

# The Arrowhead

## West Michigan Chapter



October 2020

### Chief's Chatter

#### **Doug Troost-WMPOCI President**

By the look of the clouds and the leaves starting to fall it appears fall is upon us and summer is fading. Where did it go? Even with the virus and many things shut down, my summer has still been busy... I've been able to attend a few car shows this month which is a good thing.

Well we had a cool, rainy night for our Sept. meeting at the beach but we were in luck as there was a shelter we made use of. A special thanks to those of you who made (or bought) dishes for the potluck. There was some awesome food there and thanks to the grill masters for cooking the burgers and dogs. Best part, our group pulled together and needs to be proud of the fact that thru your generous donations we raised somewhere around \$830.00 for Hospice of Holland.

By the time you read this Dan's race will most likely be over, weather permitting. It should be a great time as always, hope to see many of you there.

Be sure to join our Oct. 6 meeting at 7:00pm (Eat before you come). The movie by Pontiac for the 1970 lineup sounds very interesting. I have never personally been to Gary Genzink's building but from the tibbits I have heard it is definitely worth seeing. Also our color tour is Oct. 9-11. Scott Van Tamalen has the details, if you have questions. Traverse City and Charlevoix are on the agenda which is sure to be a good time.

November is election month so get out and vote! With that being said, it's also our club election time. So our meeting will be pushed back to **NOV. 10** instead of Nov.. 3. So remember Second Tuesday of the month instead of the first Tuesday because of the National election. So put some thought into our election of officers. Nominations will be in Oct. however, the finalization and vote will happen on Nov 10. You guys are the engine of this club and as officers we just try to steer it in the right direction.

One more piece of information the Christmas party is going to be held at Beechwood Grill in Holland again this year. Their food is always good so make your plans to attend. See information about it in this newsletter.

See you at the races,

Doug

## MEMBER'S SHARE

Continued from last month....

At this time WMPOCI was displaying their Pontiacs at the Grand Village Mall, and if my memory serves me right, it was Bob Postma that signed me into the club. Time goes on and the little bird tells me it's time for another project, so I sold the 67 GTO (sniff-sniff). I can still hear the buyer as he loaded it on his trailer "boy what a beauty".

I discovered that an executive at G.M. in Hart Mi. was being transferred to Nashville Tenn. and had to downsize his barn collection. Opened the barn door and there it was, a 1966 GTO pile of pieces-parts, tri power engine, and a body so pure I couldn't believe it! Returning home Sandy took one look at it, shook her head, and went back into the house. I guess there is going to be no help there. It was only a three year project give or take a year. Herb Howes helped with some of the mechanics, one was replacing a cam with one that creates more vacuum for an auto transmission. Ames Engineering, Herb, George Haas, were sources for missing or bad parts. This GTO ended up being a good award monger. The only problem was if you didn't use leaded gas it would knock worse than the wife's knees on a cold night.

Cross over to the new millennium was the theme in 2000. The club hosted the POCI national convention, and what a trip. It was 20 club members taking care of 2000 people. My job was photography and I introduced digital pictures to use for future conventions because it took a day to develop 35mm film. It wasn't without many headaches. Once in awhile you might hear "should we host another convention?" "Eh"... let me think about that.

Call me Dan Jensen because I started to collect more than one car, a 1995 yellow Corvette, a 1986 Fiero that I painted Prowler purple, and a 1984 red Fiero. I heard voices from the little bird telling me to trade in the Corvette for a motor home. Then that little bird was still squawking saying to sell the 1966 GTO and get another project. I found two choices, a 1979 sports classic like the one that was totaled, or a 1979 Trans-Am. I chose the Trans-Am because the classic would be hard to find parts for. Wendell Miller (being such a nice guy) let me use his rotisserie. The Trans-Am was in very good shape, it just had to be refurbished to look like new. Pieces- parts! In the years from 1966 to 1979 they must have added three times as many. The Trans-Am did not get the recognition that the GTO did so off to GR Auto Gallery it went. Like the GTO, I made nice profit from it but don't figure the labor effort.

At the time I had the Trans-Am it was January 2009 and Sandy had passed away. The friendships that developed within the car club were dear, especially when they presented me with the carousel clock that chimes every hour. Spending most of your life with someone and then ending up alone is for the birds. Later that year I met Jane.

Now back to the GR Auto Gallery there was a 1994 red Corvette parked next to the Trans-Am that looked interesting so that little bird told me to buy it.

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## **Monthly meeting Minutes**

### **September 1, 2020 Meeting Report**

Despite the cool and damp weather, we had a great turn out at Ottawa Beach for our annual picnic. The club provided the burgers and hot dogs, while the rest of the membership brought a dish to pass. The food was great, and we all got our fill. While we were eating, President Doug Troost presented Kyleigh from Holland Hospice our donation of \$860! Even though we could not hold our August Car Show, we still managed to come up with a greater donation than we usually do!

Brian Martinie gave us his Treasurer's Report. We had income from dues amounting to \$25. Expenses we made up of the State of Michigan, club binders, and picnic food, totaling \$102.39.

The Pure Stock Drags are only a couple weeks away. My partners and I are very thankful for all the WMPOCI volunteers who help out at the race!

Scott VanTamelen gave us the details of our upcoming 2020 Color Tour. We will be travelling north on M37 to Traverse City, heading out Friday morning, October 9<sup>th</sup>, around 10:30 from the Meijer store in Standale. This will be a weekend trip, staying two nights at the Grand Stay Hotel, in TC. On Saturday we will head to the Charlevoix/Petoskey area to see the sights. On Sunday, we will swing by the Sleeping Bear Dunes before heading home.

Our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the barn of Gary Genzink. (He is a friend of Ken Vermeulen.) See elsewhere in this newsletter for directions to Gary's. We will be watching a rare Pontiac Motor Division film featuring John DeLorean and the 1970 Pontiac line up which should prove very interesting!

The November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's Family "Cave". We will have our officer elections as well as our annual Valve Cover Races.

The December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party will be held at the Beechwood Inn on the north side of Holland. More details to follow.

It was decided not to do the 50/50 drawing at the picnic.

However, we did have our attendance drawing, and we had a winner! Kay Postma was the lucky member to have her name drawn, winning \$51! Congrats Kay!

I'll see many of you at the Pure Stock Drags. If not there, then at the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

MEMBER SHARE Cont'd....

In 2003 there was Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show in Nashville, TN. If you had a million fingers you still couldn't count the number of Vette's in town! On display was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary convertible. You could have your picture taken with it and go on line to download it. Years later driving in my red Vette past Todd Wenzel's and guess what? There's that 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with only 8,000 miles on it! Now the car is in my price range so that bird told me to buy.

We always stayed at the same R.V. park in Florida. We bought a park model there and sold the motor home. Now I found we don't have a way to camp with the club during the summer months. Issue resolved... trade the Vette in for a travel trailer! No cars now, maybe another project on the horizon? At my age I think I'm projected out. ( I only told you about car projects) Besides if I would put my hands under a hood I would probably come out with two bloody stumps.

Today I am riding around in Jane's "almost a sports car" so **Zoom-Zoom** that's all folks.

P.S. Miata's are a blast to drive.

Your X- V.P. Tom Ensing



This picture is of my twin granddaughters in my car at the show in Grandville Mall.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 7 PM

Eat supper first

Meeting at Gary Genzink's Barn  
5985 146th Ave. Holland, MI

(If coming from GR, take I-196 west to Exit 47B (Washington Ave.) Turn right, at light turn left, follow 48th St./146th Ave. to driveway. If you get to Graafschap road you've gone too far. Graafschap CRC is on your left just before you turn in.)

**Your GPS should get you there. Bring a chair**

Viewing a rare Pontiac Motor Division movie  
featuring John De Lorean on the 1970 lineup.



## 2020 CLUB EVENTS

October 6 Meeting at Gary Genzink's Barn  
5985 146th Ave. Holland, MI (East of Graafschap)  
Your GPS should get you there. Bring a chair

October 9-10 Fall Cruise—Charlevoix/Petoskey

November 10 Valve Cover Races & Election of officers  
Contact Doug Troost for specs/instructions for Valve Cover Car  
NOTE: Change of date because of Election

December 3 (Thurs) Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland

## AREA EVENTS

**Thurs., September 24** 5-8 PM Ver Hage All Makes Car Show  
343 E. 8th Street., Holland

**WEST MICHIGAN PONTIAC CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 3, 2020**

**BEECHWOOD GRILL  
380 DOUGLAS AVE, HOLLAND, MI**

**6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR  
Bar services will be available**

**7:00 PM DINNER**  
Salad, dinner rolls, fried mushrooms, Onion rings,  
slow roasted beef, bourbon glazed chicken, green bean casserole,  
steamed buttered redskins, ice cream sundae, coffee & iced tea

**COST IS \$23.50 PER PERSON**

**RESERVATIONS ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK,  
MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 24.  
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO:  
WEST MICHIGAN PONTIAC CLUB**

**SEND TO :  
JOAN TROOST  
4246 BUTTERNUT DRIVE  
HOLLAND, MI 49424**

## **FALL COLOR CRUISE: October 9 & 10**

**Meet at 10:30 AM at the Meijer Store in Standale Friday morning.  
We will stay both nights at the Grand Stay Hotel in Traverse City.**

On Friday we'll be stopping in Newaygo for lunch at the River Stop Cafe. They can accommodate 25 or more of us. If the weather is decent they do have some outside seating if preferred. If you can't do the whole trip you can leave for home after lunch but still get to see some scenery.

On Saturday morning, 10:00am, we will be touring the Great Lakes Motor Works facility in Boyne City. Great Lakes Motor Works is a full-service automotive shop for all sorts of restored and hot-rodded vehicles. It also serves as the Headquarters for Classic Instruments who produces a host of different vintage gauge systems for older vehicles.

Questions? Contact Scott Van Tamelen

### Care Corner

*Tom Ensing has not been feeling well for some time as he struggles with Shingles.*

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*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.*

Check out our latest events and activities on our website

[www.wmpontiac.com](http://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 activities and events.*

*The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals, as well as, provide information.*

## **Club Officers**

President	Doug Troost	616-403-4416
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Treasurer	Brian Martinie	616-836-6040
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-896-0398
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## Membership Info

**Chapter Dues** are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E 8th St, PMB 157

Holland, MI. 49423

**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

### WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member (Chapter & POCI) \_\_\_\_\_

If full member include your POCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Non POCI member (Chapter only) \_\_\_\_\_

Pontiac Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_ Motor \_\_\_\_\_

National POCI # (must have) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Payable to West Michigan Pontiac Club

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