626 Carlton Hills Blvd., in Santee. Each Meetup is highlighted with a 50/50 contest, the award of trophies, and a \$500 drawing to be donated to the winning club's charity of choice.

SDACC's Greatest Show on Turf, in conjunction with Clairemont Family Day, will be held on September 12 at Clairemont Family Park. There will be games, pony rides, and food vendors. Funds collected pay the insurance premium provided by SDACC for all car shows and activities of clubs belonging to the association. Clubs are charged \$65 for this benefit. Coverage includes \$4 million.

Upcoming Activities

September 12: Greatest Show on Turf, hosted by SDACC, 9am to 2pm., at South Clairemont Community Park, 3605 Clairemont Dr., San Diego.

September 17: "Meet At Event". Encinitas Cruise Night. David Baker and Jim Thomson picked this activity as an SDPOCI club event for September.

September 19: SDPOCI Cruise: Pre-C&RFPW Car Show. Destination: Big Kahuna's in Imperial Beach.

September 20: SDPOCI C&RFPW Car Show: San Diego Embarcadero North Seaport Village, 9am to 2pm. Entry fee is \$35. Cars may be registered by mail or by using the QR code.

September 27: Eye Candy, The Sweetest Car Show in Town", at Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, 7am to 2pm, \$35 per vehicle.

1st Saturdays: Poway Cruisers car show at "In-N-Out Burger". Sign-in is necessary if you want your car to be judged. They have huge 50-50 drawings and raffles. Every first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

4th Saturdays: MOPAR Club has Santee Cars & Coffee at Pathways Church.

(A full list of 2026 events can be found on the SDACC website.)

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SAN DIEGO POCI CHAPTER #58 MEETING MINUTES

New Business

Jim Thomson and David Baker will present a new car club activity at each meeting for the upcoming month.

Roland Short asked if anyone was planning to attend the POCI Convention in Oklahoma. A few members expressed interest.

Old Business

September 19: SDPOCI Cruise: Pre-C&RFPW Car Show

J.C. Dumas finalized the route for this cruise. It will begin at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, proceed to the Coronado Tidelands Park, and head to Big Kahuna's restaurant in Imperial Beach for lunch. The cruise will return to San Diego via the Silver Strand Highway to end at the San Diego Automotive Museum. A plot map with directions will be distributed at the hotel.

September 20: SDPOCI C&RFPW

J.C. gave an overview of the car show. He reviewed duties and responsibilities of club members, including set-up, clean-up, and rules pertaining to the Port Authority. Set-up will begin at 6:00 a.m. Vendors and porta-potties will also arrive at 6:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Dave Whiteman adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Pluth

Barbara Pluth, Secretary

C&RFPW CRUISE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



TIDELANDS PARK, CORONADO

C&RFPW CRUISE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



CRUISING THE SILVER STRAND

C&RFPW CRUISE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



BIG KAHUNA'S, IMPERIAL BEACH

C&RFPW CRUISE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



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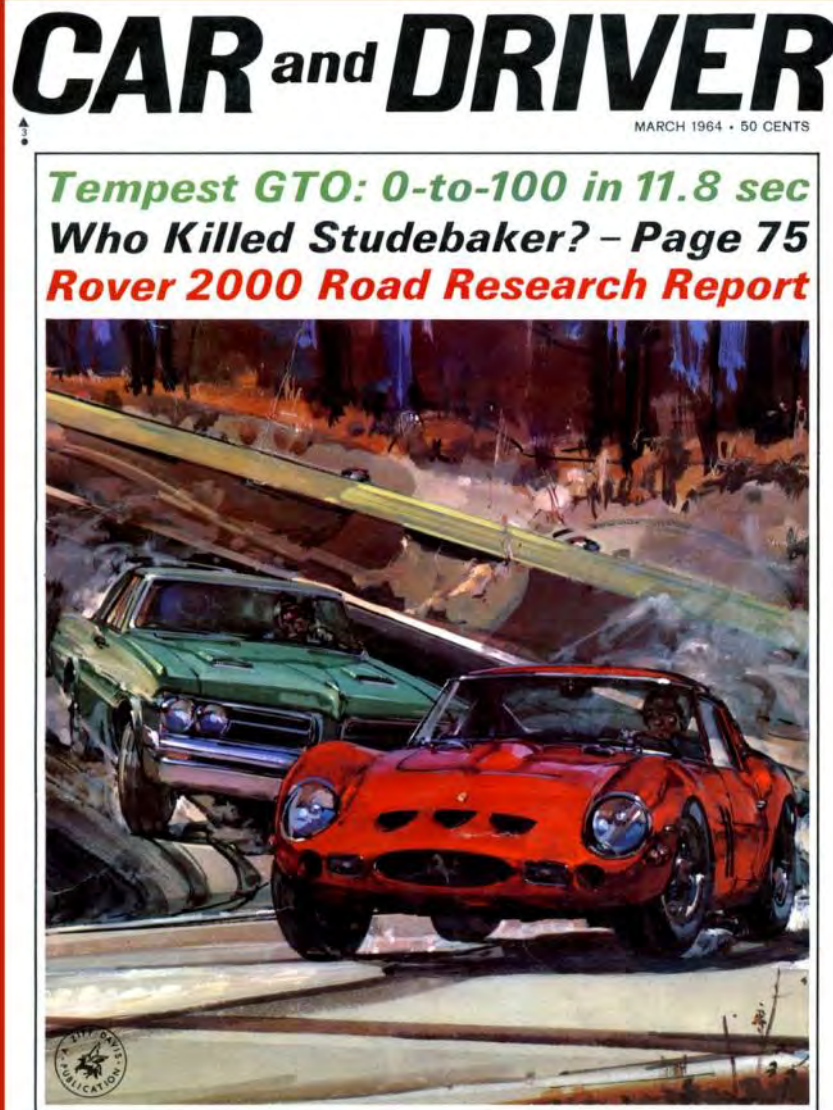
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RECREATING THE LOST “BLUE CAR”

CHAPTER 22



We are pleased to bring the next chapter of a series on Greg Raymond's restoration project to build a Tribute to the Royal Bobcat Blue Car from the March 1964 Car and Driver road test. This month is Chapter 22 in the build and focuses on the restoration of the 1964 front and rear bumpers. Sounds straight forward but as you read this chapter, you will see why this chapter is titled “Bummer Bumper”!

THE BUMMER BUMPER “BLUE CAR” - CHAPTER 22

“A Tribute to Jim Wangers’ 1964 GTO ‘Test Car’ built for Car and Driver’s March 1964 Road Test”



The question of whether the bumpers needed re-chroming sparked more debate than expected, but with the rest of the car executed at such a high level, skipping a detail this visible felt wrong. Even though the originals were in admirable condition, six decades of aging left the chrome looking dull against the fresh Nocturne Blue now draped over the Blue Car. A friend in Southern California hauled them down to our neighbors to the south, Tijuana Mexico, where a re-chrome was completed for what seemed like a bargain... or so we thought. After installation, at first glance everything appeared fine, but a closer look inspired the title of this chapter: **“Bummer Bumper.”**

The re-chromed bumpers were supposed to be one of the easiest victories in the resurrection of the 1964 GTO Blue Pilot Car, after all, both pieces had fit perfectly when they were removed. The Blue Pilot Car, originally built for the Car and Driver test article, would have carried those factory-fitted lines that Pontiac engineering was so proud of. Every contour, every gap, every shadow line had been dead-on. So when the bumpers were sent out for fresh chrome, the expectation was simple: they’d come back gleaming, ready to bolt on, and the car would reclaim its original presence.

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But the moment the front bumper returned from Mexico, the problem was obvious. The center nose section had been pressed inward, almost imperceptibly at first glance, but enough to throw off the entire geometry. That subtle distortion forced the outer “ears” of the bumper to flare outward, breaking the crisp alignment that had defined the Blue Pilot Car’s front end. Instead of hugging the fenders with factory precision, the bumper sat proud and wide, a visual reminder that even small deviations in metalwork can echo loudly across a classic car’s face.

The contrast was even more striking when compared to the Raymond Family 1964 GTO Convertible. This car, a benchmark example of factory craftsmanship, showed the exact gaps Pontiac intended.

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The photographs tell the story clearly: tight, even spacing at the fenders, a centered nose, and a bumper that followed the body lines like it had been sculpted for that specific car. The Raymond GTO became the reference point, proof of how the Blue Pilot's bumper should look, and motivation to make it right.



Fortunately, not all the news was bad. The rear bumper made the trip back without issue, retaining its original shape and fitting the car exactly as it had before. Its chrome finish was flawless, and seeing it bolt up perfectly was a welcome relief in the middle of the front-end setback. At least half of the car's bright-work was ready to shine.



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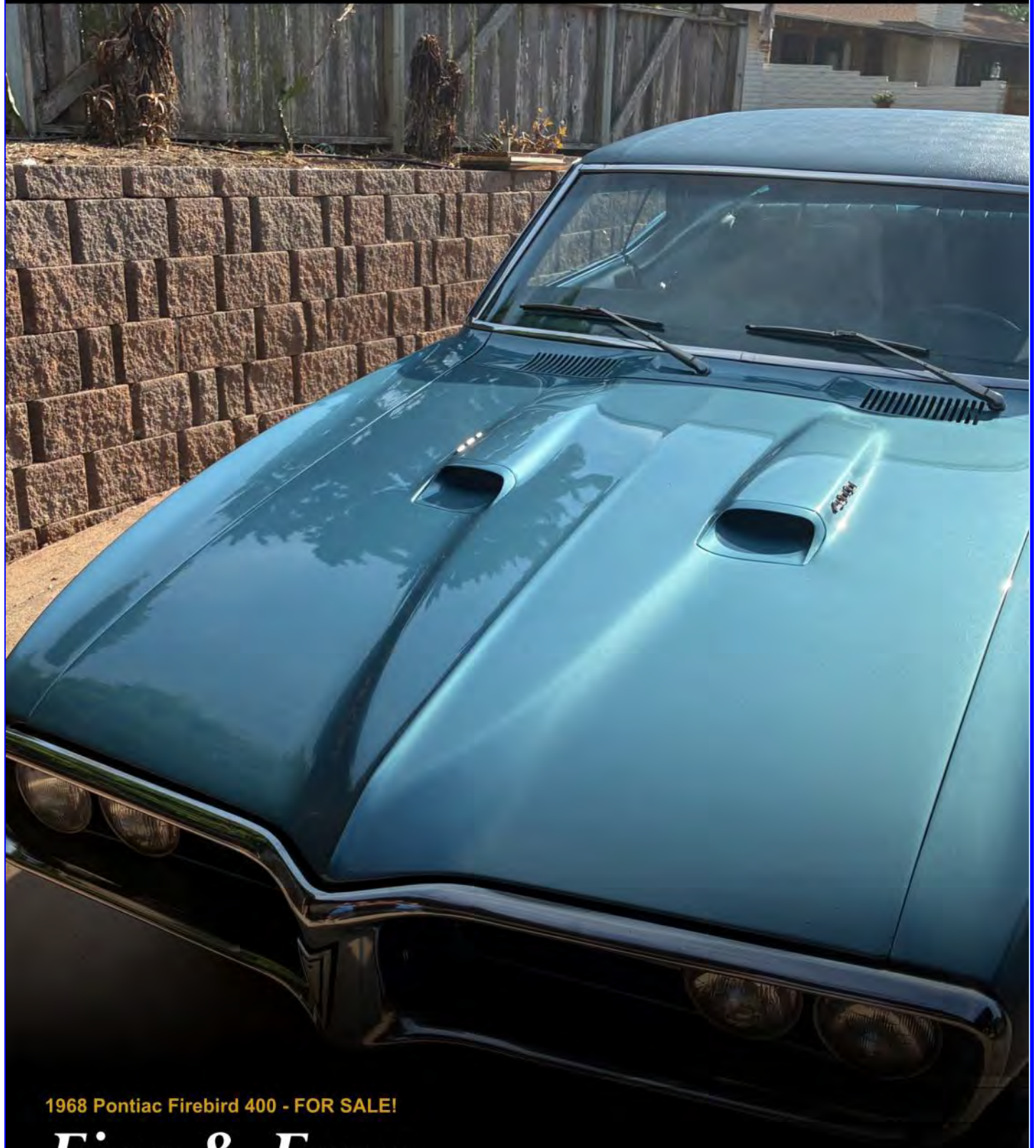


In the end, the solution came from a trusted source: **The Bumper Factory**. Their team stepped in with a perfect triple-chrome plated replacement, restoring the Blue Pilot Car's front end to its rightful appearance. The new bumper fit exactly as the original had, tight, correct, and true to Pontiac's 1964 design. Their craftsmanship brought the car back to life, and for that, the project owes them a sincere thank you.



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Purchased in La Mesa in 1969, the Firebird has spent its entire life in San Diego, always garaged, always cared for. Only two drivers have ever sat behind its wheel: a mother who bought it new, and her son who inherited it and has driven it for the past 30 years.

The car carries that history with quiet dignity.

A Well Preserved Classic

The Firebird retains its original factory Aleutian Blue paint, a rare and desirable color that still presents beautifully. The Cordova vinyl roof has been professionally repainted, maintaining the car's period correct look.

Under the hood sits the iconic 400ci 4-barrel V8, paired with an automatic transmission, strong, smooth, and unmistakably Pontiac. The odometer shows 205,000 miles, all family driven.



Documented, Maintained, and Loved

This Firebird comes with its original manuals and decades of repair records, a testament to the care it has received. Several key components have been refreshed over the years to keep the car reliable and enjoyable:

New Hankook tires installed just one month ago
Exhaust system replaced approximately 10 years ago
Suspension restoration completed around the same time
Air conditioning system replaced 5 years ago (original unit included in the trunk) Aftermarket stereo + SiriusXM, with the original radio preserved in the trunk.

A Seal Skin car cover, about two years old, is also part of the package - perfect for keeping the Firebird protected between weekend drives.





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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO JOIN THE CLUB CONTACT JC DUMAS AT 619.405.6319, OR y2kchief@att.net

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Pontiac-Oakland Club International

San Diego Pontiac Club - Chapter 58 of the P.O.C.I.
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Body Style (Coupe, Convertible) _____ Year _____ Engine _____ Color _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY WITH THIS PONTIAC?

WOULD YOU EVER SELL YOUR PONTIAC? Y / N _____

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ANY OTHER FACTS OR DETAILS ABOUT YOUR PONTIAC: _____

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The club's magazine, *Smoke Signals*, also started in 1972 and has evolved into a world-class, award-winning monthly that continues to raise the bar for non-commercial publications. *Smoke Signals* was redesigned in 2006 and again in 2013. Today, it is a 92 to 100-page, full-color publication printed on heavyweight paper and also comes in digital form.

We are very excited with the future of the Pontiac hobby and we invite you to join POCI and start receiving *Smoke Signals*. Please note that members get access to download our digital editions that go all the way back to 2006.

We welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMCs of any age or type to join us. Just use the membership form provided and get in on the action.

Whether you have an early Pontiac, a muscle-era GTO or Firebird, a full-sized Wide Tracker or late-model Trans Am, Solstice, or G8, we have a place for you and your car.

We thank you for your time and look forward to seeing you at a POCI event soon!

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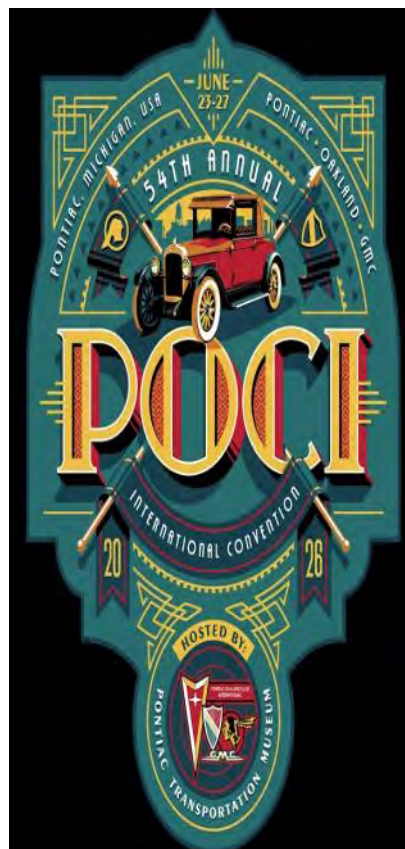
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