



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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CHAPTER

THE ARROWHEAD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PONTIAC ENTHUSIAST

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CHIEF'S CHATTER

Welcome, everyone in the club to another newsletter. The October meeting has come and gone, we had very good attendance this month. I want to thank Doug & Linda Kamhuis for providing the speaker for the month. It was interesting to hear about all of the different types of steam engines and locomotives there were and their different uses. When you think of it at the turn of the century it was the trains and shipping on our rivers that moved most of our heavy products, steel, grain, coal, etc. It was the start of our industrial capabilities to move products from one state to the next.

At our November meeting we will have a presentation of "TIRES: What you don't know about them and would like to learn." So please attend and see who the special speaker is.

CHIEF'S CHATTER CON'T

We had two new members come to our October meeting, and we want to extend a warm welcome to them. They are Vincent Rasch with a '69 GTO and Tom and Carolyn Hutchinson with their Fiero. Welcomell!

We voted at the last meeting to continue to get names from the Veterans Home for our annual Christmas giving. Thanks for your willingness to participate in this event again this year.

This time of year is when we need to slow down and reminisce about the hustle and bustle of the summer and think about all the many beautiful days we had with our cars. Now we can sit back and watch the fall colors change and soon the springing of the new year.

Until next month....
Keep the rubber side down.

Bob

SPECIAL THANKS!

The club would like to thanks Dan and his committee for their generous donation to our club. It is hard to accept this donation when we all had such a good time at the Pure Stock Muscle Drags. It wasn't even like work to most of us. We can't wait until next year! Thanks again Dan!

ITEMS FOR SALE

'46-'48 LS Skirt
Headlight Bucket
Door Skirt

Contact Ben Hainworth 616.842.5737

Do you have items you would like to sell?
Do you have a unique part you are looking for?
Let us help! Call or email us and we help you
advertise in the arrowhead for a month.
616.257.1597 or avwyk17@yahoo.com

meeting minutes con't

We had a few new members in attendance! Actually, Tom and Carol Hutchinson are old members who've rejoined the club! They have a 1987 Fiero GT now. Welcome back guys! Also, Vince Rasch, who is a new member, but has had his eye on us for a while, joins us with a 1969 GTO! Welcome to our Pontiac family! Tom Ensing asked the membership if the club wanted to help out at next year's Burn Show. He'll be attending upcoming meetings soon, so he wanted to be able to speak on behalf of the club when the subject came up. The club agreed to help out as usual.

Though this may be old news, Wendell Miller gave us the details about our October 23rd Color Tour. We will meet at the Mobil gas station on the corner of 16th and 196 just before noon. The caravan leaves at noon. We will be travelling to St. Joe, and dine at Clementines around 1:30. After dinner, we will head south to visit three wineries. All in all, it should be about a 180 mile round trip.

We had a guest speaker as our entertainment. Unfortunately, I didn't get his name, but he gave us a great talk and slide show of the 1948 (49?) Railroad Fair, held in Chicago. He showed us the evolution of train engines and cars from their beginnings, when our country was still young, to what was modern about 50+ years ago. It was interesting to see how vibrant the rail system was just after WWII! It's too bad that so many of these railroad companies are long gone, and that we've allowed the railroad infrastructure to fade to a fraction of its former glory. In these days of high fuel costs, the railroads would have reduced our dependency on foreign oil. It would be nice to see their rebirth!

Sorry I can't be with you during the color tour. I will be in Nashville, TN for my own kind of color tour, at a muscle car show! See you at the November meeting!

Dan Jensen

meeting minutes

Before I begin with the report from our October meeting, I, along with Bob Boden, want to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who took the time to come out to the Mid Michigan Motorplex to help work at the Pure Stock Drags last September 16th and 17th! We really appreciate your commitment to help make this event the success that it is! This was our eleventh year, and our first with an appreciable amount of rain. This caused Bob and I to go to our "Plan B", which precluded the normal shootouts on Saturday. That meant that those of you who normally help organize the staging lanes (causing some to pull their hair out!), operate the scales, and work at the tech table, had a relaxed day(s) of watching some racing, and maybe helping somewhere else. The rain didn't stop the cars and spectators from coming in! Those of you that helped at the gate and selling T-shirts had the busiest year ever! We had a record number of cars, 128 in all. With Saturday being a beautiful sunny day, the spectators came out in force too. Again, we couldn't pull this off without your help. In return, Bob and I wanted to show our appreciation by giving the club a check for \$500! Thank You!

Believe it or not, Arnie's Restaurant is still in business! We haven't had a meeting there all summer, and with our luck of meeting at establishments that seem to go out of business; it was nice to see them still there! Officer nominations are the main headline for the October meeting. Usually pulling teeth is a lot easier than getting new blood to volunteer, or be nominated for, one of our positions. So it was uneventful when all our officers agreed to keep their posts for another year. That means we will not need to hold elections at the November meeting!

a Little something for The catalina cooks,
The Bonneville bakers and The gTO gobblers:

while working on This edition of The newsLetter i was also in The kitchen with This season's fruit of choice in our house: apples! i made The following dessert That was met with rave reviews, so i Thought i would share it with all of you who Love To bake, and Those who Love To eat what someone else baked!

Apple Crisp

5 cups sliced and peeled cooking apples
2-4 Tbsp granulated sugar
1/2 cup regular rolled oats
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup chopped nuts or coconut
Vanilla ice cream (the recipe says optional, we say mandatory!)

Place apples in 2-quart square baking dish (8x8). Stir in granulated sugar.

For topping: in a medium bowl combine the oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in nuts. Sprinkle topping over apples.

Bake in a 375-degree oven for 30-35 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden. If desired, serve warm with ice cream. (We highly recommend this last part!)

MUSCLE CAR TRIVIA

With 96,946 sold, this was the GTO's most successful model year:

1965, 1966, 1968 or 1969?

Answer: 1966

A Final Note from the Editors...

I spent last Saturday at Stanton Dragway attending an event that is strictly for GM vehicles. There were some amazing vehicles there. I watched some newer small block formula firebirds with turbos that were running in the 8 second range. There were newer Trans Ams and Camaros everywhere. There were quite a few fast pickup trucks as well. Some cars were built for racing, and others were completely stock cruisers, a very good mix of cars.

That got me to thinking again that I have always wanted to get a drag race day set aside for our club to head out to the track for a day of fun. I think this would be a great event for us to be a part of, and it might even help to attract some new members, maybe even some from my generation. When the date is set for next year's event I will communicate it to you so you can add it to your list of events to attend next year. There were no Pontiacs older than 1980 at the drag race, and I think it would be sweet to see some of those old Pontiac Pavement Pounders out at the track next year. They also give out a trophy for the club with the greatest attendance.....WMPOCI next year???? Something to think about.

See you all on the Color Tour!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23 11:45 AM

This is the date of our Fall Color Tour. We are headed to Southern Michigan. We will be viewing the colors and doing some wine tasting at some great wineries in SW Michigan. We plan on going to Lemon Creek, Tabor Hill and the Round Barn. These are some great Michigan wineries you won't want to miss. We will be leaving at 12pm SHARP from the Mobil on the corner of 16th and 196. Our first stop will be at Clementines in St Joe, this about an hour and a half away, so please plan accordingly when drinking your morning coffee! Get ready for 180 miles of color, fellowship and fun!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2-7:30 PM

We will be back at Arnie's. This was to be election night, but since everyone agreed to stay in their positions, we will be having another source of entertainment. We have a speaker lined up, so come for a great evening of info, food and fun!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

No Meeting

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

This is our annual Christmas Party. It will be held at the Beechwood Inn, Holland Michigan. The club is planning some great entertainment, so you will not want to miss this holiday celebration! More details coming at future meetings and in upcoming newsletters.

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.

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CLUB CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Judy Hirdes	Nov 1	Dan Jensen	Nov 15
Nancy Korte	Nov 2	Maureen Murphy	Nov 16
Bob DeBoer	Nov 3	Lorayne Tiemann	Nov 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Doug & Joan Troost Nov 12

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st

\$15.00 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 POCI
to be a member of the West Michigan POCI.

Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register.

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Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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