

# The Arrowhead

## West Michigan Chapter



November 2020

### Chief's Chatter

#### **Doug Troost-WMPOCI President**

I'd like to start by giving a huge thanks to Scott Van Tamalen for all his hard work that went into planning the color tour. I can speak for myself and Joan we really enjoyed it. (Except for the tunnel of trees and the traffic in Petoskey). We had a good turnout as there were 15 of us that went, if you didn't go I regret to inform you that you missed a beautiful weekend with the fall colors at their peak and a fun time with club members and a new Pontiac owner/member, Eric, I didn't catch his last name( owns a Lemans) plus his two sons who joined us from Traverse City.

Our next meeting is **November 10** the second Tuesday, because of election day falling on the first Tuesday. It is also our election of officers. We had several nominations so be prepared to vote for a new president (yours truly is not running for a second year) and vice president. I would like to thank the following members of the club for their years of service and they have agreed to continue to give of their time for the benefit of the club. First I'd like to thank Dan Jensen for his work as secretary, I would like thank Brian Martinie for his work as treasurer. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Judy (and Cary) Hirdes for their continued hard work as our editors. I think Judy agreed to continue, if not thanks anyway for time you have served. All of these people listed above have volunteered of their time for one more term. Thanks also to my V.P. Scott Van Tamalen for filling in for me and helping line up meetings.

Along with elections of officers we will be having our annual value cover races. Car weight limit is **5 lbs** this year. I understand the ladies are making soups and desserts for all to enjoy.

Don't forget Dec 3, at 6:30pm is our Christmas Party at Beechwood Grill on Ottawa Beach Road in Holland. Cost is \$23.50 per person. Please let Joan know if you plan to attend and pay her by Nov 24th so she can get the count in to Beechwood. You can mail your check to her at 4246 Butternut Drive, Holland, MI 49424 or give to her at the November meeting. So far we have 16 signed up, would like to see that doubled, so if you can make it get signed up for some good food and fellowship with other club members.

Hope to see you all on November 10th!

Doug

## **MEMBER'S SHARE**

Christmas day 1965, I opened the gift that would begin my love affair with automobiles. It was a lime green Tonka car carrier with two mid-year Corvettes. Do you remember Tonka toy trucks? Around that same time one of our neighbors purchased a new sunflower yellow 1966 Corvette coupe. As they say the hook was set.

It would be good to explain that as a teen, I worked at a body shop and later at a couple used car dealers, so it won't shock you to know that I have owned over 50 cars. The list included mostly Chevrolet, Buick and Pontiac. I owned two Fords and two Toyota, both by mistake. As for classic and collector cars it has been mostly Camaros, Chevelles and Corvettes. Then in the fall of 2014 a friend called me and told me about a barn find 1968 Pontiac, Catalina with 15,000 miles on it. The car needed a good cleaning, but the body and interior was in good shape. Under the hood was another story, mice had taken over. They had even lived in the carburetor and air cleaner and had damaged some of the wiring. Needless to say, the car came home and on January 8, 2015 the engine roared to life. The car now has 20,000 miles and we love driving it.

In 2015, Amy and I brought the car to the West Michigan Pontiac show at Elhart and won best Pontiac. We became car club members soon after and have really enjoyed being part of the club.

Brian and Amy Martinie

### **REMINDER!!**

**The annual dues for the West Michigan Pontiac Club are due in January. You are encouraged to pay them at any time before that. See Brian Martinie at the meetings or send it to him at the address on page 7.**

## **Monthly meeting Minutes**

### **October 2020 Meeting Report**

I didn't count, but I bet around 35-40 WMPOCI members and friends attended the October meeting held at Gary Genzink's fabulous shop! Talk about the perfect man cave! It was very impressive with lots of auto-related items to keep your eyes busy. Thanks for sharing your shop with us Gary!

The meeting was kicked off with Glen Beavis showing a rare Pontiac film presenting the new 1969 model car line up. This is a film whose main custom was none other than Pontiac's general manager at the time, John DeLorean. Glen's father who made the film, worked for General Motors Photographic at the time. It was an interesting film, clearly showing the styling and societal trends of the day. Plus, it was cool to see the beautiful 1969 Pontiacs! Thanks to Glen for sharing the film with us.

After the film, Brian Martinie gave us his Treasurer's Report. It showed the collection and payment of donations for Hospice of Holland, and the 50/50 seed money expenditure of \$25. Brian also mentioned that we got a letter of thanks from Hospice.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who came out to help at the 2020 Pure Stock Drags. The weather was exceptional for the cars: cool, sunny, and with a bit of a tail wind. (It was a bit cool for us humans first thing in the morning though!) 109 cars show up to race, a great number considering we had no Canadian participants due to the border being closed. The number of Pit Passes was about the same as prior years. Greater Pit Pass sales on Friday made up for the lower number on Saturday. Due to Covid, we cut the quantity of event shirts ordered in half, not knowing how many people would show up. Hindsight being 20/20, I guess we could have ordered more. The Pontiac ladies were able to sell all the new shirts, and just about all the prior-year inventory! Great job! I will share more information at the November meeting.

Scott VanTamelen went over more details about the Fall Color Cruise. I can tell you that the weather that weekend was exceptional here in central Michigan, so I'm assuming it was the same case up north. Scott will provide a post cruise report at the November meeting.

Speaking of the November meeting, get your race cars ready for our annual Valve Cover Races at the VanZytveld "Cave". Remember, due to the Presidential Election, we moved the meeting back to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, we will be holding our own Officer elections.

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MEETING MINUTES cont'd.

The only positions up for nominations are President and Vice President. Several members were nominated for both positions. Be sure to attend the next meeting to vote.

Those holding the positions of Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Secretary volunteered to stay on for the next year.

The Millers won the 50/50 raffle of \$43! The Walkers won the Attendance Drawing worth \$67! Congrats to both couples!

I hope to see everyone at the November meeting! It's an important one!

Dan Jensen

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Our supper at the November meeting will be Soups, breads and desserts. The following items are planned:  
Soups: Jane D., Elaine VZ, Linda K., Sylvia V  
Breads: Amy M., Judy H.  
Dessert: Terri M., Joan T.

We could use one more dessert.

Please let Elaine VZ know if you are willing.

Water will be provided.

Bring your own beverage if you prefer something else.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 10, 6 pm**

**We will meet at the Van Zytveld  
Family cave for our Valve Cover Races  
and meeting including officer elections.  
(4101 Byron Road, Hudsonville, MI)**

**Soups, breads and desserts will be provided for supper.**

We will also accept suggestions for a Charity or two to bless at Christmas time.



## 2020 CLUB EVENTS

November 10 Valve Cover Races & Election of officers  
Contact Doug Troost for specs/instructions for Valve Cover Car  
NOTE: Change of date because of Election

December Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland



**WEST MICHIGAN PONTIAC CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 3, 2020**

**BEECHWOOD GRILL**

380 DOUGLAS AVE, HOLLAND, MI

**6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR** Bar services will be available

**7:00 PM DINNER**

Salad, dinner rolls, fried mushrooms, Onion rings,  
slow roasted beef, bourbon glazed chicken, green bean casserole,  
steamed buttered redskins, ice cream sundae, coffee & iced tea

**COST IS \$23.50 PER PERSON**

**RESERVATIONS ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK,  
MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 24.  
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO:  
WEST MICHIGAN PONTIAC CLUB**

**SEND TO :**

**JOAN TROOST  
4246 BUTTERNUT DRIVE  
HOLLAND, MI 49424**

Brian and Amy Martinie will accept donations of Winter Outerwear which will be donated to folks in the Pullman area through their church. You may bring your donations in all sizes of winter coats, boots, mittens/gloves, scarves, hats to the November meeting or the Christmas Party.



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Here is the list of positions and nominees for our Board for the year 2021:



President: Scott VanTamelen, Bob McCarthy, Bob DeBoer  
Vice President: Cary Hirdes, Bob Walker, Ron VanZytveld,  
Bob DeBoer, Doug Kamphuis, Tom Ensing,  
Newsletter Editor: Sylvia Vermeulen, Judy Hirdes

### Care Corner

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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.*

Check out our latest events and activities on our website  
[www.wmpontiac.com](http://www.wmpontiac.com).

### 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.*

### **Club Officers**

President	Doug Troost	616-403-4416
Vice President	Scott Van Tamelen	616-450-8450
Treasurer	Brian Martinie	616-836-6040
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-896-0398
Arrowhead Editor	Judy Hirdes	616-772-5494

## Membership Info

**Chapter Dues** are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E 8th St, PMB 157

Holland, MI. 49423

**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 West Michigan Pontiac Club

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