

The Arrowhead



West Michigan Chapter

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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Chief's Chatter

Bob DeBoer- WMPOCI President

October 1st was our meeting, graciously hosted by club members Ron and Elaine VanZytveld in their family cave. The club provided pizza for all and several of the ladies brought a very delicious array of desserts! Thank you, Linda W., Terri M., Janet L., and Nancy J.,

Officer nominations were given, and all positions were filled by volunteers. The only office to change was for President which Scott Van Tamelen accepted and all were in favor. Thank you for your continued participation and making my job easy.

October 19th is our Fall Color Tour. We have a full day planned for a visit to the Gilmore Museum and a few more stops along the way. Thank you to Scott V. and Bob M. Please come and join us for a good time.

At the November 12th meeting please remember to bring your valve cover cars ready for racing, and a donation of \$5 each person for pizza which will be served around 6 pm and racing around 7 pm. Several more ladies have volunteered to bring dessert. Rox will send you a reminder.

Our club has been invited along with the Vintage Car Club of Holland to tour the Tiara Yacht Club. We will take your RSVPs at our November meeting. The tour is being hosted by Jeremy Sturgeon on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 pm. They are located at 725 E. 40th St., Holland, MI. They will have a short history presentation, tour the factory and then enjoy some ice cream floats together. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Please note: This invitation is ONLY open to the Vintage Car Club of Holland and our Pontiac Club. (Please see the flier later in the newsletter.)

Enjoy your Fall,

Chief Bob

New Member:

Harold Brenner & Roger Wright – 1967 GTO

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday November 12th, 2024

We will be going to Ron & Elaine Van Zytveld's home at 4101 Byron Rod. Hudsonville, MI 49426. Arrive at 6:00 pm to eat pizza provided by the club with a \$5 donation per person. Desserts to be shared will be available as well. Club meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Followed by Valve Cover Car races directly after.

Annual Dues

You can mail in your payment to the following address:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E. 8th St

PMB 157

Holland, Mi 49423

Also, if you signed up after July of 2024 you do not have to pay again already.
Your next payment will not be until January 2026

Please be sure to include your POCI number when renewing as well.



Dan presented a check to the club for helping with the Pure Stock Drag Races.



Linda is presenting a check to Tammie Tamminga from Ridge Point Community Church for letting the Club have our car show there in September.

Noteable Notes:



A little over 40 members showed up for our meeting held at the VanZytveld compound on October 1st. The club provided pizza and drinks, and many of the ladies brought desserts. After our fill of fine food, President Bob DeBoer opened the business meeting by announcing our newest members, Harold Brenner and Roger Wright, who own a 1967 GTO.

Scott VanTamelen gave us an update on our October 19th Fall Cruise. We will meet at the Wayland McDonalds around 9:30 and take back roads to the Gillmore Car Museum, Gull Lake Farms, and to a private collection of brass-era cars. More details to follow.

The next meeting date is November 12th. We will hold our annual Valve Cover Races and board member elections, if necessary. This year, the races will be held in the pole barn instead of the meeting room. The club will provide pizzas again, and the cost will be \$5 per person.

Our Christmas Party is Friday, December 12th. It will be held at the same place, The Trestle Stop in Hamilton, MI. Festivities start at 6 pm. Dinner is served family-style, and the cost is \$20 per person, of which the club will cover \$10. There will be entertainment as well.

Linda Walker presented her Treasurer's Report. We had income from dues and only one expense for the Michigan Annual Corporation Report Fee. Linda wanted to remind everyone that dues are due between now and January 1st.

The October meeting is when we take nominations for our club board members. For President, the names offered were Scott VanTamelen, Bob McCarthy, and Ken VerMeulen. Both Bob and Ken declined their nominations. Scott accepted his, and with no competition, he is our new President.

Bob McCarthy volunteered to stay on as Vice President, as did myself as Secretary, Linda Walker as Treasurer, and Tena Schulte as Newsletter Editor. Sometimes our nomination/election process is easy!

Joe Birtles won the 50/50 drawing worth \$58! The names of Mike and Ryn Morse were drawn for the Attendance raffle worth \$212, but they were not present. Since the pot will grow to a sizeable amount for the November meeting, it will be split into three drawings.

On behalf of Lyndon Hughes and my brother Dennis, I would like to express our deepest thanks for all your help at the 2024 Pure Stock Drags last month (September). With your help all these years, the Pure Stocks has become a well-oiled machine. From running the gate to merchandise sales, scales to staging lanes, you make the event easy for us to bring to the muscle car fans! Here are some stats from this year's race. Of the 125 cars registered, here is how they broke down by brand from most to least. Chevy 28, Pontiac 25, Buick 18, Plymouth 14, Dodge 11, Oldsmobile 9, Ford 7, Studebaker 7, AMC 4, and Mercury 2. Twenty-three states were represented as well. Texas, Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Arizona, California, New Jersey, Illinois, Tennessee, Indiana, Florida, Kansas, New York, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, Oklahoma, Iowa, Rhode Island, Georgia, Colorado, and of course, Michigan. We also had several cars from Ontario. Again, thanks for all your help and let's do it again next year!

See you at the next meeting!!

Dan Jensen

Meetings:

The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page, or check out our website for specific times and locations.

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Check out our latest events and activities on our website 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 and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill it's goals, as well as, provide information.



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

November 12th: Annual Valve Cover Car Races – We will be meeting at the home of Ron & Elaine VanZytveld. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. At 7:00 pm we will have a quick meeting and then the competition will begin. Polish off or create those unique valve cover cars!

December 13th: Christmas Party to be held at Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. There will be musical entertainment this year. Please let Linda Walker know if you are able to attend so we can let them know how many of us to plan for.

Follow our club on Facebook and on our website at: www.wmpontiac.com

SALE

A previous club member, who now resides in Florida, would like to sell a 1969 GTO convertible project. The car body, is in Sparta and the parts are in Portage. According to him the metal work is done, with new floors and quarters. Needs finesse and paint. A Ram Air engine has been built and broken in. The body has been set up for a stick shift. The car was originally an automatic. It comes with a blue interior with an instrument panel redone by Just Dashes. His son lives in the area for viewing. A project he knows he will not finish. Looking to make a deal for the right person who can finish it. \$18,000.00

Contact George Turner at (616)260-9991.

Boats & Floats Tour at Tiara Yachts with the Vintage Car Club of Holland

November 14th at 6:30 pm located: 725 E. 40th St., Holland, MI

Please send RSVPs to Jeremy Sturgeon at vester18t@gmail.com for a headcount.

Vintage Car Club of Holland

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TOUR

BOATS



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FLOATS

November

14

6:30 PM

TIARA YACHTS 725 E 40TH ST, HOLLAND, MI 49423



I'm reaching out to invite the WMPOCI out to our 14th Annual NovemberFest Open House here at GR Auto Gallery of Grand Rapids! We're keeping our doors open late to show our appreciation for our local community, valued customers, and friends. Join us for our annual open house, complete with free food, drinks, cool cars, and great company. This night is all about honoring our loyal supporters and celebrating another fantastic year in Grand Rapids. Everyone's welcome, we hope to see you there!

I've attached a flyer for the event as well as multiple links for additional information.

Details:

Date: 11/7/2024

Time: 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Address: 4722 50th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/sDdKU95VGqrFxCQp/>

GRAG Website Link: <https://www.grautogallery.com/novemberfest>

Hope to see you there!

Ethan Wilstermann

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