



**Pontiac and GMC
Club of Central New
York**

POCI Chapter

Pontiac GMC Club of Central New York Officers:

**President: Art Johnston
Vice President: George Rink
Secretary: Heath Thomas
Treasurer: Tim Nichols
Web Editor: Lauri DeSalvia;
Activities: Albert Finocchiaro**

December 2023 Newsletter

The President's Message

Art's Exhaust –

December 2023

Our Holiday Party is this Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 2 pm at Heath And Melissa Thomas's home; 8867 Cazenovia Road, Cazenovia, NY.

We will have 2024 Club elections and select five charities out of the nine the club members have nominated for a \$200. Donation.

We had a very successful 2023

*we now have 55 dues paying members

*we had a successful 2023 Bill Rapp Super Show. 72 cars participated under the sponsorship of the Auburn Auto Group, the new owners of the Bill Rapp dealership. Bob May, Platform General Manager of the Auburn Auto Group, has agreed to support the 2024 Supershow on Sunday, June 9th, 2024.

*we introduced our new user-friendly newsletter that has received a number of positive comments including an award from POCI

*club member Chris Lorence is working on our website to redesign and locate it on a super user friendly site that we can easily format and update. We hope to launch in the first quarter on 2023

*The Syracuse Nationals had 7500 cars this year and broke a Saturday attendance record. New owners went to SEMA this year to get some of the vendors we lost after Covid to come back.

*Our club was recognized on stage at the Nationals the second year in a row for our hard work at the show

*Tim and Estre Nichols hosted the Club Summer Picnic on August 19th, and we all had a great time. Many thanks to them for their hard work hosting this event

*We had a race track day at Pineview Run on May 21st. We had only 8 cars and it was lots of fun. We can go anytime we have a minimum of 5 cars

*We arranged a number of trips: Saratoga Auto Museum for the James Bond show, Spring and Fall Garage stops, Norwich Auto Museum and the AACA Spring Nationals at Hamilton NY

*Some club members worked the Cavalcade of Cars at the fairgrounds March 25 and 26th. Great Show!

*Former members Tony and Lorraine Lee won a GTO PICK Award at the Nashville Good Guys Show 2023 with their 1970 Judge. 2500 cars attended that show.

*We had our first annual Fall-In and Lunch at Kanon Valley Country Club hosted by Mike Leibl. We hope to continue to have this event if we can integrate the show into the Golf club

A BIG Thank You to the officers George, Tim (and Estre), Heath, and Lauri, Albert and Chris

And a special Thank You to all our Club Members and volunteers. We would not have a club without you.

- Art

Minutes of our Last meeting



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Date: 11-19-23

Location: The Flaming Grill 244 Northern Lights Plaza, North Syracuse, NY

Members in Attendance: Art Johnston, Tim & Estre Nichols, George Rink, Melanie O'Hara, Joe Olmstead, Albert & Joanne Finocchiaro, Bill & Marcia Ward, Guy Zipp,

New Members: None

Guests: Bill Pisken, guest of Albert

Meeting called to order at 2:30:

Topics of Discussion (New Business):

1. **PRESIDENT REPORT:**
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- **Charities.** We are taking nominations for charities to support with any leftover treasury funds. We will vote for 5 charities at the Christmas Party on 12/9. Tunnels to Towers, ALS Association, Carol Baldwin Fund, CNY Food Bank, The American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society, MS Assoc, Clear Path for Veterans, are previous recipients. Send nominations to the officers to get on the list before the Holiday Party.

- **Election of 2024 Officers.** Current Officers are willing to stay on for 2024, but if someone wishes to be nominated, let the officers know ASAP so ballots can be prepared. Officer Elections will be at the Christmas Party on 12/9.

- **2024 CNY Pontiac GMC Club Super Show** will be held **Sunday, JUNE 9TH, 2024 at the /Bill Rapp GMC / AAG Dealership.** Save the date on your calendars!!!

- We have renewed our CNY Car Club Association Membership for 2024.

- The CNY Corvette Club raised \$32,000 during their Vettes at the Beach charity raiser. They will be donating \$1000 each to 16 different charities.

- The Northeast Classic Car Museum (Norwich Auto Museum) is soliciting a request for 1980's vintage cars to be on temporary display at the museum next year. Contact Art Johnston for the museum POC and additional details if you have a 1980s car and wish to apply.

- Dave Kindig from MotorTrend TV's "Bitchin Rides" will be at the 2024 Syracuse Nationals. Nationals' management is out and around the country looking for new entertainment to add to the show venue.

3. **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Nothing to report this month.

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3. **Web EDITOR REPORT:** Chris Lorence has volunteered to take over administrator duties for our website. He is working with Jimmy P for the transition. Thanks to Jimmy for the hard work he's done for the club with it!! A BIG thanks to Chris for stepping up for this task!!

• **MEMBER INPUT NEEDED.** What do you feel comfortable sharing on our website regarding your cars and your info? We used to have public profiles with pictures of our cars and info about it and us. Privacy issues are a concern but we are looking for input on what YOU want to see in YOUR club website. We will gather your input over the next couple months as we transition the website.

4. **TREASURER REPORT.** 50/50 held. George R. won \$27.

5. **SECRETARY REPORT.**

• I attempted to attend the November meeting but unfortunately the restaurant management would NOT allow me to stay without paying full price for the buffet. As I had just finished a brunch event, I asked to be allowed to join the group and not eat. The management refused. I recommend we do NOT go to this establishment again.

• I'm using the Christmas Party RSVP response to update my email distribution list and remove email addresses that don't appear to be valid. I asked for both positive and negative attendance responses. Thank you to those that have done so.

6. **EVENTS REPORT.**

• **CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday December 9th, 2023. 2:00 pm until ?**

i. **ADDRESS.** 8867 Cazenovia Road, Cazenovia, NY 13035. Cazenovia Road is also known as Syracuse Road or Highway 92. The closest crossroad is Palmer Road. I live on the Manlius side of Cazenovia. Look for the driveway light posts with big RED ribbons on them.

ii. **FOOD PROVIDED.** Baked Ham, baked Ziti, macaroni n cheese, chef salad, roasted potatoes, green bean casserole, cowboy beans, dinner rolls, sodas, wine, and beer.

1. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Additionally, please bring any specific beer or spirit you prefer, there will be some provided.

iii. **GIFT EXCHANGE.** Please bring a WRAPPED gift (\$20 or under) to exchange per person attending. 1 person RSVP = 1 gift, 2 peeps RSVP = 2 gifts, etc...

The gift exchange will be a combination of HEADS/TAIL or FLIP A COIN and ROCKS, PAPER, SCISSORS to challenge/steal a gift.

There will be number slips placed in a hat. The numbers will be picked from the hat. Number 1 picks a gift. Number 2 will FLIP A COIN to determine if they pick a gift or steal a gift and so on down the line until all gifts have been picked. At any time, anyone can attempt to steal a gift by challenging someone to a game of ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS. Each person can only be challenged 3 times and you can NOT challenge the same person more than once.

• **WINTER EXCURSION.** We had a fantastic trip on November 11th, to the private Staley auto collection and the Northeast Classic Auto Museum in Norwich. 6 Chapter members together with approximately 50 others (CNYCC, OLRAAC and a few other groups) braved the weather for a wonderful surprise located right in our own "back yard". See the pictures posted on our Face Book page if you haven't already viewed them. The Staley's have accumulated an incredible car collection, to say the least!!!! We were able to see their restoration garages and view a variety of cars in different stages of restoration along with a collection of many other unique items. Then it was on to the Norwich Northeast Classic Auto Museum to see another incredible collection of autos, motorcycles, and other.... Thanks to Albert, George and the OLRAAC for coordinating this trip. If you haven't been to Norwich to see the museum, you've missed out. It's an all-day event and the town has many quality restaurants after spending the day drooling over those cars.

Old Business:

1. Super Show Improvements. Looking for volunteers to help with a small committee to review and recommend ways to improve our show; registration, judging, parking, etc....

2. Albert asked if people would be interested in buying patches that could be attached to hats, sweatshirts or jackets.

3. 2024 dues. Please send/submit your 2024 dues to Tim as soon as able.

Activities & Events:

12/9/23, Saturday. CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Meeting Adjourned: 3:30ish

Next Meeting: Saturday December 9th, 2023 Christmas Party starts at 2:00 pm RSVP to Heath Thomas

Items of Interest

From: Charles Lincoln <lincolncea@gmail.com>

Subject: Winter Car Storage article

Date: Nov 8, 2023 at 8:40 AM

To: Kevin & Cyndi Hallock <17kevinh2015@gmail.com>

As I mentioned at our meeting I am soliciting input from the Club members on Winter car storage. If you don't want to write short article, you can just provide a couple of sentences on some key things you do like:

- Anti-freeze
- Battery
- Insurance
- Mouse protection
- Oil change
- The place; key features you look for like cement floor, electricity, heat

- Tires
- Wash & wax
- Other items...

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