

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

October 2022

## Chief's Chatter

**Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President**

Our annual picnic supper at the Holland State Park was SUPER. The weather was fantastic, all of the food was great, and the fellowship was terrific. Thank You to all of the chefs for cooking the burgers and dogs, and to everyone who supplied the other food. No one should have gone away hungry.

We gave out our donations of \$1,200 to the Be Nice and Hospice foundations. They were surprised at the amount and took time to thank everyone.

The Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags are over for another year. It was a great time once again. Weather was FANTASTIC. There were 130 cars for the race, and many spectators. The ladies had this year's shirts sold out by early afternoon on Saturday so the customers that showed up after the race could only buy a ladies shirt from last year. Like the ladies said, "You Snooze You Lose". I'm sure Dan will have more to report at our October meeting.

Speaking of next meeting we will be going to the People Helping People facility in Pullman for our October meeting. The PHP building is at 925 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman. Jeff is expecting us at 7:00 PM. We have it set up with the EL JARIPEO restaurant, 106 East Main in Fennville to eat before we go to PHP if people want. We can arrive at the restaurant anytime between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. We'll leave at 6:45 to get to PHP at 7:00.

After our tour we'll have a meeting to nominate officers, have our financial report and discuss the motion of the club paying the POI dues for officers. This was brought up at our last meeting in hopes of getting more people to put their name up for an officer position.

Sorry I forgot about the 50/50 drawing and the attendance drawing at the end of our last meeting. Just thinking if I screw up enough someone else would want the job of President. Just a thought. 😊

The Saturday after our meeting will be our Fall Color Tour which Scott VT is planning for us. I'm sure there will be more info in the newsletter.

As always keep it tire side down and between the ditches.

-Cary Hirdes

**Editor's note:**

**At the last meeting I was asked about past winners of the Attendance Draw. I was able to go back through the list of winners from this past year, and have determined there have been no duplicate winners. Cary has been doing a great job of removing the names of the winners when they are in attendance.....Which means it's safe to keep him on as President for next year too if you wish. LOL!!!**

## Pictures from the Picnic







# **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 4th**

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## **Donations needed**

People Helping People  
in Pullman is glad to have us visit and give  
us a tour and tell us about their programs, etc.

We would like to bring some donations to help supply  
their pantry. Below is a list of their needs:

Freezer bags - gallon & quart  
Storage bags - gallon & quart  
Toilet paper  
Liquid laundry soap  
Bleach  
Paper towels  
Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Razors  
Feminine pads

Thanks



## Upcoming Events

### West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer elections and Valve Cover Races.

### West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Cruise – Drive to Manistee area?

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer election and Valve Cover Races

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant Hamilton, Mi.

### Recurring Weekly Cruise-In nights:

**Every Thursday Night** Dorr Cruise-In, 5pm at the Dorr Dairy Ranch, Dorr, Mi

**Every Thursday Night** Summer Cruise-In at Ace Hardware 5pm–9pm, Dorr, Mi

**Every Friday & Saturday Night** Cruise Nights 5pm at Andi Leighs-Pizza at Wyoming, Mi

**Every Sunday Night** Cruise Nights at the D&W 50 Douglas Ave, parking lot, 5pm Holland, Mi

*Thank you*

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*Scott Bowman would like to thank the club for its' generosity in recognizing his donation to the car show with a gift card. Wasn't necessary, but still greatly appreciated!!*

*Thank you!!!*

**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.

**WMPOCI Officers:**

President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059  
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Check out our latest events and activities on our website [www.wmpontiac.com](http://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.**

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

## September 2022 Meeting Report

We held our September meeting at Ottawa State Park. The weather was sunny and comfortable for our annual picnic at the beach. Like last year, we used the beach house instead of the picnic tables in the sand along the harbor. Almost 40 members attended the picnic, bringing multitudes of side dishes and desserts to go with the club-provided hotdogs and hamburgers. No one went home hungry.

Immediately following our dinner, Treasurer Linda Walker presented \$1200 checks to both Holland Hospice, and to Be Nice. The representative from Holland Hospice noted that our club has donated over \$15,000 to them. We've donated generously to Be Nice too. This is something our club should be very proud about.

Scott VanTamelon gave us an update on our upcoming Fall Cruise. It will no longer be a two-day cruise. The hotel was not able to give us a deal on rooms, so a one-day cruise it is now. Scott has some ideas for places to visit. Details will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. We will probably meet up somewhere in the Spring Lake/Grand Haven area. Scott will email any updates as they happen.

Linda Walker reported facts and figures of our August 12<sup>th</sup> Car Show. We had a record turnout of 178 paid registrations! Plus, over 22 WMPOCI member cars! That's the first time we put over 200 cars on the Elhart car lot. Linda reported Car Show income of \$3055, and expenses totaling \$571.42, leaving us a net profit of \$2483.58. (This allowed us to donate \$1200 each to Holland Hospice and Be Nice.) We had more trophies to give out this year, 20 in all. However, the Grand Prix trophy was unclaimed since there were none in attendance.

Linda also passed out her Treasurer's Report. We had income from club dues and the car show. Expenses included the ice cream for our August meeting, and for the car show.

Where we will meet for our October meeting still has to be determined. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the location. Officer nominations will be held, which leads us to...

Scott suggested that the club consider paying the officer's dues as an incentive for more people to run for the various positions. It was decided to vote on it at the next meeting.

Also, Scott talked about the importance of chapter members being members of POCI too. Fortunately, it's not a problem for our chapter.

The November meeting will be held at the VanZytveld "cave". We will hold our officer elections and our annual Valve Cover Races.

Bob and Barb Walker won the 50/50 drawing worth \$51. Bob and Roxanne DeBoer won the attendance drawing worth \$76. Congratulations to both couples!



It's two days after the Pure Stock Drags as I write this report. I'm still recovering from a lack of sleep! First off, I want to express my deepest thanks to all of you who came out to help at this event. The areas you helped out included the ticket booth (gate house), merchandise sales, scales, tech and staging lanes. Everything went off without a hitch. We had 131 car and driver entries (7 more than last year), 168 two-day pit passes, 327 Friday pit passes, and 768 Saturday pit passes. Actually, very close numbers to last year, but up slightly. I haven't inventoried what's left of the merchandise, but there wasn't much put back in my trailer! You all did a great job performing the various duties. There is just no way this race could be put on without you. Again, thank you from Dennis, Lyndon, and I for your dedicated help!

I look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting.

Dan Jensen



*Win a 5 Night stay at the 2023 Convention*

# RECRUITERS WANTED!

## WIN A FIVE NIGHT STAY AT THE POCI CONVENTION 2023!



EVERY TIME YOU RECRUIT A NEW POCI MEMBER OR A TWO YEARS INACTIVE RE-UP, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CREDIT TO WIN

1ST PLACE - 5 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL, FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION, AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET  
OR \$300 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

2ND PLACE - FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET OR \$200 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

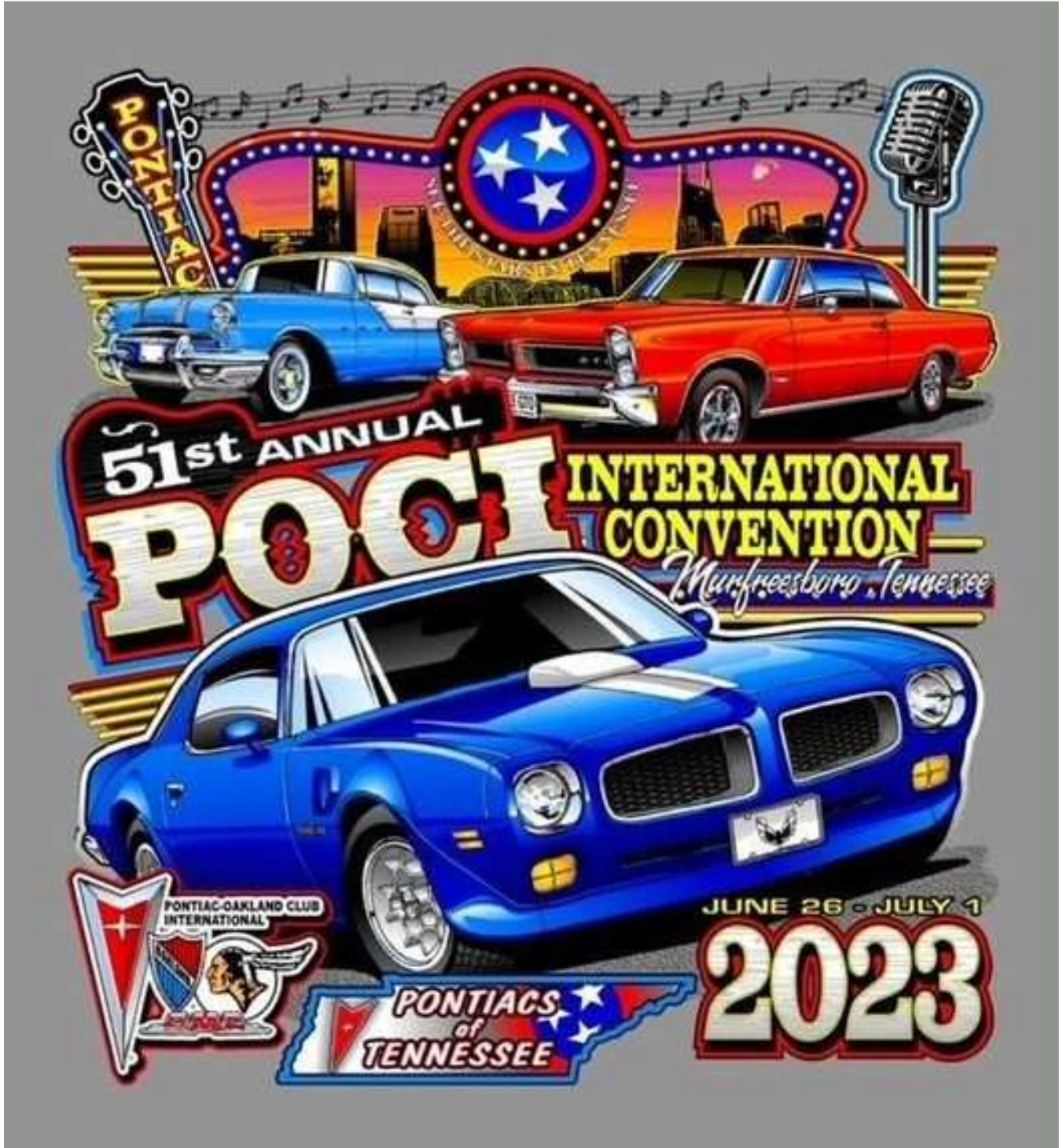
3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR POCI CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

LUCKY WINNER - ALL NON WINNERS ENTER A DRAWING FOR \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Log on to [poci.com](http://poci.com)  
for complete rules



*Hurry!! Sign-up now!! Don't miss the 2023  
Convention*





## **2022 Color Tour Details**

**Saturday October 8th**

We'll be leaving the Spring Lake area at 9:00am, and heading to the White Lake Lighthouse in Whitehall, Mi. We'll tour the lighthouse which can include a climb to the top of light if you wish to be so brave.

After we're done at the Lighthouse we will head north to Manistee via US-31. Along the way we'll stop at fellow POCL member Carl Loftis' place to check out his sign and gas pump collection.

When we're finished we'll continue into Manistee where we'll find a place for lunch.

After lunch we'll head to Martin Johnson Vintage Exhaust where we'll get a behind the scenes tour of extensive classic car exhaust systems Mary has available. Some of which are NOS Pontiac stuff. If you want more details, and won't be at the next meeting contact Scott van Tamelen @ 616-450-8450