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Pontiac-Oakland Club International

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President Ken's Message:

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and are safe and healthy. As a club, we have a lot to be thankful for. We've got some hard working club members and we've been able to give a lot of money to the Joe Kocur Foundation as well as the Chad Tough Foundation.

Our July car show this year was successful with the help of our club members, those who spent all year collecting donations and those that worked on the day of the show.

I personally had a good car season and was lucky enough to win several awards with the LeMans and with the pickup. I've not had as much success during the hunting season, but I'm still at it. That elusive "Monster Buck" hasn't graced me with his presence yet, but I'm still looking for him. Linda and I will be doing a lot of travelling during the holidays, but I'll be back for our holiday dinner on the 7th.

From Linda and I, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Ramblings of an Irishman:

Editor: Brian Dougherty

This is the time of year a lot of people reflect on the successes and failures of the past year. As a club, I feel we've had nothing but successes this year. We've been able to grow the club, make new friends, get our name out there and donate a lot of money to our chosen charities.

On a personal level, this year has been very challenging for me. I've been hit with some huge financial hardships as well as some family struggles, but I'm determined to persevere through it all. The exorbitant cost of everything is sure hitting my wallet, as I'm sure it's affecting everyone. I'll get a couple things at the store and it's over a hundred bucks. It's funny, the Covid years didn't cause me hardly any hardships, but boy, this year sure did. I guess things are just catching up with me.

During the holiday season, I'm thankful things appear to be back on track and I'm looking forward to spending time with my loving family and meeting up with everyone at our holiday dinner on the 7th of January at Bakers.

As with most people, I'm hoping next year brings with it better everything. Lower inflation, better availability of things we need, lower gas prices and less personal struggles.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Come join us at Bakers on Jan. 7th @ 4 pm for a club Christmas dinner. Club members along with their significant other or 1 guest are invited. The club will pay for 2 dinners, plus coffee, & pop. All alcoholic beverages and non alcoholic beer will be the responsibility of the club member.

Please respond back by December 17th if you plan on attending including how many.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Our website,

www.motorcitypoci.com

Ray Golota - Treasurer

Highlights - Membership

Have 31 members

Membership dues of \$20.00 are due Jan. 1st send to:

Motor City POCI

1595 Vanstone Drive

Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Highlights - Financial

Motor City balance \$6,702.37 (Expect additional attorney fees might/will be required for getting our 501c3.

Mike Cushing balance \$50.00

Total \$6,752.37

Highlights - Website updates

Click on this link: <https://motorcitypoci.com/our-donations/>

You will see the donations (\$57,836) to organizations the club has given since 2013.

If you move the cursor over "OUR DONATIONS", there is now a separate link to Joe's Charity and to ChadTough

For those of you that are not members of Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI) of which we are Chapter 91 within this Club, here is a link to join https://secure.poci.org/POCI_Membership.cfm.

If you are a member and don't see your number listed in the membership file, please send me your POCI number.

Activities Coordinator:

Mike and Sheila Cushing

Please join us at our holiday dinner

On Jan 7th, 2023

At Bakers of Milford at 4 pm

Stay tuned to your emails for announcements on some field trips the club will be sponsoring in early 2023.



Keep in mind, suggestions for club events are welcome from the membership!

**Mike and Sheila on the Sea
of Galilee!**

Upcoming Events:

Jan 7, 2023	4 pm	Motor City holiday Dinner @ Bakers of Milford
Jan 7-8		49 Annual Detroit Swap Meet @ Suburban Collection, Novi
Jan 15		Jackson County Swap Meet @ Jackson County Fairgrounds, Jackson
2-1		Chrome and Ice Winter Car Show @ Dort Federal Event Center, Flint
2-24		70th annual Autorama Show @ Huntington Place, Detroit
2-25		Hot Rod and Racing Expo @ Suburban Collection, Novi

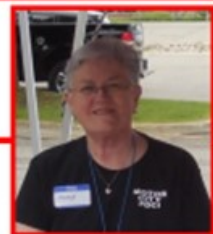
Club Historical story: (Story and pictures supplied by 2014 Pontiac Summer Roundup edition of the MCPOCI Spokes)

My



Cents...

Guest Columnist: Marge Sawruk



What could be better--132 Pontiacs, Oaklands, GMCs and the GM Futurliner gathered in one place?

July 19, 2014, a fantastic car show day for The Motor City Chapter of POCI.

A highlight of the show was a GM Futurliner restored by volunteers. It was trucked into Milford and rested overnight at the GM Proving Grounds. Anyone awake on Saturday morning must have rubbed their eyes in disbelief to see this behemoth lumbering down General Motors Rd. to Milford Road heading to Baker's Restaurant.

Ben Harrison, former engineer, gave a presentation on the history of the GTO commemorating the 50th anniversary of the car that ruled the strips and streets in the mid '60s and beyond.

Several other retired Pontiac Engineering and Design employees were spotted including Jay Wetzel, former Pontiac Chief Engineer, who brought his 1988 Fiero, John Schinella, Tom Schuster, Harvey Bell and Doug Coventry.

The show chairperson, John Berzsenyi, performed a monumental task orchestrating the details of the show with his car show committee. They made sure there was something for all ages. For the kids, a Hot Wheels drag racing track with special trophies for the winners, face painting and a bounce house. For the adults, of course, the show along with a silent auction, raffle and door prizes and for sure a look into GM's past via the crew who staffed the Parade of Progress 1953-1956 Futurliner.

Anyone in southeastern MI knows that Baker's is famous for its Sunday afternoon Cruise Ins. So this was no exception when owner, Chris Baker, welcomed an All Pontiac, Oakland and GMC vehicles to the show on Saturday.

Major sponsors included Baker's, LaFontaine Automotive, and LaFontaine Performance Parts, with many others contributing to goody bags and door prizes such as Ames Performance Engineering, Performance Years and Pontiac Registry.com., to name a few.

The smiles and accolades were appreciated so a huge thank you to all who attended and assisted. The show would not exist without your great cars, so please Save the Date for 2015 July 18.

Marge



The Futurliner...it had arrived!

One element of our show that we used to bolster the attendance of the show was the inclusion of the GM Futurliner. This historic vehicle produced by GM was used back in the 40's and 50's to highlight the latest innovations available. This futuristic bus was also used to show what the future held for buyers of GM products. We were fortunate to have the famed bus attend our show and be available

Club History Cont'd:

Paul Prinzing and his group care for and tell the story of the Futurliner. This would be a full time job for them this particular weekend as they would stay for our show and Baker's Sunday cruise. The Futurliner was being stored at the GM Milford Proving Grounds facility during it's time not attending the shows. Jim Krumbach from the MPG arranged for housing and photo opportunities while the Futurliner was at the facility. Everyone was a winner over the weekend that had a chance to view this wonderful piece of GM history.



GM Futurliner facts: (Source Wikipedia)

The GM Futurliners were a group of custom vehicles, styled in the 1940s by **Harley Earl** for **General Motors**, and integral to the company's Parade of Progress—a North American traveling exhibition promoting future cars and technologies.^[1]

^[2] Having earlier used eight custom Streamliners from 1936 to 1940, GM sponsored the *Parade of Progress* and the Futurliners from 1940 to 1941 and again from 1953 to 1956.

At 33 feet long, 8 feet wide, more than 11 feet tall, and weighing more than 12 tons, each Futurliner featured heavily stylized **art deco**, **streamlined** bodywork, deep red side and white roof paint, large articulated chrome side panels, a military-grade 302 cubic inch GMC **straight-six** gasoline engine and automatic transmission,^[3] whitewall tires and a prominent, high-mounted, centrally located driver command position with a panoramic windshield.

Of the twelve original Futurliners, one was destroyed in a 1956 accident, and nine survive as of 2007.



GM Futurliner

Overview

Manufacturer GMC Truck and Fisher Coach & Body.

Production 1936–1941, 1953–1956

Powertrain

Engine 4-cylinder diesel (1940–1946)
GMC 302ci 6-cylinder (1953–1956)

Transmission Manual (1940–1946)
4-speed **hydramatic** and 2-speed manual gearbox (1953–1956)

Dimensions

Wheelbase 20 feet 8 inches (6.3 meters)

Length 32 feet 10 inches (10 meters)

Width 7 feet 10 inches (2.4 meters)

Height 11 feet 6 inches (3.5 meters)

Curb weight 30,000 pounds (14 metric tons) (approx)

Parade Of Progress: (Con't)

Originally manufactured for the 1939 New York World's Fair, ^[5] the Futurliners were later featured in GM's Parade of Progress, a promotional caravan travelling a 150-stop route across the United States and Canada. ^[4] The Futurliners, along with 32 support vehicles, were driven by 50 college graduates, who also staffed the exhibitions along the route.

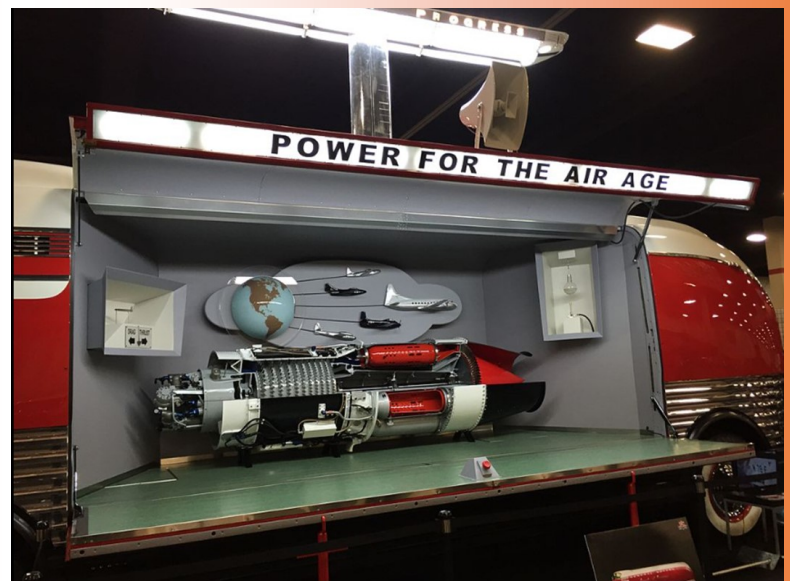
Typically arranged at each stop around a large tent and an information kiosk, each Futurliner featured a self-contained stage as well as a prominent deployable light tower, and each vehicle featured a particular subject. The mobile exhibition covered such topics as [jet engine](#) technology, agriculture, traffic engineering, ^[4] [stereophonic sound](#), [microwave ovens](#), [television](#) and other innovations. In 1955 a miniature automobile assembly line display named *A Car Is Born* was constructed for one of the Futurliners. ^[6] A display titled *Our American Crossroads* was also used in 1955. ^[7] This display was narrated by [Parker Fennelly](#) and featured a complicated animated diorama that transformed to show progress in road and infrastructure improvements from 1902 to 1953.

Interrupted by World War II, the vehicles were refurbished by GM and the Parade of Progress resumed in 1953. The reborn parade was discontinued in 1956 for the last time, displaced by increasing popularity of network television—one of the very technologies the Futurliners themselves had once promoted.



Left—
Looking up
into the
drivers seat.

Right—
Jet Engine
display



Florida State Fire Marshal calls on Elon Musk, other EV producers for answers about vehicles catching fire from Hurricane Ian

Florida State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis has called for electric car companies to answer for electric vehicles that have burst into flames from the storm surge of Hurricane Ian. The State Fire Marshall [issued a letter](#) to over 30 electric vehicle manufacturers, including Tesla, Rivian, Ford, GM and others, calling on the companies to "step-up, demonstrate leadership and partner with the State of Florida and local officials in this recovery." Patronis noted that the vehicles are a hazard to vehicle owners, fire teams and nearby Floridians. He chastised manufacturers for not building in safeguards against spontaneous combustion.

"The unfortunate reality is that there is a population of vehicles that could spontaneously combust, putting our first responders at risk, and the manufacturers are nowhere to be found. For as big a risk as this is to fire teams, for companies who have received an immense sum of subsidies from taxpayers, I would have hoped the reaction by manufacturers would have been more robust – especially as these EVs supposedly have a tremendous amount of technology and connectivity," he wrote in the letter. "There could be a family who evacuated, whose home was left relatively intact from Ian, who may still lose everything because of an abandoned EV, left in their garage, that catches fire as a result of salty storm surge waters."

Some Floridians have already discovered this the hard way. One house on hard-hit Sanibel Island was severely damaged after the Tesla in the garage of the home caught on fire from the storm. Patronis fears that many more EVs are a fire risk in the wake of Hurricane Ian.

5 Auto Industry Trends To Watch in 2023

The automotive industry has been around since the 1800s, and this industry is always evolving. New trends and technologies are always emerging every year, and the year 2023 promises something no different.

There will be several exciting changes on the horizon with things such as how vehicles are powered, driven, shopped for and acquired. Everything from cannabis in the automotive industry to the rise of electric vehicles, if you want to learn more about the five trends to watch out for in the coming year, keep reading!

1. Cannabis in the Automotive Industry

It might seem strange to think about cannabis in the automotive industry; however, the two have merged. Cannabis is a versatile plant, and it can be used in various ways besides the common medical and recreational use when consumed with [practical bongs](#) and pipes. Cannabis can offer a lot of benefits in the automotive industry.

This includes being used as a fuel, additive, and material for a motor vehicle's parts and components. An example of this would be hemp-based composites being used to make car parts that are lighter and stronger.

2. The Rise of Electric Vehicles

Another thing that is becoming increasingly popular is electric vehicles, and in 2023, it seems these vehicles will become even bigger! Several major automakers are planning to launch new models of electric vehicles in the next few years, and the price of these electric vehicles is expected to continue to fall.

As a result, electric vehicles are expected to make up a significant portion of new car sales by 2023. Automakers are continuing to integrate more digital technology into their technology to match the digital shift that is happening globally in all other industries. Tech companies like Tesla and Google are also starting to work on electric and self-driving vehicles.

3. The Rise of Autonomous Vehicles

Another trend that we can expect is that autonomous vehicles will become more common in 2023. This is because more companies are beginning to launch self-driving cars. Self-driving cars are shown to be safer, reduce downtime, and reduce driver's fatigue and negligence-related accidents. They also improve fuel efficiency by 10% and reduce CO2 emissions by 42 million metric tons annually.

Many major tech companies and automakers are already beginning to work on autonomous vehicle technology, and we can expect these vehicles to enter the mainstream market in the next few years.

4. The Decline of Traditional Car Ownership

Did you know that traditional car ownership is in decline? Well, this comes as there is favour towards alternative ownership models such as ride-hailing and car sharing, which is when two or more people use the same vehicle with short-term access.

Mobile sharing has become a lot more popular in recent years, and this is a trend expected to continue in 2023 as more and more people start turning towards alternatives for their transportation needs. More companies are starting to offer shared mobility options as a creative, affordable and convenient alternative to vehicle ownership; as a result, there is expected to be a decline in the total number of cars on the roads.

5. The Growth of Mobility Services

Lastly, mobility services such as ride-hailing and car sharing are expected to grow significantly in 2023. This comes as more and more people are beginning to turn towards these alternative modes of transportation to fulfil their transportation needs. This growth is likely driven by the continued decline of traditional car ownership and the increasing availability of autonomous motor vehicles.

7 Additional Trends You Should Know

- 1. Dealers Will Offer More Digital Purchasing Options**
- 2. The Pre-Owned Sales Boom Will Include Electric Vehicles**
- 3. EV Weight Will Become Problematic Without Legislative Changes**
- 4. Online Marketing Strategies Will Continue to Expand**
- 5. Dealers Will Explore New Revenue Streams for the Service Lane**
- 6. Fuel Cell Technology Will Offer Another Option**
- 7. Manufacturers Will Partner with Tech Companies to Keep Pace**

New Members:

No new members to report. Again thanks to all the new members and old members that have re-joined the club. Without you, there is no Motor City club.

Member Happenings:

In November, Motor City club members Mike and Sheila Cushing joined a pilgrimage to the Holy land through their parish, Christ the Redeemer in Lake Orion.

For ten days, a group of approximately 60 people visited the Holy Land, including many historical places and sites significant to many major faiths. Mike and Sheila's group visited, among others, the sites of the Nativity, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Sea of Galilee, and other points of religious consequence. In Jerusalem, because conflicting armies occupy different parts of the same city, armed guards sometimes board tourist buses to check passports.

Mike mentions his interest in "things that are so incredibly old, and even more significant from a historical perspective," while Sheila was "amazed at how much there is to see, and how ethnically diverse the country is."



Mike and Sheila at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. People come from all over the world to pray at the wall.

10 Powerful Facts About Gas:

1. Yes, you can trust the pump.

What's to stop a dishonest dealer from tweaking the pumps? It turns out those machines are highly regulated. Each state has a division or department tasked with keeping track of weights and measures. Most pumps are regularly inspected. The pumps are calibrated on a regular basis. Most pumps have seals on them that indicate when they were inspected last. Feel free to check them out!

2. Brand name gas and generic gas are pretty much equal...

The reality is that all base gasoline comes out of the same refineries and all gasoline refined in the US are reduced to a common set of specifications. Some brands add detergents that help keep your engine clean, but even "cheap", "no-name" gas will get you where you're going.

3. But Top Tier gas is different.

Because modern engines are more complicated than those of the past, car manufacturers came up with a fuel standard called Top Tier. It has detergent additives that can reduce carbon buildup. Among 19 brands tested, non-Top Tier gasolines caused more engine deposits than the Top Tier brands after just 4,000 miles of simulated driving. Most of the major retailers sell Top Tier and will display its logo on their pumps.

4. Most cars never need premium.

While Top Tier refers to overall gasoline quality, premium indicates a higher octane level. Unless your owners manual says "premium required", your car will run fine on regular 87-octane. Treating your car to premium is a waste of money. Consumers don't receive extra benefit from the higher octane. Where premium is required, it will add a performance benefit.

5. E15 gas is fine for many cars, but not all...

E15 contains up to 15% ethanol-made from plant materials, such as corn. That's only about 5 percentage points higher than normal. Today, virtually all gas

sold with a 10% blend, but if you drive an older car, beware: E15 is not approved by the EPA for cars from the 2000 model year or older. It's always best to check your owner's manual.

6. And Most of us should avoid E85 gas.

E85 is a blend that contains between 51 and 83% ethanol, depending largely on the time of year. You can only use E85 if your car is considered a Flex-Fuel vehicle. Often that type of car will have a yellow gas cap. Keep in mind, E85 usually costs less, but delivers lower gas mileage.

7. Buying gas in the morning won't save you money.

It's true that colder gas is more dense. That has fueled a popular myth that buying gas in the coolest time of day might save you money and mean more fuel per gallon. But, that's not really true. Way down in that underground tank, air temperature has virtually no effect on the fuel's temperature.

8. It's fine to fill up when the tanker truck is at the station.

Some people believe that buying gas when the station is getting a delivery is a problem because sediment gets swirled around in the holding tank. That may have been true 50 years ago, but things have changed drastically since then. Even if there is sediment, there are multiple filters the gas goes through before it ends up in your car.

9. Water in the tank can be a problem.

Just a few ounces of water could cause hydro-lock, which does serious damage to an engine. The good news is, that most gas today has 10% ethanol which will cause any water to stay in suspension. But if the amount of water reaches the maximum level, then the water will sink to the bottom of the tank and that's when the real problems start.

10. A full tank doesn't reduce evaporation.

Gas evaporates fast when exposed to air. That's why it's a common belief that you'll lose gas in a less than full tank. Not so. Cars today are equipped with evaporative control systems that capture gas in a carbon canister and inject it back into the fuel system.

7 Interesting Facts About Santa Claus You Probably Didn't Know

By Ted Goodwin | December 23, 2015

How exactly did the jolly, bearded North Pole resident evolve into the cultural icon we know today? Here are seven interesting facts about his evolution...

1. Santa is real... sort of

Folklore may have turned Santa Claus into a jolly and beloved toy distributor who rides in a sleigh pulled by eight flying reindeer, but he is actually based, loosely, on a real person. Born around the year 270, St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, a town in what is now Turkey. He earned a reputation as an anonymous gift giver by paying the dowries of poor girls and handing out treats and coins to impoverished children — often leaving them in their shoes, set out at night for that very purpose. Since his death, Nicholas has been canonized as the patron saint of children.

2. He's only been 'Santa Claus' for 200 years

The Dutch kept St. Nicholas' story alive in the form of Sinterklaas -- a bishop travels from house to house to deliver treats to children on the night of Dec. 5.

3. A satiric book first sent Santa down a chimney

In his satiric 1809 book "A History of New York," Washington Irving characterized Santa Claus as a portly, bearded man who smokes a pipe. Irving's book also marked the first time Santa slid down the chimney.

4. "Twas the Night Before Christmas" introduced the reindeer

Clement Moore's 1822 poem A Visit From Saint Nicholas, now more commonly referred to as "Twas the Night Before Christmas", first published on Dec. 23, 1823, introduced and popularized many of Santa's defining characteristics — including the one about him driving a sleigh guided by "eight tiny reindeer."

5. Coca-Cola created the modern Santa Claus look

The modern image of Santa Claus as the jolly old man in the red suit was cemented into American pop culture in 1931, when artist Haddon Sundblom illustrated him that way for a widely-circulated Coca-Cola campaign.

6. The department store Santa is a 120-year-old tradition

In 1890, Massachusetts businessman James Edgar became the first Santa Claus in a department store. It was Edgar who came up with the idea of dressing up in a Santa Claus costume as a marketing tool. It was such a huge success that children from all over the state dragged their parents to Edgar's small dry goods store in Brockton. Since then, a tradition was born.

7. Santa was a bachelor until the late 1800s

The first mention of Mrs. Claus was in the 1849 short story "A Christmas Legend" by James Rees. Over the next few years, the idea of Mrs. Claus found its way into literary publications, like the Yale Literary Magazine and Harper's Magazine. But it wasn't until Katherine Lee Bates' 1889 poem Goody Santa Claus on a Sleigh Ride that Santa's wife was popularized.



Is that a Chief Pontiac Hood Ornament I see on the front?

Interesting Stuff: (Con't)

Note: You will laugh until you have tears in your eyes.

For those of you who ever wanted to ride in a high-performance fighter.

Below is an article written by Rick Reilly of Sports Illustrated.

He details his experiences when given the opportunity to fly in a F-14 Tomcat. If you aren't laughing out loud by the time you get to 'Milk Duds', your sense of humor is seriously broken.

This message is for America's most famous athletes: Someday you may be invited to fly in the back-seat of one of your country's most powerful fighter jets. Many of you already have. John Elway, John Stockton, Tiger Woods to name a few. If you get this opportunity, let me urge you, with the greatest sincerity....

Move to Guam. Change your name. Fake your own death! Whatever you do, Do Not Go!!! I know.

The U.S. Navy invited me to try it. I was thrilled. I was pumped. I was toast!

I should've known when they told me my pilot would be Chip (Biff) King of Fighter Squadron 213 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach.

Whatever you're thinking a Top Gun named Chip (Biff) King looks like, triple it. He's about six-foot, tan, ice-blue eyes, wavy surfer hair, finger-crippling handshake -- the kind of man who wrestles dyspeptic alligators in his leisure time. If you see this man, run the other way. Fast.

Biff King was born to fly. His father, Jack King, was for years the voice of NASA missions. ('T-minus 15 seconds and counting' Remember?) Chip would charge neighborhood kids a quarter each to hear his dad. Jack would wake up from naps surrounded by nine-year-olds waiting for him to say, 'We have lift off'.

Biff was to fly me in an F-14D Tomcat, a ridiculously powerful \$60 million Weapon with nearly as much thrust as weight, not unlike Colin Montgomerie. I was worried about getting airsick, so the night before the flight I asked Biff if there was something I should eat the next morning.

'Bananas,' he said.

'For the potassium?' I asked.

'No,' Biff said, 'because they taste about the same coming up as they do going down.'

The next morning, out on the tarmac, I had on my flight suit with my name sewn over the left breast. (No call sign -- like Crash or Sticky or Lead Foot. But, still, very cool.) I carried my helmet in the crook of my arm, as Biff had instructed. If ever in my life I had a chance to nail Nicole Kidman, this was it.

A fighter pilot named Psycho gave me a safety briefing and then fastened me into my ejection seat, which, when employed, would 'egress' me out of the plane at such a velocity that I would be immediately knocked unconscious.

Just as I was thinking about aborting the flight, the canopy closed over me, and Biff gave the ground crew a thumbs-up. In minutes we were firing nose up at 600 mph. We leveled out and then canopy-rolled over another F-14.

Those 20 minutes were the rush of my life. Unfortunately, the ride lasted 80. It was like being on the roller coaster at Six Flags Over Hell. Only without rails. We did barrel rolls, snap rolls, loops, yanks and banks. We dived, rose and dived again, sometimes with a vertical velocity of 10,000 feet per minute. We chased another F-14, and it chased us.

We broke the speed of sound. Sea was sky and sky was sea. Flying at 200 feet we did 90-degree turns at 550 mph, creating a G force of 6.5, which is to say I felt as if 6.5 times my body weight was smashing against me, thereby approximating life as Mrs. Colin Montgomerie.

And I egressed the bananas.

And I egressed the pizza from the night before.

And the lunch before that.

I egressed a box of Milk Duds from the sixth grade.

I made Linda Blair look polite. Because of the G's, I was egressing stuff that never thought would be egressed.

I went through not one airsick bag, but two.

Biff said I passed out. Twice... I was coated in sweat. At one point, as we were coming in upside down in a banked curve on a mock bombing target and the

G's were flattening me like a tortilla and I was in and out of consciousness, I realized I was the first person in history to throw down.

I used to know 'cool'. Cool was Elway throwing a touchdown pass, or Norman making a five-iron bite. But now I really know 'cool'. Cool is guys like Biff, men with cast-iron stomachs and freon nerves. I wouldn't go up there again for Derek Jeter's black book, but I'm glad Biff does every day, and for less a year than a rookie reliever makes in a home stand.

A week later, when the spins finally stopped, Biff called. He said he and the fighters had the perfect call sign for me. Said he'd send it on a patch for my flight suit.

**What is it? I asked.
'Two Bags.'**

"A veteran is someone who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life."

"HOME OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE."

Some of you have heard this story from the editor before but I thought it fitting based on the previous story:

So one of my friends of 50+ years, Dan Frasher and the person I bought my current home from, his son Christian Frasher is the Navy pilot that flew Tom Cruise in during the making of the most recent Top Gun movie.

This is Tom Cruise in the rear seat of his jet!



> "As good as this bar is," said the Scotsman, "I still prefer the pubs back home. In Glasgow, there's a wee place called McTavish's, the landlord goes out of his way for the locals. When you buy four drinks, he'll buy the fifth drink."

> "Well, Angus," said the Englishman, "At my local in London, the Red Lion, the barman will buy you your third drink after you buy the first two."

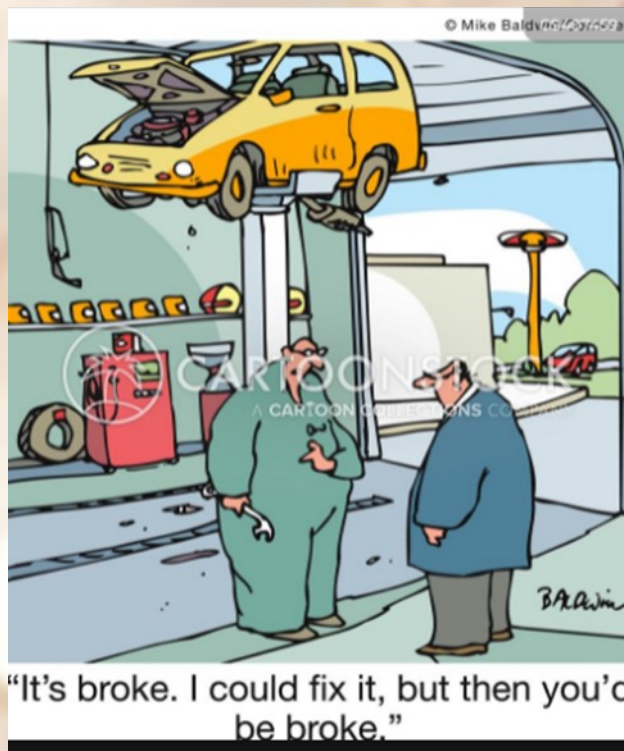
> "Ahhh, dat's nothin'," said the Irishman, "back home in Cookstown at me favourite pub, the moment ye set foot in the place, they'll buy ye a drink, then another, all the drinks you like. Then, when you've had enough drinks, they'll take you upstairs and see dat you gets laid, and....all on the house!"

> The Englishman and Scotsman were suspicious of the claims; but, the Irishman swore every word was true...then they asked: "Did this actually happen to you?"

> "Not meself, personally, no," admitted the Irishman, "but it did happen to me sister quite a few times."



"It makes a loud grinding sound whenever I merge onto the highway."



"It's broke. I could fix it, but then you'd be broke."



"Brakes are fine. You need new glasses."



"YOU'VE BEEN UNDER THAT CAR FOR HOURS, DEAR, AND YOU PROMISED TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME!"



"I wish I could help, dad, but the only engines I know anything about are search engines."



**Rats, I don't think we'll ever get this thing going:
It's flooded again...**



"BEFORE I GIVE YOU THE BILL, I'M SUPPOSED TO ASK IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO BUY YOU DINNER FIRST."



"It'll cost you \$300 to fix the squeak, or for \$14 you can just play this Iron Maiden CD super loud to drown out the noise."

Motor City POCI
Officers / Show Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Club officers and members of the Show committee met at Baker's Restaurant of Milford at 5:00 P.M.

Members present at this meeting: Kenny Galdes, Ray Golota, Mike Cushing, and Ray Santo.

Kenny began the meeting with a discussion on why some members thought that a meeting was necessary at this time of the year in the first place. After a "spirited" discussion, the reasons became self-evident.

All committee members have received a packet of information from Ray G., and we proceeded to address the items listed in order. As you can see, this meeting was called for several reasons. Notably, the latest treasurer's reports which cover the expense for the 501C(3) and also addressing the need to have regularly scheduled meetings.

The guidelines for this and all future meetings were presented again as a reminder of proper decorum.

* All in attendance should stick to the topics on hand and save any personal discussions until after the meeting.

* All proposals and/or suggestions should (must) be voted on and decided by majority rule. The vote may be verbal or if there is a large group in attendance, submitted by a paper ballot.

* If there are not enough members present or no immediate time deadlines, items may be tabled until the next meeting.

Here we go with Ray G's list.....Your questions and comments are needed and appreciated.

Agenda notes and my comments:

1a. We need to have a supply of Club T-Shirts for new members, and we need someone to volunteer to handle the inventory and distribution of shirts.

1b. We want to hear everyone's opinion on the paving bricks suggestions.

2. Ray G. works very hard and spends a lot of his time on preparing for the Show and although his monetary expenses are covered by the Club, the time he spends is his own and we really appreciate his efforts.

3. We need to elect a Vice President and a new Secretary as I am resigning my position at the end of the year. At the meeting we gave Ray G. the position as Vice President pro-tem. We need to determine what sort of voting procedure should be used for our Club's elections. (e.g.) Do we want to use the same system that the Wide Trackers use?

4. Membership Report has been submitted for your reference.

5. Treasurer's report. Please review and ask questions if necessary.

6. Kenny is still working with our attorney to finalize our official 501C (3)

7. Marge, we need to ask for your assistance with this one. Do you have time to work up the official by-laws and/or a Constitution for the Club?

8. Let's make sure that everyone has each other's correct email and telephone numbers.

8.a. Kenny is planning on reserving a space at Baker's Restaurant for every third (3rd) Thursday at 5:00 in 2023 each month for officers' meetings and later (6:00 – 6:30 ?) for full membership meetings. The actual number of meetings will be set by the members after the need is determined.

8.b. Kenny and Ray G. are working to get the folks at Kocur to update their website.

9. It was suggested that we offer a framed picture of the Show winning car to the owner at next year's Show. Size could be either 16x24 or 24x32. It was mentioned that these sizes might be too large, however, smaller sizes are available if we want to pursue this idea. Please submit your thoughts on this.

10. We went over the suggestions that Marge and Tom submitted. There is a major item that Kenny brought up and that is whether we should eliminate the Silent Auction next year and see what happens. The thinking behind this is that it is entirely too much work (see note 2 again) for the money that we receive. If we allow for the driving time required for solicitation, picking up, handling, and storing

the many items we are lucky enough to get, it's possible that we could actually lose money on the event in any given year. A non-monetary factor to also consider is the amount of man (and woman) power and time that it takes to handle the security and the actual sales of the items. Some of our hard-working members who had volunteered this year never even got to get outside to see all the cars at the Show let alone talk with any of the participants. It is also our opinion that the Silent Auction is not a major draw factor for the Show. As a final note, one more thing to consider is that Baker's has advised us that they will no longer let us have free use of the banquet room and will begin to charge us a \$500.00 rental fee on the room next year. Comments?

Additional note from Ray G. - Regarding the Silent Auction losing money... the value of the items in the Auction this year was \$5,924.15, sales receipts were \$3,665.00, expense for printed material was \$387.79, gas was approx. \$150.00, and our net was over \$2,990.00, however I do support the idea that we should eliminate the Silent Auction for next year. R.G.

This takes care of the Agenda notes.

The rest of the meeting...

Mike C. spoke of our donation to ChadTough and proposed to drive out and meet with Tammi Carr on Thursday, November 3rd.

When asked if he had any future activities planned for Club members, he advised that he has several and will present them after the holidays. Mike and his wife Sheila are leaving on a trip to the Holy Land (Tours), and we wish them a great trip and safe travel.

Kenny questioned as to whether we should donate more to the Pontiac Transportation Museum. We all thought that it was a good idea but want your thoughts on this.

We are still tentatively planning on having a Holiday Dinner Meeting for all members after Christmas on a Saturday in January T.B.D.

Lastly, since it's difficult to have an actual meeting at long tables in a restaurant, we are suggesting that perhaps we could have a Smart TV at our Holiday Dinner and have a demo showing our fantastic club website. Your ideas are welcome.

The meeting was called by Kenny and concluded at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Santo

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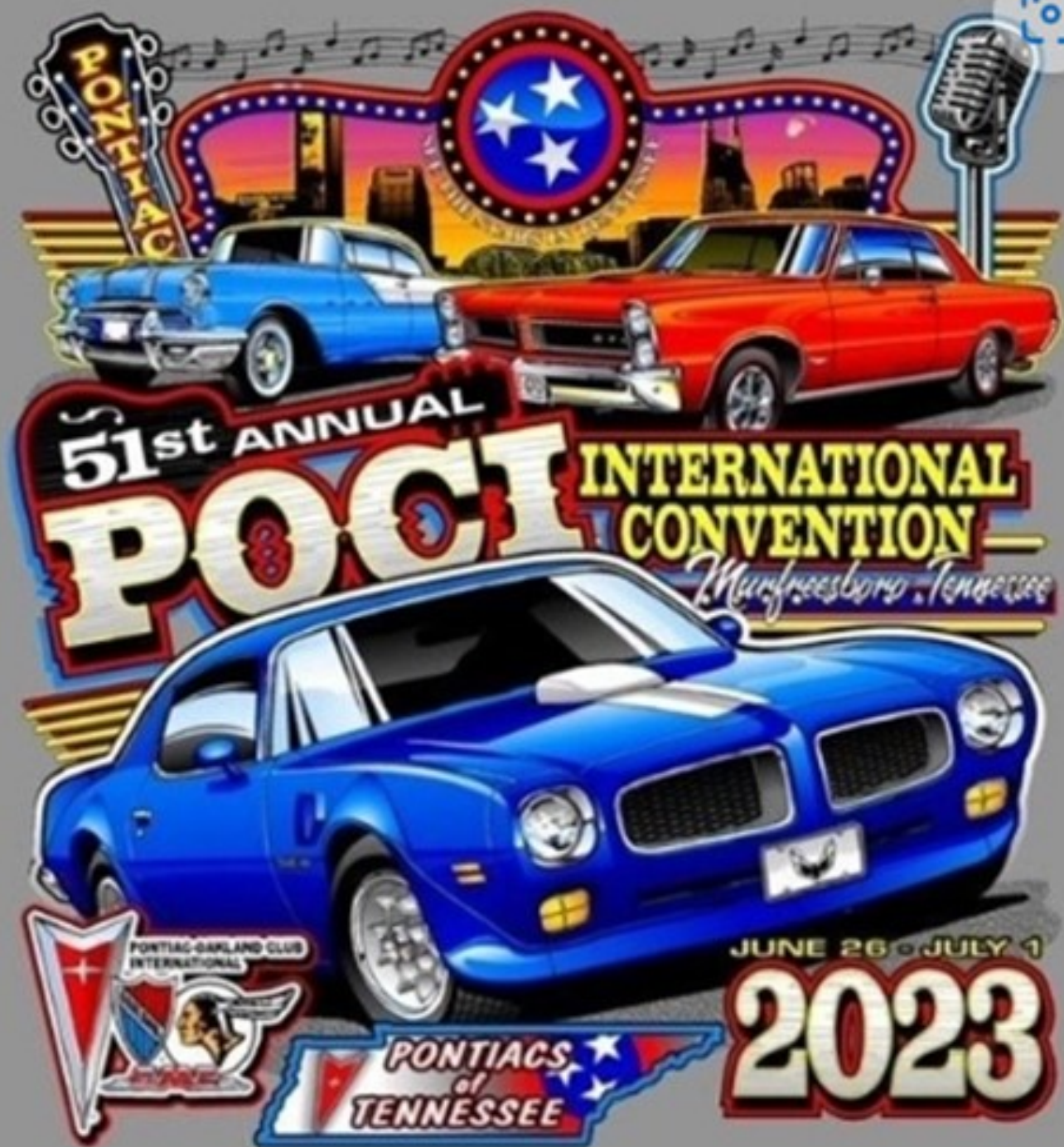
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