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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

April 2012

We possibly might be able to have a guided tour of the the Jones House or the Yost House, both built in the mid 1800's, travel on route 66 for a bit. Pontiac, IL is the only town in the Midwest to boast of three Swinging Bridges dating back to the late 1800's. Simply a must to walk across one. They have around 30 restaurants eager to serve us.

Ellie our tour director from Pontiac, IL has secured 20 rooms for us at a cost of \$80.74 each. 10 rooms with king size beds and 10 rooms with doubles at the newly remodeled Best Western.

You need to call the hotel to reserve your room, the number is 815-842-2777. Tell them you are with the WMPOCI and that Ellie has 20 rooms blocked for us. This needs to be done by April 4!! They may answer the phone as Comfort Suites, they are being converted to a Best Western and that should be done by the time we are there.

We hope you'll make this one of your choice outings this year. Any questions please contact Rox/Bob DeBoer or Joan/Doug Troost.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2012

February - Detective - Presentation on Fraud Awareness

March - Tour of GR Auto Gallery

April - Tour of Hospice facility that the club donates to.

May - 5 - 6 Dust Off - Pontiac Illinois

June - Progressive Drive/Progressive Dinner to club members homes.

July - no meeting (Convention: St. Charles Illinois - July 17 - 21)

August - Club Car Show on the 10th at Elhart

September 4 - Beach Picnic

October -

November - Valve Cover Races

December - Dec. 7 Christmas Party

This is a tentative schedule with slots to be filled in so watch your newsletter for changes and additions.

Please take note of the expiration date on your mailing label, dues are due for 2012.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hi Everyone,

What a beautiful day and how can you beat 70 degrees at the first part of March!

I want to thank Ron for putting together the club meeting at the GR Auto Gallery, we had a very good turnout and welcomed back snow birds, Terri and Wendell Miller.

It was nice to go somewhere inside and see a lot of real nice cars, new and old. There were even a half dozen older Pontiac's. Most of the cars are there on consignment so someday when you want to sell your car they would be glad to help you out.

I believe Spring is here, it may be early and we may still have a few cold days ahead of us but I'm sure it will give us the itch to get our cars ready for our first outing. I'm hoping we will have a real good turn out for the spring dust off. The road to Pontiac from Joliet South is along Route 66 and that weekend there are quite a few events planned along the way and plenty of things to see and do. I know we'll have a great time. Please join us if you can.

Until next time,

Keep the Rubber Side Down *Bob*

Just a side note from Doug and Joan Troost: Dan Suman our speaker from last April who works at Gentex was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he underwent an extensive surgery at Mayo's and then had treatments. A couple of weeks ago they found out he has cancer in his liver and through out several places in his body. If you could remember him and his family in your prayers we know they would appreciate it. If anyone cares to send a note/card of encouragement their address is:

Dan and Sandy Suman

160 Gemstone Lane

Holland, MI 49423

March Meeting Report

The March 6th meeting was held at the GR Auto Gallery (GRAG) on M37, just north of 44th Street. The weather was exceptional (for March) with sunshine and temps near 60 degrees! The GRAG is a huge facility housing anywhere from 70 to 100 cars. (I didn't count!) About 21 WMPOCI members met and toured the facility and cars before our meeting. AJ of the GRAG was our host and explained their history and what they are about. Unlike other special interest auto consignment businesses, the GRAG is open to the public, welcoming them to come in and browse the inventory. During the summer months (either June/July or July/August), they will be hosting what they call Free Lunch Friday, where anyone can stop by for a free lunch and meet fellow car enthusiasts and look at the collection. I know I'll be stopping a couple of times!

The Pontiacs that I recall seeing at the GRAG were three '66 GTOs (one coupe, and two convertibles), a '68 GTO convertible, a '74 Trans Am, a '98 TA convertible, and a '04 GTO. I saw a lot of Mustangs, T-Birds, Mopars, and a couple Hurst Olds! About half the inventory were foreign cars, mainly Porsches and other German marques. The GRAG is a great place and I know I'll be visiting again!

Finally, the fun had to end and we gathered in a nice room off the main entrance for our meeting. President Bob DeBoer noticed a couple new faces and had them introduce themselves. First was Nick Turner who owns a '69 Firebird convertible. Next was Dan Malley, who also owns two '69 Firebird convertibles! One is a real 350 HO 4-speed car, and the other is a T/A tribute. Welcome to the club guys!

Cary and Judy Hirdes had flyers for our August Car Show to distribute to the membership to pass out. Cary reported that Elhart is on board and ready, as well as the Good Humor vendor. Remember, the new date is the 2nd Friday in August because the first weekend conflicts with the big Pontiac show in Norwalk, OH.

Our April meeting on the 3rd will be at Hospice of Holland. This is the hospice that we've donated to over the years. Be there by 7:00, and the tour starts at 7:30. Remember to eat before you get there. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Thorwalls won the 50/50 raffle, and the membership drawing was won by the Millers!

Terri Miller read the treasurers report and we are in good financial shape!

See you at the next meeting!

Dan Jensen



In other news, we had the West Michigan Pontiac Car Club stop by to tour our facility as well as conduct some club business. It's always a pleasure having new people roam our showroom floor, especially car enthusiasts. It was a great experience for all involved – we hope to have them back soon. (This was a picture and an excerpt from the GR Auto Gallery's newsletter.)

MAY DUST OFF

TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES FOR RESERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Remember to sign up for the WMPOC Dust-Off on May 5&6. It is about 250 miles from GR. It promises to be a fun filled week-end. We will be showing a 7 minute DVD of Pontiac IL at the April meeting.

There are four museums. Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum, Walldog Mural Museum, Livingston County War Museum and The Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum.

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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April 3rd

Tour of Hospice of Holland

Meet there at 7:00, the tour begins at 7:30

Please eat before you come.

Directions: Take I196 to 16th St. exit, go west to 104th, go south to 445 104th Ave. on your right. (Just north of Mason St.)

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 POCI to be a member of the West Michigan POCI. Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register

WMPOCI 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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