



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**WEST MICHIGAN
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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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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.

Club Officers

President	Scott VanTamelen	6 1 6 - 4 5 0 - 8 4 5 0
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Treasurer	Terri Miller	6 1 6 - 8 7 5 - 8 0 6 9
Secretary	Dan Jensen	5 1 7 - 6 4 7 - 2 4 7 4
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Next Meeting

ANNUAL VALVE COVER RACES

at Ron & Elaine Van Zytveld's "family cave".

(4101 Byron Road, Hudsonville)

We will order pizza and have beverages.

Your donation of \$5/ea. will cover that cost.

You also may bring your own favorite beverage.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN HOLLAND FRIDAY, December 2

Punch/Social Time 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM

\$10 a person is needed to make your reservation.

Contact Terri Miller by Thanksgiving. govoyage43@gmail.com

You can sign up and make your payment at the November meeting.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello, my fellow Pontiac Enthusiast!!

It's that time of year again. The time when the colors on the trees change, the time when our Saturday activities change from attending car shows to raking leaves, from enjoying a nice leisurely ride to the beach in our vintage Pontiac-GMC to readying our snow blowers to take on Old Man Winter. It's Fall Time!!

I personally enjoy the Fall season the best out of all the seasons. I like the cooler temperatures, and I especially like seeing the change of colors. For those of you who couldn't make our Fall Color Tour this year, you missed a good one. Tom and Jane did a fantastic job of setting up the event, and opening their home to us. The Winery Tour at Fenn Valley Winery was very informative. By the end of the tour, I surmised our host knew as much about wine making as we know about Pontiacs, and maybe even a little more. After the tour we went back to Tom and Jane's for a nice dinner, and some camaraderie. Check out the event photos below, and again a big THANK YOU goes out to Tom and Jane!!

Back to the subject of change, as we approach our November meeting you need to be aware of the change that will taking place within the club. Since there haven't been any nasty political campaigns, no personal-attack commercials, no email scandals, and definitely nobody declaring to build a wall and making the Motor City chapter pay for it! You may have missed that the club is fast approaching it's annual election time.

If you read last month's newsletter fully you caught that I have decided to step down as your President after this year. It's been a great two years and I fully enjoyed every minute of it, but it's time for me to turn the reigns over to somebody else. Which means you need to be thinking about who will best fill the position. Maybe it's yourself? Maybe it's somebody you see good qualities in? Maybe it's somebody other than yourself, just because you don't want to do it!? (I really hope that last one isn't true.)

Regardless, be ready to nominate, appoint, and elect new club officers at our November club meeting. And if there's someone you have in mind for a position please reach out to them before the meeting, and ask if they would be interested in being nominated. Tell them why you feel they would be best suited for the job. Maybe it's a quality you see in them, maybe it's their demeanor, maybe it's their expertise in Pontiacs (or GMCs)? Whatever it is, pick up your membership folder, give them a call or write them an email telling them why you want to nominate them. I'm a firm believer that if we do this ahead of time it makes the nominees feel more appreciated, and the November meeting feel less like a "railroad station."

OH!! And don't forget to bring your best Valve Cover racer to the meeting. November is also our annual Valve Cover Races, and it's time someone unseat Wendell Miller as the reigning Champion. LOL!!

Until next time, grab another gear and stomp it to the floor!

Scott Van Tamelen

October 2016 Fall Cruise and Business Meeting Report

We had close to perfect weather for our fall color tour this year. The skies were clear, deep blue, and the sun shown the whole day. The only downsides were the low temperatures (about 60, plus or minus a few) and the strong breeze out of the northwest. As far as fall colors are concerned, we were about a couple weeks away from the leaves turning.

About a dozen or more cars showed up at Tom Ensing's and Jane Dowling's house in Fennville before our scheduled winery tour. We left a little early to first go to Crane's Orchards to get a glimpse of their operations. You can pick your own apples, plus buy their cider and other gifts from their shop.

Time went by quickly and we had to head over to the Fenn Valley Winery which was just around the corner and down the road a short ways. We had a 3 PM appointment for a wagon ride around the grape orchard. Mark was our driver/tour guide for our two hour ride. He educated us on the variety of grapes grown there, the type of soil and climate needed, and the process of turning the grapes into the many varieties of wine. (I can only tell you there is white, red, and champagne, i.e. I'm no expert by any stretch of the imagination!) In addition to learning about the winery, we got to sample about a dozen different wines that Fenn Valley produces. I have to say, it was too much information to digest (pun intended)!

Our tour ended shortly after 4:30, and most everyone headed back to Tom and Jane's to prepare for our potluck dinner. But since we weren't eating until about 6 PM, several of us (Scott VanTamelon leading, The Laarmand, the Bakers, and myself) went on a short cruise along Lakeshore Drive into Douglas, through town, and then nice back roads back to the house.

We timed it just right as all the food was laid out, and people were getting in line. As always, the food was excellent, and plentiful! The one couldn't ask for better company! After everyone was full, and the evening coming to a close, it was time for a short business meeting.

Scott kicked off the meeting with the 50/50 raffle, which was won by Bob DeBoer! Matt Bruch's name was drawn for the attendance lotto, but he wasn't present, so it grows for the November meeting.

Terri Miller gave us her Treasurer's Report. We had expenses for the Ottawa Beach Picnic, seed money for the attendance lotto, a gift card, our donations to Holland Hospice and the Wayne Elhart Memorial. There was no income for the period.

I took the opportunity to thank everyone who helped out at this year's Pure Stock Drags. We had a successful year because of your support! Even though the attendance was down (both the car count and spectators) due to the pessimistic forecast, you guys managed to sell almost all the shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and license plates! It was nice not to have to haul home and store a bunch of inventory for next year's race. Again, thanks to you all!!!!!!

(Secretary's Report cont.)

November's meeting will be at Ron and Elaine's house. We will be holding our annual Valve Cover Races, as well as our elections for our Board Members.
See you there!

Dan Jensen

Here is a list that was sent to Scott VT of some vehicles that are for sale:

- 1980 Pontiac Sunbird, 4 cyl., Manual Trans, 2 door
- 1972 Pontiac Lemans, 8 cyl, 350 cu in., automatic, 2 door
- 1965 Pontiac Lemans, 8 cyl, 326 cu in., automatic, 4 door
- 1969 Pontiac Lemans, 8 cyl, 350 cu in. automatic, 4 door
- 1985 Pontiac Grand Prix, 8 cyl, automatic, 2 door, wire wheels, power windows, A/C

Peter Mikinka, P.O. Box 346 Woodhaven, MI 48184 (734) 692-0192
These vehicles have all been stored inside for decades.

Care Corner

Karen Arnoldink was able to attend the potluck after the winery tour.
Linda Kamphuis's step-mother passed away about 3 weeks ago.
Dan Baker was found to have a broken rib after his recent accident.

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.





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

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 _____

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