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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

October 2007

## Chief's Chatter

Wow, how about this Indian Summer! We all got a few more weeks to enjoy our cars. Just think, we had 3 inches of snow on the 10th of October last year. Of course who knows, by the time you read this that may have happened too.

If you missed the last meeting you missed a good presentation. I'm leaving it to Dan to report to you what you missed regarding the techniques and things to do to get a lot more horsepower and gas mileage for your everyday car and your old ones, too. On the subject of Dan, our THANKS to Bob and Dan for the donation they make to our club to the tune of \$700, which makes our treasury fund look a lot better. Those of us who worked enjoyed our days at the pure-stock drags. If you've never done it, you should put it on your schedule for next year. It is an awesome time. THANKS DAN!

Now don't forget to come to the November meeting! We have exciting things planned. Maybe even one of you lucky people will get to be nominated for an officer's position. As we didn't have time for nominations in October, we will do the nominations and elections all on the same night. Just to let you all know, I will not be running for president next year. It was fun while it lasted. It's someone else's turn. Remember this is your club and with everyone taking a turn and helping out, we will survive- without it well.....This is not the year for excuses. We will need someone to step up and take their turn. We are all short of time and what it comes down to is "commitment" to keep our club up and running. We really want to thank Dan and Terri and the Thorwall's for doing their part for so many years and hopefully they will consider doing it for another year. Even though the Thorwall's have only done the newsletter for one year we do hope they will stay on.

We are also going to build valve cover racing cars. We will be dividing into teams and then each team will build a racing valve cover car. All supplies will be provided (except the valve cover) and the race will be in December along with our Christmas Party on the first Wednesday night in December.

There will also be discussion on our meeting location. With parking conditions the way they are, the idea has been presented to change places. We have had good food and service and a decent room but the parking and the area for bringing your old cars

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to the meeting are well....let's just say not acceptable. So, your ideas and input are needed and important for what should be done.

As I mentioned earlier in the letter, the board has decided to have our Christmas Party the night of our club meeting in December so we can possibly get a larger turn out. We will be meeting at 6:30pm and unfortunately dinner will be "Dutch Treat". The club will provide a dessert of some type and some door prizes. More details to follow at the November Meeting.

In closing, please remember our son-in-law and family in your prayers as the holiday season is approaching. He currently is serving our country in Iraq, stationed at Camp Taji, 20 miles north of Baghdad. He is with the Army's transportation division. We need to thank each of our soldiers for the sacrifices they are making and have made.

Doug

## October Meeting Minutes

VP Bob DeBoer took over running the meeting at Brann's Restaurant, giving Doug Troost a little vacation. Yes, Doug and Joan were there but they got to relax all evening for a change! Bob started off the meeting having Terri Miller give us her Treasurer's Report.

Last month at our Ottawa Beach picnic, we gave Hospice of Holland a donation of \$770. Proceeds came from our Elhart Car Show in August. We received a letter of thanks from Hospice, and Rox DeBoer read it to us. Because of what Hospice does and the comfort they give the patients, as well as their families, it is one of the best institutions to donate to. I think we are all proud that we help out our local Hospice!

Tom Plochocki gave us his last update on the Color Tour of the covered bridges near Indianapolis, IN for next weekend. He had itineraries and maps to hand out to those who were going.

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# October Meeting Minutes

I talked about the successful turnout at this year's Pure Stock Muscle Drag Race. Despite being a little damp starting out Friday morning (September 14th), we had a record number of musclecars drive through the gates to race, 151 to be exact. Pontiac was the best represented brand with 36 cars showing up. (We Pontiac lovers aren't afraid to have some fun with our cars!) Also well represented was this Pontiac club with many of you showing up to help out! Bob Boden and I thank you for all the hard work you do that make this event successful. Without you, this race just would not exist! Hopefully all of you got one of our shirts or hats. If not, let me know. I still have some mediums, larges and extra larges. Thanks again for your help!

At next month's meeting we will hold club officer nominations and maybe the elections too. Usually, we have nominations in October, but not this year. Also, bring a clean valve cover that is lying around the garage or shed. We will be building valve cover cars for teams to race in December! Remember, they have to be clean!

Our guest speakers were Bob & Rox's son-in-law, Matt, and his friend Tim from ZZ Performance located on 28th Street, just west of Byron Center. If you have a GM car with the Series II or III 3800 V-6, ZZ Performance is the place to go for your performance needs. They can increase the power of your 3800 from as little as 5 hp all the way up to 700, or higher! ZZ was started about seven years ago when its owner wanted to modify his 3800 engine in his Grand Prix. However, he found there was nothing available for these cars at the time. He met Matt, who had been hopping up modern four-cylinder cars, and they started fabricating parts for the Grand Prix. Soon, other GP owners took notice and they wanted parts too. To make a long story short, the business snowballed into the big shop on 28th Street with 15 or so employees. Tim said he is boxing and sending out 250 orders weekly. ZZ has CNC machines to make many of their parts in house. So if you have a need for speed with your 3800-equipped car, check out ZZ Performance. Their website address is [www.zzperformance.com](http://www.zzperformance.com)

Herb Howes won the 50/50 raffle and I won the member drawing. Wow! See you in November and don't forget to bring a clean valve cover!  
Dan Jensen

## December 5: Christmas Party!

Our club Christmas Party will be a part of our regular meeting on Wednesday, December 5, starting at 6:30 with dinner ("Dutch Treat"). We will run our Valve Cover Races and enjoy dessert and door prizes provided by the club. We hope for a great turnout! See you at the party!



### 2007 West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for Oct. & Nov.

**Nov 7**..... Club officer nominations and elections, and building valve cover cars to race in December.

**Dec 5**..... Club Christmas Party at Brann's.

### With Sympathy

*We want to extend our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to Bob and Kay Postma and family at the passing of Bob's brother.*

### Welcome!!

**We would like to extend a warm welcome to a new Club Member who joined in October: Louis and Joan Welke from Grand Rapids. They have a 2007 Solstice.**

# 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

President	Doug Troost	616-399-1423
Vice President	Robert DeBoer	616-538-6712
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editors	Greg & Melanie Thorwall	616-399-4701

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30pm

The November meeting is at Brann's on Leonard. We are sure to have a great time. Bring a clean valve cover to make a valve cover car. We will choose teams and race in December. Also, we will have officer nominations and elections.

Hope to see all of you there!!



## 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.

## Membership Application

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

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