

# International Ponton Owners Group (IPOG)



## East Coast Ponton Congress (ECPC) III September 18-20, 2015

The third ECPC is just around the corner at the home and barn of Kevin & Debbie Kuhn / 4162 Whitehorse Road / Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355. Reserve your spot now as attendance is limited to 75.



### Event Organizers

Tim McCabe, Tom Anderton, Kevin Kuhn, Len Sokoloff, Bob Graham

**Friday Evening Cookout – Arrive any time after 3:00 PM**

### Past Topics & Presenters

- Joe Alexander - *113 Group*
- Tom Hanson - *Mercedes Benz Classic Center*
- Ed Ebel & Tom Mitchell - *Becker Autosound*
- Carburetor Rebuilding, Adjustment/Balancing
- Henry Magno - *Shift Linkage Bushing R & R*

Heater Valve/Box Refurbishing

Rolling Restorations - *Bob Platz*

MB EPC Information System - *Len Sokoloff*

Special Tools You Can Make

Ponton Undercarriage Tour - *Godfather Bob*

Hands on Valve Adjustment Session

Must Have MB Literature

**Registration Fee: \$50 Per Attendee**

This will cover Dinner Friday evening, Lunch & Dinner Saturday & Brunch on Sunday. Any remaining funds from the event will be used to support future events as well as the Ponton Website.

**Hotel Arrangement: Courtyard by Marriott - Great Valley Malvern** has agreed to offer participants a nightly rate of \$131 which includes breakfast. This hotel is a five minute drive from the event. The following link will take you to the Ponton Congress Hotel Reservation Page [East Coast Ponton Congress Marriott Reservation](#) or you can call them at 610-993-2600.

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*Please print and return this registration form with your remittance to  
PO Box 547 - Devault, PA 19432-0547 Phone: 610-917-9960 Cell: 610-304-5076*

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Suggestions for a topic to be discussed? \_\_\_\_\_

# A Few Comments from the 2011 ECPC

Kevin, Bob and Len: Thanks for organizing such a big event. It was great to see everyone. Enjoy! The "Pontons on Parade" (road tour) was great!

*Jeff & Wendy Miller*

We had a great time at the East Coast Congress. Was really nice to put faces to the members of the group. Hope to see all and more at the next meet if not before.

*Thanks, Jeff & Steph & Jeremy*

I just pulled into home from the 2nd ECPC at Kevin's. This was a 1000 mile round trip adventure with my wife Shay, daughter Susan and her husband Dave and TWO Pontons. This was one of the best family weekends we have ever spent together. The hospitality at the Kuhn's house, the camaraderie of 50 Pontoniacs, the food, the tech sessions, Godfather Bob and Tom Hanson from the left coast, and best of all, our cars performed flawlessly at "Autobahn" speeds for our personal "Mille Miglia". Congratulations to daughter Susan for her '59 220S trophy.....People's Choice Award for Sedans. I am too exhausted to download pics tonight, but I promise them to you tomorrow. Thanks to Kevin, Frozen Bob and Len for all of their hard work.

*Best, Tommy*

Hard to top Tommy's remarks, except to agree completely. IMHO, the presentations exceeded even the excellent inaugural event.

Thanks to Kevin, Len & Frozen, but also to all others who contributed. Lois & I enjoyed every minute.

*Jim Pancoast*

We would also like to echo Tommy's and others comments about the ECPC - Kevin, Len, and Bob did a fantastic job hosting the meet. I'm sure there is so much that went on behind the scenes that we can't even begin to know. Thank you so much! Thanks also to all of the presenters and those who brought their cars to the show, especially Al and Catherine for letting us ride in their 220S Webasto for the tour of the area. We had an amazing time.

*Senen & Manuela*

Thanks to Kevin Len and Frozen Bob for putting on such a Fantastic event and inspiring me to really get into the whole Ponton frenzy! With all the encouragement from all of the friends I have gained in this group, I finally realize my Cah (automobile) can go just about anywhere. Thanks to all the pro's for sharing your knowledge with us at the ECPC it has open my eyes to so many important things that I had no idea about. I can't wait for the next one....

*Best Wishes Jeff Clark*

Congratulations Kevin, Bob and Len for putting on another great event. I wish I could have been there in person to enjoy the weekend however after seeing the pictures Andy posted I feel like a Part of me was there. I hope to make it to the next event. Once again thanks for hosting a gathering of the faithful that brings so many Pontoners together.

*Walter Goetz*

Thanks so much for hosting, it was a blast.

*Best, Bob Berman*

Kevin, Len and Bob, MANY THANKS for a great weekend! Your event was really terrific on so many levels. We greatly appreciated all of your hard work and efforts. Please extend our appreciation to all involved!!! And let us know if we can be of any help in the future!

*Amy McKenna*

I feel sorry for all of you that were not able to join us at the East Coast Ponton Congress this weekend. Kevin, Len and Bob did another great job (along with the help of many others, both on and off of the list.) The venue was first-rate and the hospitality superb. The tech sessions were informative, but best of all in my opinion was the opportunity for face-to-face fellowship with fellow IPOGers. The network of knowledge contained in this group is amazing. The spirit of cooperation and helpfulness on the list is without parallel and the representatives who attended the Congress were an extension of that brotherhood. BTW: When I say "brotherhood", I also include the "brothers" who possess xx chromosomes, not just those with xy. :) The cars were great and the people were even better! Where do I sign up for the next meeting?

*John Wenrich*

Yes. The weekend was great. But we all must recognize and appreciate that these events are very labor intensive behind the scenes to orchestrate and do. Much happens that is unseen. Hats off to the ladies who were pivotal in making this even happen ... again!

*Doug Broome*

That was such a great event. I truly enjoyed meeting some new people, putting faces with names on others, and seeing again so many longtime friends. I hope I'm fortunate enough to be able to come to future gatherings with all of you. It is starting to look like Godfather Bob and I will try to put together something next year for the west coast, but I hope everyone from the east will come too. International members will also be encouraged to come. And there are plenty of people among us who are in places far away from our shores on either side that we'll reach out to. Thanks again to Kevin, Len, and Frozen Bob for organizing such a memorable event and especially to the Kuhn family for opening their home to all of us.

*Tom Hanson, Mercedes Benz Classic Center*



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## DIRECTIONS

### DIRECTIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA

Take the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) West. Follow I-76 West to Route 202 South. Take Rt. 202 South to the Great Valley/Route 29 North Exit. At light at the top of the ramp Turn Right onto Swedesford Road. Follow to next light and Turn Left onto Valley Stream Parkway. Continue through the next light into the entrance of the Marriott.

### DIRECTIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT

Take I-95 South to Route 476 North. Follow 476 North to the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) West to Route 202 South. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Route 29 North exit. At light at the top of the ramp Turn Right onto Swedesford Road. Follow to next light and Turn Left onto Valley Stream Parkway. Continue through the next light into the entrance of the Marriott.

### DIRECTIONS FROM SOUTH JERSEY

Take I-95 South to Route 322 West. Take 322 West to US Route 1 South to Route 202 North. Take 202 North to the Great Valley/Route 29 North Exit. At light at the top of the ramp Turn Right onto Swedesford Road. Follow to next light and Turn Left onto Valley Stream Parkway. Continue through the next light into the entrance of the Marriott.

### DIRECTIONS FROM WILMINGTON AND POINTS SOUTH

(MARYLAND, DELAWARE, WASHINGTON D.C., WEST CHESTER, PA) Take I-95 North to Route 202 North. Follow Rt. 202 North to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 29 North. At the third light Turn Left into the Marriott.

### DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK AND POINTS NORTH

Take NJ Turnpike South to Exit 6-The Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension West. Follow Turnpike West to Exit 326 for Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. At light at the top of the ramp Turn Right onto Swedesford Road. Follow to next light and Turn Left onto Valley Stream Parkway. Continue through the next light into the entrance of the Marriott. **OR Continue on the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the new EZ-Pass Only Exit #320 which puts you directly on to Route 29. Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp at the light and continue through two lights to the Marriott on the Right.**

### DIRECTIONS FROM HARRISBURG AND POINTS WEST

Take Pennsylvania Turnpike East to Exit 326 for Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Great Valley/Rt. 29 North Exit. At light at the top of the ramp Turn Right onto Swedesford Road. Follow to next light and Turn Left onto Valley Stream Parkway. Continue through the next light into the entrance of the Marriott. **OR Continue on the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the new EZ-Pass Only Exit #320 which puts you directly on to Route 29. Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp at the light and continue through two lights to the Marriott on the Right.**

### DIRECTIONS TO THE PONTON CONGRESS FROM THE HOTEL

Turn Left onto Route 29 out of the Marriott. Continue 1-1/2 Miles on Route 29 North and turn Right onto Whitehorse Road at the 5th Light. Continue on Whitehorse Road and the event is 300 yards on the Right past the 4-Way Stop Sign. White Mailbox #4162.

# Saturday Outing

**There is a planned trip to Chanticleer Gardens & Lunch on Saturday for those spouses or significant others who would like a break from all things Ponton. Check it out at [Chanticleer Gardens](#). Guests will be able to get more information and sign up for this field trip at the Friday Evening Cookout.**

## Non Ponton Sights & Attractions

### **Longwood Gardens** <http://longwoodgardens.org>

In 1906, Pierre S. du Pont purchased the Peirce Arboretum to save its trees from being cut for lumber. Over the next nearly half century, Mr. du Pont developed Longwood Gardens into what it is today, a magnificent horticultural showplace. We invite you to visit Longwood Gardens, which now encompasses 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Enjoy over 11,000 types of plants, more fountains than any other garden in the US, educational and visitor programming, and over 400 performances a year.

### **Valley Forge National Park** [www.nps.gov/vafo](http://www.nps.gov/vafo)

Valley Forge National Historical Park commemorates more than the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation; it honors the ability of citizens and their leaders to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times.

### **Philadelphia Art Museum** [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

Overlooking one of the nation's most culturally vibrant cities, the Philadelphia Museum of Art welcomes nearly a million visitors each year, encouraging them to embark upon a walk through time that extends across two millennia and six continents. Whether it's the first visit to the new Perelman Building or the hundredth to the main building, there is always something new to delight, surprise, enlighten, excite, and inspire.

### **The Barnes Foundation** <http://www.barnesfoundation.org/>

The Barnes Foundation was established by Albert C. Barnes in 1922 to “promote the advancement of education and the appreciation of the fine arts and horticulture.” The Barnes holds one of the finest collections of Post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings, with extensive works by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Henri Rousseau, Amedeo Modigliani, Chaim Soutine and Giorgio de Chirico, as well as American masters Charles Demuth, William Glackens, Horace Pippin and Maurice Prendergast, Old Master paintings, important examples of African sculpture and Native American ceramics, jewelry and textiles, American paintings and decorative arts and antiquities from the Mediterranean region and Asia.

### **Philadelphia Zoo** [www.philadelphiazoo.org](http://www.philadelphiazoo.org)

America's First Zoo the Philadelphia Zoo's 42-acre Victorian garden is home to more than 1,300 animals, many of them rare and endangered. The Zoo, fulfilling its mission of conservation, science, education and recreation, supports and engages in conservation efforts to protect endangered species around the world. Cheetahs, hippos, giraffes and much more make the Zoo Philadelphia's leading family attraction with over 1.2 million visitors last year. In its first year of operation, the Philadelphia Zoo had 813 animals and received well over 228,000 visitors. Today, the Zoo has more than 1,300 rare and endangered animals, and its attendance is approximately 1.1 million visitors a year.

## **Philadelphia Premium Outlets** [www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=75](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=75)

150 Outlet Stores where you'll find impressive savings at Adidas, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, BCBG Max Azria, Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Coach, Cole Haan, DKNY, Gap Outlet, Guess, J.Crew, Michael Kors, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Puma, Sony, Tommy Hilfiger and more.

## **Brandywine River Museum** [www.brandywinemuseum.org](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org)

Exhibiting American art in a 19th-century grist mill, the Brandywine River Museum is internationally known for its unparalleled collection of works by three generations of Wyeth's and its fine collection of American illustration, still life and landscape painting.

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## **Winterthur Museum** [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org)

Winterthur, an American country estate, is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algernon du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th and 19th-century European country houses. A visit to Winterthur will immerse you in another time and place. Rediscover America's heritage through its unparalleled collections of antiques and Americana. Wander the breathtaking beauty of the 60-acre naturalistic Winterthur Garden.

## **American Helicopter Museum** [www.helicoptermuseum.org](http://www.helicoptermuseum.org)

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center is the nation's premier aviation museum devoted exclusively to helicopters. We collect, restore and display historic aircraft and chronicle the origin and development of rotary wing aircraft. Currently, the Museum displays over 35 civilian and military helicopters, autogiros and convertiplanes. The exhibits span the history of rotary wing aircraft from the earliest helicopters to the latest addition to our nation's defense, the V-22 Osprey.

## **QVC Studio Park** [www.qvc.com](http://www.qvc.com)

QVC, Inc., one of the largest multimedia retailers in the world, broadcasts live 24 hours a day, 364 days a year. The QVC Studio Tour is a one-of-a-kind guided walking tour through the fantastic world of electronic retailing. At this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility, guests will see and experience how QVC products are sourced, tested, brought to life on air, and delivered to millions of QVC customers. There are views into the studio through the tour, including a spectacular view from the Observation Deck. Standing 50 feet above the 20,000-square-foot broadcast area, guests may be able to watch QVC programs in progress and may even catch a glimpse of a favorite host or guest!

## **King of Prussia Mall** [www.kingofprussiamall.com](http://www.kingofprussiamall.com)

The upscale mall, anchored by Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, JCPenney, Macy's, and Strawbridge's, and has over 400 stores and restaurants. It is also the sole outpost in Philadelphia for a number of high-end stores including Stuart Weitzman, Hugo Boss, Betsey Johnson, Movado, Kate Spade, Furla, Molton Brown, DKNY, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Anne Fontaine, and Hermès.

## **Independence Hall** <http://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Constructed between 1732 and 1756 as the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania, it is considered a fine example of Georgian architecture. From 1775 to 1783 (except the winter of 1777 - 1778 when Philadelphia was occupied by the British Army) this

was the meeting place for the Second Continental Congress. It was in the Assembly Room of this building that George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.

## **National Constitution Center** <http://constitutioncenter.org>

The National Constitution Center in historic Philadelphia is America's most interactive history museum. Located just two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, it is the only museum devoted to the U.S. Constitution and the story of *We, the people*.

## **Brandywine Battlefield** <http://www.ushistory.org/Brandywine/index.htm>

The Brandywine Battlefield Historic Site brings to life the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War, fought on September 11, 1777, between the Continental Army led by General George Washington and the British forces headed by General William Howe.

## **Academy of Natural Sciences** [www.ansp.org](http://www.ansp.org)

The Academy of Natural Sciences is Philadelphia's Natural History Museum. The Academy is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas.