

Membership Info

Chapter Dues are \$10.00 per year. Please give to Brian Milligan for mailings or membership information. Contact Brian at 810-886-1100.

National Dues are \$20.00 per year. You must be a member of the National POCI to be a member of the West Michigan POCI. Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Position Desired _____

Year _____

Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Spouse's Birthdate _____

Anniversary _____

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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March 2009

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 2009 Meeting Report

President Cary Hirdes opened the meeting with Terri Miller's Treasurer's Report. The club looks to be in good financial standings with a balance of \$1843.40 in our account.

Joan Troost talked about our upcoming Spring Dustoff on May 2nd. She would like to see a minimum of 20 people, or 10 couples, participate. We were going to combine seeing a play at 2 PM, and then see a (toy?) train collection afterwards. It was decided that we should postpone seeing the trains for another time so we aren't running around too much. The date to see the trains has to be determined yet.

Doug Troost handed out the official valve cover race rules for the upcoming POCI/GTOAA Co-vention. They are different from those we use for our races. So for our April Valve Cover Races, we will have two classes to choose from. The major difference is that we limit our "cars" to 5 pounds, and the Co-vention cars can weigh 10 pounds.

The Burn Show is scheduled for May 16th. This will be the 13th show! However, the head organizer is having health issues, and the location where the show is held is in jeopardy too. Auction items are needed because many vendors have dropped their support due to the economy.

Our guest speaker was our very own Ron VanZytveld who talked about the purchase and refurbishment of his 1948 GMC truck. I didn't write down the size of the truck, but I think it is at least a one-ton truck, maybe heavier. It lead a somewhat charmed life being bought new by a cherry farmer up near Traverse City, a used basically only during the growing season and harvest. Ron bought the truck 2002 with about 100,000 miles on it. It has about 105,000 now. The truck's color had been changed from its original blue to a "cherry red" with a two-stage paint. Ron wet sanded and buffed the paint to make the truck really turn heads. He also restored the interior and engine compartment.

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After the truck was up to Ron's standards, he grew restless to get another project. A hunt on ebay turned up his very clean 1940 Pontiac. The current owner was a member of POCI and had shown the car for a few years. The car's history is very well documented, the original owner being Ida, who was a school teacher. (I hope I got that right! I was looking at the scrapbooks that Ron had passed around, so my notes are sketchy at best.) At the time of purchase, the Pontiac had only 40,581 mile on it. The paint had been marred from its car cover, but Ron started working on the interior first. Next came the restoration of the engine compartment, saving the paint for last. Even though Ron says the car is a driver, the Pontiac just recently graced the cover of our POCI Smoke Signals magazine! Thanks for a great presentation Ron!

Wanda Plochocki won the 50/50 drawing of \$10! The McCarthy's won our club lotto of \$30! Congratulations to all!

See you at the March 3rd meeting!

Dan Jensen

CHIEF'S CHATTER

At our last meeting I believe everyone there felt a void, a much loved part of our group, Sandy Ensing was missing. I spoke with him today Feb. 11, before he left for Florida on the 12th, he said he was grateful for all the cards and for everyone that showed up at the funeral home and the service. He didn't know they had that many friends so I told him they were Sandy's friends and we laughed. Tom's son Todd has had some health problems also. One night soon after the funeral Tom, Barb & Todd spent most of the night back at the Meijer Heart Center emergency room. Todd is doing some better but please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

A BIG THANK YOU to Ron VanZytveld for his presentation on the work he has done on the 1948 GMC truck and 1940 Pontiac 2 door coupe he and Elaine have. The histories of both vehicles was very unique, and I don't think Elaine looks anything like Ida.

Wanda Plochocki had news that she and Tom will be moving to Iowa because that's where Tom got a job. Tom is moving soon and will live in an apartment with Wanda commuting until further notice. We're sorry to see them go but you have to go where the work is.

We do not have a speaker lined up for March and have not heard any other ideas yet, so we may just have another comedy night.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE EASY GUIDELINES TO USE FOR BUILDING YOUR VALVE COVER RACER.

- 1. All entries are subject to a tech inspection.**
- 2. The racer shall have no power added: all motive force is provided by gravity.**
- 3. Racers shall be based on an actual rocker from a Pontiac engine (specify year and make on rear of the racer).**
- 4. Wheel base shall be no more than 24 inches.**
- 5. Wheel track shall be no more than 10 inches.**
- 6. Wheel diameter shall be no more than 6 inches and must have 4 wheels.**
- 7. The racer can weigh no more than 10 pounds.**

The course shall consist of an incline 8 feet long, followed by a level run of 16 feet. Racers will run in heats of two cars each. The racers are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. The first racer to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither racer makes it to the finish line, the racer going the farthest in its lane wins.

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE & START YOUR VALVES!

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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.

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Tuesday, March 3rd

POCI Meeting

**We will be meeting at Famous
Dave's.**

**Come early to eat and visit with
other members.**

Meeting starts at 7:30

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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:
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