

# SEE YOU IN 2020

## Catoosa, Oklahoma

home of the blue whale on historic route 66



adjacent to Interstate 44 at 193st East Avenue.

Security is always a valid concern at any convention venue, and here you'll find extensive roving patrols along with plenty of electronic surveillance.

## HOST CHAPTER

The Indian Nations Chapter is the 38th chapter of POCI and currently has approximately 65 members. Our members are quite excited about hosting this convention, expressing their dedication to making this a memorable and fun event for the entire family... for the second time!

The amazing changes in this region of the state have increased dramatically since we last hosted a convention here in 2007. Look for those stories in future updates.

## ACTIVITIES

Our car show, swap meet, and parking will be on the grounds of the casino. Drag racing will be offered on Friday at the freshly remodeled Tulsa Raceway Park, a quarter-mile track located only a few miles away.

We have also planned several interesting tours, along with an unusual *Road Warriors* cruise. The focus of many of our tours is on the proud history and progress of the state. (Oklahoma became a state in 1907, uniting areas previously known as Indian Territory — primarily the eastern half of the state — and the Oklahoma Territory to the west which was settled by the famous land runs. The term “Sooners” stems from the actions of some settlers who jumped the official start of those land runs.)

## ROUTE 66

In this area, Interstate 44 follows the path of Historic Route 66, perhaps the most glorified of America's earliest highways. Oklahoma has more miles in use of the original “Mother Road” than any other state!

And, it's nearly impossible to not mention the famous *Blue Whale of Catoosa!* This iconic Route 66 attraction was built in the early 1970s by local resident Hugh Davis as an anniversary gift for his wife, Zelta, a collector of whale figurines. Most recently, the restored Whale was seen in a September 2018 commercial for Mercedes-Benz. It has proven to be one of the most popular at-



tractions along Route 66 and is featured in a majority of books written about this legendary roadway.

Many more tributes to Route 66 can be found in this area, including a new museum in nearby Sapulpa, OK. Look for much more on this and other topics in upcoming previews.

We look forward to seeing you in Catoosa, Oklahoma in July 2020! 

## 2020 Convention Preview NO. 1

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### WELCOME

The Indian Nations Chapter of POCI welcomes you to Catoosa, Oklahoma for the 48th Annual POCI International Convention, happening July 7-11, 2020!

Catoosa is located in northeastern Oklahoma, not far from Tulsa, the second-largest metropolitan area in the state. This area has crowned itself “Green Country,” a title which aptly describes the many rolling green hills, scatterings of pine forests and the state's largest concentration of lakes and state parks.

### HOST HOTEL

The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will be our host hotel, an extensive high-rise complex boasting 454 rooms, most any type of gaming you can imagine, multiple restaurants, “The Joint” (offering stellar concerts with seating for 2,700), plenty of room for our banquets and meetings, and an



18-hole golf course. A 65,000-square-foot expansion was recently completed.

Located approximately 10 miles east of the Tulsa International Airport, the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is

