



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
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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.

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JUNE 10

**TOUR OF OTTAWA COUNTY JAIL (the Fillmore
Complex) BY DOUG MESMAN**

**We are meeting at 6:00 at Stable Inn on US 31. We need
to be at the jail at 7:00 which is about 15 minutes away
from the Stable Inn.**

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Happy Spring All!!!

Yesterday we completed this year's Dust-Off Cruise! It was a blast. Doug and Joan led the group from Elhart in Holland south towards Dowagiac, Michigan. Down there, we pulled into a small parking garage near a barn that housed one of the coolest shops I have been at. It had everything car guys and gals love! Partially complete restorations, paint booths, rare parts, amazing cars, incredible tools and some amazing art work. It was cool. After drooling over those we headed to Lane Automotive in Watervliet, MI. For those that have not been its like a Meijer store for Hot Rod parts. All that made the group hungry so off we went to Clementine's in South Haven, Michigan for some good food. The final stop was at Scott Van Tاملen's Anniversary Firebird Collection on the east side of Saugatuck, MI. He had some incredible cars and stories to share with the group. The trip was a success, with only a few minor rain drops on the first leg.

Next up this year for the Pontiac Club is Jail. Yup, that's right, you're going to Jail. On June 10th The West Michigan Pontiac Club is meeting at the Stable Inn on US 31, north of Holland, around 6 for dinner and a quick meeting. Then they are heading to the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex for a tour of the Jail. This is Part 2 of a series by club member Doug Mesman. I unfortunately will not be in attendance, I will be somewhere with the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour.

Safe Cruisin!!!

Sincerely,

Carl

May 2014 Dust Off Cruise Report

Ten vehicles (five Firebirds, three '64-67 A-bodies, and two SUVs) carrying 19 people showed up early May 17th at the Elhart campus in Holland for our annual spring dust off cruise. The weather was a bit cool for the time of year, but that has been the norm since winter and into the spring. The caravan left promptly at 8:30 AM and we headed down US 31 turning onto the Blue Star Highway, and then onto M140 just south of South Haven.

The towns we drove through included Saugatuck, Douglas, Ganges, Glenn, South Haven, Covert, Watervliet, and Sister Lakes. Our ultimate destination was Sun Ray Restorations, which was located just east of Sister Lakes, but has a Dowagiac address.

Bill Godisak, owner of Sun Ray, gave us a tour of his fine establishment. Bill and his crew specialize in Packard restorations. He had one in the shop completely torn down to the body tub, and a chassis for another car that had been painted a beautiful glossy royal blue and was in the early stages of being re-assembled. The Ralston aluminum body was in a trailer waiting to come into the shop for its restoration. The ultimate goal for this particular car is Best of Show at Pebble Beach! From the looks of the chassis, I'm pretty confident that the car will be a contender!

Also in the shop was a 1931 Marmon V-16 roadster! It was a good looking car with grey paint and black top and interior. What really stood out about the car to me was its massive 490 cubic inch, all aluminum V16 engine! It makes 200 horsepower, which was very powerful for the early 1930s. There was also a late-twenties or early thirties Paige automobile. Both the Marmon and Paige weren't restored at Sun Ray, but the owners wanted them "corrected" and "made right" by Bill and his employees.

Bill and his wife also shared with us their personal car collections which included an early '50s Jaguar roadster, a custom '50s pickup, '66 427 Corvette, '70 SS 454 Chevelle, a Packard V8 powered '20s pickup (made from leftover parts from other projects), an early '30s Ford pickup destined someday for Bonneville, a 1960-ish Corvette drag car (Bill's first car?), and a beautifully restored early '30s Packard sedan.

I could have stayed there much longer and talk to Bill, his wife, and Jordan, one of the employees. But we had to be back in South Haven to have lunch at Clementine's. So we jumped back into our cars and made the trip back north. We pulled into South Haven around 1 PM, and we were on our own to find parking near the restaurant. Phoenix Street, the main drag through downtown

South Haven, was still closed (from being completely rebuilt), but the crews were putting the finishing touches on it still. Even so, parking wasn't hard to find. Clementine's had two adjacent tables set up for us, and we were seated right away. The food and service were excellent!

After our dinner, the ladies did some shopping and then we all gathered at the Meijers gas station just east of town to head north to see Scott and Michelle Van Tamelen's property and Trans Am Anniversary collection. When we arrived, all of Scott's and Michelle's Firebirds were outside the barn and arranged in order, including a 1984 (15th Anniversary), 1989 (20th Anniversary), and a 1994 (25th Anniversary). Scott hopes to find a 1979 silver 10th Anniversary and a 1999 30th Anniversary in the future to complete their collection. The visit with Scott and Michelle marked the end of a great spring dust off cruise and a great day! See you in June for our jail tour!

Dan Jensen



1931 Marmon

“One” of the shops machine rooms.



FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014

**The Remember When Car Show & Cruise
Open to ALL Antique, Classic, Custom, & Hot Rod Vehicles**

Car Show: 5 PM Cruise: 8:30

Show Site: 124 E. 8th St.

Cruise...on 8th St....2 way traffic

Just like the good old days!!!

In Downtown Holland

Registration \$10.00 per vehicle

John Baumann Chairman 616-396-0390

Mail Advanced Registrations to: Dee Ann Baumann 11522 E. Lakewood Blvd.
Holland, MI 49424

Schedule of Meetings for 2014

June 10 – visit the Ottawa County Jail

July 8 – cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

August - 5 meeting @ Famous Dave's

August 8 - Car Club Car Show at Elhart

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

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

November 4th – officer elections and valve cover races

December 5th – Christmas Party at the Doubletree

Watch for updates and changes to the schedule

**REMEMBER DUES ARE PAST DUE IF YOU HAVEN'T YET
PAID PLEASE SEND THEM TO TERRI**

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

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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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