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Pontiac-Oakland Club International

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Kenny G's Message

I know our editor is still trying to catch up from his very busy year in 2025, so I will also try to keep my message brief.

As many of you know, this is the 100th anniversary of our beloved Pontiac brand. You also should know that the yearly POCI national convention is in Pontiac Michigan this year. What you may not know is, this is the first time that a Museum, specifically, the Pontiac Transportation Museum is sponsoring a convention. Tim Dye is the main driving force behind this convention and it promises to be the longest, most unforgettable one in history. We take for granted all the great automotive stuff to do in Detroit, but the people who live in other areas of the country, do not have access to all the great things we do. Because of this, bus tours to the Milford Proving Ground and other great bus trips are selling out in record time. I also know, the Western Michigan chapter and the Widetrackers are going to be asked to coordinate and manage several events throughout the convention. Tim will also ask our club to handle certain events and I want to be able to tell him that he has our full support and resources.

Consequently, expect to hear from the leadership soon on what we may be asked to do and to volunteer where you can. Again, the convention is from June 22 to the 27th.

Remember the club is still looking for an activities coordinator to replace Mike after he stepped down.

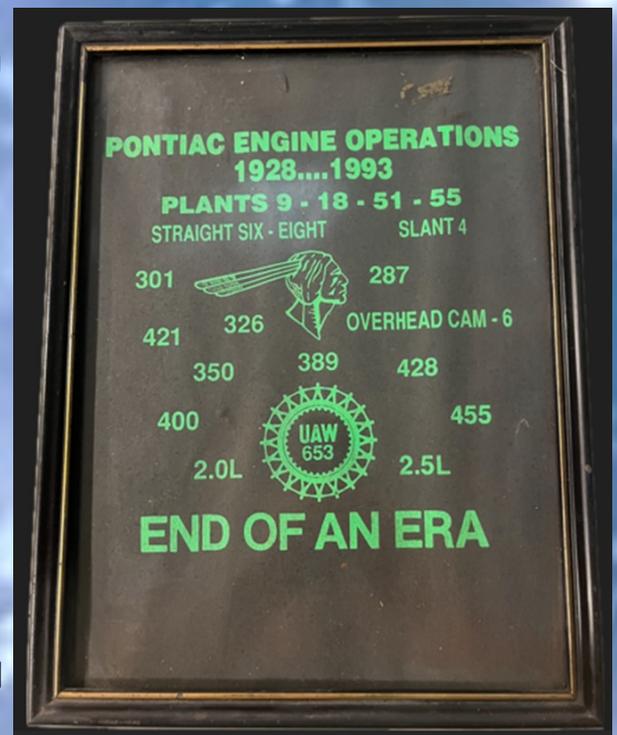
Ramblings of an Irishman

Editor: Brian Dougherty



So, Finally, here is the last newsletter for 2025, and to think, it's only the end of February 2026? Someday, I'm going to shock all of you and actually be on time with one, or maybe even ahead. Stranger things have happened? I am worried that this will probably not happen in 2026 though with everything going on with me, and everything going on in the hobby, but especially with everything happening at the museum. Unless I make each one very short, there's no way I can be on time. We'll see how it goes, but no promises this year.

As Ken alluded to, this convention will be the longest one on record, with a lot of firsts. I've seen the daily schedule, but unfortunately I don't have a copy I can share at this time for this newsletter. I should be able to get a hold of one for next newsletter though, but also keep an eye on Smoke Signals as I'm sure it'll be published in there. Board member Kevin Yash shared with me a picture of something he recently hung in his garage. Please see attached picture. From what I understand, Kevin has so much stuff that it would fill several barns and I can imagine he has some great stuff on his walls and in his collection? I know I keep asking for stories from club members, but for next month, I would like to ask for pictures of your garage/ barn and/or mancave to show to fellow club members. I know I've recently done some things to both areas and can't wait to show it off in the next newsletter so I challenge the club members to show me "what you got". After all, I usually make all my stuff myself, so I know it is the best and can compete with anyone.



Treasurer's notes:

Ray Golota

I think it's very important for our club to have a presence at the national convention this year and to have a display promoting our club. Now, not to be too competitive, I would like our display to be the best one ever and to also be better than our sister club, the Widetrackers.

Therefore, I'm going to be sending out a request to fellow club members to join a sub-committee to help design and build a kick-a** display and also man the display during the convention. Be warned, I'll be calling!!



Remember, we support
these 5 charities!

Highlights—Financial- End of year 2025

- ◆ Motor City POCI bank balance = \$11,434.52
- ◆ Chad Tough balance = \$254.67
- ◆ Total bank balance = \$11,689.19

We are again moving forward and planning our 12th annual Pontiac Summer Roundup at Bakers, on September 26th @ Bakers. We had to move the date back due to the Frankenmuth Auto Fest the weekend of the 11th and the weekend of the 19th was already taken at Bakers.



Looking forward to the start of another car show season. Take a look at our videos from last year.

Visit our website: <https://motorcitypoci.com/2025-events/>

54th Annual POCI Convention, June 22-27 in Pontiac, MI at the Oakland Expo Center:
<https://motorcitypoci.com/2026-events/>

Ray

Treasurer - Motor City POCI

For more car shows: <https://motorcitypoci.com/2025-events/>

Member Happenings:

It's only taken me about 7 years to get my lovely wife to visit the PTM, so on Dec 18th (our anniversary), I was able to get her and several friends to visit the museum where I gave a very personalized (don't go there) tour of the entire facility. Here you see her standing in front of the mural on a very snowy sidewalk and below you see her sitting in the 64" Tempest



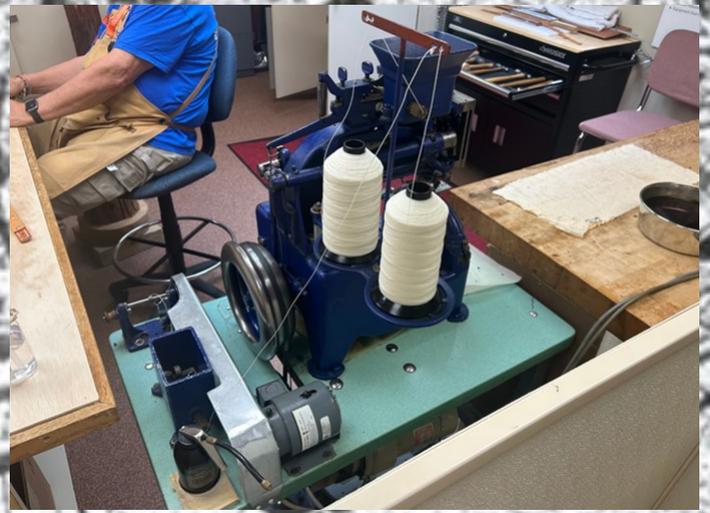
the museum has on display for people to take a photo and experience the thrill of riding in an old convertible. I do have to give her a break though, since she's been

busy working as an engineer at Tremec Transmission, raising 2 lovely girls and raising me at the same time and putting up with my sh*t!.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that Ken, Ray and I visited the Leader for the Blind local office in Rochester Hills back on Sept 25th and all 3 of us were thoroughly impressed with our tour and came away with a bigger

appreciation of what they do. I think also, it helped solidify our total support of the organization. Therefore, I've included some additional photos of the day in the following pictures.





During the tour of the facility, we met a volunteer that hand crafts each collar from leather and homemade thread as the pictures above show. These were no cheap collars from China. These were made with love!

Below I show some additional pictures from our annual car show. Not only to show how we couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers but also to show some of the very unique cars we get each year!



Interesting Stuff:

For anybody who's worked on their own cars, especially recently, we've all had to deal with modern electrical relays. I don't know about you, but I kind of knew how they worked, but never worked on them enough to memorize what each number on a relay meant. I ran across an article in the Hagerty Driver's club magazine that explained how they work simple enough that I could understand them. I plan to recreate their article in a readers digest version to help myself and any of you that may feel intimidated by a modern relay.

A relay is nothing more than a remote-controlled switch. Every little square or round relay you've ever seen in a car has a little electromagnet inside that's used to "throw the switch" by pulling 2 internal contacts together. That's really all it is.



If, for example, you want to install a bank of driving lights on your bumper that draws tens of amps of current, you probably don't want to have to run thick wires to and from the switch on the dashboard that turns them on. Instead, you want to keep those thick wires between the lights, battery and relay, and use thin wires between the relay and the switch.

Every relay has a low-current side and a high-current side. The low current side goes to the electromagnet (the switch), and the high current side feeds the thing it's trying to turn on (the fan, lights, fuel pump, power amp, ECU, whatever). The numbers that apply to relays are shown to the right:

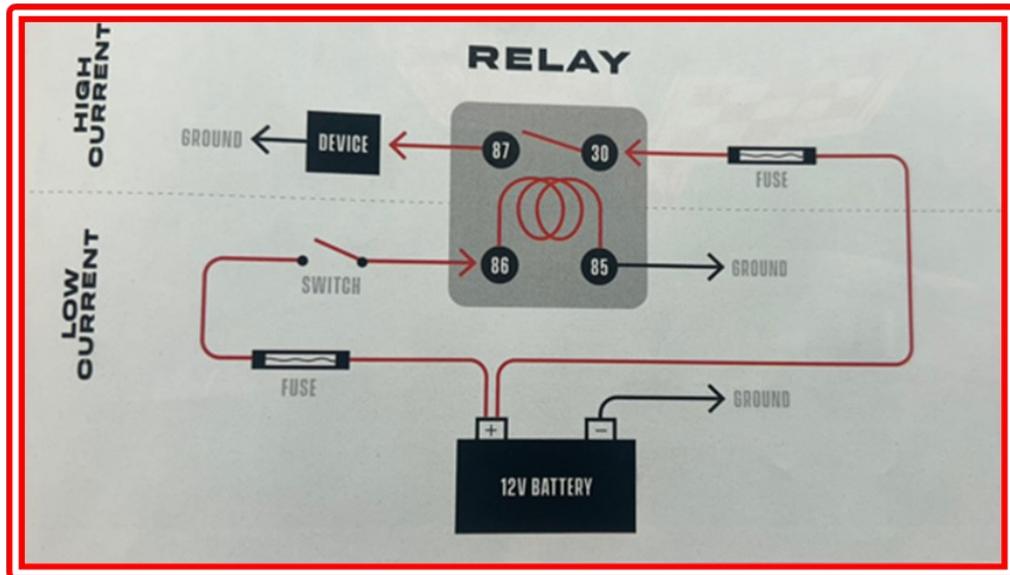
Low current side (switch)	
Terminal 86	Terminal 85
Power to electromagnet	Electromagnet to ground

High current side (device)	
Terminal 30	Terminal 87
Power from battery	Power to device to turn on

Bypassing a relay:

The beauty in knowing all of this is that now you can completely understand what's involved in bypassing a relay. Let's say your fuel pump isn't turning on. Now you can determine where the issue is by unplugging the relay and jumping terminal 30 and 87 with a short piece of wire to see if it comes to life. If the pump whirs to life, it means that either the relay is bad or there's a problem in the wiring on the low current side. If the pump doesn't turn on, it means that either terminal 30 isn't getting voltage from the battery, or terminal 87 isn't reaching the fuel pump, or the pump itself is bad.

What I've described is a single-pole, single throw (SPST) relay. These are by far the most common type of relay used in cars. However, there is also a single-pole, double-throw (SPDT) or "changeover" re-



lay that allows switching between 2 devices. It has a 5th terminal labeled 87a. When the electromagnet is energized, current flows to terminal 87, but when the electromagnet is de-energized, current instead flows to terminal 87a. Some early high beam, low beam and A/C systems use changeover relays.

On a relay for a simple device like a motor or a light, the low and high current sides are both bi-directional, so it doesn't matter if terminal 30 and 87 are swapped, or if 86 and 85 are swapped. But on a relay controlling something sensitive, like an ECU. There is often a diode in the relay that will only allow current to flow in one direction. As per the diagram, there are usually fuses in the circuits and the "switch" can also be a pressure or temperature switch instead of a physical switch. Paste the diagram above in your garage somewhere! Believe me, It'll help when you're troubleshooting something electrical!

Funnies:

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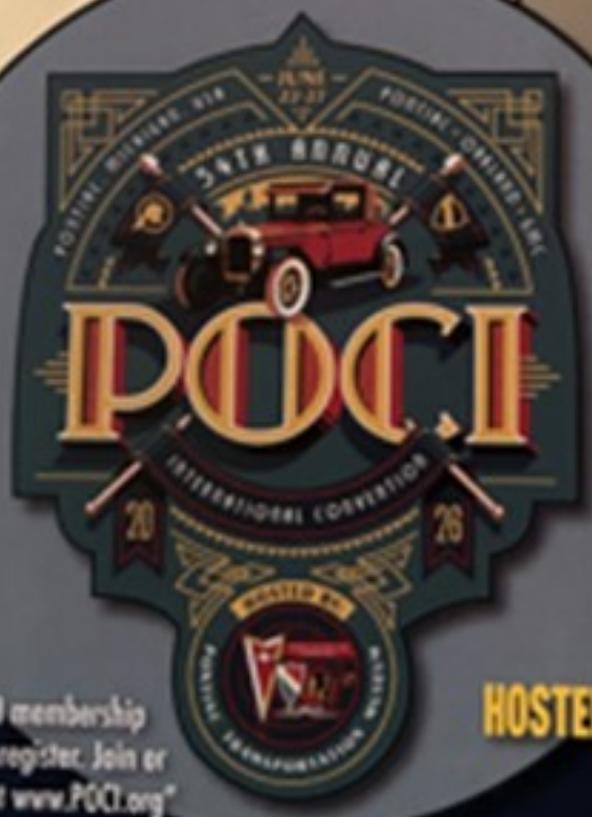


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54th Annual Pontiac Oakland Club International Convention June 22-27, 2026

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Pontiac, Michigan 48341
(248) 253-9800

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