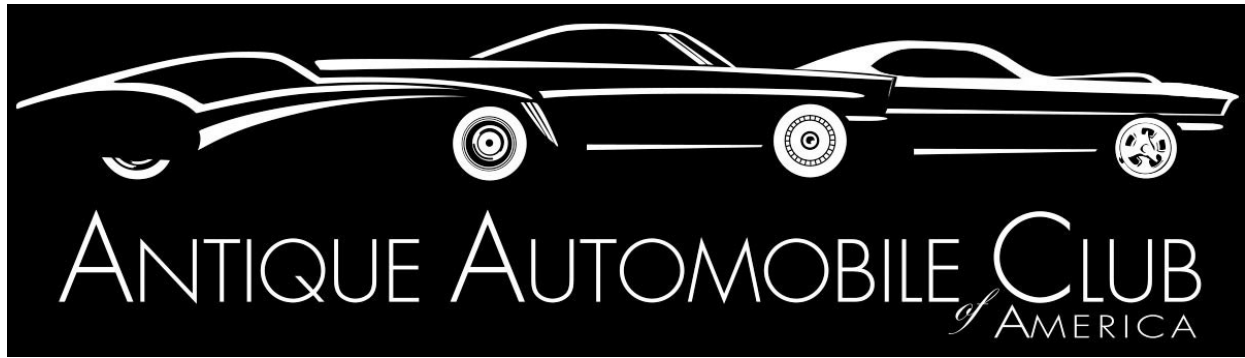




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From the Desk of Howard Irwin

Members and Friends of Dan'l Boone Car Club,

Before we talk about our past and upcoming activities, I want everyone to know about our “shadows and sunshine” happenings. Dave Williams usually does this segment at our club meetings but during the past month, however, he spent some time in the Hospital with heart and some bleeding issues. Ed Logan is at home now, but his broken knee is still challenging. Randy Still is powering through his broken bone challenges, an example for all of us. Lewis Safriet also spent some time in the hospital with intestinal problems. Dave Petke, a past club president, also active in our Kingsport Model Railroad Club, passed away during the past few weeks. Please keep these good friends and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Now for some “sunshine”, we now have our club’s youngest member, Sheffey Lucille Reasor, born Thursday, August 20th, if my notes are correct. Colby and Chelsea are very excited about this 8 lbs. 0 oz. baby girl addition to their young family.

Now for a little recap of what’s been going on with our hobby. The first Friday in August, the 7th, was our neighboring region’s annual Hot August Nights car show on State Street in Bristol. The weather cooperated and the turnout was great, when I checked in at 5:45pm my car number was 311, if that gives you any idea about how popular this show is. I talked to one person who had driven his ’55 Chevy wagon from Williamsburg to the show. On August 18th Randy hosted a Board Meeting in preparation for our Allandale Show next month. We’ll talk about the details of that meeting at our Club meeting in September. Saturday, August 22nd, we had our annual Saturday outing. We had 11 cars, mostly convertibles with tops down, and 23 members and guests attending. We traveled from Mickey Smith’s garage to the Red Stone Drive In where we had lunch together. After eating we drove a short distance to the Natural Tunnel State Park. We timed our trip down to the tunnel just right to see a CSX Coal train come through. You wouldn’t be able to sleep through that, as the noise level was quite high. The last Friday in August was our Sonic Cruise In. Those are the highlights of Dan'l Boone activities for August, however on any given Saturday, you could find at least 4-5 other local events going on. Marty is doing a great job keeping our “Calendar of Events” up to date on our website. Check it out if you haven’t already been using it.

Looking ahead to our September activities, we have several to make sure you include on your calendars.

- August 28th our Sonic Cruise in at 6pm at the Colonial Heights restaurant.
- September 15th two items:
 - A show from 11:30am to 1:30pm at The Asbury Place Senior Home, located at 100 Netherland Lane in Kingsport. It’s their homecoming week and they reached out to us asking for help getting as many cars as we can to share them with their residents. This is also the place where Dave Petke was living before he passed away. Please plan if you can attend. Asbury Place will feed us lunch as a small thank you for attending.

- At 6pm at Zachary's Steakhouse will be our final preparation meeting before our Allandale Show. Please plan to be there.
- **September 20th is Allandale. There's plenty to do for all able-bodied club members with activities involved in setting up, beginning at 7:30am that morning. As you already know, this is one of the best show venues in the region, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.**

Howard

September BIRTHDAYS

September 11 Pam Irwin

Sunshine and Shadows

- **Dave Williams**

Had a heart ablation procedure, he is out of the hospital and doing well.

- **Lewis Safriet**

Hospitalized due to intestinal blockage, out of the hospital, doing fine.

Well wishes to our club members who have had recent health challenges.

Newest Club Member

**Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Colby Reasor for their
new family member.**



Colby Reasor has a reason to be proud and I'm sure if you need any info, he would be happy to share.



Dan'l Boone Car Club 2026 Events

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 3 @ 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Duffield Daze Parades 2026

September 5 @ 8:00 am-1:00 pm

5th WTR PCA Autocross Series

Sullivan Heights Middle School

September 5 @ 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Duffield Daze Car Show 2026

September 5 @ 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Cruise In for Christ 2026

Crossroads Global Methodist Church Kingsport TN

September 9 - September 14

AACA Tour 2026 Founders Tour (1932-2001)

Williamsburg VA

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September 12 @ 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Patio Drive-In Car Show 2026

September 15 @ 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Asbury Place Car Show 2026

September 15 @ 6:00 am-8:30 pm

Monthly Dinner Meeting / Allandale Planning - September 2026

Zachary's Steak House 4223 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37663, Kingsport, TN

September 17- September 19

Pigeon Forge FALL ROD RUN 2026

September 19 @ 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Central Drive-In 2nd Annual CAR SHOW

Central Drive In Blackwood, Virginia (Norton)

September 19 @ 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Bloomington Ruritan Club Community Fest and Car Show

Ketron Ballfield

September 19 @ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Monthly Car Show Greeneville TN

Baileytown Park 6723 Horton Hwy Greeneville TN

September 20 - September 26

AACA Tour 2026 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (up to 1942) Dover, DE

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September 20 @ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Allandale Fall Meet Car Show 2026

Allandale Mansion - Kingsport, TN 4444 W Stone Dr, Kingsport, TN

September 21-September 26

80th Revival AAA Glidden Tour

AACA Glidden Tour AAA Dover Delaware

September 25 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sonic Cruise In

Sonic Drive In Colonial Heights Kingsport TN

OCTOBER 2026

October 2 - October 3

NC Mountain Corvairs- Vairs in the Valley Maggie Valley NC

October 3

NAPA car show Weber City VA 2026

NAPA Auto Parts Weber City, VA at Gateway Baptist Church Weber City VA 155 Shady Elm Ln, Weber City, VA

October 3 @ 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Cruise In for Christ 2026

Crossroads Global Methodist Church Kingsport TN

October 6 - October 9

HERSHEY 2026 Hershey Region AACA Region Fall Meet

October 10

Cranberry Festival - Shady Valley, TN

The Cranberry Festival, Shady Valley, TN 423 Hwy 133, Shady Valley, TN

Bluegrass music, Vintage Cars, Arts and crafts, food trucks

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October 10 @ 8:00 am-3:00 pm

66th Annual Southeastern Autorama

Erwin Tennessee October 10 @ 3:00 pm-8:00 pm

Haunted Hot Rods Car Show

Kingsport Farmers Market 308 Clinchfield Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

October 17 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm

3rd Annual Free Will Any Wheel Car Show

First Free Will Baptist Church of Morrison City

October 17 @ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Monthly Car Show Greeneville TN

Baileytown Park 6723 Horton Hwy Greeneville TN

October 20 @ 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Monthly Dinner Meeting - OCTOBER

Zachary's Steak House 4223 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37663, Kingsport, TN

October 24 @ 6:00 am-9:00 pm

Cruise In for Christ 2026

Crossroads Global Methodist Church Kingsport TN

October 24 @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm

11th Annual Sundown on Depot Downtown

Greeneville TN

October 24 @ 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

1st Annual Wags and Wheels Car Show

The Sayrah Barn Wedding and Event Venue

October 24 @ 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Cruise In at The Hills - Halloween Show

Tennessee Hills Distillery Bristol

Event details and other events throughout the year
are on our website [Calendar of Events](https://danlbooneregion.aaca.com/)

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Highlights from recent club activities

Hot Bristol Nights





Omission from August's Newsletter

Randy's 2003 Cadillac at Cadillac LaSalle Grand National Meet in Concord, NC

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Natural Tunnel Outing/Lunch at Red Stone Drive In
<https://danlbooneregion.aaca.com/natural-tunnel-park-trip-lunch-at-red-stone-inn-aug-22-2026/>

Sonic Drive In Cruise In – The final one of the year



RIP Pontiac Headquarters building

GM Is Tearing Down Pontiac's HQ, Closing Another Chapter of Muscle-Car History

Andre Nalin

Sat, July 18, 2026 at 3:30 PM EDT

General Motors is preparing to demolish the former headquarters of its long-defunct Pontiac division, removing one of the last major physical symbols of a brand that played a defining role in American performance-car culture. The building, originally known as One Pontiac Plaza, opened in 1970 in Pontiac, Michigan.

The midcentury-modern office complex later became known as Pontiac Engineering Center Building A and remained in use long after the Pontiac brand itself disappeared. [GM says the building has been vacant since 2020](#) and will now be removed as part of the efforts to streamline its real estate footprint.

No demolition timeline has been announced, and GM has not said what will eventually replace the structure. The company says the work will follow a detailed plan intended to minimize disruption while meeting environmental and local regulatory requirements.

For Pontiac enthusiasts, the loss is still significant. Although many of the division's most famous cars were conceived before the building opened, One Pontiac Plaza became closely associated with Pontiac during the decades when models such as the Firebird and Trans Am carried the brand's performance image into the 1970s, 1980s, and beyond.

A Headquarters From Pontiac's Glory Years

Image Credit: Google Maps Street View.

One Pontiac Plaza opened at a time when Pontiac was still riding the momentum created by cars such as the GTO, which arrived in 1964, and the Firebird, introduced in 1967. The original Trans Am followed in 1969, meaning all three iconic nameplates predated the headquarters building itself.

Still, the facility became an important nerve center for Pontiac's later operations. Sales, marketing, public relations, engineering, and other corporate functions were tied to the broader Pontiac campus during some of the division's most memorable years.

The building is also often linked with John DeLorean, one of Pontiac's most influential executives. DeLorean had already moved on to Chevrolet before One Pontiac Plaza officially

opened, but the headquarters nevertheless stood as a monument to the performance-driven era he helped shape.

For fans of the brand, that symbolism matters almost as much as the precise timeline. The building represented Pontiac at the height of its cultural influence, when the division had a distinct identity built around style, performance, and enthusiast appeal.

Pontiac Once Dominated the City That Shared Its Name

GM's presence in Pontiac was once enormous. According to the city's mayor, Mike McGuinness, the automaker at one point employed as many as 33,000 people in the area and operated facilities connected with both Pontiac and what would eventually become GMC.

That footprint shrank dramatically over the following decades. By the time Pontiac itself was discontinued as part of GM's post-bankruptcy restructuring, the local workforce had fallen to a fraction of its former size.

The city was also left with a significant amount of vacant former GM property. Some sites were later sold or redeveloped, while others continued serving different functions within the company.

Today, GM still maintains a presence in the area through facilities including the Pontiac Engineering Center, Pontiac Metal Center, and Pontiac Redistribution Center. Nearby Orion Assembly also remains an important employer for residents in the region.

The Building Outlived the Pontiac Brand by 16 Years

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Pontiac built its final vehicles in 2010, officially ending a brand whose history stretched back more than eight decades. The former headquarters managed to survive for another 16 years, although GM says the building itself has not been occupied since 2020.

In its final period of use, the facility housed work related to GM's global propulsion operations. Its demolition is therefore not simply the removal of an abandoned Pontiac office, but part of GM's continuing effort to consolidate and modernize its physical operations.

For longtime Pontiac followers, however, the building's disappearance carries a deeper emotional weight. It was a tangible connection to a division whose identity has otherwise largely survived through restored cars, enthusiast communities, and the increasing collectability of models carrying badges such as GTO and Trans Am.

Pontiac's Legacy Will Have to Live Without the Building

Pontiac's disappearance from GM's lineup already marked the real end of the brand, but losing its former headquarters adds another sense of finality. Buildings can serve as physical anchors for automotive history, especially when the brand they represented no longer exists.

The good news is that Pontiac's legacy was never confined to one office complex. It survives in the cars themselves, from early GTOs and Firebirds to later Trans Ams and the final Australian-derived GTOs of the 2000s.

The demolition of One Pontiac Plaza will still be bittersweet for the city and for enthusiasts who remember what Pontiac once represented. GM may be removing an aging and unused building, but to the Pontiac faithful, it is also taking down one of the last landmarks connected to a performance brand that helped shape generations of American car culture.

More photos on our website under Photos

<https://danlbooneregion.aaca.com/pictures/>

See you at our upcoming Dinner Meetings

**SEPTEMBER – Tuesday, September 15th Zachary's
Steakhouse**

**OCTOBER – Tuesday, October 20th Zachary's
Steakhouse**



Happy Motoring!

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