

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

September 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes- WMPOCI President

Thank all of whom were able to be at the postponed car show. Setting up went very well since we didn't have any cars to move. We did have some problems with the sound system not being loud enough because when I turned it up it would overheat and shut off. We'll have to investigate that.

On Friday morning we spent a lot of time watching the weather radar, and trying to decide if we could have the car show. Judy was able to contact WOOD TV8's weather person (Matt Kirkwood) and ask his advice. We explained that the radar showed the storm breaking up for our area, but he said the conditions were right for "pop up" storms later in the day. I was texting with other board members to make the decision. Finally, around noon we decided to postpone the show to Saturday afternoon. The food and ice cream vendors were available then also. Judy sent emails to previous attendees and posted on several Facebook pages to get the word out. Then around 3 PM the weather started to clear up, but it was too late

to try and cancel the postponement. There were people that showed up and we found out later that Ziegler had moved our postponement sign from the parking lot into a building. Ugh!

Regardless, Saturday turned out to be a wonderful day with 79 cars showing up and many club cars. The weather was fantastic, and the food truck could make it along with the Ice Cream people. We still have two awards to get to the winning people. Thank You Linda Walker for ALL your work in setting up the car show.

Our next meeting is September 5 at the Holland State Park. We'll be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and are asking club members to bring side dishes (side salads or desserts) drink and tableware. We hope the Be Nice and Hospice representatives will be there to receive our donations.

We don't have a plan yet for a fall color cruise. We've had a suggestion of a Poker Run with a number of destinations, where we

would get a playing card at each place and end up at a restaurant or ice cream parlor to eat and determine a winner.

Any other fall color tour ideas are welcome.

The week after our meeting, the 15th and 16th are the Pure stock Muscle Car Drags at Mid-Michigan Motor-Plex just North of Stanton Michigan. For those who have not been there it's the best car show and drag race around. We assist at the entry gate collecting entrance fees and getting signatures and we also assist in selling t-shirts, hats, and other collectable items near the track. Friday is a day of time trials and Saturday is the Race Day. No trophies only bragging rights.

For October we don't have a meeting place yet, but part of the agenda is Board nominations so start talking to each other for members to nominate.

November is the annual Valve Cover Race and elections.

-Cary Hirdes



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 5th 6:00pm

Meeting at Holland State Park for our annual club picnic. Club will provide hot dogs, and hamburgers. Bring a dish to pass, and your own plates, utensils, and drinks.

**Holland State Park
2398 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland, MI 49424**

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.

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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.





Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

September 5th: Annual club picnic at Holland State Park

October 3rd: Club officer nominations. Our annual Fall Color Cruise later in the month?

November 7th: Club officer elections, supper, and our annual Valve Cover Races at Ron & Elaine VanZytveld's.

December 8th: Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

September 5th: Annual club picnic at Holland State Park

September 15-16: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex

Other Automotive Events:

September 2nd: Laborfest Car Show-Manistee, Mi

September 3rd: Brethren Days Car Show-Brethren, Mi

September 5th: Cars for Cancer-Lakes Mall Muskegon, Mi

September 8th: Frankenmuth Auto Fest-Frankenmuth, Mi

September 9th: Annual Silver Lake Apple Fest Car Show-Silver Lake, Mi

September 16th: Cars for Cancer- Harvey St. Holland, Mi

September 16th: Otsego Fest Car Show-Otsego, Mi

September 23rd: Harvest Fest Car Show for K9 Camo Companions-Rockford, Mi

October 7th: Red Flannel Days Car Show- Cedar Springs, Mi

October 14th: Pentwater Oktober Fest Car Show-Pentwater, Mi

Tuesday August 29, 2023

Fricano's Cruise-In, 5PM Fricano's Pizza Comstock Park, Mi

Mr. Quick Cruise-In, 5PM Mr. Quicks Apple Ave. Muskegon, Mi

Wednesday August 30, 2023

Culvers Cruise-In, 6PM Culvers 28th Street Cascade, Michigan

Gilmore Cruise-In, 6PM The Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, Mi

Fricano's Place Cruise-In, 6PM Fricano's Muskegon Lake Muskegon, Mi

Thursday August 31, 2023

Hot Rods and Hardware, 6PM The Ace Lot 142nd Street Dorr, Mi

Dairy Ranch Cruise-In, 5PM The Dorr Dairy Ranch 142nd Street, Dorr, Mi

A few Award Winners from our show









Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 2023 Meeting Report

About 40 members attended our August 1st meeting held at the home of John and Linda Walker. Early in the meeting, we were entertained by several airplanes coming and going, one that must have been practicing take-offs and landings.

Scott VanTamelan was thanked for organizing the cruise to Steve's Classic Car shop in Muskegon last month.

Linda Walker passed out copies of her monthly Treasurer's Report. We didn't have any income or expenses.

Next month's meeting (September 5th) is our annual picnic at Ottawa State Park. The club provides the burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to pass, and your own settings and beverages.

The main topic of this meeting was to finalize plans for our Elhart Car Show, scheduled for Friday, August 11th. This year we had donations for 20 trophies. Added classes were Favorite Buick, Oldsmobile, and Paint. A big thank you goes out to Scott Bouwman for providing the trophies. A volunteer worker sign-up sheet was passed around for various duties (parking, registration, 50/50 ticket sales, etc.) Club members were reminded to bring door prizes.

Scott VanTamelan talked about the upcoming All GM Show to be held at Gilmores, September 22nd and 23rd. There will be a POCI booth there and he was looking for some of our club members to man it. (Note: It's my understanding that the show has been cancelled.)

It's that time of year when Roxanne DeBoer is taking orders for club shirts. Give her a call if you are interested in getting some.

Any ideas for a Fall Cruise? Bring them to the next meeting or let one of the board members know.

Dan Jensen passed around a volunteer worker sign-up sheet for the upcoming September 15th and 16th Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race. Thank you to those who signed up to help.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the club provided ice cream and drinks for the members to enjoy.

The weather forecast for our Elhart Car Show was very ominous, so it was decided to postpone the show until Saturday. To our dismay, the weather Friday night was actually pretty good. With the show on Saturday, we had to compete with the Coopersville Dell Shannon Car Show, which is huge. Considering this, we had a decent turnout of 77 cars, not including our dozen or so club cars. The weather was very pleasant, so we can't blame it for anything. We also were able to sign-up 3 new members and one renewal. Overall, the show was an enormous success in my book.

See you at the September picnic at the beach.

Dan Jensen

Attention: Club logo attire

Anyone interested in placing a club shirt order please let Roxanne DeBoer know. When she has 6 or more items, she can place an order. Each person who orders will get their own invoice with tax included once she knows what you are ordering.

Roxanne's contact info: 616-540-8710 or roxiedeboer@yahoo.com

To see products, follow the link below.

www.sanmar.com

Care Corner

As far as we know everyone is healthy and doing well. No *Care Corner* news to report at this time.

For Sale Section

Have something to sell, or looking for a certain part? Let us know and we will list here for you.

Bob Deboer with his 1st place trophy from the Ames Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk.

Congrats Bob!!



The 2024 Convention: Springdale, Arkansas!

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