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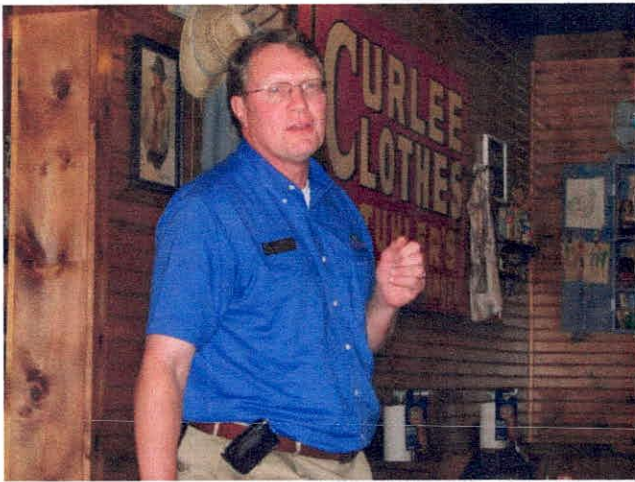
**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**WEST MICHIGAN
CHAPTER**

THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

November 2009



Doug Vander Laan



Ann & Cary

October 2009 Meeting

Cool, rainy weather has hit west Michigan with a vengeance! Yet, 20 WMPOCI members, one guest, and our guest speaker attended our October 6th meeting at Famous Dave's. We had a busy schedule to get through, and President Cary Hirdes started the meeting right away after dinner by presenting a check to Ann Schutt of Hospice of Holland. Ann reviewed our history with Hospice and was surprised to learn that our Pontiac Club has been donating to them continuously since 1999, and with this year's donations, we've contributed about \$6000 to date!

The Color Tour to Auburn Indiana, scheduled for the weekend of October 10th was cancelled due to lack of interest. Quite possibly the weather had a lot to do with it since snowflakes were forecasted for that weekend! Had

Bob Boden and I wish to express our deepest thanks for the club's tremendous support volunteering to help out at this year's 2009 Pure Stock Drags! We finally had beautiful weather for both days, bringing in 146 cars, and over 1000 spectators! We sold out of the 2009 shirts, and only have a few 2008 shirts left! We certainly couldn't do this event without the help of all of you! Again, many thanks!

Our guest speaker was Doug VanderLaan, director of development at the Gilmore Car Museum. The museum was started by Donald Gilmore in 1966 with insistence from his wife. He was interested not only in all kinds of cars, but old barns as well. Since that start the museum has grown from one barn and 35 cars to 15 buildings and about 275 cars! Despite the poor economy, attendance at the museum has increased 18% for 2009! Gilmore's has become the headquarters for various groups including the Classic Car Club of America, Pierce-Arrow Club, Franklin Club, Lincoln Club, and others. Currently, they have a drag racing exhibit featuring a couple Don Garlits dragsters, Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick's '69 Judge, E.J. Potter's Widow-Maker small block Chevy-powered motorcycle and many local notable racers' cars. Gilmore's is currently raising funds to build a new Automotive Heritage Center and Library in their quest to be THE automotive history museum of America! Also, a new program was launched called Gilmore Garage Works to bring in at-risk teens and get them involved with restoring antique vehicles, the first being a 1931 Willys-Knight. Thanks to Doug for a wonderful presentation!

Our 50/50 raffle was won by our guest speaker Doug VanderLaan, who graciously gave the \$15 back to the club! Thank you Doug! Karl and Mary Schulte would have won our club lotto, but they weren't present at the meeting!

See you at the November meeting!

Dan Jensen.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

It's that time of year again, we need ideas of charities the club would like to donate to for a Christmas gift. Last year we provided blankets to David's House for the clients there. We also were given a tour of their almost completed new addition. It was a great night! So please come to next month's meeting with a few ideas for a Christmas project.

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October 7, 2009



Cary Hirdes
West Michigan P.O.C.I
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Dear Cary,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$300.00 to Hospice of Holland. Your gift makes it possible for our patients to achieve the quality of life they deserve in their final phase of life.

Hospice of Holland is available to serve everyone who needs our services, without regard to age, race, creed, diagnosis, or ability to pay. With your generous support, Hospice staff and volunteers will provide the highest quality and most compassionate care for more than 600 patients and their families this year. We also provide free bereavement education and support to the entire community.

On behalf of our staff and the patients and families we serve, thank you for your help in bringing comfort, dignity and a sense of security to our patients and those who love them at a special time. Your support makes a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Torrey", written over a horizontal line.

Torrey Husmann
Executive Director

*Your home supports this organization
for 11 years and we are so
thankful that you think of us
and our mission. This is great!*

Pontiac Dodge Car Show

No goods or services were exchanged in consideration for this contribution.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

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Thank you to all who came out to the last meeting. Ann Schut from Hospice came out to receive our donation check. She said we have been helping Hospice for 10 years and have donated around \$6,000.00 to them in that time. That is amazing, they are very grateful.

Doug Vander Laan from Gilmore Car Museum was our guest speaker, he was great!!!! Thanks to George Turner for setting it up. The history of Gilmore Car Museum and the buildings was very interesting. Showing pictures of cars on display, types of displays and the car clubs that have taken up residence at Gilmore's kept everyone's attention. He also shared about the mentoring program with at-risk boys they have just started and the plans for a building they want to build. It was all over too soon. We have sent a Thank You card to Doug along with a donation to Gilmore's. Doug also won the lucky split and gave us the money back to use in our club.

A BIG THANK YOU to the committee who planned the trip to Auburn, Indiana. It was canceled because attendance was too low. I know some of us had planned to go but had family events that came up instead. Judy & I have been to Auburn but never to any of the museums, I had been looking forward to it but it couldn't happen. Thanks again for all of your hard work & planning.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Dan Jensen for his donation to the club. Even after someone told him how much fun we had he still gave us a donation, WHAT A GUY.

We don't have a speaker or program planned for the November 3 meeting but I am working on it. Any ideas???? We will have nominations for club officers.

We are accepting suggestions for a charity gift for Christmas. Please share those at the meeting or contact me at cjhirdes@charter.net.

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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NEXT MEETING

November 3 at Famous Dave's

DECEMBER 4 MEETING

Christmas Party at Sayfees

Cash Bar opens @ 6:30 dinner @ 7:00.

To make a reservation we will need \$12.50/person or \$25.00/couple in advance. The cash bar is your responsibility. Please submit payment to Terri Miller @ the Nov. meeting or mail to Terri. Sayfee's : 3555 Lake Eastbrook Blvd.

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.

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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