



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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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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November 5

Valve Cover Races at the VanZytvelds

4101 Byron Road Hudsonville

We will be having pizza delivered at 7:00, \$5.00 a couple.

We will also have a couple of desserts.

Start tweaking those valve cover racers!

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Well our Color Tour was a success!! A great big Thanks and job well done to Scott for a great time. There was something for everyone from pump-kin rolls, old cars and garages to car show, fall activities and shopping, good food and fellowship. Nice weather made for a good turnout (@ 16 cars) and only rain showers on the ride home dampened some spirits. (Love cleaning the car after it rains).

I would personally like to welcome our newest members: Bill and Theresa Norris. Bill is looking for a 66-67 Tempest, Lemans or GTO. Let's see if we can help them out.

Looking at the increase in membership this year I truly believe that the website has been money well spent. Keep up the good work Scott and Carl. We also have club cards available with information about our club to hand out. If you need any see Carl at the meeting he will have them.

Nov. meeting is the valve cover races and election night for new officers for next year. The meeting will be held at our newsletter editors home - Ron and Elaine VanZytveld. Check for a map or directions to their house included on another page of this newsletter.

On the matter of elections, please think real hard about who you would like as the new leadership for the club. Be ready to nominate those people. I will not be going for re-election for 2014.

If you're interested in a good read, do a search for : Muscle cars: 20 that made history.

May the best racer WIN. Good luck everybody. See you at the Christmas Party!! December 6th.....where did the year go?????
Enjoy the fall colors and weather:)

Doug

October 2013 Meeting Report

For the first half of October, we've been blessed with beautiful weather for our various Pontiac activities. Starting with our meeting on the 1st, about 26 WMPOCI'ers showed up at Famous Dave's Restaurant for good food and catching up. President Doug Troost started the meeting out having Terri Miller give us her Treasurer's Report. Income consisted of dues, and expenditures of our September picnic and the two year renewal of our web site. Speaking of our web site, Doug passed out business cards to everyone present, which are to be given to Pontiac/GMC owners who might be interested in joining our club. It beats carrying and handing out 8.5x11 inch application sheets! The cards have our web site listed, as well as our meeting information on the back. Keep some in the glove box of your Pontiac. You never know when you'll need some of these cards to hand out!

Doug asked me to give a brief talk about the Pure Stock Drags. I really didn't know what I'd be able to tell you since most of you are there helping out. So I decided to talk about how the Pure Stocks got their start. I won't bore you with all the details again, but in a nutshell it all began way back in 1985 when the Buick GS Club of America invited all Brand X cars to take on their stock GS on the drag strip at their national convention. My brother Dennis took his '70 RAIV Judge, and I took my '71 455 H.O. T-37. I made it to the finals against the Buick club's '70 GS Stage One car, but I lost the race when I forgot to turn on the electric fuel pump (which is no longer on the car!). From this one event, musclecar races gained popularity. We went to a lot of them with our Pontiacs. However, as aftermarket companies bought sponsorships, the rules changed to allow modified cars to compete, eventually excluding our stock cars. So way back in the early 90's, fellow GTO racer and friend, Bob Boden, and I talked about starting our own race for stock musclecars. We rented Milan Dragway for 1993 and 1994 and maybe got 20 cars each year. For 1995, we switched to the Mid Michigan Motorplex in Stanton, and we've been there ever since. We grew from a 20-car, single-day event to 130 cars over three days! The race has been covered by magazines like Muscle Car Review, Muscle Car Enthusiast (now defunct), and Hemmings Muscle Machines. In the early days, Bob and I could handle the race by ourselves. But as we grew, we realized we needed help. As a member of the West Michigan Pontiac Club, I asked fellow members if they'd like to help out. Well, I didn't have to ask twice. Every year, the Pontiac Club, you, come out in numbers and have helped make this race the best one in the country! Bob has since retired, and his friend Lyndon Hughes, and my brother Dennis, have joined with me to head up the race. But it is you guys that have made the race run like clockwork and made it a hit with musclecar owners all over the country. Thanks so much for your help! And as I always

say, we couldn't do it without you!

Scott Van Tamelen gave us an update on our October 12th color tour. Read more about it at the end of my report!

The November meeting is our Valve Cover Race, AND or officer elections! The meeting will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's house. So get your valve covers lubed up and ready!

So far, we have no entertainment reserved for our December Christmas Party. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Carl Thorwall told us the 2014 Hot Rod Power Tour will be held June 7th thru 14th. Registration is now open on line at Familyevents.com. The route starts at Charlotte, NC and ends at the Dells in Wisconsin, covering about 2600 miles!

Bob and Karen Arnoldink won the 50/50 raffle of \$23! Bruce and Debbie Hayes' name was pulled for our attendance drawing, but they weren't at the meeting, so the pot grows for November!

Now, about our Color Tour! First I want to congratulate Scott VanTamelen for organizing a fantastic time! The weather was almost perfect with sunny skies, and temps perfect for both man and machine! I didn't count, but about 15 cars and 30 people gathered at the Elhart Campus early Saturday morning before leaving around 9:15 am. We drove up old US 31, first stopping in Montague to watch the pumpkin roll. I think that was a first for most of us! I can cross that off my bucket list. We hit the road again and next stopped in Hart at a former Pontiac dealership, which is still open for business! No, they aren't selling new Pontiacs (we all wish!), but are now selling used cars. The building is covered in polished yellow ceramic bricks, inside and out. It started out as a Kaiser/Frasier dealership in the late 1940s, but Paul Hodges' grandfather bought the place and started a Pontiac and Buick franchise in the mid 1950s. The business was successful right up to the end, around 2005 (give or take) when they sold the franchises to another local dealer. Paul decided not to close the place, but deal in used cars. Over the years, he has bought back many of the cars they sold to local residents, including a 1965 Buick Electra, 1970 Tempest, 1976 Grand Prix SJ, and a 1977 Grand Prix LJ. They still have a 1975 Buick LeSabre convertible they bought new and decided to keep. Paul also bought a clean 1939 Buick Special Eight and a 1962 Buick Electra at auctions to display with the other old cars. It was a trip back in time to visit Hodges Pontiac-Buick in Hart!

We were back on the road heading to Pentwater, which was hosting a car show downtown. The guys looked at the cars and some quenched their thirst, while the ladies visited the many shops lining main street. About an hour later, we headed south to get a bite to eat at the Stoney Lake Inn. As we were finishing up our meals, the rain finally caught up to us. So we all got a little wet as we made our way back to our homes. All in all, it was a great day! Most of it was warm and sunny, perfect for a cruise. Unfortunately, the fall colors were not very brilliant, but you could see some trees were trying! Didn't matter, we had a great time! Thanks Scott for a fantastic cruise!

See you all at the valve cover races!

Dan

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 6

Our party is once again at the Double Tree in Holland. We are asking members to be ready to make their reservation at the November meeting. Cost is \$10 a person with the club picking up the balance. We would also like you to bring suggestions for our Christmas Collection Donation.

DIRECTIONS FOR RACES

Take 32nd Ave in Hudsonville south (left) off I196 to Byron Rd. turn right (west). 4101 will be on your right, the fourth house past 40th Ave.



Lets go racing boys!

2013 Schedule

November 5th - Valve Cover Races and officer elections

December 6th - Christmas Party

Watch the schedule for changes and updates.

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 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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