

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

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*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

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## Chief's Chatter

**Bob DeBoer- WMPOCI President**

It's February and another month has gone by...and none of us can complain about the wonderful weather we've been having these past couple of weeks!

Last Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, we had our meeting at our new place, Butcher Block Social, our attendance was down a bit from normal. We held our mini car show with several of us bringing our models to be judged. Karl Schulte won a \$10 gift card to Meijer for the most popular: a '69 yellow GTO Judge.

Several of our Florida club members go together in January at the Hotel Jacaranda, a historical hotel in Avon Park, FL, and then on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February another group from our Arizona snowbirds got together and had lunch at Robson Ranch that is in a 55+ resort community. I'm glad to see us getting together even when we're apart, it just goes to show what a great group of car enthusiasts we are and that we still enjoy each other's company no matter how far apart. So, I

guess when you look at it that way, we had a great meeting after all.

Our March meeting will be held at Johnny and Linda Walker's home on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your favorite soup or chili for our cook off if you're interested in trying to win the "Spoon" prize for the 2024 year. Bring your own lawn chairs and a beverage if you want something different than water or soda pop.

We heard that Barb Walker recently had a back operation. Please keep Barb and our members who can't get out this winter in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for being such a great, caring club. Until we meet again, have a great month!

Chief Bob

**\*\*Please pray for Odie & Nancy Baker as Odie's mother, Sarah Baker passed away Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## Members in Arizona



## Members in Florida



# **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00pm**

We will be meeting at the home of **John & Linda Walker** for the Soup & Chili Cook Off. We'll be arriving at 6:00pm to eat together. Club meeting will begin at 7:00pm

Please bring your lawn chairs and beverages if you want something other than water or soda pop.

**Location:**

## **Annual Dues**

You can mail in your payment to the following address:

**West Michigan Pontiac Club  
430 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St  
PMB 157  
Holland, Mi 49423**

Also, if you signed up after July of 2023 you do not have to pay again already. Your next payment will not be until January 2025

**Please be sure to include your POCI number when renewing as well.**



# Noteable Notes:

Between 25 and 30 members attended the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Butcher Block Social restaurant in Caledonia. Many of our members are spending the winter in warmer climates, explaining the lower turnout. For those stuck in Michigan, the weather was quite nice for February.

After our meal (The food is quite good!) President Bob DeBoer kicked off the meeting by sharing Treasurer Linda Walker's reports for December and January. For December, we had income from dues, the Christmas Party, member charitable donations, and an anonymous donation. Expenses included the Trestle Stop Christmas Party, donations to Benjamin's Hope, Shields of Hope, and Gilmore Garage Works, gift cards, club supplies/reimbursements, and bank fees for mobile "dep", and new blank checks. January's report shows our only income from dues. Expenses included GoDaddy domain name and website fees, and P.O. box fee.

As a reminder to members, now is the time to renew your WMPOCI membership. You can mail them in or bring them to the next meeting.

For those who went to the Kalamazoo Swap Meet, held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were car show flyers on tables to take showing a lot of what's going on this coming show season. Of course, the most important show is our own on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at our new location, the Ridgepoint Community Church. You can see our flyer on our website in PDF format.

We welcomed back Rick and Sheryl Ploeg to the club.

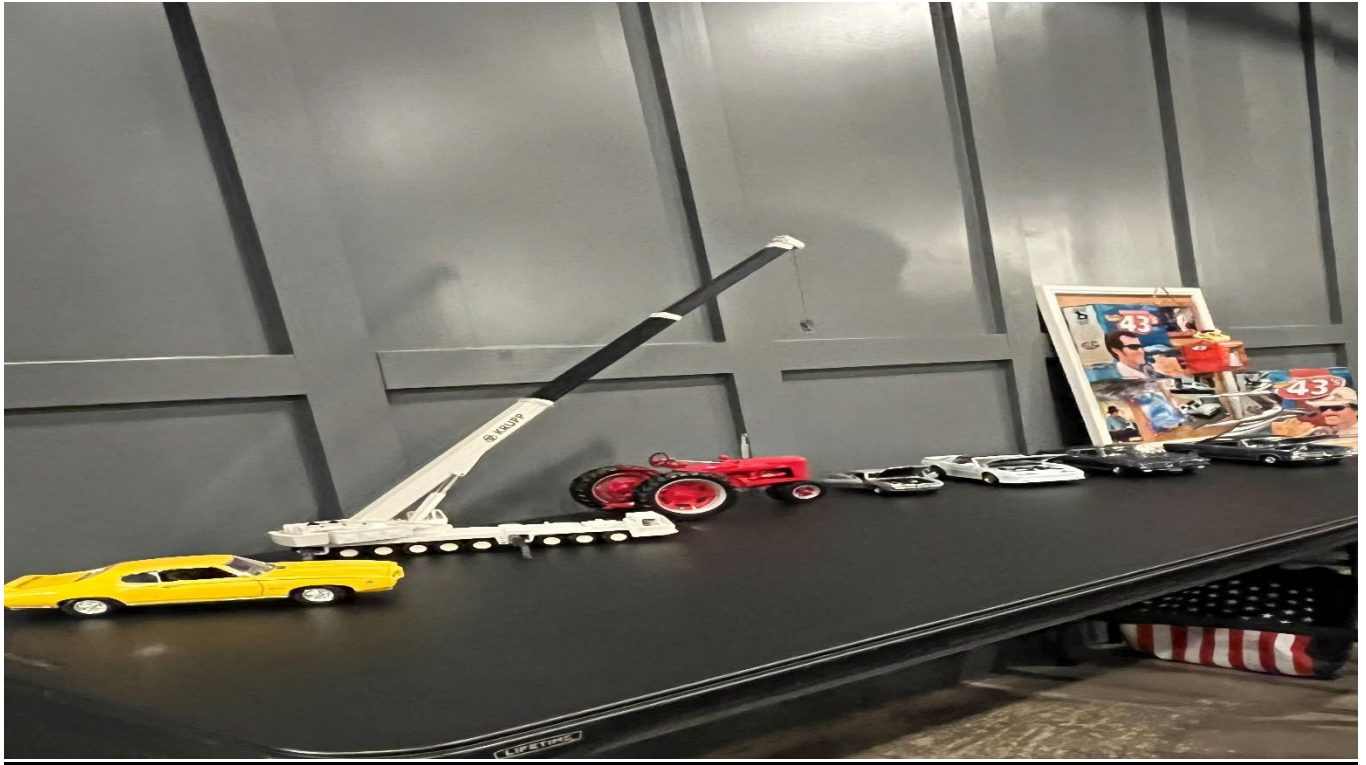
Scott VanTamelen talked more about our upcoming Spring Dust Off Cruise up to the Traverse City area. We will be staying at the Grand Beach Resort on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have a block of 15 rooms, more if needed, that will be held until April 1<sup>st</sup>. So, please book your room before the deadline. We will be touring the Hale Auto Museum and perhaps other attractions.

The highlight of our meeting was our Model Car Contest. There were seven cars shown including Karl Schulte's 1969 yellow GTO Judge, Ryan Snyder's Conrad Krup Autocrane, Bill Ribbens' IHC Farmall tractor, Curt Lenneth's 1967 Firebird, Scott VanTamelen's 1989 T/A Indy Pace Car, Greg Jordan's 1969 blue GTO Judge, and Ardee Rocha's 1965 GTO. Bob and Roxanne DeBoer had a nice display of the 1986 Grand Prix 2+2 that they used to own. Best of show and a \$10 gift card went to Karl Schulte's yellow Judge! Congratulations Karl.

Ardee Rocha won the 50/50 drawing worth \$48. Congrats! Doug and Joan Troost's name was pulled for our Attendance drawing worth \$179! Unfortunately, they weren't present, so the pot will grow for the next meeting!

Speaking of which, I hope to see you there for the Cook Off!

Dan Jensen, Secretary



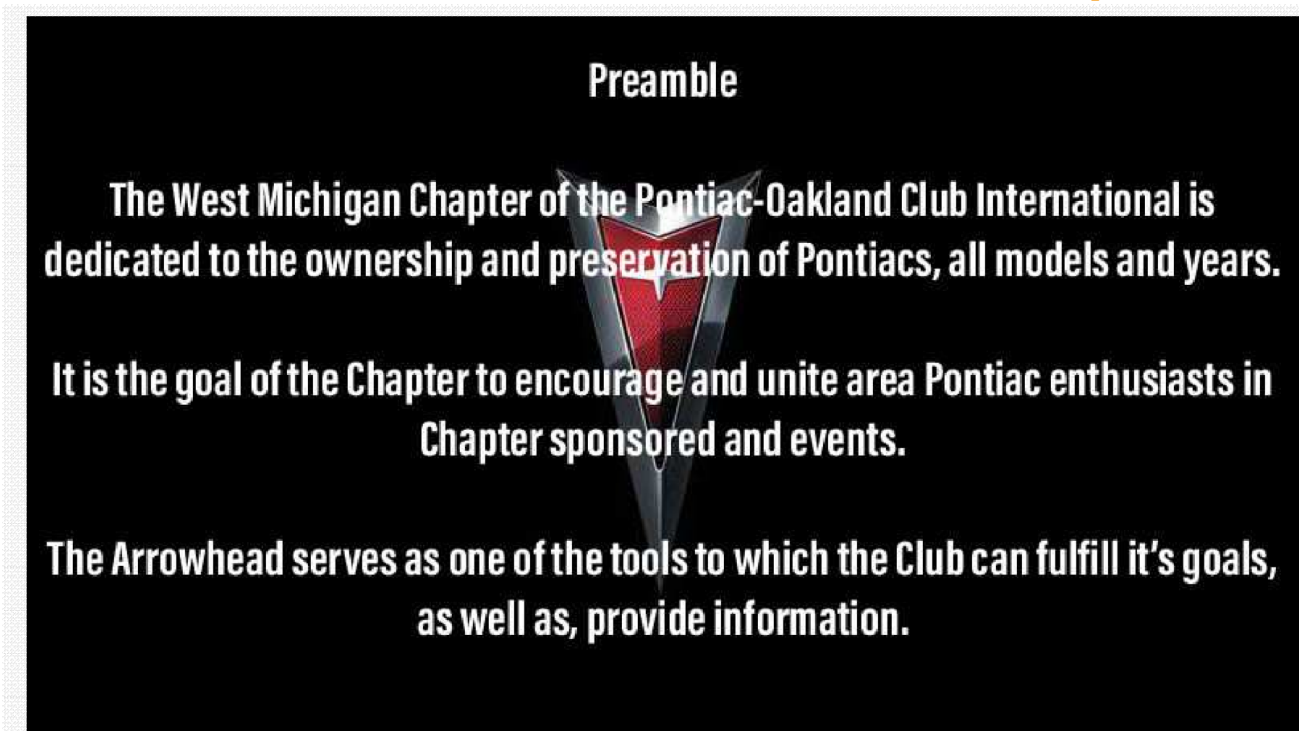
**Meetings:**

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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**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:**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting – We will be meeting at the home of John & Linda Walker at 2814 Air Park Dr. Zeeland, MI 49464. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm for our **Annual Chili/Soup Cook Off**. Everyone is asked to bring chairs. Club meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Whoever was last years winner, please bring the spoon back to be passed on to this years' winner.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting – TBD (please put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas to our next meeting)

**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:** **Spring Dust Off** – with an overnight stay being planned for in Traverse City. Also to include a tour of the Frankfort Car Museum and other places of interest in Traverse City.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** **Cruise to Muskegon** – to tour a Custom Engine Builders facility. Out to dinner/ice cream after.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** **Zeeland Car Cruise** (this is a Friday night) Line up starts at 5:00 pm at the Zeeland Football Fields on Riley St. with the cruise starting at 6:00 pm. Going for ice cream after the cruise is a good possibility.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting – We will again be meeting at the Butcher Block Social Restaurant at 9900 Cherry Valley Ave SE Caledonia, MI 49316. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. Club meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The upcoming Car Show will be discussed.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** **Annual WMPOC Car Show** – this years' show will be held at Ridge Point Church in Holland on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. off of Adams/16<sup>th</sup> St. There are 3 large parking lots so we will be able to control the flow of traffic and have plenty of room for spectator parking. Linda is working on getting new signs and fliers made for advertising. She is also having a new banner made for us to park by. The caterer from previous years will be returning, the church has offered the use of their PA System and there may possibly be a band.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Picnic at Holland State Park** – We will arrive at 6:00 pm to eat together with the Club meeting to begin at 7:00 pm. Charity gifts will be discussed.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Pure Stock Drags** (more details to come)

**October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Club Meeting – We will again be meeting at the Butcher Block Social Restaurant to eat together at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Board Nominations to discuss.

**October 12<sup>th</sup>: Fall Color Tour Cruise** – hoping to go to Gilmore Car Museum and a Farm Market for some Fall Goodies. More details later.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>: Annual Valve Cover Car Races** – We will be meeting at the home of Ron & Elaine VanZytveld at 4101 Byron Rd. Hudsonville, MI 49426. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. At 7:00 pm we will have a quick meeting and then the competition will begin. Polish off or create those unique valve cover cars!

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party** to be held at Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Possible entertainment this year. More details later.

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**[www.wmpontiac.com](http://www.wmpontiac.com)**