



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

**THE ARROWHEAD**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March 2014

# *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**

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**MARCH 4TH  
FAMOUS DAVE'S  
MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00  
COME EARLY FOR A BITE TO EAT**

## ***CHIEF'S CHATTER***

Is it spring yet? This winter has been pretty intense with snow and cold fronts. It has provided some good time to spend in the garage, barn or shop working on projects or Pontiacs. That is, if you're not too busy shoveling snow.

February's meeting was great. We had a good turnout of club members and an excellent presentation. Doug Mesman presented on his day job as Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with Ottawa County. It was a very eye opening and educational meeting. Hopefully, that will be part 1 of a 2 part series with the second part happening later this year and including a road trip.

Looking ahead, the March meeting has not yet been confirmed, but don't miss it. It will be great. I'm super excited for the coming months; there is some really fun events, meetings and events planned, I would like to encourage everyone to invite people to visit and consider joining the club! Most of us know someone that would really enjoy, benefit from, and make good additions to the club. I'm guilty of forgetting to invite some of my fellow non-club Pontiac Enthusiasts, but I am committed to making a better effort.

Here are some other great automotive happenings to help hold you over till earlier in February.

- The Grand Rapids Auto Show was cool for those that made it to that earlier in February.
- NASCAR is kicking off the new season in Daytona with Speedweek.
- With the death of the Speed Channel (stupid fox..), the best place for live online racing and racing news is now Motorsport.com
- IMSA launched its new Tudor Sports Car Championship with the Rolex 24 in Daytona. They also feature live streaming races on their web site (IMSA.com)

Stay warm and I hope to see you all along with new faces at the next Meeting!

-Carl

## February Meeting Report

As many of you know, it has been a “winter of old” with lots of snow and very cold temperatures. So cold that the January meeting was canceled. Near record snowfalls, and temps always below freezing has meant huge snow piles, and a lot of drifting. Needless to say, my snowplow, snow blower, arms and back are getting a good workout this season! Man am I looking forward to spring! Fortunately, the really bad weather held off just enough so we could finally have our meeting for February. We met at Famous Dave's in Grandville on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. About 20 of us braved the cold to do some catching up since the last time we met was at our Christmas Party in early December.

Our new President, Carl Thorwall, opened the meeting by presenting a gift to our out-going chief, Doug Troost. In appreciation for Doug's service to the club, he received a really cool Sinclair Dino tin sign to hang on the wall of his shop. Thanks for all your hard work Doug!

Being the first meeting of 2014, Carl went over what activities/meetings we have planned so far:

March meeting – open

April meeting – Scott Tiemann on Pontiac restoration

May activity – dust off cruise (destination TBD)

June meeting – possibly visit the Ottawa County Jail

July meeting – cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

August - meeting/activity – our car show at Elharts

September - meeting/activity – picnic at Ottawa Beach and help at the Pure Stock Drags

October activity – Color Tour to Run Right Classics at Houghton Lake (overnight TBD)

November meeting – officer elections and valve cover races

December activity – Christmas Party at the Doubletree

We are open to any thoughts and ideas you may have. Bring them to the next meeting.

Our guest speaker was our fellow WMPOCI member, Doug Mesman, who is head assistant Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney. Doug went over the duties of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, their criminal caseload, the prosecution process, the anatomy of a jury trial, and some Ottawa County cold cases, some of which have been solved recently. (Doug gave us handouts detailing all of these topics.) Some of the Prosecuting Attorney's duties include being the chief law enforcement official of the county, handling all violations of

felony and misdemeanor criminal laws in the county (including juvenile delinquency), handling cases in District and Circuit Courts, Family Courts, Court of Appeals, and Michigan Supreme Court, being involved with the County Board of Commissioners, Gun Board meetings, and fighting for financial support for children. On average, Doug's office handles 1300 felonies, 7500 misdemeanors, and 1500 juvenile delinquency petitions every year! Remember, this is just Ottawa County! Doug made clear to us that the Prosecutor's Office is not like what you see on TV, being cold and that getting a conviction is the only thing they want. Each case is treated individually, and they show compassion if it will lead to the best outcome for the offender. Thank you Doug for your fascinating presentation!

Gary and Pam Laarman won the 50/50 raffle, netting them \$15! David and Judy Kuyers' name was pulled for the attendance drawing, but they were not present, so the pot grows for next month!

See you at the March meeting, and try to stay warm!

Dan Jensen

### **Auto Round-Up Excerpt**

This is an excerpt from the Auto Round-Up Magazine written by Scott Strenzel aka "Scooter" concerning our 2013 WMPOCI Car Show at Elhart.

"This fine event took place in early August at Elhart Pontiac over in Holland, MI. I have to give kudos to Art, Karen, Doug, Cary, Terry and some more members that have slipped my memory for such an organized event. They're a nice bunch of car people to say the least.

The article also talked about Herb Howe's sharp 1965 yellow Tempest Custom convertible and Art Shillito's rare 1st year GTO that many say is just not so. It is a survivor 1964 Goat.

To sum up this happening, if you live in the west Michigan area, this is a worth while event, and word count limits hold me back from rambling on much more as to the other cool cars that were there, I was impressed as many Marque car club events that are open just do not attract the number and quality of cars that the WMPCC Elhart Motors does.

If you want to read the whole article Herb Howes could give you the information on what month the article appeared in the magazine, maybe you would be able to find it on line.

## Machinist Workshop Magazine

Machinist Workshop Magazine recently published some information on various penetrating oils. They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a “scientifically rusted” environment.

*Penetrating oils.....	Average torque load to loosen*
No oil used.....	516 pounds
WD-40.....	238 pounds
PB Blaster.....	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench.....	127 pounds
Kano Kroil.....	106 pounds
ATF*-Acetone mix.....	53 pounds

The ATF-Acetone mix is a “home brew” mix of 50-50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this “homebrew” released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test. Note also that “Liquid Wrench” is almost as good as “Kroil” for about 20% of the price.

Steve from Godwin-Singer says that ATF-Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50-50 mix. \*ATF = Automatic Transmission Fluid

This information was passed on by club member Dan Karczewski. Thanks Dan.

## Schedule of Meetings for 2014

March 4 – Famous Dave’s

April 8 – Scott Tiemann on Pontiac restoration

May activity – dust off cruise (destination TBD)

June 10 – possibly visit the Ottawa County Jail

July 8 – cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

August - 5meeting Famous Dave’s – 8th our car show at Elhart

September - picnic at Ottawa Beach and help at the Pure Stock Drags on 12th-13th

October activity – Color Tour to Run Right Classics at Houghton Lake (overnight TBD)

November 4th – officer elections and valve cover races

December 5th – Christmas Party at the Doubletree

We are open to any thoughts and ideas you may have. Bring them to the next meeting.

[Watch for updates and changes to the schedule](#)

# 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

## WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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