

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

April 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

I'm writing this on the first day of spring, and it's raining but there's snow in the forecast for the weekend again. So much for GLOBAL WARMING.

Our last meeting was very well attended again. I want to thank everyone for coming out, and a special thanks for all the Chili and Soups that we enjoyed. We have many great cooks in our group.

We are hoping to see our winter Wanderers back from their travels to warmer places. For those of us that stayed the winter here; it was not too bad other than a couple of big storms that shut everything down.

Our next meeting will again be at Ron & Elaine's "CAVE."

We are planning just a social event to get to hear the Snowbird Stories and get

reacquainted again. A night of Bonneville Bingo is also planned. So please bring some inexpensive items, from Dollar General or the Dollar Store (candy bars, etc.) wrapped for the prizes. Our idea for a meal is hot dogs and fixings provided by the club with members bringing their own drink and some bringing a desert, cookies, brownies or ??

Next month we will be touring David's House for our meeting, and then have our Spring Dust-Off that weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 4th of April at the CAVE.

Until then keep your mind on your driving, your hands on the wheel and your snoopy eyes on the road ahead.

-Cary Hirdes



Cary's kite pictures from March meeting



Congrats to Bob Walker on becoming this year's Soup Challenge winner!!



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 4th at 6:00pm

Come enjoy a night of Bonneville Bingo!

Club is providing the meal; you provide your own drink. We could use some volunteers to bring desserts. Also, please bring some inexpensive items from Dollar General or the Dollar Store (candy bars, etc.) to be given out as our bingo awards.

Location

VanZytveld's "Cave"

4101 Byron Rd Hudsonville, MI 49418



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

April 4th: VanZytveld's "Cave" 4101 Byron Rd Hudsonville, MI 49418

May 2nd: Tour David's House

May 6th-7th: Annual Spring Dust Off Cruise-Fair Oaks Farms Indiana

June 6th: Ice Cream Cruise? Any other ideas?

July: Usually no meeting because of the POCI National Convention. Open to ideas. Steve's Classic Auto Repair in Muskegon was suggested.

August 1st: Elhart Car Show planning meeting at John & Linda Walker's house.

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

September 5th: Annual club picnic at Holland State Park

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

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:

June 26th thru July 1st: Pontiac-Oakland Club Convention Murfreesboro, TN

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

Other Automotive Events:

May 7th: Old Car Dust-off Mendon High School-Mendon, Mi 8am-3pm

May 13th: Rats & Rods Car Show Manistee Senior Center-Manistee, Mi 8:30am-3pm

May 27th: NSRA Appreciation Day-Bub Sherwood Auto Repair-Galesburg, Mi 10am-2pm

June 2nd: Cruise-In for Kids Burn Camp, Salem Township Park-Burnips, Mi 6pm-9pm

June 10th: Vicksburg Old Car Festival, Vicksburg Mi 9am-3pm

June 16th: Harvest Bible Chapel Car Show, Spring Lake Mi 5pm-9pm

June 17th: Billy Pease Foundation Car Show, Arby's 8508 Shaver Rd Portage Mi 11am-2pm

June 18th: Charlton Park Car Show Hasting, Mi 8am-4pm

June 24th: Del Shannon Car Show, Leila Arboretum-Battle Creek, Mi 9:30am-4pm

June 24th – 25th: Sloan Museum Auto Fair Flint, Mi 9am-5pm

July 1st: Cruise to the Fountain, Calhoun Cnty Fairgrounds-Marshall, Mi 8am-4pm

July 9th: Kids Camp Car Show, Midway Chevrolet-Plainwell, Mi 1pm-5pm

Other Automotive Events cont'd:

July 16th: Charity Car Show, Packard Proving Grounds-Shelby Township, Mi 9am-3pm

July 21st-23rd: Ames Pontiac Nationals, Summit Motorsports Park-Norwalk, Oh

July 22nd: Paw Paw Days Car Show-Downtown Paw Paw, Mi 9am-3pm

Sept 9th: Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival Classic Car Show-Paw Paw, Mi 8am-3pm

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
- Vice President: Bob McCarthy.....269-372-7382
- Treasurer: Linda Walker.....847-609-3910
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- Secretary: Dan Jensen.....517-896-0398

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.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 2023 Meeting Report

We had great weather for our meeting, with about 24 showing up at the VanZytveld “cave” for our annual chili/soup cook-off. There were four soups and five chilis to taste test and vote for the best. Well, they were all first-place finishers in my book, but we had two that tied for first place. Barb Walker’s and Judy Hirdes’ chilies. They both received gift cards for their efforts. Congratulations ladies!

We had a pleasant surprise with Bob Arnoldink returning to the club. Great to see you again Bob! Ken Vermulen reported that PHP received walk-in freezers from the Spartan Corporation as donations.

Linda Walker passed out her Treasurer’s Report for February. We had income from membership dues. (We have a few members that still haven’t sent in their dues, so please do so asap!) Expenses were for the Cook-off supplies and gift cards. Linda also announced that membership is up to 51! Woohoo!

Final plans for our April meeting are being finalized as I write this report. Details will be posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our May meeting will be held at David’s House. Please try to drive a Pontiac so show the residents. They really like our cars.

Our Spring Cruise is the following weekend. More rooms are available but must be reserved early for a reduced rate.

Cary Hirdes would still like to see our club cruise to Gilmores on a weekday so we would have plenty of time to tour the barns and not be rushed.

Linda Walker passed around the Thank You letters we received from Gilmores and David’s House.

Cary Hirdes was our guest speaker for the evening. Besides Pontiacs, his other passion is kite flying. Cary showed us his extensive collection of kites, and the variety of styles that are available. There’s a lot more to a kite than two sticks, paper, a torn sheet for a tail, and a lot of string. I didn’t know this, but Grand Haven used to host the kite-flying championships. Now it’s a more casual event on the beach. Just like any hobby, you can spend as much as you want on quality products. Talk about a terrific way to spend time at the beach! Thanks, Cary, for sharing your knowledge and passion for the sport!

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dennis Jensen. He donated the \$41 back to the club. Thanks Dennis! The Attendance drawing was worth \$66. Carl Shulte’s name was pulled, but he wasn’t present. So, the pot grows for the April meeting.

I hope to see you all there!

Dan Jensen

2023 Spring Dust-Off details

DUST OFF PONTIAC TOUR.

***May 6th-7, 2023**

Fair Oaks Farms: Modern Farming-Fresh Food-Family Fun Fair Oaks, Indiana

*Leave 8am, South side Family Fare parking lot on Washington Ave in Holland, MI

*Reservations on your own for your room. Reservations are under **Pontiac Tour Group**(need to tell them that) **call 219-394-2100**. Rate is \$149.00 + tax.

*Those that have already signed up have been contacted, so currently there is one room left. However, if we need more rooms we can get more they said.

*Last date to make reservations is April 6.

Cost for tours, lunch and dinner are on your own. We are scheduled for 2 shuttled tours at a cost of \$19.00/person for each tour if we have 20 people go.. if not the tours will be a bit more expensive

Please contact Joan Troost at 616-550-6283 if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you your Dust-off committee,
Wendell and Terri Miller
Doug and Joan Troost
Ron and Elaine Van Zytveld



For Sale Section

Wanted

Looking for two carburetors: The first is a 1969 Quadra-Jet carb in rebuildable condition, and the second is a 1971 Quadra-Jet carb that can be used for parts.

Please call Greg Jordan-616-460-7950

Annual Dues

You can mail in your payment to the following address:

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

Also, if you singed up after July of 2023 you do not have to pay again already. Your next payment will not be until January 2024

Care Corner

Nothing to Report currently



Wide Track Trivia

The most valuable Firebirds from every generation-per Hagerty

First Generation (1967-1969): 1969 Firebird Trans Am Convertible = #2 (Excellent) condition average value: \$1,000,000

Second Generation (1970-1981): 1970 Firebird Trans Am 400/370-hp Ram Air IV Coupe = #2 (Excellent) condition average value: \$172,000

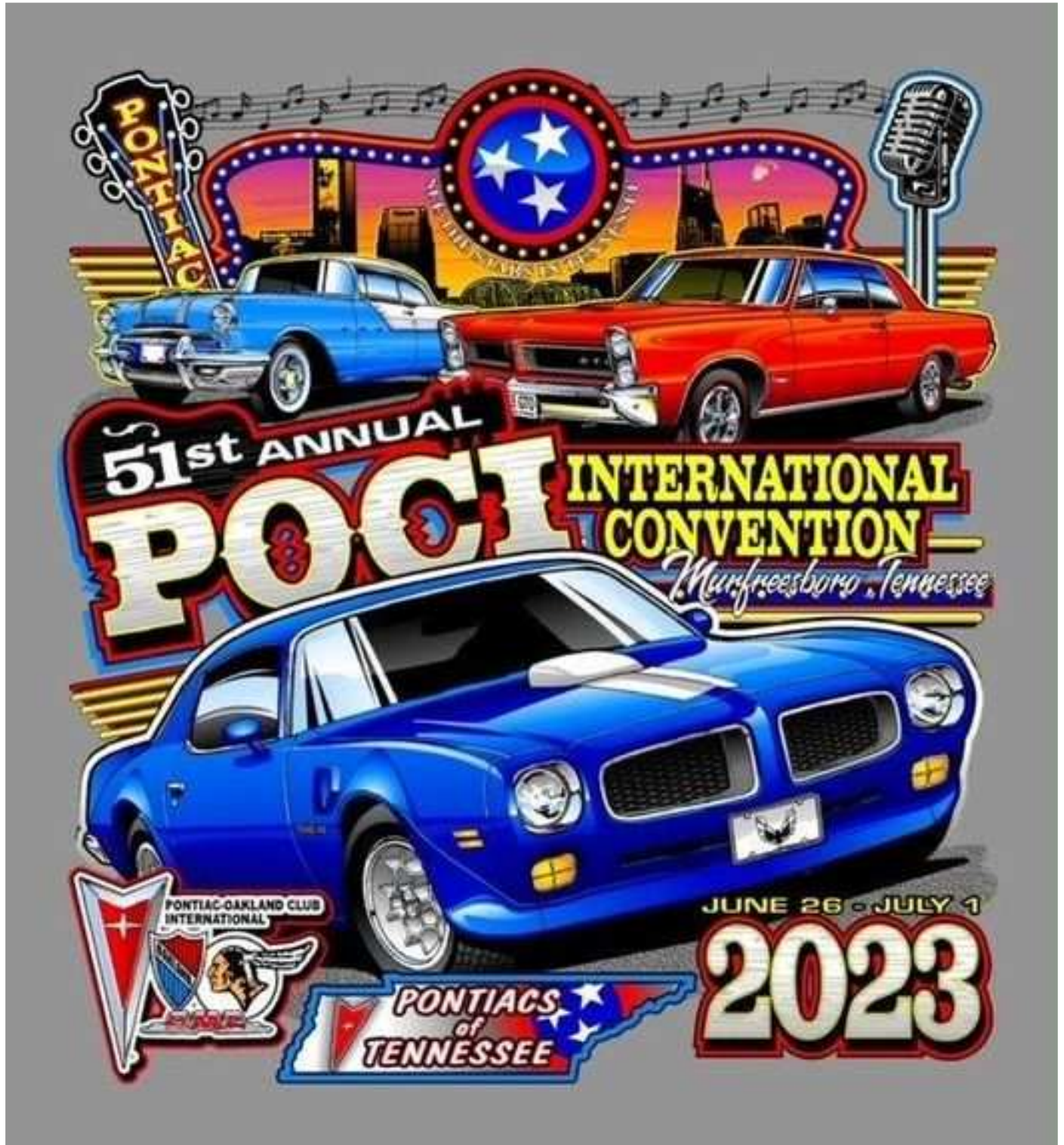
Third Generation (1982-1992): 1992 Firebird SLP Firehawk Coupe = #2 (Excellent) condition average value: \$61,000

Fourth Generation (1993-2002): 1997 Firebird SLP Firehawk 350/330-hp LT4 Coupe = #2 (Excellent) condition average value: \$59,600

Editor notes: Those values/models for the 3rd and 4th Gen Firebirds are rapidly changing. I just watched the 1989 20th Anniversary Trans Am, I formerly owned, cross the auction block in Arizona and it brought a selling bid of over \$64,000. That's substantially more than I sold it for just a few years ago.

The 4th Gen cars are rising quickly too, with several special edition cars commanding an increasing value every day.

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



Win a 5 Night stay at the 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

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Mark your Calendars!!

The GM Club Council is setting up an ALL-GM show at Gilmore Museum this coming September, and like our help in recruiting chapter members and non-members to attend? Mark your calendars and spread the word! Maybe we can get a group of members to attend the show together.

NOW SHOWING
CADILLAC FALL FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING GM MOTORAMA
SEPTEMBER 22 thru 24 2023

ALL GM MAKES & MODELS WELCOME

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