

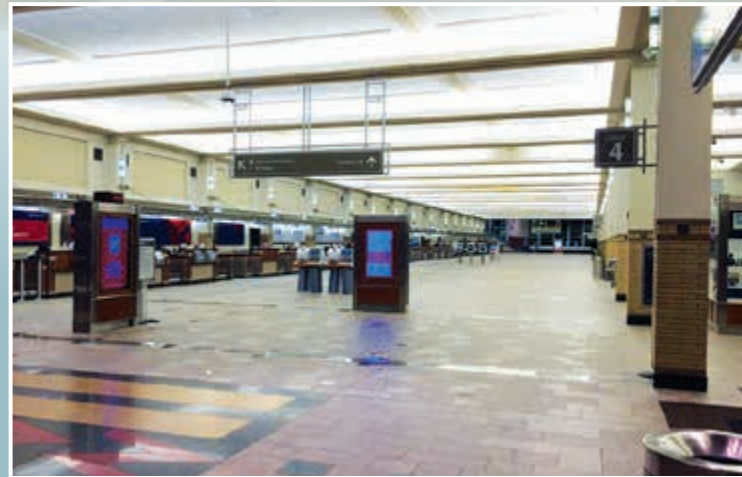
Destination: Dells

Travel Suggestions for Long-Distance Travelers

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Each day, members of God's Country Pontiac Association and Badger State Chapter POCI are becoming more and more excited about welcoming you to the 46th Annual POCI International Convention at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Our two clubs continue to meet and plan together to ensure that your visit here, Sunday through Thursday, June 24-28, 2018, will be enjoyable and worthwhile!



Groundhog Day is happening within days of this writing, and we're all "Thinking Spring" — desperately wanting to take our Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMC Trucks out of hibernation soon. Hopefully Mr. Groundhog won't see his shadow this year, meaning spring will be right around the corner.

More importantly, we are looking forward to the roads being cleared of all the nasty salt and salt residue that we typically deal with during the winter

months. We will continue to think warm, happy thoughts, and we ask that you do the same. We're now just over three months away!

We are looking forward to welcoming attendees from all over the country... and all around the world! Of course, many of our long-distance POCI members will opt to fly rather than drive to Wisconsin and, since there is not a major local airport offering scheduled airline service, we'd like to

provide some helpful travel hints for those folks.

ARRIVAL: Madison, WI

There are a couple of different options for air travel, with the closest destination being the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, WI. It is located less than 60 miles away from Chula Vista



Resort, which translates to about a one-hour drive.

Dane County Regional offers service through American, Delta, United and Frontier Airlines with daily arrivals from Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, Atlanta, Washington DC, Dallas/Fort Worth, New York-LaGuardia, Salt Lake City, Charlotte, and Newark.

For ground transportation, rental cars can be arranged in advance through Alamo, AVIS, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and National. There is even at least one airport shuttle service that will bring you to Wisconsin Dells. Wisconsin Dells Kangaroo Taxi offers an airport shuttle. See www.wisconsindellsvptaxi.com/AIRPORT-SHUTTLE-SERVICE-.html, or call (608) 432-4627 for details and options. If you familiar with ride-sharing services such as Uber and LYFT, be sure to consider those options, too.

ARRIVAL: Milwaukee, WI

The next-closest airport option would be General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee. It is located about 131 miles from Chula Vista Resort, which is about a two-hour drive away.

General Mitchell International offers flights through Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, Delta, Frontier, Onejet,

Southwest, United, & Volaris Airlines. They offer non-stop service to over 49 different international destinations, and may be a better option if you are looking for direct flights from your hometown airport.

This airport offers rental car service from an even larger group of companies including: Alamo, AVIS, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Thrifty. Unfortunately, there is no airport shuttle service

currently available from Milwaukee to Wisconsin Dells. Ride-sharing services would not be cost effective, so a rental car will be your best bet.

ARRIVAL: Minneapolis, MN

One additional airport option within a reasonable distance would be the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in Minneapolis, located about 220 miles northwest of Chula Vista Resort. This translates to about a three-and-a-quarter hour driving distance.

This airport offers service through Air Canada, Air Choice One, Air France, Alaska Airlines, American, Boutique Air, Delta, Frontier, KLM, Spirit, United, Condor, IceLandAir, Jet Blue, Southwest, and Sun Country Airlines. This location welcomes an even greater number of direct-service arrivals than the previous two options, but still, it remains quite a distance from our event.

For your ground transportation, as with Milwaukee, there are numerous rental car options available and there are no known airport shuttles offered to Wisconsin Dells. Ride-sharing options from this location would again be cost prohibitive.

We hope that all this information will make your transportation planning that much easier. Book your flights and rental car soon for best selection and pricing.

We also want to remind you to book your Wisconsin Dells hotel reservations NOW if you haven't already done so. Our host hotel sold out very quickly, but information on nearby overflow hotels can be found on the POCI website.

Finally, if you have already pre-registered for the 46th Annual POCI International Convention, then you should have already received an official Convention Activity Guide in your mailbox. (These were scheduled to be mailed in mid-February.) If you haven't yet pre-registered, please do so right away in order to get one of these guides sent to you.

Inside the Convention Activity Guide, you'll find details and sign-up instructions for the many activities, meals and functions offered during our



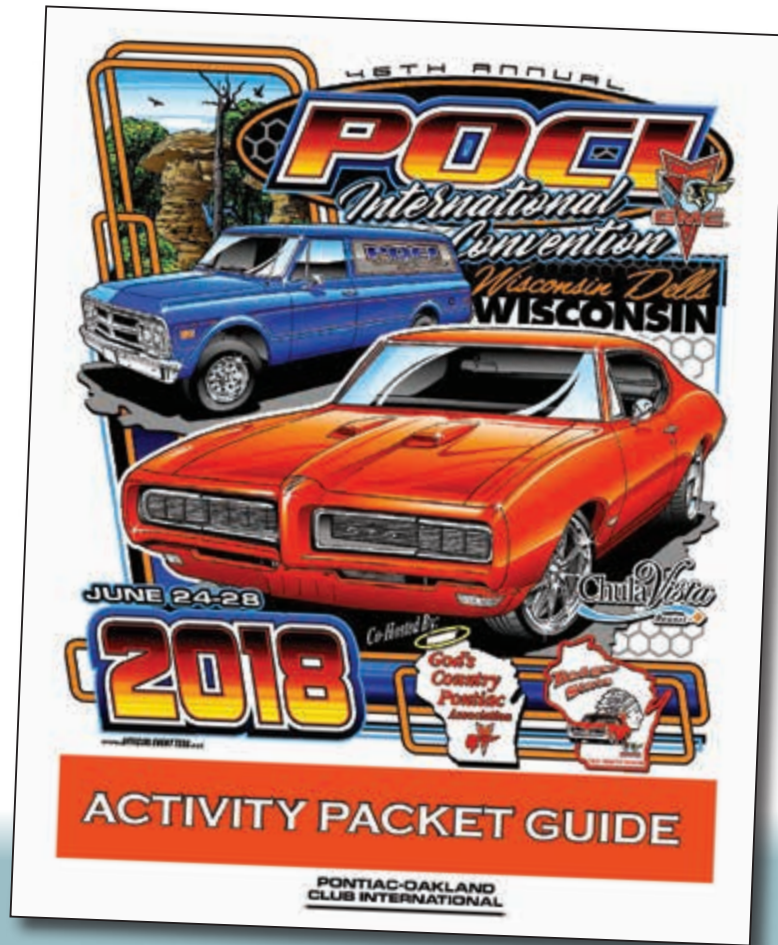
meet. We recommend that you review this information right away so that you can then complete and return the enclosed sign-up sheet with any necessary funds to the POCI Club Office at your earliest convenience.

Since some of our activities offer limited participation (due to logistics that are beyond our control) these will be offered on a *first-come-first-served* basis. Should these limited activities fill-up, we'll do our best to accommodate further requests, but we can't make any promises. These limited activities include Driving Tours and Motor Coach Tours. Bottom line: *If you return your Activity Guide Sheet promptly, you won't have to worry about missing out on any of the fun!*

Once again, the members of Badger State Chapter POCI and God's Country Pontiac Association are really looking forward to welcoming you to Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. We are working very hard to make sure that this convention will be the best that it can be, and that your visit to Wisconsin won't be your last.

Please mark your calendars, make your reservations, and book your tickets now so that you and your family can relax and enjoy the results of our hard work and planning. We can't wait to see you June 24-28, 2018! **JN**

Activity packets will be going out soon (if not already), register now before the activities you want fill up and you miss out on all the good stuff!



2018 POCI Convention Schedule (Tentative-as of 2/1/18)

Sunday, June 24

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Early Bird Registration Open

Monday, June 25

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Swap Meet setup and open
 8:00 am – Noon Tech Inspection Open
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Tech Inspection Open
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Harley Davidson Museum Motor Coach Tour
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Driving Tour #1
 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Circus World Museum/Ringling Mansion Tour
 8:20 am – 4:00 pm Driving Tour #2
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Driving Tour #3
 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Driving Tour #4
 10:00 am - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Shopping & Antiques Tour
 2:00 pm - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 7:00 pm - ? Convoy To Big Sky Drive-In (Movies start at dusk)

Tuesday, June 26

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Swap Meet Open
 Oakland Breakfast
 8:00 am – Noon Tech Inspection Open (Last day for Points-Judged)
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Tech Inspection Open (Last day for Points-Judged)
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Harley Davidson Museum Motor Coach Tour
 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Driving Tour #1
 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Circus World Museum/Ringling Mansion Tour
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Driving Tour #2
 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Driving Tour #3
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Don Meyer Seminar
 10:00 am - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 2:00 pm - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Judges Training Meeting
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Street Rod/Modified Chapter Meeting
 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Custom Safari Chapter Meeting
 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Early Times Chapter Meeting
 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Hot Laps at Dells Raceway Park
 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm GMC Chapter Meeting
 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm PCPV Chapter Meeting
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Shopping & Antiques Tour
 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm POCI Welcome Night

Wednesday, June 27

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Swap Meet Open

8:00 am – Noon Tech Inspection Open (Popular Vote and Road Warrior only)
 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Tech Inspection Open (Popular Vote and Road Warrior only)
 9:00 am -10:00 am Firebird Chapter Meeting
 9:00 am – 10:00 am Overhead Cammers Meeting
 10:00am – 11:00 am Little Indians Meeting
 10:00am – 11:30 am Grand Prix Chapter Meeting
 10:00 am - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 11:00 am – Noon Tim Dye Seminar
 11:00 am – Noon Cruisin Tigers Chapter Meeting
 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Road Warrior Cruise
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Alex Beloff III Seminar
 2:00 pm - ? Ride the Ducks Boat Ride
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Points-Judged Car Show
 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Happy Hour Chapter Night Banquet
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Chapter Night Banquet

Thursday, June 28

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Popular Vote Car Show
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Points-Judged Displaying Vehicles
 9:00 am – 10:00 am Protest Period for Popular Vote Vehicles
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Swap Meet Open
 10:00am – 1:00 pm Popular Voting
 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Happy Hour Awards Banquet
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Awards Banquet



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