

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

November 2023

## Chief's Chatter

**Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President**

Thanks to Linda Walker for finding a location for our last meeting. Uccello's was packed, a bit noisy and chaotic but it was great to have us all fit into one room. We thought it would be closer to some members, but Dan Jensen said it took him an hour to get there, Bummer. Thought it was a good idea, but we're going to keep looking for a more suitable location.

The representatives for Hospice and Be Nice were there and gave a short explanation of what their organizations do. Our club donated \$500.00 to each origination.

We also got a new member at the meeting, Matt Vermeur is from Grand Rapids and drives a 1963 Catalina. Welcome Matt.

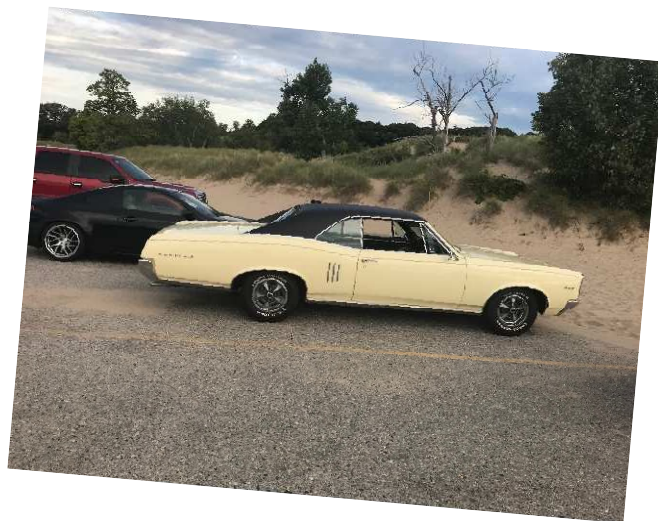
We also took for nominations for next year's officers; the positions we were needing to fill were President and Newsletter Editor. There were no accepted nominations, but we did have two volunteers, Bob DeBoer for President, and Tena Schulte for Newsletter

Editor. Thank You for volunteering! At our November meeting we will vote to accept these two individuals into the respective positions.

On Saturday, October 21 was the fall cruise. The weather did not agree with our plans, but we had 11 cars show for it. The colors were still beautiful even in the dreary weather. We stopped at the Chief Noonday Car Park to see and hear what Scott Grooter has there. He doesn't restore cars but provides a place to store peoples cars or collection of cars. We toured his office and garage and 2 other collections. The cars in the Cole collection weren't on display as he was making room to store other cars but the cars in the second collection were nicely displayed. They were fiberglass replicas of a '49 Mercury, Ford Cobra or Ford GT, Remodeled corvettes and then a couple of 40's era cars.

After the tour there we were off to lunch at Russo's which was good. Although they thought we were a Biker group and were sure

we were not going to show up because of the rain. Scott van Tamelen had no clue where they got that idea, but they did get set up for us in a hurry and served us quickly. Our waitress was very good too. Then, because of the weather, we changed our plans of going to the Gull Meadow Farms and instead went to the Terrytown Showroom to see the cars on display there. WOW does he have some fantastic cars, and so many. It was nice to be inside and out of the rain. Afterwards, we each went off to our warm homes.



Our next meeting will be the valve cover races at the VanZytvelds. If everyone shows up, we will have a Very Full House. Supper will be provided at a minimal cost. Bring your own drink. We will also accept donations of winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves to be donated to People Helping People in Pullman

-Cary Hirdes

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 7th 6:00pm**

**Van Zytveld's Cave**

We'll be hosting our annual Valve Cover Races, and Officer Elections. Supper will be provided consisting of Pork and Chicken BBQ, buns chips, salads, and desserts. All will be provided at a cost of \$5/person. Please bring your own beverage.

**4101 Byron Rd  
Hudsonville, Mi 49426**

**Meetings:**


The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page, or check out our website for specific times and locations.

**WMPOCI Officers:**

President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059  
Vice President: Bob McCarthy.....269-372-7382  
Treasurer: Linda Walker.....847-609-3910  
Newsletter Editor: Scott van Tamelen.....616-450-8450  
Secretary: Dan Jensen.....517-896-0398

Check out our latest events and activities on our website [www.wmpontiac.com](http://www.wmpontiac.com)

**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 and events.**

**The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill it's goals, as well as, provide information.**



## *Upcoming Events*

### West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

**November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Club officer elections, supper, and our annual Valve Cover Races at Ron & Elaine VanZytveld's.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton, Michigan again.

### West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

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## **Color Tour Pics**













# Monthly Meeting Minutes

## October 2023 Meeting Report

The weather was still summer-like for our October meeting at Uccello's Ristorante on Lake Michigan Drive in Standale. We pretty much filled their meeting room with at least 43 members present, plus guests.

Christie from Be Nice and Mark from Holland Hospice each gave a short talk about their respective organizations. Our club was able to donate \$500 to each from the proceeds from our Elhart Car Show in August.

We welcomed new member Matt Vermeer to the club! Matt owns a 1963 Catalina!

Linda Walker gave us her Treasurer's Report for September. We had no income. Expenses were minimal including our 2023 Michigan Corp Filing Fee and burgers for the dinner at the Pure Stock Drags. Linda also reported we have 51 paid members putting us at the Senior Level with POCI!

I talked about the results from the 2023 Pure Stock Drags. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Despite that, the car attendance was down from prior years. A lot of our "regulars" were not able to attend for various reasons (weather, weddings, illness, etc.). However, the spectator count was as good as it has been in prior years. Regardless, everyone had a good time with great cars and great racing! Again, thank you to the Pontiac Club for helping out!

The Fall Cruise is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. In case of rain, it will be re-scheduled for the following Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the gas station located at 100<sup>th</sup> St. and 131, and at 10 AM, then drive to the Chief Noonday Car Park in Yankee Springs (Gun Lake area).

Our November meeting will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's home. We will have our annual Valve Cover Races. Plan on having dinner there before the racing begins.

October is when we nominate new blood for our club board. A few names were brought up for President, but all declined except for Bob DeBoer. With no other names in the ring, Bob will become our club President for 2024. Tena Shulte volunteered to take over as Newsletter editor, replacing Scott VanTamelen. All other board positions will not change.

Ryan Snyder handed out roster updates.

Our 50/50 drawing, worth \$79, was won by Karl and Tena Schulte! The attendance drawing, worth \$103, was won by Greg and Melanie Thorwall! Congratulations to both couples!

See you at the November meeting!

Dan Jensen

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**Chicago** Seltzer Pontiac-GMC, 5301 W. Irving Park Rd.  
**Chicago** GMC Truck Center, 1015 W. Pershing Rd.  
**Cicero** All Brake GMC, 5551 W. Ogden Ave.  
**Downers Grove** Borg Pontiac-GMC, 2300 Ogden Ave.  
**Elgin** Pontiac-GMC Truck Center, Downtown Elgin  
**Elk Grove Village** Karzen GMC Trucks, 700 Busse Rd.  
**Gary** (Indiana) Summerfield GMC Truck, 3030 Grant



Benharts GMC Inc., 23 W. 249 North Ave. **Glen Ellyn**  
Rendels GMC, Rt. 53 & Mills Rd., 139 E. Van Buren **Joliet**  
Dan Wolf Pontiac-GMC, 6060 S. LaGrange Rd. **LaGrange**  
Talman Pontiac-GMC, 1111 S. Milwaukee **Libertyville**  
C. Netzley, Inc., 22 E. Chicago **Naperville**  
Community Motors GMC, 5900 W. 159th St. **Oak Forest**  
Kole Pontiac-GMC, Inc., 9301 S. Cicero Ave. **Oak Lawn**  
Meidell GMC Truck Inc., 3025 E. End **S. Chicago Heights**  
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# Our Charity Recipients

## Hospice of West Michigan



# Our Charity Recipients

**Be Nice Mental Health**



*The 2024 Convention: Springdale, Arkansas!*

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**POCI**  
*International Convention*

**JULY 15-20**  
**2024**

*Springdale,  
Arkansas*

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