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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March
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March 2, 2010 Meeting Report

President Ron VanZytveld started our meeting by having Terri Miller pass out her Treasurer's Report. It appears our finances are in good order! (BTW, welcome back to Michigan Terri & Wendel!)

Ron also wanted to extend the club's thanks to Cary Hirdes for heading up our Elhart Car Show, usually held the first Friday in August. Elhart is still willing to help, but we may have the show elsewhere on his lots.

It appears that the Burn show will be held the weekend after the Tulip Time show, which makes it around May 18th.

Herb Howes shared photos he took at the Detroit Autorama. Dan Jensen was showing his '70 442 and added commentary to Herb's presentation.

Joan and Doug Troost won the 50/50 raffle of \$15! Terri and Wendel Miller won the club lotto of \$111. Talk about a welcome back present! Congrats to both couples!

John Baumann of John's Classic Cougars was our guest speaker. You are asking why a Pontiac club has a Mercury Cougar fan give us a presentation. Well, his father-in-law owned nothing but Pontiacs! Seriously, John has always been a fan of Mercurys, Cougars in particular. He started out selling Mustang parts with his brother, but decided he wanted to help fellow Cougar owners more. He bought Cougar parts cars, parts at swap meets, new parts from dealerships, and advertised in Hemmings Motor News. That's when things took off, and he's been busy ever since. John started looking for small companies to help him reproduce Cougar parts, such as patch panels, decals, upholstery, floor mats, and more. Ford gets a 7% royalty from everything that has a Ford trademarked name on it. John once had at least one Cougar for each year he sells parts for, that is, from 1967 through 1973. He has sold most and only has his '67 and his wife's '70. John would some day like to find a finished '69 or '70 Cougar Eliminator with a four-speed transmission. Thanks for a great presentation John!

Finally, Ron mentioned that Medema Auctions is going to sell a big car collection on April 17th. The cars range from bizarre to collectible.

See you all at the next meeting.
Dan Jensen

DUES

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of March.. That means dues are due for a new year. This year we are asking you to fill out the membership form with your information, even if there hasn't been any changes, and send it along with your dues so that we can update our club directory and send out a new copy to everyone.

THANK YOU

We have had a **great** response to our request for dues and member information. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the information and send it in to our treasurer. We are now missing dues from only **two** members. As soon as we get everyone's information we'll put together a new directory that you will receive in the mail.

FAST FACTS

This was from a Dunkin Donuts survey:

The Pontiac GTO is one of the top two cars 32% of Americans wish to see on the market again. The other one is the Chevrolet El Camino by 26%.

(Courtesy of Judy Hirdes)

CHANGE IS AFOOT

Ron received an email from a fellow car enthusiast from the Detroit area. It said: As you know, currently a vehicle with a historic registration pays a \$30 fee, which is valid for 15 years. A vehicle owner might choose an authentic "same year" plate, paying a one time fee of \$35 (non expiring). Under House Bill 5897, a vehicle owner would pay \$30 **per year** for a registration, regardless of registration type (for either an historic plate or an authentic plate). Please oppose HB 5897. Let your congressmen know its unfair.

2010 SCHEDULE

April : Paul Kleinheksel - Geo Caching

May : Progressive Cruise ending at ice cream shop

June : Steve VanZytveld - metal fabricator

July : POCI Convention Charleston VA - no meeting

August Meeting - Gilmore Cruise-in

August 6-7 Pontiac Nationals - Norwalk OH

August 20-21 Woodward Dream Cruise

August 27-28 Metro Cruise

September Meeting- Ottawa Beach

September - 17-18 Dan's Drags Stanton - volunteers are needed to help out at the drags.

October - ?? Ken Faber - Vintage RV's

November - Valve cover races

December - Christmas Dinner

Some of these venues are tentative - keep an eye on your newsletter for more information on times and meeting places.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

We've had more sunny weather the last seven days than any seven day stretch in 2009. I think spring is here! Ladies and Gentlemen, start you engines! Cruisin' time is almost here. Get your cars and trucks all checked out for another year of SAFE driving.

We had a great meeting last month. John Bauman from John's Classic Cougars gave an interesting presentation on what his company offers and all he has to go through to produce and sell reproduction parts for Mercury Cougars.

The Millers returned from Texas just in time to win some gas money for their motor home from the meeting attendance incentive pot. The pot starts out at \$25.00 again next month. We hope to have the rest of the snow birds back for the April meeting when Paul Kleinheksel tells us about the fine points of Geo Caching.

It's not too early to make plans for the POCI Convention in Charleston W.V. It's looking to be a great convention and the setup in the large park area along the Kanawha River should be a great venue.

Be sure to send in your POCI ballot and questionnaire about future conventions, remember the club with the highest percentage of votes by members will win \$200.00

Remember as you get moving around in the garage, if you have any extra parts, car for sale or if you need something we can put an ad for you in the newsletter.

I think I'm going out to the barn and smell some exhaust for a while. See you at the next meeting!

Ron

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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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NEXT MEETING

APRIL 6 AT FAMOUS DAVES

**WE WILL BE HAVING PAUL KLEINHEKSEL AS
OUR GUEST SPEAKER, THE TOPIC WILL BE GEO
CACHING**

**THE PROGRAM PORTION OF OUR NIGHT WILL
BEGIN AT 7:30**

**FEEL FREE TO COME EARLY FOR A BITE OF
DINNER BEFORE THE PROGRAM**

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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