



Pontiac GMC Club of Central New York.

Officers

President: Art Johnston; Vice President: Steve Eymer,
Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Heath Thomas; Treasurer: Tim Nichols
Web Editor: Chris Lorence; Activities: Albert Finocchiaro

Date: 01/18/2026

Location: Flo's Diner

Members in Attendance: 14. Art Johnson, Heath Thomas, Tim & Estre Nichols, Bernie & Cheryl Tufts, Don & Connie DeGroat, Joe & Jennette Olmsted, Albert Finocchiaro, Steve Eymer, Chris Wheeler, Rich Flanagan

New Members: None

Guests: None

Lunch started 1230 pm ish: Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm:

Topics of Discussion (New Business):

- 1) **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Held to honor the passing of chapter member Gary Nastasi.
- 2) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
 - a) Thanks to all that attended the chapter Christmas party. Food was great but the company was even better!!
 - b) **January CCA meeting discussion items:**
 - i) Updated list on local storage and antique auto repair facilities
 - ii) Car show and cruise in schedule input
 - c) **Cavalcade of Cars**
 - i) 4/18 – 4/19
 - ii) NYS Fairgrounds EXPO center building
 - iii) Volunteer worker list is full but contact Albert if interested to see if anything opened up = FREE admission
 - iv) Registration is open. Contact Badger to coordinate chapter parking together in EXPO center
 - d) **Syracuse Nationals**
 - i) 7/16 -7/18. Note change of days. Now runs Thursday to Saturday
 - ii) Online Registration is open
 - iii) Volunteer list. If interested Volunteer working contact Albert. = FREE admission for 2 peeps per day and car
 - iv) Jim Smith is the POC for special cars parking in EXPO center. No longer parking special cars in the Horticulture center
 - e) **41st PONTIAC GMC SUPER SHOW**
 - i) Will be held back at Bill Rapp AAG dealership
 - ii) Joe & Jennette Olmsted have graciously volunteered to be our show chairpersons again
 - iii) Show insurance – Art has FORAC
 - iv) Contact DJ – Tim has FORAC
 - v) Food Truck(s) – Tim has FORAC
 - vi) Dash Plaques – Joe/Jennette have FORAC. We will be using Gary Nastasi's car on the plaque this year
 - vii) Show Award Plaques – Joe/Jennette have FORAC
 - (1) We are considering awarding 4 plaques per class vice 3 due to class restructuring / reduction. Further discussion at our next meeting (please send the secretary your position/comments if you have any if unable to make the meeting)
 - viii) Flyer distribution lead – Melanie has FORAC. She will coordinate where show flyers are distributed
 - ix) Flyer information update and/or editing. If you have any recommendation on our Show Flyer, send them to me
 - x) Friday Night Movie Night at Bill Rapp. We will be bringing back our classic pre-show movie night at the dealership.
 - xi) Show Survey – we intend to provide a short show survey on back of voting forms for show participants
 - xii) Parking will be by class
 - f) **Chapter Meetings**
 - i) We will be reducing the number of our scheduled chapter meetings by ½. We will meet in January, March, May, June, September, and December. Special “called” meetings may be held at the Chapter President's discretion. Due and timely notice will be given to the chapter if required
 - g) **Kanon Valley Country Club**
 - i) Is still in business. There was a shuffle in ownership. Mike L is still a partner owner.
 - ii) Still exploring possibility of a smaller 2nd show or cruise in at the country club in the Fall. Art, Albert, Mike FORAC

3) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

a) **ROSTER UPDATE:**

- i) We have 43 members of our chapter that have paid their 2025 and/or 2026 dues. 21 former members were notified of their dues delinquency and with nothing heard from them, they have been removed from our roster
- b) ZOOM virtual attendance. We are exploring the possibility of attending our chapter meetings virtually by ZOOM. More info to follow

4) **NEW MEMBERS:** Nothing to Report

5) **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Nothing to Report

6) **NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT:** Nothing to Report

7) **TREASURER REPORT.**

- a) Chapter treasury stands at \$2500
- b) Tim has filed a 2025 IRS 990N Non-profit tax postcard
- c) Tim received thank you letters from Clear Path for Veterans and the CNY Foodbank for the donations we made to them
- d) **2026 Chapter Membership DUES ARE DUE. Anyone that has STILL not paid their 2024 membership dues will be removed from the chapter roster and email at the end of 2025.**
- i) Preferable way to pay dues is in person. We'd love to see you at any of our monthly meetings or annual functions but understandably we all have various time/priority conflicts, so dues may be mailed by check to Tim Nichols:

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8) **ACTIVITEIS and EVENTS REPORT.**

- a) 4/18-4/19. Cavalcade of Cars. Registration is open
- b) April / May Spring Fling. Planning a visit to a private collector in Canandaigua, NY
- c) 6/14. 41st CNY PONTIAC GMC POCL SUPERSHOW
- d) 7/16-7/18. Syracuse Nationals. Registration is open
- e) 10/4. FALL RUN. Jim Patterson collection in Camillus, NY. Details to follow

Old Business:

- We have yellow Pontiac T-shirts in various sizes and Blue Medium for Men. We have Blue and Pink Women's shirts in various sizes and a few hats left as well. Shirts and/or hat makes a great Christmas present for your Pontiac lover. Shirts are \$20 and hats are \$25...contact Heath Thomas (secretary) for purchase
- Chapter patches for sale. They are \$5 each



50/50. \$30 dollars total. Steve Eymer won \$15

Classifieds:

1. This in from chapter member Rich Flanagan. I experienced difficulty with the tri power set up on my '66 GTO. Turns out it had not been installed properly prior to my purchasing the car. I tried to have it corrected by mechanics here in CNY with negative results. I then contacted Pontiac Tri Power in Peoria Ill. They advertise monthly in " The Legend" magazine which is the magazine of the GTO Assn. of America. I took the carbs off per their instructions and shipped them to them. I can't say enough good about that company and the man I've worked with there, Mike Wasson. Mike is a "walking encyclopedia" about Pontiac tri power set ups. He immediately identified the issues, some just from the pictures I sent him. The work is top quality, and they are very professional. They can be reached at Pontiactripower.com or 309-360-6385. If anyone is experiencing problems with your tri power set up I can't recommend these folks to highly.

Additionally, I mentioned a close friend and long time (63 year) member of the volunteer fire department I'm in has a '58 Chevy pickup he's been restoring himself. He has it running with a 327

Chevy engine and 4 speed trans he put in it. It needs to be painted, have some work on the interior, and a couple other things.

But here's the issue... on 8 December he took a fall at his place of business and was seriously injured. He broke his left femur in five places, requiring surgery putting in three titanium rods, a one-inch plate from his knee to his hip, and 25 metal screws holding it all together. He's 82 years old. Obviously, the recovery period will be quite long, and it's unknown if he will ever be able to do the types of things he did before getting hurt. He has helped many people in the community and all over CNY for many years. The fire department and others including his church are holding two benefits for him. One at the Navarino fire dept. and the other which will be a county wide fire service event, at the Lakeside Fire Dept recreation hall in Lakeland.

He will likely never be able to finish his truck himself. With some of the money we hope to raise for him at the two benefits we want to hire somebody to completely finish the restoration for him. If you know anyone who would be willing to take that project on, please contact me either at this email (firelaw01@yahoo.com) or at 315-679-0716.

2. I am looking for a 1971 Pontiac Grandville convertible gas tank and was hoping you may have sources I don't have for finding one. Thank You, David Humphrey, (dah195769@gmail.com). If you can assist David, please contact him directly.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday March 15th at Flo's Diner at 1 pm, lunch before