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MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS
CHAPTER 16 OF POCI
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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

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Hello Widetrackers,

It brings me great pleasure that I announce that there will be no vote for board positions this year. All those who have been appointed will continue on for the next year. So either we are doing a good job or....., we'll leave it at that. But if you would like to consider becoming a board member for next year and have questions, don't be afraid to ask. We welcome new ideas and fresh faces for those positions, including mine. LOL.

So being that we are in the holiday season with Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas coming up fast. It is a great time to come to club meetings and discuss winter projects and just enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Widetrackers. Remember, our meetings are the second Saturday of the month at Golling GMC Buick in Lake Orion. At the very least you will leave with a full belly and hopefully some friends with similar interests. What else do you have to do when it is cold outside?

On the subject of the holidays I remind myself of the wonderful members whom have passed this year and those who are not doing so well.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Please send a prayer and share a fond memory of them and pray for those who are ill and can't come club events due to health issues. We miss you all.

There was a meeting put on by Tim Dye from The Pontiac Transportation Museum regarding the 2026 POCI convention in mid-November. Unfortunately I was on vacation and could not attend. I look forward to getting with some of our members who attended and get the lowdown on what took place so I can keep you all updated. Remember, we will need many volunteers to make this a memorable event. So I am asking that if you can help out when the time comes, it would be greatly appreciated by all. And you get to see all the wonderful Pontiacs that we so dearly love and enjoy during the warmer months. What more could you ask for?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Tim Mays

RON BUNKER OBITUARY

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With a heavy heart, long-time members Bruce and Deb Bunker want Club members to know that Bruce's Dad, Ron Bunker, passed on Monday, October 14th, 2024.

Ronald M. Bunker; of Lake Orion; age 93; passed away on October 14, 2024. Ron is the beloved husband of the late Faye, with whom they shared 58 years of marriage; loving father of Dennis (Michele) Bunker, Stephen (Lisa) Bunker, Bruce (Deb) Bunker and Rhonda (Dave) Mobley; loving grandfather of 10; and dear great grandfather of 17. He is also survived by his sisters, Lois McClusky and Susan Wightman; and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was a proud Navy Veteran, and would later retire after 38 years at Pontiac Motors. Following his retirement, Ron and Faye spent the next 20 years wintering in Florida. He will be dearly missed and will always be remembered for being such a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Orion Veterans Memorial or to the Oxford K9 Stray Rescue League.

<https://www.k9stray.com/donate>

<https://www.orionveteransmemorial.com/donate/>



FLOYD DOBSON OBITUARY

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Clarice, from Facebook:

Sadly we have lost another member Floyd Dobson. Carol & Floyd have been members for many years and were members of the Fiero Club. Our friends for over 50 years, we send our sincere condolences to Carol and their family.

Debbie Dobson:

My Beloved Dad passed away today. He was such a wonderful Dad. He took care of all of us and created a beautiful life for us. He is the most loving, caring, kind Dad ever and is loved and will be missed by so many. He fought so hard in the end -a true warrior. I love you forever Dad. Until we meet again.

FLOYD DOBSON OBITUARY



MIKE WOODY OBITUARY

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Michael John Woody, 80, of Lapeer, died peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Mr. Woody was born February 9, 1944, in Pennsylvania, to parents Joseph and Elizabeth (Mesner) Woody.

Mr. Woody, known as Mr. Pontiac, moved to Michigan in the 1960s for his job at Pontiac Motors. He had nine children and worked as a truck mechanic for GM for 37 years. He lived and breathed cars. He was a proud member of the Michigan Widetrackers POCI Club. He and his wife, Mary (Havens), who he married in 1987, would travel all around the country to attend and participate in car shows and cruises. From California to Canada, probably listening to classic rock along the way, the two went everywhere to see and show their classic cars. Most recently, Mr. Woody's car was voted best in show out of 450 cars at a Monday night Lapeer Car Cruise. Mr. Woody also took pride in his 40 years of sobriety and was strong in his faith when he helped others through their struggles in his spiritual talks on Sundays. He loved his family, and he always had a joke or story to tell. He will be missed.

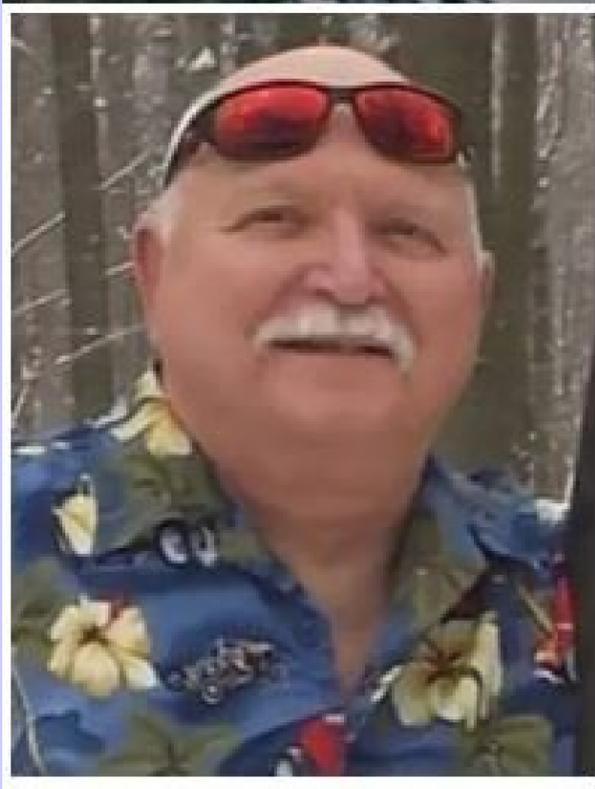
He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, his nine children, including Chris Milette, of Mt. Clemens; Frank (Tammy) Woody, of Goodrich; Shawn Woody, of Mt. Clemens, Rachel Whaley, of Holly; Jenny Gembinski, of Lapeer; Mike (Heather) Woody, of Holly; Matthew (Leah) Woody, of Beverly Hills, MI; Jeffrey (Constance) Woody, of Holly; and Suzanne Woody, of Flint.

MIKE WOODY OBITUARY

Mr. Woody is also survived by 18 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Gerry Kotcella and great-grandchild, Karson Whaley.

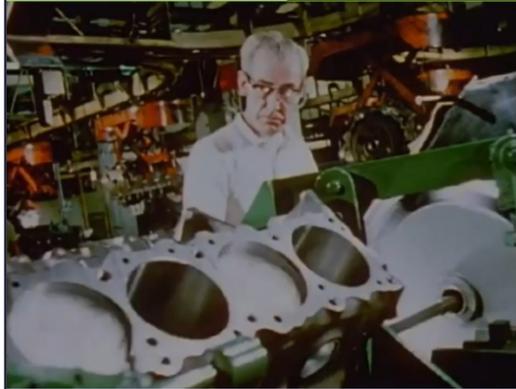
In keeping with Michael's wishes cremation has been entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer. No services have been scheduled at this time. Memories and condolences may be shared at Muir-BrothersLapeer.com.



1969 PONTIAC - THE GREAT BREAKAWAY

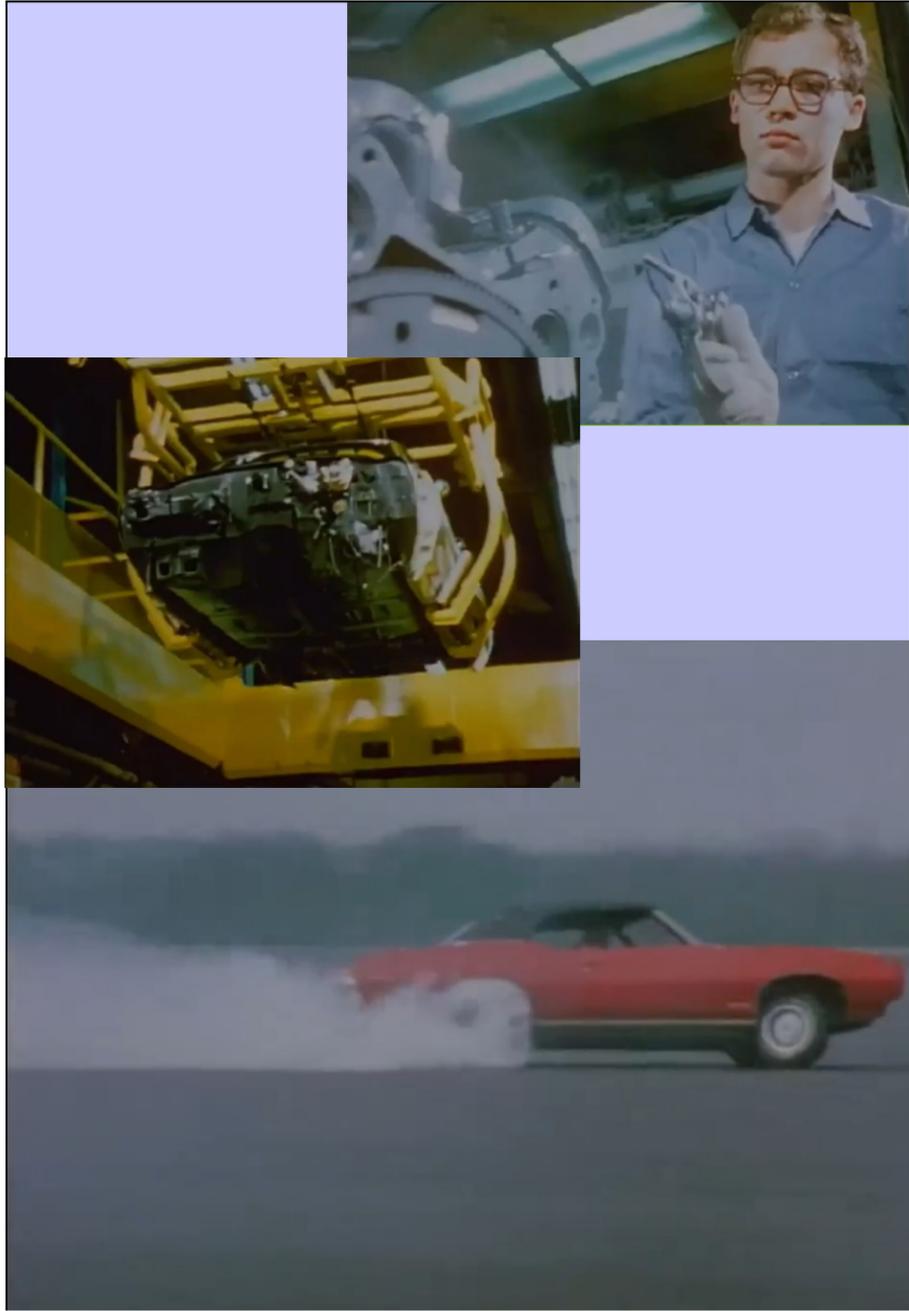
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I enjoyed this 1969 promotional film. Lots of photos in design, engineering and manufacturing. See anyone you know? Shortened YouTube link below.



<https://tinyurl.com/3pm6p8rc>

1969 PONTIAC - THE GREAT BREAKAWAY





Whenever the Widetrackers get together, there is always food with fellowship. Our monthly pot-luck suppers are always an amazing sight to behold, and over the course of the night *someone* is bound to ask *someone* for a recipe.

The Widetracker Drive-Thru is a chance for members to share some of their signature dishes with the group, and maybe you can find a new favourite among the offerings!

Beef Stew

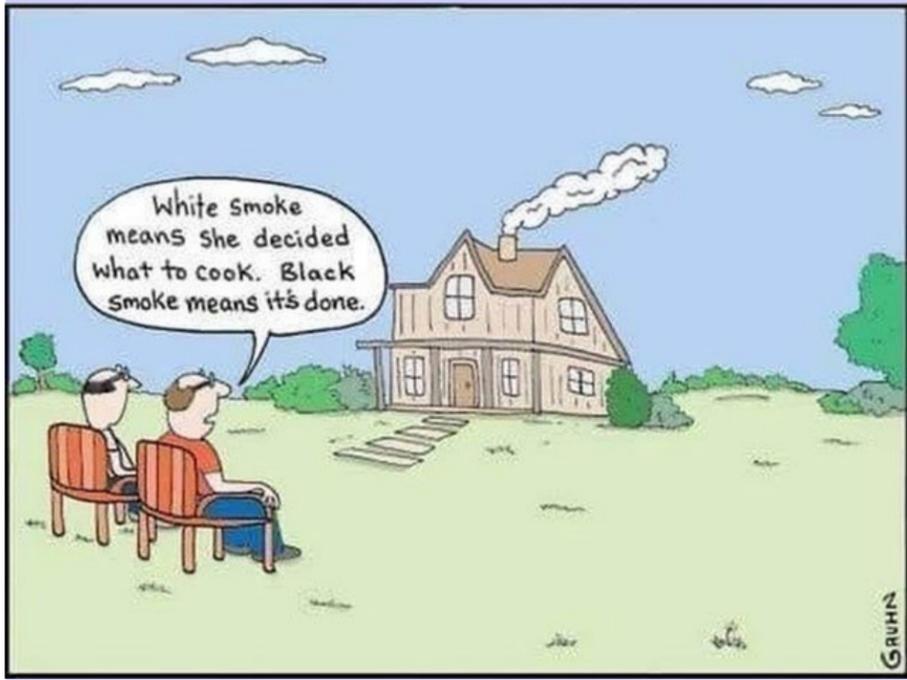
- 2 lbs beef chuck, cubed
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 3 potatoes, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 cup red wine
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste



1. **Brown the beef in a large pot.**
2. **Add onions and garlic, cook until soft.**
3. **Stir in tomato paste and wine, simmer for 2 minutes.**
4. **Pour in broth, add carrots, potatoes, and thyme.**
5. **Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 2 hours.**
6. **Season with salt and pepper before serving.**

Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Just email it to us!
Dave Todd at poci16tracker@gmail.com

THE LAST LAUGH



Hello Widetrackers.

Another winter, and once again taking the Firebird apart for repairs. While we miss out on some cruising enjoyed in the states with nicer winter weather, it always allows us time to get some automotive chores done. The interior is coming out for a refresh (cleaning, headliner material replacement and perhaps modification, center console repairs, etc. and stereo upgrades if time allows) and heater core replacement. If I play my cards right, we'll get sub-frame connectors welded in while the carpet is out. But she has to be done early this year, as we hope to make an event out of state in May (one we had to cancel our plans for last year due to repairs that drug on longer than predicted). I may have to cut the worklist short to make sure we stay on schedule. Job security for next year I guess.

By the time you read this, our website will be updated with Officer Self Nomination information removed, and this issue of The Tracker added. The calendar of events will also be updated.

Events have continued up through Christmas...chapter meetings, Holly Jolly Folly and the Widetrackers Holiday Dinner. I hope you were able to get out and enjoy some of these activities.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR & WEBMASTER

As Michiganders, we know how to have automotive fun, even in the wintertime. The new year brings the Detroit Swap Meet (1/4/25), Detroit Auto Show (1/10 - 1/20/25), Chrome and Ice (2/7– 2/9/25), and Autorama (2/28 - 3/2/25) just to name a few.

Still not enough? Dust-Off car show planning meetings start January 14th (see the December meeting minutes). Planning for the 2026 POCI International Convention in Pontiac, MI is well underway. Help is needed on all fronts. Contact Tim Dye or the museum for more information on how you can get involved.



Lined up for the Fall Color Tour, but with coolant pouring out of the heater core.

Dave

POCI16Tracker@gmail.com

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

1965 Tri Power. Professionally rebuilt carburetor. Ready to bolt on. Comes with manifolds, gas lines, and intake. **\$1850**

Call Ken Orlowski (586) 243-5398

FOR SALE:

1979 301 engine \$250 OBO

'67-69 Firebird/Camaro Used radiator shroud. Good condition. \$80. Electric Fan only...like new \$30.

Contact Arnold at 248-330-0209

62GP Red with pearl metal flake clear coat 2019. 1974 400 with 1967 casting code 143 heads. Rebuilt by Rat Tech Engine Service 2024. Rebuilt auto trans 2023. Edelbrock intake and carb. Hi-Torque mini starter. Aluminum radiator. 8 Lug wheels relined 2014. New bucket seats, padded dash headliner. Other improvements, some extra parts. Tom Shubert 810 922 9621 red62gptom@gmail.com. \$37,500

Parts Wanted:

1969 Pontiac Grand Prix door panels manual windows, A/C setup from condenser to evaporator.

Bill Gupton

810-338-4196

1933 Pontiac Parts Wanted

1 Radiator - 1 pair of front fender marker lamps - ANY rumble seat components - Thanks!

Joe Tonietto - Tel: 248.761.9942

j.tonietto@gmail.com

For Sale

1933 Straight 8 engines including transmissions and one high compression head.

Robert_patchett@sbcglobal.net

810-721-8282 home 317-498-6126 cell

FOR SALE

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'67 GTO Ring and Pinion Carrier AXLE to AXLE 390 gear ratio, number matching '67 GTO.

Came out of my '69 GTO. Not positive traction. Guaranteed. \$300.00.

Call Ken Vanniman (810) 664-2576 Lapeer

FOR SALE:

1968/1969 GTO parts. Some chrome, cylinder heads, air conditioning parts (no condenser), convertible interior parts, quarter extension chrome, etc.

Also 1st and 2nd generation Firebird parts. Call for details.

Call Don Smith 248-709-6857

Do you have something you would like to sell?

Whole cars, parts, memorabilia? Making extra room in the shop for a winter project? No matter how big or small the item, all Widetracker members are allowed to advertise for free in the tracker.

Simply e-mail the tracker at:

poci16tracker@gmail.com with the details and photos. The ad will appear in the next available issue.

1. Floor jack with set of 4 stands. \$65.00
2. Trailer with tandem axles, 10' x 4', Michelin tires with matching spare. Wheels from 2002 Grand Marquis. \$1,200

Contact Bill Coombe

WANTED: 1998 Pontiac Trans Am--side skirts green color preferred but any color is fine.

Contact Alex Azarovitz at 248-953-2585



POCI CONVENTION



WIDETRACKER ADMINISTRATION

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For those who don't know her, this is the lovely lady who takes care of all things paperwork for us! (We love you, Clarice!)

Anyone needing membership packets, contact Clarice Humphrey at (248)245-5401 or email clarice.humphrey@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Send Clarice your POCI number if you have one and it's not listed on the Membership Roster. Thanks!



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Hardship requests must be sent to the President, Tim Mays, in writing at: TMAYS247@GMAIL.COM

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Before you know it, Christmas will be here! Why not celebrate with some Widetracker apparel? The club can help you out! Just see Robin to place your order. Or, you can always bring in your own items to get the club logo put on them. You can have your items nicely embroidered, or silkscreened. It's a great way to show your Pontiac love, advertise the club and bring in new members!

Contact Robyn Marsh

(810) 348-4619

horsesitter1@yahoo.com

NAMETAGS!



Are you new? Do people keep asking you who you are? Do you need a nametag? New or replacement magnetic backed nametags can be ordered from Bill Coombe for a nominal cost of \$11. **We order the week before the monthly meeting, and you can either pick yours up there, or ask a friend to grab it for you if you can't attend in person. Sorry, but we don't send them through the post.** (We'd hate to see them damaged!!)

See him at the meetings, or contact him by phone at 586-293-0662 or via email at: bcgrandmarquis@gmail.com

A PSA From POCI

Help us KEEP THE PONTIAC LEGACY ALIVE!

If you are not yet a member of POCI and would like to check out our monthly magazine, *Smoke Signals*, please email or call the club office and we'll mail you a free copy and an application form to join up.

POCI is the largest Pontiac club in the world! Our monthly magazine has great articles, you will get access to our technical advisors and the best classified ads (on-line and in our magazine) for Pontiac, Oakland and GMC vehicles and parts for sale and wanted.

See more details on our website www.poci.org. Call 877-368-3454 or email pociworldhq@aol.com (say: Free Smoke Signals please! and include your name and mailing address).

Paul Bergstrom
POCI Club Office Manager



CLUB EVENTS

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Second Saturday of Each Month	WIDETRACKER'S CLUB MEETING 5:30pm (Contact an officer to confirm dates)	Golling Buick GMC, Lake Orion, MI
January 4th and 5th, 2025	51st ANNUAL DETROIT SWAP MEET	Suburban Collection Showplace. Novi, MI
January 10th - 20th, 2025	DEROIT AUTO SHOW	Huntington Place / Cobo Center 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI
February 7-9, 2025	Chrome and Ice	Dort Federal Event Center 3501 Lapeer Road, Flint, M
February 28-March 2, 2025	AUTORAMA	Huntington Place / Cobo Center 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI



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These great folks
make our club run!
Thank them when
you see them.

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MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS



CHAPTER #16 of POCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Primary Member: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Spouse/Associate Member: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Children: _____

MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS MEMBERSHIP - www.miwidtrackers16.org

Dues are \$20.00 per year due each May 1st. (If joining for the first time, dues will be pro-rated at \$1.70 per month)
 Please complete and return this application along with payment made out to "Michigan Widetrackers":

MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS

4993 E. Harvard Ave
 Clarkston, MI 48348
 Attn: Membership

INDICATE: NEW MEMBER or RENEWAL; CASH or CHECK (Check # _____) Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date Paid: _____

New Member (ONE) Shirt. Available sizes: S / M / L / XL / XXL / 3XL Shirt Size: _____

Please provide your Classic or Collector Vehicle information (if needed, use the other side):

YEAR **MAKE** **MODEL** **COLOR**

*Michigan Widetrackers Chapter #16 of POCI encourages POCI membership for all club members.
 Please visit their website (www.poci.org) to review "Why Join POCI?"

PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP - www.poci.org

Why Join POCI? POCI's full-color, monthly magazine "Smoke Signals", which is devoted to Pontiac, Oakland, and GMC vehicles and their owner; access the newly updated website www.poci.org for a wealth of information; the POCI Technical Advisor Program; the POCI Library, a massive collection of Pontiac, Oakland and GMC literature and the Annual POCI Convention which rotates annually to various locations in the USA attracting members and cars from all over the world.

The POCI Membership application is available online; please visit their website (www.poci.org). Annual USA Membership: \$45.00; Canadian \$74; includes two free Associate Memberships (except E-memberships), including mailing our SMOKE SIGNALS monthly magazine.

Electronic membership (e-membership): \$25.00 per year (USA funds).

Payment may be made online with Credit Card or Pay Pal or make a Check or Money Order payable to "POCI".

Mail to: POCI World HQ, PO Box 68, Maple Plain, MN 55359 USA along with the POCI application.

For our records, please notify our Membership Coordinator when you receive your POCI#.

POCI #: _____ POCI# Renewal Date: _____



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In God We Trust