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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
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CHAPTER**

THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

September 2015

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

August 19-22: Model T National event in Byron Center at the Baymont Inn parking lot.

August 20: Second Annual Big Boy Cruise-In Car Show...Pre-Metro Cruise Show. 4950 Wilson Ave. SW. Grandville. Just south from Rivertown Parkway/ Rivertown Mall across from Costco. Big Boy Burger bar:\$10.00 all you can eat. Can start arriving at 3:30, trophies at 8:30.

August 22: Winstrom Park, Park Twp Centennial Celebration. Starts at Noon.

Sept. 10: 6-8 pm. Hamilton Truck, Tractor, & Car Show benefiting the 2016 Senior Class. Football Stadium parking lot, 136th Ave. Hamilton

Sept. 12: 4-7 Immanuel Church Car Show, 325 104th Ave. Holland

Sept. 11: 5-9 Trendway Show

Sept. 25: VerHage Show & Cruise 4:30-7:30

CAR FOR SALE:

2002 Trans Am WS6

Corvette LT1 engine, only one of 79 built with this configuration

Convertible

Automatic

102000 miles

Every available option, loved by one owner with a clean car fax. Last 9 years has been stored for the winter.

\$13,500 asking price. The car is currently in Traverse City MI

Contact: Sue Summers @ 231-590-2585

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015

September 1 - Picnic Meeting at Holland State Park

September 18th & 19th - Dan's Drags' in Stanton (PSMCD)

October 9 - 10 Indianapolis - John Force Race Facility

November 3 - Valve Cover Races and Officer Elections

December 4 - Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland - Social Hour 6:00. Dinner 6:30

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello Everybody-

Hope you're having a good August. As I'm writing this I just came off a "whirl-wind" of attending several Pontiac events

The first event was the Ames Pontiac Nationals held in Norwalk, Ohio. This was my first time to this event, and I must say it's a great show. The swap meet was well attended, the show had many extremely nice Pontiacs, and the drag races were a pleasure to watch. I'll definitely be going back again next year.

The next event was our Elhart Friday Night Show. Our count was down a bit from previous years, but I'd consider it an excellent turnout given the weather forecast prior to the event. If I heard correctly, we had 78 cars, plus the club members vehicles was probably another 15-20 cars. It did indeed rain on the event, but we had some clear weather before hand allowing many nice cars to show up. I think one of my favorites was the 1968 Catalina 4dr. Seeing this car brought back some good memories.

We woke up the next morning, packed the van, and headed for a family vacation to Minneapolis....Since we would be passing right by St. Charles, Illinois (We weren't really, but that's how I pitched it to the family. LOL) I thought it was only appropriate that we stop by the Indian Uprising show put on by the Cruisin Tiger's GTO Club. This was another good Pontiac event, I would highly recommend it.

Next weekend is the Grand Rapids Metro Cruise. The Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show will be going on at the same time, except this year it's an All GM show. I know several members will have their Pontiacs on display at this show. Make sure you stop by and check it out.

At the end of this month we'll be attending the Trans Am Nationals in Dayton, Ohio. If you own a Firebird or Trans Am you owe it to yourself to attend this event at least once. The Tipp City Cruise-In on Saturday night is one of my favorite aspects of the weekend. Nowhere else will you see a town be filled with 300-400 Firebirds and Trans Ams.

Since I'm speaking about Pontiac events, remember that September is our annual Picnic at Ottawa Beach, and then Dan Jensen's Pure Stock Drags in Stanton, MI....The following month will be our Fall Color Tour already. (Wow!! Am I really talking about Fall already??)

Just in case you missed it, this year's Color Tour will be held on Friday-Saturday October 9th & 10th. We have an overnight stay planned in the Indianapolis area, you'll find details for the hotel down in this newsletter. I've asked the hotel to reserve a block of 10 rooms (if we need more than 10 that shouldn't be a problem) for the West Michigan Pontiac Club

On that Friday we'll be touring the John Force Motorsports building, we'll have access to see all that goes into putting together a successful drag racing team. On Saturday we'll hang out for a while in the morning before touring Steve Hamilton's collection of Firebird's. Steve owns more than 100 Firebirds/Trans Ams, it's going to be an impressive collection to view. Make sure you don't miss this year's color tour.

Until next month, grab another gear and stomp it to the floor!!

Scott

August 2015 WMPOCI Meeting

Our August 4th meeting was held at Famous Dave's Restaurant in Grandville, MI. Around 25 members attended. After dinner, President Scott Van Tamelen started the meeting with a car show update from Cary Hirdes. Cary reported that trophies and dash plaques were ready. A volunteer sign up sheet was past around for moving cars, set up, registration, raffle tickets, and parking show cars. Cary asked that volunteers show up by 4 PM on Friday, August 7th. Also, remember to bring a door prize.

Now for a car show update. Unfortunately, mother nature was not in a good mood for a car show. Rain was moving across the lake off and on all day, and we ended up having drizzle and light rain during peak car show hours. However, that didn't keep about 80 cars from showing up, plus nearly 20 club cars, bringing our overall count to near 100. We nearly filled the main show lot, and I would consider the show a success. Thanks go out to all the club members who showed up to help out!

Dan Jensen gave an update on Pure Stock Drags this coming September 18th and 19th. He asked the ladies for their thoughts on ladies shirts for the event, specifically style, sizes, and amount. (Thanks for your expert recommendations!) Also, a volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. Thank you to those of you who signed up. It will be passed around again at our meeting next month and Holland State Park.

Our Fall Color Tour will kick off on Friday, October 9th. The destination is Carmel, IN. We will visit John Force's shop as well as Steve Hamilton's Firebird collection. Scott passed out hotel information to those who planned on going. We will stay overnight at the Spring Hill Suites, 317-846-1800. Mention you are with the West Michigan Pontiac Club.

The November meeting is our valve cover races as well as club officer elections.

December is our Christmas Party.

Terri Miller passed out her Treasurer's Report showing our bank balance is healthy and growing.

Scott Bouwman won the 50/50 raffle worth \$24! Terri and Wendell Miller won the attendance drawing worth \$94! Congratulations to the winners!

Our quest speaker was Valerie Van Heest, a founding board member of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates. As an experienced diver, she has helped find these historical shipwrecks, documented them, and has written several books about them! Valerie told us there are anywhere from 6000 to 8000 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. Many are in Lake Michigan because of it's importance to trade between Chicago and Milwaukee. She talked about the raising of the Alvin Clark, getting it to float again, how the air, after being under water for decades, deteriorated the wood until it was no longer safe to have around, and it was ultimately bulldozed. She talked about the Abandoned Shipwreck Act passed during the Reagan era to stop divers from collecting artifacts from these sunken ships. Now a diver's main interest is photographing and documenting these wreck sites. One of the books she wrote covered the sinking of the Lady Elgin. Carrying 400 passengers, the Lady Elgin went down in a storm north of Chicago, after it collided with a schooner. Over 300 lives were lost. It was a fascinating historical journey of our Great Lakes, especially Lake Michigan! See you at the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

2015 Pontiac Convention

Five couples attended the convention this year in Louisville, Kentucky. The weather was wonderful, warm and dry. The number of show cars was down a bit, maybe 334 cars but the cars that were there were beautiful. The hotel accommodation were very nice, nice banquets and food were excellent. Some of the couples took a tour of Churchill Downs which was nearby. It was a very interesting tour. Another tour was taken to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory.

Awards were given to:

Doug Troost - Survivor Jr. Gold
Doug Kamphuis - Outstanding
Ron VanZytveld - Most Outstanding - 1940 Pontiac
- Outstanding - 1948 GMC Stake Truck
Next Year the Convention will be in Betendorf, Iowa

Sorry no room for convention pictures.

After Metro Cruise (August 21-22) Kick Back and Relax Party

Once again Bob and Roxanne DeBoer have invited club members to their home after the car show on Saturday at 5:00. Bring your own chairs, dish to pass, and your own drinks. If you need to drop off a dish Roxanne will be at home during the day.

THE ARROWHEAD

The Preamble

The West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International is dedicated to the ownership and preservation of Pontiacs, all models and years. It is the goal of the chapter to encourage and unite area Pontiac enthusiasts in Chapter sponsored activities and events. The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals as well as provide information and services to its members.

Club Officers

President	Scott VanTamelen	6 1 6 - 4 5 0 - 8 4 5 0
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Treasurer	Terri Miller	6 1 6 - 8 7 5 - 8 0 6 9
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SEPTEMBER 1 OTTAWA BEACH CLUB PICNIC/MEETING

We will eat at 7PM. Burgers and brats will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, beverage of choice and table service. We will also be presenting the club donation to Hospice of Holland which was generated from our Elhart Car Show.

A big THANK YOU to Scott Bouwman for once again providing the beautiful trophies for the car show!!!

A big THANK YOU also to Elhart Automotive Campus for allowing us to use their facilities again this year.

Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st
\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Terri Miller at the meeting, or mail them to:
Terri Miller 8830 Taylor St. Zeeland, MI 49464

National Dues are YOUR responsibility. You must be a member of the National POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI. Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register

WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Full Member (Chapter & POI) _____

If full member include your POI# _____

Non POI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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