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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

October 2017

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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.

## Club Officers

President	Ryan Snyder	269-598-6105
Vice President	Tom Ensing	616-826-8554
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-283-1487
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-896-0398
Arrowhead Editor	Judy Hirdes	616-772-5494

## NEXT MEETING

No regular meeting on October 3.  
The Fall Cruise will be our next event.

Saturday, October 14,  
Meet at US-131 and M-222 (exit 55)  
The Marathon Station  
We plan to leave there at 9:30 AM to  
Travel to Elkhart Indiana.

See more details in this newsletter.

## 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](http://www.poci.org) for more information or to register

## WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member (Chapter & POCI) \_\_\_\_\_

If full member include your POCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Non POCI member (Chapter only) \_\_\_\_\_

Pontiac Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_ Motor \_\_\_\_\_

National POCI # (must have) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

## 2017 Club Meeting and Event Schedule

October 14 & 15    Fall Cruise—Elkhart Indiana  
November 7        Valve Cover Races (at Van Zytveld's Cave)  
December 8        Christmas Party—Main Street Pub, Allendale

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**PLEASE CHECK** your information in the club directory and notify Terri Miller if you find any details that are no longer correct. E-mail to: [govoyage43@gmail.com](mailto:govoyage43@gmail.com)

Here are a few changes we have so far:

Cary and Judy Hirdes [cjhirdes@att.net](mailto:cjhirdes@att.net)

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Tom and Jane [janeann25@hotmail.com](mailto:janeann25@hotmail.com)

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Pam and Gary [garyljaarman@gmail.com](mailto:garyljaarman@gmail.com)

Judy and Doug Mesman [mesman.judy@gmail.com](mailto:mesman.judy@gmail.com)

## CHIEF'S CHATTER

The Metro Cruise, as usual, was crowded. Hopefully nobody was stuck in the traffic jam for too long. Thanks to Bob and Rox for opening up their home for a Potluck.

It was good to see so many people at the picnic. Unfortunately, the weather prevented us from having it on the beach. But, Ron and Elaine were nice enough to open up their "Family Cave" for the club. This is always a good event, not only are we able to get together for burgers, we are able to give to Hospice of Holland and the Wayne Elhart "Be Nice" campaign.

At least the weather was nice for Dan's Drag Race up in Stanton. With no rain in the forecast there seemed to be a lot more spectators in the stands. Thanks to all the members that were able to come and help out.

There was a lot going on this last month. Hopefully you are not worn out. Only one event next month. The fall color tour is going to be on October 14-15 and it is an overnight trip.

Until next time, get out and drive.

Ryan Snyder

### FALL COLOR TOUR

On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> we'll be heading to Auburn, Indiana for the weekend. On our way down we'll be stopping in Elkhart, Indiana to tour the Motorhome/RV Hall of Fame Museum. They have several vintage motorhomes, travel trailers, and other camping items on display at the museum.

We'll be heading out from the Marathon Gas Station in Martin, Michigan. The gas station is located just off of US-131 (exit 55) on the corner of M-222, and the road that takes you to the 131 Drag Strip. Plan to meet there between 9:15am-9:30am. We'll head out from there at 9:30, it's about a an hour drive to the museum in Elkhart.

After we've finished at the museum we'll make our way towards Auburn, Indiana. We'll be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Auburn, Indiana (404 Touring Dr. Auburn, Indiana). So reserve your room now by calling 260-925-1900. Prices should range between \$76.99 (two queens), and \$82.00 (king).

Once we're in Auburn there are several car museums in the area that we can choose to tour as a group, or you're free to split up and tour those of your choice. Later in the day we'll go out to eat together, and then retire back to our rooms. Sunday morning we'll check out, get some breakfast, and make our way back home.

WMPOCI Christmas Dinner  
Friday, December 8  
6:30-8:30 PM

Our Christmas Dinner this year is at the  
Main St. Pub in Allendale (Coach's Corner)  
11240 University Pkwy  
(Just west of 48th Ave & north of M-45)  
We can choose from 3 entrees.  
Cost is \$10/person and must be  
Paid by Thanksgiving to Terri Miller  
(The Valve Cover races is a good time to do it.)

## September 2017 Meeting Report

Well, cool and rainy weather forced us to relocate our annual Ottawa State Park picnic to Elaine and Ron VanZytveld's "cave". It would have been nice to have our dinner at the beach, but the "cave" is a close second, and we were warm and dry. About 33 members were present, making it one of our best attended picnic. Before the rain forced us inside, a representative from Hospice of Holland accepted our donation of \$600 (plus a \$100 donation from our car show's popcorn vendor!)

Then the rain moved in, forcing us inside. Bob DeBoer starting things off with a prayer, and then it was game on, or better, food on! What a feast! By the time I loaded my plate with side dishes, I had no room for a burger or hot dog! But I went back for one once I had the room.

After dinner, President Ryan Snyder started off our meeting presenting a gift card to Scott Bouwman for providing the trophies for our car show. Ryan also presented the DeBoers a gift card for hosting the GR Metro Cruise dinner at their house.

Our club received a certificate from POCI HQ to commemorate our 30 years as a chapter, as well as a certificate of recognition to Judy Hirdes for being our newsletter editor. Congrats to all!

Scott VanTamelen gave us an update on our October fall color tour to Elkhart and Auburn, IN. It will be held the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Marathon gas station right off the Martin exit and 131. There were some problems with reservations at the Auburn Holiday Inn Express, but Scott was going to call the manager to get things sorted out. On Saturday, we will visit the RV Museum, and then head to Auburn afterwards. On Sunday, we can see any of the museums we choose, either individually, or in groups.

Our car show was a big success! We had the best attendance ever with 142 cars registered, not to mention about 18 of our members cars were on display along the show entrance. In addition to the donation to Hospice, we also made a \$600 donation to the Elhart Be Nice campaign! For next year's show, we may need to find more food vendors. Famous Dave's ran out of food early, forcing our hungry car owners and spectators to have popcorn for dinner!

Terri Miller presented her Treasurer's Report. We had income from the Car Show registrations and the 50/50 raffle. Expenses were our donations to Hospice and Be Nice, and our Christmas dinner room reservation at the Pub at Allendale.

Our attendance drawing was up to \$58. Bob and Kay Postma's name was pulled, but they weren't present, so the kitty grows for the next meeting. The Bouwmans won the 50/50 raffle of \$34.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help out at this year's Pure Stock Drags! See you at the race track!

Now for some post Pure Stock Drags coverage! First, on behalf of Dennis, Lyndon, and myself, thank you to all the WMPOCI volunteers who helped out at the race September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>! We had many racers and spectators who also wanted us to say they appreciated all the friendly help from you!

## Secretary Report Cont.

The car count was down this year, despite a great weather forecast leading up to the race weekend. We had 122 cars come through the gate, down about 10 from the last several years. The spectator gate was about the same, so that helps pay the bills. Regardless, I consider 2017 to be a success and we will definitely be back for 2018! Thanks again for all your help! We couldn't do it without the West Michigan Pontiac Club!!!!

See you at our Fall Color Tour!

Dan Jensen

### Coach Bus Trip to Detroit

The Vintage Car Club of Holland still has room on this trip on October 21-22. They will visit the Roush Race Car Collection, Lee Jacobson Gasket Manufacturing Facility, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Historic Packard Proving Grounds, Meadow Brook Hall. Total Cost (estimated) \$250/couple (Includes bus, hotel and admission to all venues) Meals are on your own \$50/person down-payment required to reserve your seat and space. Checks made out to Vintage Car Club of Holland and send to VCCH President, Rick George, 15610 Van Buren Street., West Olive, MI 49460.

### Care Corner

We extend our sympathy to Scott & Michelle Van Tamelen and family in the passing of Scott's mom on September 17.

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*We intend to include announcements whenever we learn of a serious illness, accident, surgery, or death of a close relative of one of our members. Please inform a Board Member if you have an item to share.*

We now have a Facebook Page:



West Michigan Pontiac Club

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=west%20michigan%20pontiac%20club>

Check it out!