

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

As I'm writing this the club members who attended the POCI Convention are headed back home. As of Joan's Facebook post they are returning with some "Bling". Congrats and glad you didn't melt in the heat.

I know we usually don't have a meeting in July because of the convention, but thanks for the great turnout at the tour of DCM. It was very interesting what Steve and Todd Flokstra have going on there in bringing back old Dodge trucks. They were also redoing an old Chevy Army Radio Truck, not totally original. Ha Ha! After the tour we headed to the Moo-Ville in Vriesland for some ice cream because we can't do anything without eating.

Our next meeting is at John and Linda Walker's house. We will not be providing a supper, but will have Ice Cream for dessert.

The Car Show is coming together very well, we have more sponsors so we will also have more awards to give out. Thanks for the work on getting sponsors. Awesome! We are again

asking each member to provide a \$10.00 item to be given out as a door prize, and if you can contact a restaurant or business for a gift card or additional item that will be great. More details at the meeting.

In going over the Club Roster it was pointed out that we are missing some of the member's POCI membership numbers. In order to be a member of the West Michigan Car Club you must also be a member of POCI. If you are a member, please get us your membership number for our roster.



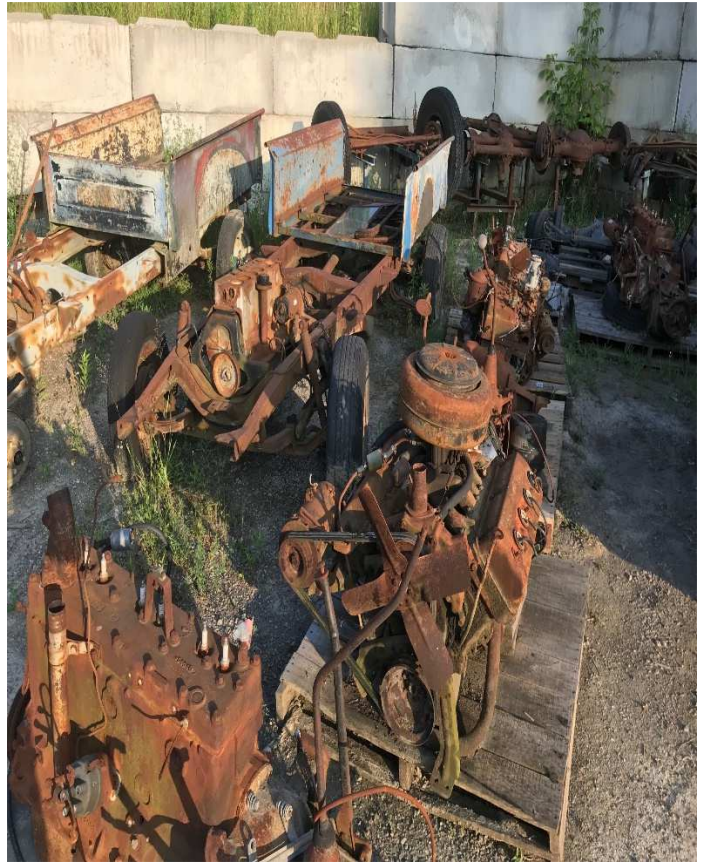
Chief's Chatter cont'd.....

This year we have welcomed a number of new club members and we have 2 more, Ron and Kathy Bosma from Holland and Brian, and Marty Robertson also of Holland.

Look for them at our next meeting and say HI. You could also introduce yourself even if you are wearing your name tag 😊. -Cary Hirdes

Pictures from DCM tour









NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Aug 2nd 7:00pm

We will meet at:

Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland....And it's BYOC
(Bring Your Own Chair)

**2814 Air Park Dr
Zeeland, Mi 49464**

Consider This!!

If you are not a member of the national POCI you really should be. Why?

Because you're missing out on one of the premiere Pontiac publications in the country.

Ask a current member to see their Smoke Signals magazine, you'll understand what I mean.

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.



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

August 2nd: Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

Sept 6th: Picnic at Holland State Park

Oct 4th: Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

Nov 1st: Meeting Place TBD. Officer elections and Valve Cover Races.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

August 2nd: Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

August 12th: Elhart Car Show

August 11th-14th: Pontiac Nationals at Summit Raceway Park near Norwalk, OH.

Sept 6th: Picnic at Holland State Park

Sept 16th-17th: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at Mid-Michigan Motorplex, Stanton, MI.

Oct 4th: Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

Oct 8th & 9th: Fall Cruise – perhaps the Apple Festival in Charlevoix?

Nov 1st: Meeting Place TBD. Officer election and Valve Cover Races

Dec 9th: Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant Hamilton, Mi.

Other Automotive Events:

Aug 6th: Red Barns Spectacular-9am-4pm-Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, Mi

Aug 27th: Berger Chevrolet All GM Car Show-8am-4pm-28th St. Grand Rapids, Mi

Recurring Weekly Cruise-In nights:

Every Thursday Night Dorr Cruise-In, 5pm at the Dorr Dairy Ranch, Dorr, Mi

Every Thursday Night Summer Cruise-In at Ace Hardware 5pm-9pm, Dorr, Mi

Every Friday & Saturday Night Cruise Nights 5pm at Andi Leighs-Pizza at Wyoming, Mi

Every Sunday Night Cruise Nights at the D&W 50 Douglas Ave, parking lot, 5pm Holland, Mi

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.

WMPOCI Officers:

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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.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 2022 Meeting Report

Our July 5th meeting had us gather at DCM (Dodge Central of Michigan) on Chicago Drive in Zeeland, MI. DCM specializes in Dodge pickup trucks from the 1930s to the 1980s, and Plymouth pickup trucks from 1935 to 1941. Father, Steve Flokstra, and son Todd, started the business several years ago when Todd bought an old 1946 Dodge pickup truck. They soon found out there were no sources of new or used parts, so they started buying whole trucks for the parts needed for Todd's truck. Soon, they were buying and selling trucks and parts for others in the hobby with the same interests.

As time went on, they began to reproduce popular parts that were impossible to find. More and more parts were added to their catalog until what you see today. They have a very successful business with a beautiful building (just expanded to include a showroom) to fabricate the reproduction parts, and a shipping department too. Used trucks are stored out back behind the building.

Steve and Todd showed us around to see what they do, and we got to see several trucks they were working on for customers, as well as their shop truck, a 1962(?) Dodge pickup truck that has been pro-toured with a Cummins 4-cylinder diesel, 5-speed manual transmission, Ford 9-inch rear axle, big disc brakes, fancy modern wheels and tires. They left the original patina'd paint alone.

The tour was very impressive, and Steve and Todd were very gracious hosts. Todd even had made Pontiac key fobs on their computer controlled fabricating machine for us! Thank you to the Flokstra family for their hospitality.

After the tour of DCM, most everyone went for ice cream nearby.

We didn't have a business meeting, so the only thing to write about is Linda Walker's Treasurer's Report. We had income from dues and the spring dust off. There were no expenses.

Also, our club roster shows our membership up to 50, the highest it's been in years!

See you at the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

Win a 5 Night stay at the 2023 Convention

RECRUITERS WANTED!

WIN A FIVE NIGHT STAY AT THE POCI CONVENTION 2023!



EVERY TIME YOU RECRUIT A NEW POCI MEMBER OR A TWO YEARS INACTIVE RE-UP, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CREDIT TO WIN

1ST PLACE - 5 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL, FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION, AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET
OR \$300 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

2ND PLACE - FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET OR \$200 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR POCI CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

LUCKY WINNER - ALL NON WINNERS ENTER A DRAWING FOR \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

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for complete rules



Pictures from the 2022 POCI Convention







***Four Happy West Michigan Winners.
Congrats guys!!***



From left to right: Bob Deboer, Bob Walker, Scott van Tamelen, Doug Troost