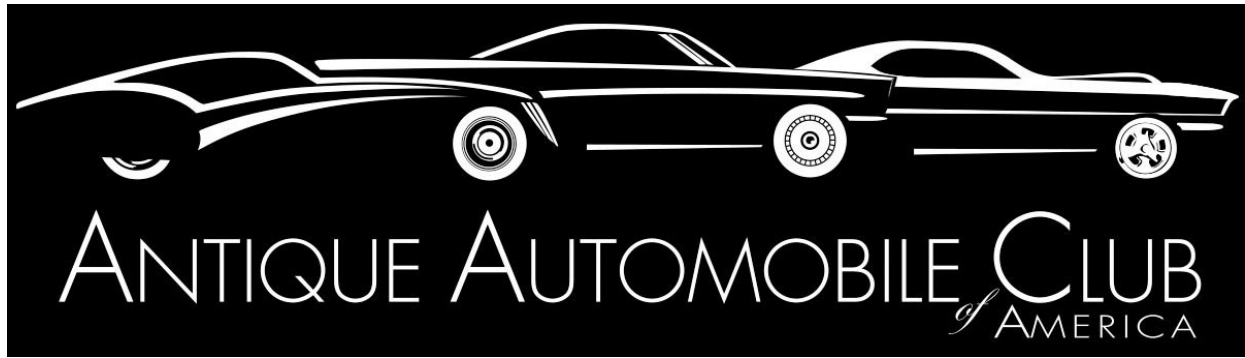




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Howard Irwin, President of the Dan'l Boone Region AACA

From the Desk of Howard Irwin

Dan'l Boone Members and Friends,

Wow, what a great September for our club and hobby. We had a last-minute request from the folks at Asbury Place for a small show on September 15th. We had, I think, 9 vehicles attend and Asbury Place fed us all lunch, on their nice, shady patio. Some of you may remember that one of our past presidents, Dave Petke, was a resident there before he recently passed away. Also, to my surprise, we ran into another resident, who is a member of our club. Omer Byington was being rolled out in his wheelchair to check out our rides by Bobby Boyd, also a member. Asbury Place indicated that they would welcome us back again next year for us to share our hobby with their residents. Next on the 20th was our 48th Allandale Fall Meet, celebrating America 250 with a great lawn display from every decade. Our membership turned out in great numbers and provided a great show for the region. By my count we had 42 members displaying 32 vehicles and over 210 registrations. David and Susan helped at the registration area with information about our club for potential new members. We received applications from 10 new members, which is probably a record. Let's help welcome them into our club. They are already receiving emails and, on the newsletter, mailing list. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to all, too many to list, for your great efforts. Special thanks go to Matt Caldwell for his fine leadership this year! Next, the Friday after Allandale was our final Sonic Cruise in of 2026. It was also very well attended, with by my count 13 member cars and 25 people attending, including a couple of visitors. Wrapping up September, the Axe Handle Distillery Show, which was rained out in the Spring was held on September 26th at Pennington Gap. The weather was a beautiful fall day, and we had 8 cars caravan from Mickey Smith Motors to the Distillery. I'm sure we'd have had a few more travelers if the two "UT's" weren't battling it out at noon. Again, as September to remember.

Now for what's happening in October. First, one of our regular sponsors, the NAPA Store at Moccasin Gap, will be holding their annual show on Saturday, October 3rd from noon to 4pm at the Gateway Baptist Church in Weber City, VA. If you're able, let's show them we appreciate their sponsorship by attending. The following weekend is the annual Cranberry Festival in Shady Valley, TN. This is one of my favorite events in the area, and I hope many of you will be able to

participate. We'll plan to caravan up to Shady Valley to participate in the parade. We'll meet on Saturday morning, October 10th, at Lowe's on East Stone Drive at 8:15am with departure at 8:30am sharp, planning to arrive at the Shady Valley Presbyterian Church at 134 Winchester Rd, Shady Valley, TN at 9:30am for a parade that will start at 10am. As in the past, Bill Anderson will be saving us places at the front of the parade, and he will also offer those of us who participate in the parade some free food vouchers. Feel free to meet us at the Church at 9:30am if you aren't interested in joining the caravan. Jumping ahead to October 20th, we will have our monthly dinner meeting at Zachary's Steak House in Colonial Heights at 6pm. Please plan to join us then as well. In case you haven't been checking out our website, please note that all our events and those events in the area are listed under the tab titled "Calendar of Events". Marty Lane is doing a great job capturing all these events. For most weekends in September and October there are as many as 6 local events included. Please make a habit of checking this calendar. Again, many thanks to all for making September a month to remember and I look forward to seeing you in October.

Howard

October BIRTHDAYS

October 14 Eric Poore

October 17 Sally Cloud

October 20 Tom Cloud

October 22 Randy Still

October 30 Sergio Merluzzi

Sunshine and Shadows

Club member Ed Logan is still on the mend. Best wishes for a speedy recovery and well wishes to our club members who have had recent health challenges.

Newest Club Members

Welcome to our newest members

- Austin Holloway
- Wendell Watkins
- Wesley and Shari Riopel
- Kevin and Gwen Leonard
- Travis and Cara Harris
- Josh Issacs and Conner
- Scott and Donna Anderson
- “Broadway Joe” Orandello
- Wayne Falls

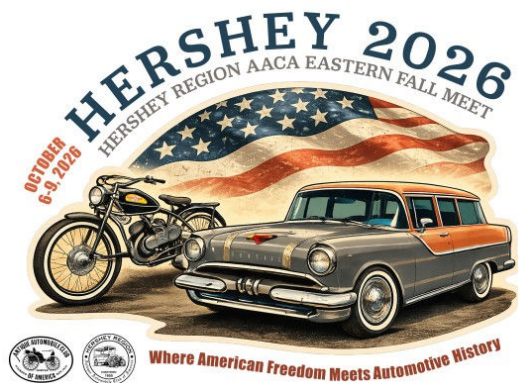
Hershey Happens Next Week: Will YOU be There?

Eastern Fall Nationals

October 6-9, 2026 - Hershey, Pennsylvania

Registered for the Flea Market or Car Corral?

Your packet, including windshield stickers and instructions, should have arrived by now. If you have not received it, contact fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org immediately.



Showing a Vehicle on Friday?

You must **pick up your registration packet** at the Folder Distribution Tent on the Chocolate Field, located next to the Hershey Region Main Tent.

Packet Pickup Hours

- **Tuesday, October 6:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 7:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 8:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Packets will also be available Friday morning at the show vehicle entrance behind the Giant Center.

Questions?

Flea Market & Car Corral: fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org

Car Show: carreghershey@gmail.com

Important Hershey Dates

- **Flea Market Setup:** Monday, October 5
- **Show Days:** Tuesday, October 6, through Friday, October 9
- **Judging School:** Thursday, October 8, at 2 p.m.
- **Judges Breakfast:** Friday, October 9, at 7 a.m.
- **Car Show:** Friday, October 9

Safe travels! We can't wait to see all of you!!

Dan'l Boone Car Club 2026 Events

OCTOBER 2026

October 2 - October 3

NC Mountain Corvairs- Vairs in the Valley Maggie Valley NC

October 3

Postponed 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

Rescheduled to October 10th

October 3

Postponed 13th Annual Marvins Chapel Scot Hamilton Memorial Car Show 2026

Rescheduled November 17th

October 3 - October 4

Slammedenuf Bristol 2026

At Bristol Motor Speedway

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 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NAPA car show Weber City VA 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Weber City, VA

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

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

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 @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

First Annual Charity Car Show for Boys and Girls Club Elizabethton 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

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

Cruise In for Christ 2026

Crossroads Global Methodist Church Kingsport TN

October 24 @ 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Cars and Coffee Downtown Kingsport at Higher Education Center

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

11th Annual Sundown on Depot Downtown Greeneville TN

October 24 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

2nd Annual Peoples Choice CATO Car Show for the NBCA 2026 -

Washington County Detention Center Parking Lot

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

1st Annual Wags and Wheels Car Show

The Sayrah Barn Wedding and Event Venue

November 7 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Harvest to Holidays Jeep Show Gate City VA 2026

Downtown Gate City Virginia

November 17 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 17

13th Annual Marvins Chapel Scot Hamilton Memorial Car Show 2026

November 17 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monthly Dinner Meeting - November

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

**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 Our 48th Allandale Show

48th Annual Allandale Fall Car Meet 2026



Allandale 2026 Showfield

The week of the Allandale Fall Meet, Matt Caldwell and Marty Lane appeared on WJHL Channel 11s Daytime Tri Cities with Amy Lynn to promote the 48th Annual Allandale Fall Car Meet for 2026. A whole three minutes was devoted to promoting the show with video clips from last years show running during the interview. The show flyer was featured at the end of the broadcast with all the details for Sunday's Car Show. Our club got much needed exposure and we got the word out about Allandale 48.

Now on to the show, Allandale, Sunday September 20th. The weather was amazing, but hot. The West Ridge High JROTC had their food truck on site, the JROTC helped attend the gate and

park cars. Matt Caldwell lead the show with many aspects under his leadership. At noon, Marty Lane interrupted his D.J.-ing of classic car show music to broadcast the Star Spangled Banner over our PA system while the JROTC honor guard did a flag drill and presentation.

After the presentation, Marty Lane resumed his giving of the swag by calling out registration numbers and handing out door prizes. Many thanks go out to our generous door prize sponsors:

Discount Tire Kingsport, Napa Mocassin Gap, O'Reilly's Stone Drive, Napa Kingsport, O'Reilly's Colonial Heights, Zachary's Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Cheddar's, Lazy Lady Bakery, Colby Reasor State Farm Insurance, Varsity Trophies, D & D Printing, Discount Tire, Randy Still (Still Transfer), Sonic Drive-In Colonial Heights, Bill Anderson and Dave and Becky Williams.

Matt Caldwell coordinated the trophy presentations. Many thanks to our registration tent volunteers, Tom and Betty Wright, Tom and Sally Cloud, and many others. Howard Irwin coordinated many aspects of the show and along with several club members got many sponsor donations for door prizes. Special thanks goes to Dave Williams.

The show featured a wide selection of cars, trucks and even a couple of tractors graced the field. American Classics, British cars, American muscle cars, etc.





Our t-shirt display cars were red, white and blue for America's 250th anniversary.

The mansion sidewalk display featured vehicles representing each automotive decade, starting with Scott and Sandra Mathein's 1907 Cadillac and 1914 Buick at the beginning of the 20th century and ending with Randy Still's 2023 R1S Quad Motor Rivian EV representing the 2020s.





Decades display cars



Decades display cars





Randy Still's 1927 Buick



Plaques were awarded for TOP 20 chosen by popular vote, several awards were given in memory of Dave Berry, Woody Fleenor. In honor of Randy Stills continued long-standing support of the club, we presented the Still Family award. Awards for sponsors, including Sonic Drive In, Wallace Ford of Kingsport, etc were presented.



**The Best of Show award was for a 1957 Ford Fairlane 500
owned by Wendy Lewis.**

Highlights from our recent club activities

The Asbury Place Senior Home Car Show







Axe Handle Car Show 2026





Axe Handle Show Field

Sonic Drive In Cruise In
September 2026 – The last Sonic meet of the year





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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

Image Credit: Gestalt Imagery / Shutterstock.

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.



**Randy Still's 1995 GMC Suburban at AACA Grand National in Allentown
Pennsylvania**



**Matt Caldwell's Studebaker Lark at Studebaker show in Boone NC on Sept. 12,
2026**



“Say Pepsi, Please!”

More photos on our website under Photos
<https://danlbooneregion.aaca.com/>

See you at our upcoming Dinner Meetings

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



Happy Motoring!

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