



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

WEST MICHIGAN
CHAPTER

THE ARROWHEAD

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CHIEF'S CHATTER

As I sit and write for the newsletter this month, I am thinking of how warm and hot it has been, and of what little rain has come. We have had many wonderful days to take our cars out for a night or weekend cruise. There is no reason for anyone not to have been out enjoying their cars.

On August 3rd we had to cancel the meeting with the Wide Trackers because of park conflicts. We had also been told later that not many from that club were going to be able to make it due to conflicts with working, and it being the middle of the week. So, we met at Jerry's in Hudsonville and a few of our club members were able to make it. The ones that did come were very blessed because Bob and Barb Walker drove there newly owned Pontiac Laurentian. This car ended up winning the Most Interesting Post-War Trophy at the convention. Congrats Bob & Barb!

Of the members that attended the convention this year, we did very well again taking our share of the trophies. There were 7 couples that went, and I want to thank them for attending and representing the club.

August 5th was the Elhart show. It was another beautiful night for a car show.

CONGRATS TO THE WEST MI POCI



Four of the seven couples attending the 2005 Convention came home with trophies

Bob and Barb Walker
with the
Most Interesting
Post War Trophy



P L A N N I N G A H E A D

Convention 2006	Ontario, California
Convention 2007	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Convention 2008	Pontiac, Michigan

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Beacon Street Drive In



We cruised to the Drive In for an old fashioned meal. Our orders were "hollered" to the kitchen as we all moved down the line.



Here we are, enjoying our HUGE platefuls of food!
No one went hungry on this outing!!



The Biltmore Estate in North Carolina was a scenic option during the trip. What a beautiful place! Perhaps this should be the location of our next Dust-off??

CHIEF'S CHATTER CON'T

We had 121 registered cars, and I think that it was one of the best attended shows we have had in a long time. I want to thank the club members for all their hard work. The night went very smoothly. Also, a special THANKS to Doug & Linda Kamphuis and Doug & Joan Troost for pulling this wonderful show off. We all had a good time and met some nice people that night, some of whom we hope will become members. One other big hit for the night I would like to mention was our DJ and Announcer, Cary! And he can even sing!

That Saturday and Sunday was the Gilmore show, another well attended event. I went on Sunday and showed my car in the Special Interest Class. I won 2nd place. Dan Jensen was there with a TA that he has restored for a customer and won 1st in his class. Many other club members were there too. George was there trying to sell his Bonneville Race Car. Jim was there showing his newly completed Tempest Sprint, Nice Job Jim! I also ran into Al Hudson showing his car. It was a busy and wonderful week, the kind that makes you dream of cars, cars and more CARS!

See you at Ottawa Beach, and 'til then...
...keep the rubber side down

BOB

AUGUST MINUTES

It appears that the word got out to everybody that our originally scheduled picnic to Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge, MI with the Widetrackers, was cancelled. Why you ask? Unfortunately, there are railroad tracks that cross the only entrance to the park, and the railroad has the right-of-way to them, and they can close the park when they have to perform maintenance on them. Of course, the railroad decides it's time to do the maintenance the same time as our picnic, thus putting us out "on the street". Park officials say we were lucky though, the railroad usually doesn't warn them when they are going to be working in the area, so we had time to look at alternatives. Unfortunately, there were only a few, and they didn't lend themselves well to clubs like ours who like to drive their nice cars (gravel roads!).

To make a long story short, the powers that be were able to pull some strings and get us a banquet room at Jerry's Country Inn in Hudsonville. Considering the change of plans, we still had a good turnout of about 20 or so members. One thing for sure, the food was great!

We were only two days away from our annual Friday evening car show at Elhart Pontiac. All our ducks were in a row for the show, and it was evident that Friday evening. Over 120 cars showed up, despite a lot of competition from other events going on at the same time in West Michigan! You couldn't ask for better weather as well! Thanks to the Kamphuis' and Troosts for their hard work, as well as to all the fellow club members who pitched in and helped during the show!

Almost everyone that went to the POCI National Convention in Greenville, SC won an award with their cars! Bob and Barb Walker won Most Interesting Post War Pontiac with their 1966 Pontiac Laurentian! Congratulations to all!

Don't forget that our next meeting is our annual Picnic at Ottawa Beach! Bring a dish to pass and your own table settings.

For our October meeting, we will be holding nominations for all our various positions (president, VP, newsletter editor(s), treasurer, and secretary. Elections will be in November. Hopefully, someone may be considering wanting one of these positions?!

Last, but not least, our fall color tour will be on Sunday, October 23rd. We will be traveling to some wineries in southwest Michigan! Sounds (hic) like it (hic) will be a (hic) great time (hic)!!!!

See you all at the beach!

Dan Jensen

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Every year at the POCI Convention Pontiac historian John Sawruk gives out 2 awards that he personally chooses the winners of. The two awards are Most Interesting Pre-war Pontiac and Most Interesting Post-war Pontiac.

At the convention this year in Greenville, SC, one of West Michigan's own Pontiac enthusiasts graciously accepted the award for Most Interesting Post-War Pontiac. The Walker's latest addition to their stable of Pontiacs was the car of choice for this prestigious award. The car is Bob & Barb's mist blue 1966 Pontiac Laurentian.

At this point you might be asking yourself, What is a Pontiac Laurentian? The answer: it is the Canadian Pontiac version of the American Catalina. The Laurentian sits on a Chevy chassis, but the body and interior are all Pontiac. It is a 2 door post coupe with body color wheels and the pmd poverty caps. Not only is the chassis Chevrolet, the drive train is as well. It has a Chevrolet inline 6 cylinder engine, a 2-speed power glide transmission and a Chevrolet rear end with 3:55 gears. It even has the side exit exhaust behind the rear wheel instead of the Pontiac straight out the back version. Bob will even tell you it sounds like a Chevy, but will quickly follow that up with a laugh! Bob bought the car out of Victoria British Columbia and had it shipped to Toronto where he and the car were united. Bob brought the car home and proceeded to freshen it up a bit before the convention. He had several interior pieces redone, including having the seats recovered. The front seat went back into the car right before they left for the convention. It looks like all of the hard work paid off. This is a big achievement that few people have the privilege to enjoy.

congratulations Bob and Barb!

WITH SYMPATHY

As a club we would like to extend our sympathy to the entire Broekema Family in the passing of Howard's brother Andrew J. Broekema. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

A Final Note from the Editors...

Earlier this month I took a trip to Reender's Blueberry Farm to get my fill of the seasons best. I went with my mom and sister to pick, and we went a little crazy. Who knew that those little buckets would fill up so fast!?! Every time we would try to stop one of us would find another GREAT bush with HUGE berries on it. And who can pass up the big blueberries! Three hours, and 70 pounds later...we were on our way home to start baking and freezing. Scott says he still has blueberries coming out of his ears, but picking blueberries and the baking them up is one of my favorite summer things to do. I can't wait to go back next year!!

Here is a family favorite...

a recipe for those who also have so many blueberries, they don't know what to do with them:

Blueberry Coffee Cake

3 c. flour
1 1/8 c. sugar
6 tbsp margarine
3 3/4 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
1 1/8 c. milk
2 eggs
3 c. blueberries

Topping:
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
3/4 tsp cinnamon
5 Tbsp margarine

Heat oven to 375 degrees and grease 9x13 pan. Blend together first amounts of flour, sugar and margarine. Add baking powder, salt, milk and eggs. Beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Carefully stir in blueberries. Spread in pan. In another bowl, combine topping ingredients. Cut together until crumbly and sprinkle over batter. Bake about 50 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Drizzle with powdered sugar icing (mix a little warm milk with powdered sugar). **Other fruit may be substituted** ENJOY!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7—6:30 PM

We will be meeting and eating at Ottawa Beach in Holland. Once again the club will provide the buns and brats and hotdogs. Please bring your own table setting, beverage and a dish to pass.

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races!!
Friday 8 am-5 pm Saturday 8 am-5 pm

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5—7:30 PM

We will be meeting back at Arnie's on Leonard. This is the night of nominations for next years officers. Please start thinking about if you would be willing to serve. If you would like to nominate someone else in the club, please OK it with them first. We will also be having a speaker!!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

Save this weekend for our Fall Color Tour. We are headed to Southern Michigan. More details to come next in month's newsletter.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2—7:30 PM

Once again we will be back at Arnie's. This is election night.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

No Meeting

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

Christmas Party at the Beechwood Inn, Holland Michigan
Plan to attend this holiday celebration!

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

Cindy Miller	Sept 2	Sandy Ensing	Sept 17
MaryJo Perrin	Sept 2	Herb Howes	Sept 23
George Haas	Sept 8	Kay Postma	Sept 19
Mary Skinner	Sept 9	Marsha Hammer	Sept 26
Doug Kamphuis	Sept 10	Dwight Woods	Sept 27
Al Hudson	Sept 12	Terri Miller	Sept 29
Linda Kamphuis	Sept 16	Janet Beute	Sept 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Howard & Maxine Broekema Sept 9 Fred & Maureen Murphy Sept 26

Richard & Cindy Miller Sept 27

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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