

West Michigan POCI  
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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

November 2007

## November Meeting Minutes

President Doug Troost was feeling under the weather and wasn't up to presiding over the November meeting, so Wendell Miller took over the reins. Because of Doug's absence the 'valve cover' meeting will be postponed until the December meeting and the races will be held during our January meeting.

Speaking of the January meeting, it will be held at Famous Dave's at or near the Rivertown Crossings on Canal. The December meeting will be our last one held at Brann's Restaurant.

We are nearing Christmas and we need suggestions for a charity to donate to. Joan Troost talked about donating supplies to the men and women in service overseas in Iraq. Items needed are batteries (any size), mechanics gloves, white socks, tooth brushes, toothpaste, hard candy, alcohol-free hand wipes, stick deodorant, razors, shaving cream, eye drops, beef jerky, dental floss, hand-held games, etc. Items cannot contain alcohol or anything flammable (oil based). Bring items to the December meeting.

A suggestion was made that we switch our meeting nights from Wednesday to possibly Tuesday. To pass, we will have to vote on it during an upcoming meeting.

Being November, it was time for officer nominations. Fortunately, the only post open for nominations was President. Bob DeBoer, Melanie Thorwall, Terri Miller, and Dan Jensen all agreed to keep their current positions of Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively.

Cary Hirdes was nominated for President, and he graciously accepted. (Was that a good way of putting it Cary?)

Joan Troost won the 50/50 raffle and the club lotto winners were Bruce and Debbie Hayes. Since they weren't at the meeting, the lotto grows for next month. (Remember, you  
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have to be at the meeting when your name is called to win the money!)

Remember to bring those spiffed-up valve covers to the December meeting! See you there!

Dan Jensen

## Chief's Chatter

With the change of seasons we think less about cars and outdoor events and more about the holidays ahead. Oh...Turkey is sounding real good right now. And one bright spot in all this busyness is that we guys get to make out our Christmas car parts list.

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. It seems like just a few days ago that we had the '06' elections. I was honored and proud to be your president for the past year. I would like to personally thank all of you for your help and support this past year.. A special thank you to the officers—you made my job a lot easier. Now that Cary Hirdes has taken on the new role of president, please give him that same support because you never know when it will be your turn to be president. We were able to have a lot of great events because of your help.

Our December meeting will double as the Christmas party, so put your reindeer suits on and come celebrate with us. We will also be picking teams and working on the Valve Cover Racers and due to a problem last month (sorry, I was really sick) the plan now is to build the cars in December and race them in January. So those that brought valve covers last month, bring them again.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday and we'll see you in December. Got to go now. It smells like the Turkey is cooking.

Doug

# Gift Boxes for our Soldiers

The club is sending gift boxes to the soldiers in the Troost's son-in-law's platoon. This is a great way to bring a little Christmas cheer to these men and women who will not have the comforts of home this Christmas. Below is a list of items that can be included in the gift boxes. Please bring any of the items to the December meeting. NONE of the items can contain Alcohol or be an aerosol.

Some ideas for the boxes:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hand cream
- Baby wipes
- Beef jerky
- Propel powder packets to mix with water
- Crystal light powder packets to mix with water
- Boxed crackers
- Cookies in a tin (homemade)
- Peanuts
- Socks-white only
- Mechanics gloves (can find @ Lowes, Home Depot, or Menards)
- Hard candy
- Starbucks ground coffee
- Tuna or chicken in the flavor fresh pouches/packets
- Batteries in the packages –all sizes D, C, AA, AAA– -can't be in open packages
- Electronic Games
- Books
- Crossword puzzle books

Flat rate box is only 11"X8" (\$8.95 per box) so big items won't ship without a big price.



## Notice of Changes in West Michigan POCI Meetings

It was brought up at the meeting to possibly change the night of the club meetings in hopes of getting more people to attend. We need your feedback in order to make a decision. If we don't hear from you we will continue to have the meetings on Wednesdays.

Please email the editors at [lakemithor@gmail.com](mailto:lakemithor@gmail.com) to let them know what night works best for you to attend the car club meetings: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. You can also call Doug at 616-399-1423 to let him know.

The new meeting place—for January—is at Famous Dave's on Canal off of 44th Street.

### ***West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for December & January***

**Dec 5**..... Club Christmas Party at Brann's at 6:30 pm.

The **January** meeting date is yet to be determined: Watch for more info in the December Newsletter! The place for the next meeting will be at Famous Dave's near the Rivertown Crossings Mall on Canal. We will be holding our Valve Cover Races!!!

# 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.

## Club Officers

President	Doug Troost	616-399-1423
Vice President	Robert DeBoer	616-538-6712
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editors	Greg & Melanie Thorwall	616-399-4701

## December 5: Christmas Party! At 6:30 pm

Our club Christmas Party will be a part of our regular meeting on Wednesday, December 5, starting at 6:30 with dinner ("Dutch Treat"). We will be meeting at Brann's on Leonard. We will be building Valve Cover Cars and choosing teams. So bring a clean valve cover!!! Also enjoy dessert and door prizes provided by the club. We hope for a great turnout! See you at the party!



## 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.

## 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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