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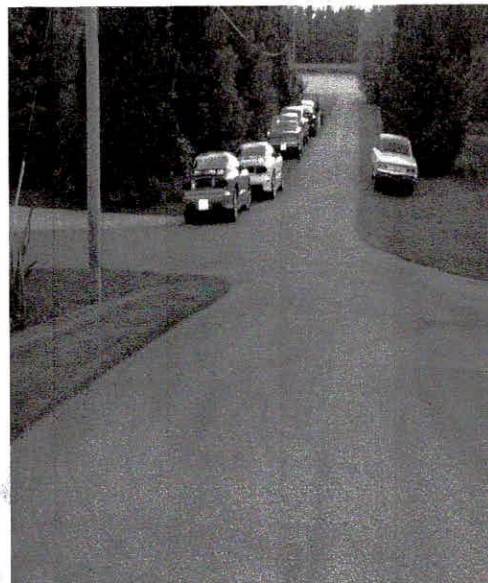
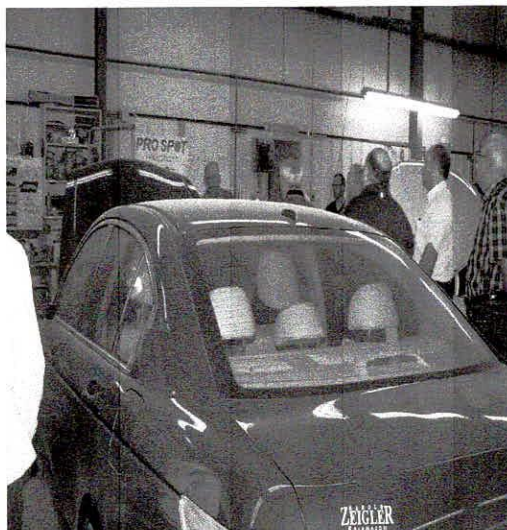
**THE ARROWHEAD**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

July 2015

Bob Arnoldink's shop



Some of the cruise vehicles @ Troost's



Thanks All for your hospitality!!

Dinner on the lake @ Laarman's

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015**

**July - No Tuesday Meeting,**

**July 12 - Sundae Cruise.** Evening cruise to Sherman's in South Haven

**July - 21 -25th - POCI Convention**

**August 4 - Famous Dave's -** finalize car show details

**August 7 - Club car show at Elhart Automotive Center**

**September 1 - Picnic Meeting at Holland State Park**

**September 18th & 19th - Dan's Drags' in Stanton (PSMCD)**

**October 9 - 10 Indianapolis - John Force Race Facility**

**November 3 - Valve Cover Races and Officer Elections**

**December 4 - Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland - Social Hour 6:00. Dinner 6:30**

Hello Again Everybody,

A couple of weeks ago we enjoyed our Progressive Dinner Cruise. We had an excellent night for it, and the turnout was fabulous. I'm not sure what the exact count was ( 13 - 14 cars?), but I'm certain that the line of Pontiacs traveling together down I-196 was impressive.....I know the sight from my review mirror was awesome!

I'm excited that we have a similar event planned for Sunday July 12th. Check your earlier emails for further details, or keep reading below, as details will be listed here in the newsletter too.

With the car season in "full swing" I hope you've been able to get your Pontiac or GMC out to one of the club events, or a local car show.

There use to be a time when I was younger that you could find me at a car show (or two) every weekend, It wasn't uncommon for me to drag my wife, Michelle, from one show on Saturday to another on Sunday. We have traveled all over Michigan, as well as parts of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky seeking out small "home town" car shows.

As I've grown older though I find myself prioritizing what shows we'll attend. Of those, few are what you would consider "substantial." In fact of the shows we still attend, only a couple are larger than 100 cars.

Take for example, the Arcadia Daze Auto Muster in Arcadia, Mi. It's a small show with many of the same vehicles year after year, but yet there's something about it that appeals to me. Maybe it's the small town "community" atmosphere, maybe it's the great Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, maybe it's the close proximity to Lake Michigan, or maybe it's just because we travel a portion of scenic M-22 to get there?.....Whatever it is, I've only missed 2 of the annual shows since 1995.

Thinking about this show and the reason we have continued to attend over years, has me wondering what it is about our "Elhart Show" that keeps bringing people back year after year.

Is it the location? Is it the date? Is it that we hold the show on a Friday night? Is it the trophies? Or is it just the warm sense of "community" that we create with the show? Next time we get together I'd love to hear what you think it is. I'd also enjoy hearing how we capitalize on that item for the future.

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

Regards,

Scott

## June 2014 Meeting Report

We had perfect weather for our June 2<sup>nd</sup> Progressive Dinner Cruise which started at Autobody Xperts, owned by Bob and Karen Arnoldink, in Hudsonville. I didn't count, but I'd estimate we had at least a dozen cars and twice as many people! There we had appetizers, and afterwards, Bob took us on a very informative tour of the shop and offices.

President Scott VanTamelon handed out maps to those not familiar with the routes to our future stops, the next being Gary and Pam Laarman's home on Lake Macatawa for our main course of hamburgs and hot dogs. They have a beautiful home and property that butts right up to the lake. So we enjoyed our food, under the trees, out by the shoreline and boat docks. It was a beautiful view looking across the lake as the sun was starting to settle to the west.

Time passed by too fast and soon we were back in our cars heading to Doug and Joan Troost's home for desserts. First we had to see Doug's shop where he is working on a pro-touring '62 Tempest! Then it was time to get in line for some delicious desserts. I ended up with a plate full, and had no regrets!

After we were all full and happy, Scott called for a short business meeting. He has been digging into our clubs origins. I remember there being an ad in the Grand Rapids Press calling for fellow Pontiac enthusiasts to meet at Orson E. Coe Pontiac, on 28<sup>th</sup> Street, at a certain time in their training room in the basement. I wish I could remember who was all there originally, but in addition to myself and my brother, I do recall Bob Postma and John Rand. I still have to quiz my brother to see if he remembers others that I don't. I will get back to Scott on this.

Scott and the rest of the club welcomed new members Dan and Nancy Baker. They have a Firebird Trans Am. (Sorry, I never caught the year, but it's a '98 or newer).

Gary and Pam Laarman won the 50/50 raffle of \$34. Doug and Pam Simon's names were called for our attendance lotto, but they weren't present. They would have won the \$79, but it will grow for our next meeting.

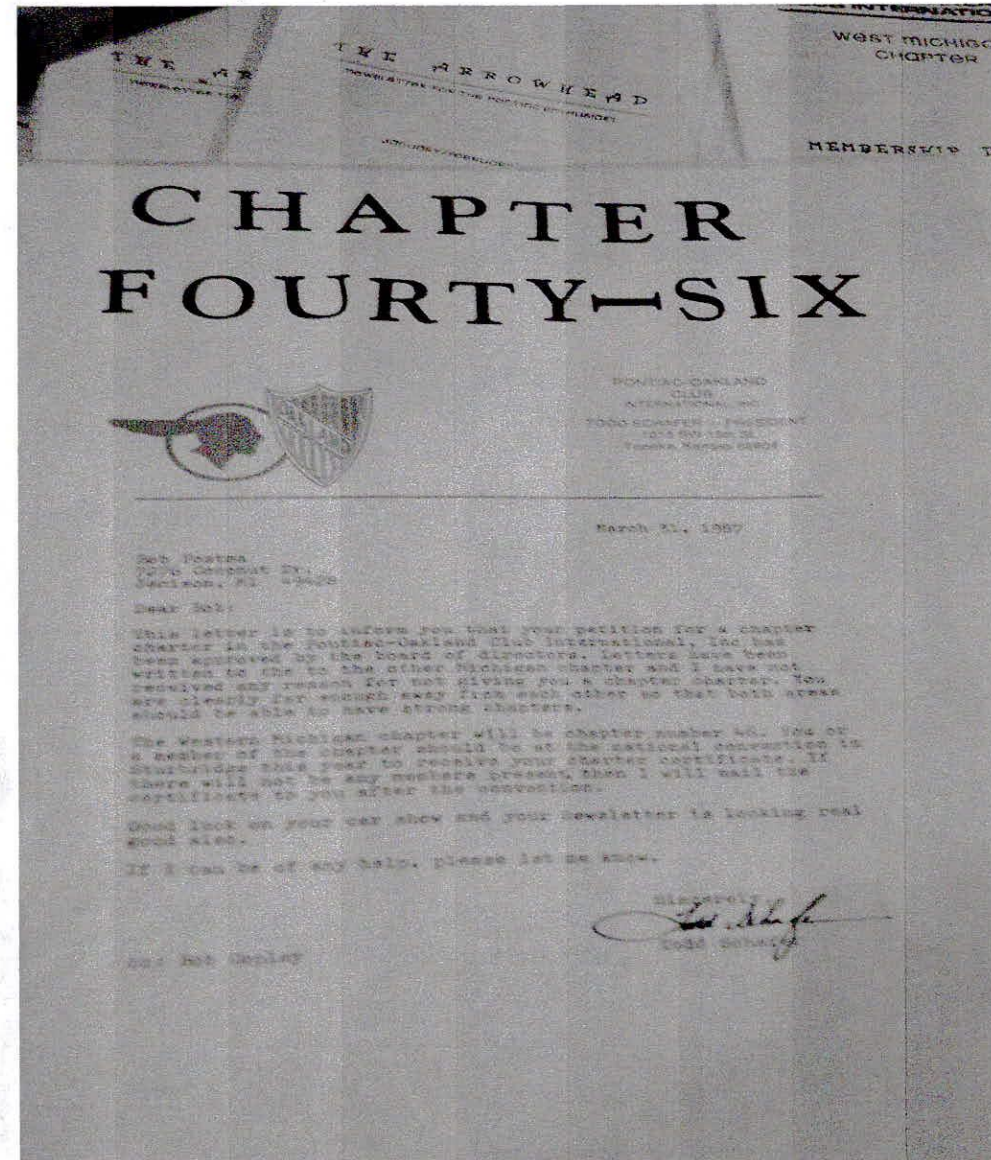
Remember, there is no meeting in July due to the POCI National Convention July 21 -25. But we will have a "Sundae Cruise" on the evening of Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Sherman's in South Haven. There should be more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, the Motor City POCI club is hosting their All Pontiac, GMC, and Oak-

Oakland Show at Bakers of Milford, MI on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [www.motorcitypoci.com](http://www.motorcitypoci.com).

See you somewhere this summer!

Dan Jensen



The letter from the International POCI Board welcoming the newly formed WMPOCI Club dated March 31, 1987.

# 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	Scott VanTamelen	6 1 6 - 4 5 0 - 8 4 5 0
Vice President	Gary Laarman	6 1 6 - 3 9 2 - 5 7 7 3
Treasurer	Terri Miller	6 1 6 - 8 7 5 - 8 0 6 9
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NATIONAL POCI CONVENTION JULY 21 - 25  
NO CLUB MEETING

SUNDAY JULY 12, MEET AT JIM LUIKEN'S  
SHOP @ 5489 32ND AVE. HUDSONVILLE AT  
4:00, AFTER WE WILL CRUISE TO AN ICE  
CREAM SHOP

Some dues are still out standing, please check if you have paid for 2015

## 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

## 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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