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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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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.

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Tuesday, May 3

Meet at Famous Dave's in Grandville

7:00 PM

Speaker: Jim Mattison

With Pontiac Historical Services

Come early for some supper and
time to socialize if you choose.

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 POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI.
Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register

WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Full Member (Chapter & POI) _____

If full member include your POI# _____

Non POI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

WMPOCI SCHEDULE FOR 2016

April 30 – Spring dust-off cruise to see wood miniatures & flowers

May 3– Guest speaker, Jim Mattison, Pontiac Historic Services

June 8 – Cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

July 12-16– POCI National Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa

Go to www.poci.org for details and registration.

July 23 – Pontiac show at Bakers in Milford, MI

Aug 2 – Pre WMPOCI car show meeting at Famous Dave's

Aug 12 – WMPOCI car show at the Elhart car campus

Sept 6 – Picnic at Holland State Park

Sept 16 & 17 – Pure Stock Drags weekend

Oct 8 – Color Tour to Fenn Valley Winery, Fennville, MI

Nov 1 – Meet at the Van Zytveld's for our valve cover races
and officer elections

HOT RODS, HOGS AND A HOG

Saturday, May 21, 10 AM—2 PM

Hot Rods, Classic Cars and
Motorcycle Cruise-in & Pig Roast
Location: David's House Ministries
2390 Banner DR SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

No entry fee.

Free-will offering for the meal.

(This ministry is from
Bob DeBoer's family)

The **National Cushman Scooter
Convention** will be in the Holland
area in early June.

There will be a get together at the
Ottawa County Fairgrounds on
June 7. (Ottawa Beach Road)

They would like us to bring our
Pontiacs to add to the show.
More details next time.

Here are some additional events to consider attending this year.

August 5-7 is the Ames Show in Norwalk, OH.

August 19-20 Woodward Dream Cruise

August 26-27 Grand Rapids Metro Cruise

September 16-17 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags, Stanton, MI

September 23 22nd Annual All Makes Car Show
Ver Hage Motors, Holland

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Happy Spring everybody!!

It's been a crazy Spring to say the least, but it appears we may be turning the corner. As the weather is warming so will the opportunities for us to get our cars out. One of those first opportunities is our upcoming Spring Dust Off, look for details on the event further in this newsletter.

We had a great turnout at our last meeting. It was good to see everybody again, to welcome back some of our "snow birds", and to greet a new face. We heard a report about the events planned for our upcoming Spring Dust-Off. I'm looking forward to getting the car on the road again for this event. I think I put a few people asleep with my presentation on the 4th Generation Firebird, even so I hope you saw the potential that the 4th Generation Firebird has for becoming a future collectible vehicle.

At our upcoming May 3rd meeting we will have guest speaker Jim Mattison again. I hope that many of you can make it, hearing from Jim about the state of our hobby is always a pleasure.

Until next time, grab another gear and stomp it to the floor!!

Scott

SPRING DUST OFF, Saturday, April 30

Meet in the parking lot at Famous Dave's in Grandville at 3 PM.

We will cruise for about 15 minutes south to Sharon Schut's farm. (1462 16th Ave. SW, Byron Center) He has built multiple miniature barns and other buildings from the area and built a special round building to display them. (There is about 1/4 mile of gravel road to the farm)

We will then travel to Arlen Schut Greenhouse at (2431 Van Buren, Hudsonville). The greenhouse will be in beautiful full bloom. They will share some of what it takes to run a greenhouse operation.

The Van Zytveld's have invited us to their "Cave" room for supper. (4101 Byron Rd., Hudsonville) We will order in pizza and share the cost. There will be ice cream for dessert. Beverages will be provided but you may also bring your favorite if you choose.

(Addresses have been included so you can use your
GPS and join us at any point if needed.)

April 2016 Meeting Report

Just over 21 members made it to the April 5th meeting at Famous Dave's Restaurant. Bad weather canceled our March 1st meeting, as well as kept me from the February meeting. So it had been three months since my last meeting! Winter storms seem to time themselves with our meeting dates! Hopefully we've seen the last of the white stuff for a while.

If you've been reading the Smoke Signals magazine, our President, Scott VanTamelon, threw in his name for the POCI Board of Directors election. Ballots had to be post marked by March 31, 2016, so if you didn't vote, it's too late now. Hopefully Scott wins a position!

The Wide Trackers (on the east side of the state) wish to get together this year with us for some activities. They have their Dust Off show in Davisburg, MI on June 11th. I've gone to it off and on for several years, and I can attest that it is a decent show and swap meet.

Don't forget that our Dust Off cruise is Saturday, April 30. We will meet in the Famous Dave's parking lot at 3:00 PM. We will be touring some (miniature) barns and a greenhouse. Afterwards, we will stop somewhere for dinner.

Jim Mattison will be our guest speaker at our May 3rd meeting, again held at Famous Dave's. As owner of PHS, (Pontiac Historic Services) Jim always has interesting car history and news to talk about.

The Holland Car Show is June 3rd, and the club voted to continue donating \$50 to the event.

Terri Miller gave us her treasurer's report. Our only income was from membership dues, but expenses were for a gift card, the 2016 car show, our newspaper ad, and our website renewal for 2 years, so our balance slipped a little bit.

We had one new member in the audience, Brian Martinie. He and his wife Amy are from Holland and they own a beautiful, low mileage, 1968 Catalina! It was one of the winners at our Elhart Car Show.

Scott VanTamelon was our speaker for the evening. He gave us a very interesting presentation about the 4th generation Firebirds. A lot of their styling cues were taken from the 1988 Banshee concept car. The 4th gen Birds can be broken down into two series, the major differences being styling and engine.

The first series, representing years 1993 through 1997 had the longer, more pointed front bumper and the Formulas and Trans Ams were powered by the LT1, 275 hp engine. The second series ran from 1998 through 2002, the end of production. They are recognizable due to the shorter, more aggressive front appearance and side air extractors in the front fenders. The Formulas and Trans Ams had a new powerplant, the new, all aluminum LS1, which made 305 in standard trim, and 320 in the WS6s.

Carried over from the 3rd Generation Firebird was the 1LE option. This package was designed for those who wanted to take their Firebird road racing. It deleted many features like air conditioning, sound system, power windows, power locks, and others that added unnecessary weight. Then the 1LE option added performance goodies like beefier springs, shocks, and sway bars, bigger wheels and tires, aluminum driveshaft, baffled fuel tank and more. Unfortunately, very few 1LE cars were ordered. According to Scott's research, here is the breakdown: 1994 – 3, 1994 – 0, 1995 – 4, 1996 – 10, 1997 – 28, 1998 -15, 1999 – 20, 2000 & 2001 – not available.

A new performance option was introduced for 1996, the WS6 package. It included a ram air hood, specific springs, shocks, sway bars, wheels, and tires. I don't recall if the horsepower numbers were changed for the LT1 models, but the LS1s went from 305 to 320 hp.

If you desired more than a factory built Firebird, you could order a Pontiac-backed, modified SLP Firehawk through any participating Pontiac dealer. The Firehawk was based on the Formula only for the 1993 – 1997 models. For the second series Birds, the Firehawk was available in the Formula and Trans Am. These cars are highly collectible today.

Other "designer" Firebirds offered during their production run were GMMG Black Birds, Harley Edition, various pace cars, and the Dennis Mechum edition.

I thought I knew all there was to know about the 4th Gen Firebirds, but I learned a lot more from Scott's presentation. Well done Scott, and thank you!

We did not hold our 50/50 raffle or our attendance drawing, so no winners to report this month.

See you at the Dust Off cruise.

Care Corner

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.