

MOHEGAN SUN FOR WICKED FUN IN '21!

The Yankee Chapter of POCI and the Mohegan Sun Hotel and Casino look forward to welcoming you to the 49th Annual POCI Convention in Uncasville, Connecticut, July 11-15, 2021.

DRIVING TOURS AND EVENT UPDATES

Event Details Continue to Develop as Plans for the 2021 POCI Convention Move Forward! As this update is prepared nearly two months before it appears in print, our 2021 POCI Convention Committee continues to work very hard as we coordinate with the Mohegan Sun Casino and other vendors to make this year's POCI convention a resounding success.

Connecticut and other northeastern states are beginning to loosen their COVID-19 restrictions; so, though we can't be exactly sure what restrictions might still be in place in another couple of months, it appears that the Mohegan Sun will do everything possible to ensure that *Wicked Fun in '21* is a successful convention.

We have delayed the mailing of the Convention Activity Sign-up

Packets because some activities, times, and prices have yet to be finalized. We hope that a month's delay will allow us to firm-up most of our planned activities.

In this update, our goal is to cover driving tours and some events that have been changed due to virus shutdowns, plus some new additions.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, we have not been able to locate any restaurants or destinations that are

currently willing or able to host the *Oakland Breakfast Tour* and *Road Warrior Cruise*. The Mohegan Sun has offered the clubhouse at their golf course as a possible cruise destination, but they are still working on options for food service. Hopefully they'll be able to propose a suitable solution so that we will still be able to offer both of these popular driving events to our attendees.

As stated, we have not yet mailed

Mohegan Sun Golf Course

Mystic Sea Port



information in the packet, we will try to offer them as an *additional tour* via an email blast from POCI's Club Office.

Also, due to scheduling problems and health restrictions, we are moving our *Welcome Night* from the Comix Roadhouse to the Earth Convention Center where we plan to have an indoor parking lot party. On Monday night the

Convention Activity Packets to those of you who have already registered for the convention. We have delayed this mailing to allow us more time to firm-up the times for our tours. At this time, the *Submarine Museum* and the cruise line which offers the *Lighthouse Tour* have yet to re-open, nor have they published an anticipated operations schedule. We hope that by early April they will be back in operation so that we can present these tours within our Activities Packet. If we cannot get finalized

concession stand at the entrance to the convention center will be open for food and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar in the foyer for those who prefer a slightly stronger libation. For entertainment, we have secured the services of Cruisin' Bruce, a well-known local disc jockey. He is a true "car guy" who hosts a great show.

We are also working on possible tours to Steve Ames' *Ames Automotive Foundation Museum* in Marlborough, NH. As many of you are

aware, Steve recently passed away, but his Foundation ensures that his unique collection will continue to educate people for years to come. The collection originally was devoted to restored muscle cars, but over the years Steve recognized that automobiles could only be original once. In order to ensure accurate restoration of muscle cars and other automobiles, he set about collecting low-mileage, unmolested, original cars as a historical resource for research. The museum is open by appointment only to groups of about 20 people. Our intent is to coordinate times *before* and *after* the convention when groups can visit the museum. This is an amazing collection that is well worth your time.

Likewise, you may want to spend an extra day visiting the nearby *Mystic Seaport Museum*. We are working on procuring discount tickets for POCI members to visit at their leisure. This is a recreation of a 19th century New England seafaring village which includes nearly 40 buildings and exhibitions. There are a number of historic sailing ships, which you may tour, and the working *Henry B. Dupont Preservation*

Shipyard. If you like history it is easy to spend an entire day at the village, so be prepared for extensive walking. Included are two restaurants, a tavern and a bakery shop for everyone's dining pleasure.

Finally, we are trying to get some very interesting display cars. As soon as we get firm commitments, we will advertise the cars that are coming. At this time, it is confirmed that the original Pontiac Banshee coupe with its OHC-6 engine will be on display.

We are excited to host the POCI 2021 Convention and plan to be nimble and flexible to make this a great experience while we navigate present and future COVID restrictions. This may well be the first time in more than a year that many of us have had a chance to socialize with a very large group of Pontiac, Oakland and GMC Truck friends, so we will do our best to make this a safe and enjoyable convention for everyone! *in*

OVERFLOW HOTELS AND CAMPGROUNDS

There are several campgrounds within 5 miles of the convention site.

- Mohegan Hidden Acres, 47 River Rd, Preston, CT, 860-887-9633
- Odetah Camping Resort, 38 Bozrah St, Bozrah, CT, 860-889-4144 Ext #1300
- Sunfox Campground, 15 Kenyon Rd, Lisbon, CT, 860-376-1081

Hampton Inn Norwich



Here are 5 hotels within 4 miles of Mohegan Sun.

- Microtel Inn and Suites
1954 Norwich-New London Turnpike
Montville, CT 860-222-2846
- Fairfield Inn and Suites
2255 Norwich-New London Turnpike
Montville, CT 860-848-0660
- Hyatt Place Mohegan Sun
2049 Norwich-New London Turnpike
Montville, CT 860-383-1234
- Holiday Inn Norwich
10 Laura Blvd, Norwich, CT
860-889-5201
- Hampton Inn Norwich
154 Salem Turnpike, Norwich CT
860-885-1100



A small part of the Ames Automotive Foundation Museum.



Sunfox Campground



Hyatt Place Mohegan Sun