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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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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S
AND
H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

January 6

Valve Cover Races @ VanZytveld's

4101 Byron Rd. Hudsonville

We will be having pizza delivered at 7:00, we're asking for \$5:00 per couple.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello Everybody- Here it is, my first "Chief Chatter" as your new President.

Before I get too far there are a few thank-you's in order:

Thank-you to Carl for serving as our President over the past year. Job well done, young man!

Thank-you to all of our current and past Club Officers. You've laid a solid foundation, making it easier for anybody coming into a new officer role to pick up and run with it.

Thank-you to everybody that voted for me in November. I'm humbled, and appreciate your confidence in me.

Last but not least, thank-you to those of you who had a role in planning & preparing the Christmas Party. I believe everybody had a great time, the food was delicious and the entertainment was spooontacular. Read more about the event below, and check the website for more pictures.

With that said, now who is this guy filling the role of President? Some of you know me, some of you may not.

My name is Scott van Tamelen. I've been married to my beautiful wife, Michelle, for 19 years, we have two wonderful kids, Seth 14, and Tori who is 12. I grew up in Northern Michigan, the Glen Lake area in particular. Michelle is from the Holland-Hamilton area where we currently reside. For the last 10 years I've been employed as a State Farm Insurance Specialist. Prior to that I was a new-car salesman at Elhart Pontiac. Selling Pontiac's at the end of the brand's existence was both fun and discouraging, more on that later.

My passion for Pontiac's started early for me, like most from my generation the movie Smokey and the Bandit had a profound affect on me. I think I was 7 or 8 when I first saw the movie. While growing up most of my friends were googly eyed over Corvettes, but I was determined that a Trans Am was in my future. As time would go on I would learn just how hard it would be to make that dream come true. My first car was a 1968 Catalina, even though it was a 4 door, it was still a fun car to own as a 16 year old young kid. Somehow though, it never filled the desire I had for a Trans Am. I would sell that car shortly after buying it. From there I would dabble in Chevy Monte Carlo's, and then Ford Thunderbird's, mainly because they were cheap to buy. I would never forget about my "first love" though.....I couldn't, several of my friends owned Pontiacs. Some of the most powerful, revered cars in our high school parking lot were Pontiacs. Skip Harriger had a 1970 GTO, Glenn Brown had a 1978 Martinique Blue Trans Am, Scott Grubb had a 1977 Trans Am SE (my dream car at the time), L.J. Kolinski not only had one Trans Am but two, and Craig Dempsey had a 1973 Lemans Sport Coupe 400.

That last car was almost mine, but again I just couldn't afford it. So I told my best friend he should own it. We had some fun times with that car. Although I don't condone street racing now, I think it's a young gearhead's destiny. After all, we need to know who's entitled to bragging rights.

Fast forward 10 years after graduation, and I would finally find my name on the title of a Pontiac again. After landing a good job I could afford to realize my dream, owning a Trans Am. By this time that dream would change though, no longer did I need to own a "Bandit" car. No, now it was a 1989 Turbo Trans Am Indy Pace. You see, in-between my Pontiac ownership I formed a deep love and appreciation for Buicks. Grand Nationals in particular, and because of that there couldn't be a bet-

car for me to own than a 1989 Turbo Trans Am. Not only did it bring me back to my "first love", Pontiac. It also fit my current love, Buick. The 1989 Turbo Trans Am is powered by a turbo-charged Buick V6 (the same basic engine used in the Grand National).

From there the rest is history, as they say. I now own several Trans Am's and a Firebird. With the demise of Pontiac, several friends and I started the West Michigan Firebird Club where I served as President. We had a good run for 3 or 4 years, but with young families and other commitments it made it hard for us to put in the time and effort needed to get a car club off the ground. Some of you may remember seeing our group at the Elhart Friday Night Show, it was one of the Firebird Club's "must attend" events. It was here that I finally made the step to join the WMPOCI. I had been a member of the POCI for a couple years prior, but never made the move of joining your chapter. Needless to say, I'm glad I did. I've enjoyed all the events and outings that we've done over the past few years, it's been fun getting to know everybody, and sharing our passion for everything Pontiac.

So there you have it. There's my "back-story". I look forward to the coming year, and serving you as your President. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to make the club better or how to grow the West Michigan Pontiac Club; please don't hesitate to share those with me, my goal is to see that the growth we've been experiencing continues.

Regards,
Scott

Christmas Party Pictures







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 POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI. 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 & POI) _____

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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