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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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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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July 9th

We will be cruising to Gilmore Car Museum.

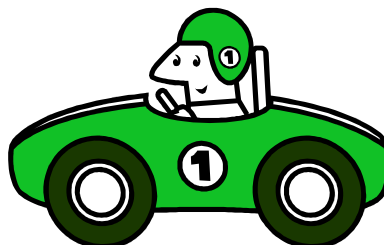
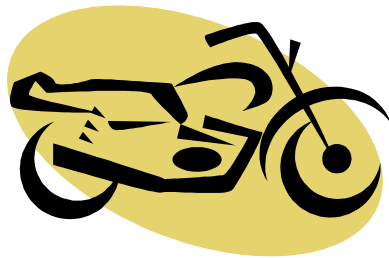
Meet at the Marathon gas station at the 100th St. Exit and US131 at 5:45 PM we will leave there at 6:00. Please be punctual so we have enough time to tour the museum.

Grab a bite to eat before you come or you can eat at the diner on the museum grounds.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

As I write this your chief is on The Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour so I'm Filling In. A big thanks to Doug Mesman for setting up the tour of the Ottawa County Jail. It was Very interesting and informative. This month is the POCI convention in Wichita Kansas. There are 4 couples I believe from the club going. Hopefully the Pontiac's will make it there safely down and back. July 9th is the cruise to Gilmore Car Museum which should be fun. Get your Pontiacs out and enjoy the summer.

Gary Laarman, your VP



June 2014 Meeting Report

About 18 WMPOCI members arrived at The Stable Inn restaurant around 6PM on June 10th. During dinner some sprinkles moved in, and it stayed that way for the rest of the evening. The food was great and threats were made about coming back again to The Stable! Our President, Carl Thorwall, was not present because he and his dad, Greg, were on the Hot Rod Power Tour. (Carl will give us a full report at a future meeting.) Vice President Gary Laarman took over the duties of conducting our business meeting. It was decided to hold our meeting at the Ottawa County Jail (our destination) because the restaurant was too noisy and crowded.

Once everyone was done with dinner, we drove the short distance to the jail on Fillmore Street in West Olive. The vestibule was empty and had plenty of seats, so we had our meeting right there. Gary kicked off the meeting with Terri Miller giving us her Treasurer's Report. Affecting our balance was dues (income) of \$75 and our Dust Off Cruise (expenses) of \$218.50. I'm pleased to report that we are comfortably in the black!

Our next meeting will be our cruise to the Gilmore Car Museum, on Wednesday, July 9th. We will meet at the (Marathon) gas station on 100th Street and US 131 around 5:45PM, and leave for Hickory Corners around 6PM.

Bob DeBoer gave us an update about our fall color tour. This will be a two day event. We will be heading to the Houghton Lake area and visit Chuck Woolery's restoration shop. Then head west to the town of Bellaire, and finally head back south on 31. Watch for de-

details to be finalized in upcoming newsletters.

The 50/50 raffle netted Pam Laarman \$18! The Bagly's name was pulled for the attendance raffle, but they were not present, so the pot grows again for next month! That concluded our business meeting, and we began our tour of the Ottawa County Jail.

Doug Mesman made all the arrangements for our tour. We got to see most of the operation from where the inmates are admitted, where they are initially detained, to where they are eventually housed (up to a year or two in some cases), and what level of security needed. We also got to go into the darkened rooms where guards monitor and control the comings and goings of both inmates and officers in that particular part of the jail. It was fascinating to visit an empty pod (which can hold up to 24 inmates) and get a close look at the cells. Talk about your basics. It made me appreciate being on the “outside”

I did mention to Doug, and he confirmed, that the Ottawa County Jail appeared to be one of the most modern jails in Michigan. It wasn't the stereotypical dungeon that is portrayed on TV. The guards and officers that work there were very nice and pleasant to talk to, but very professional at the same time. It was a fascinating tour, and thanks Doug for making it all possible!

I hope to see everyone in July for the cruise to Gilmores!

Dan Jensen

enjoy your summer

and driving your Pontiac

Schedule of Meetings for 2014

July 9 – cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

August - 5 meeting @ Famous Dave's

August 8 - Car Club Car Show at Elhart

September - picnic at Ottawa Beach and helping at the Pure Stock

Drags on 12th-13th

October activity – Color Tour to Run Right Classics at Houghton

Lake (overnight)

November 4th – officer elections and valve cover races

December 5th – Christmas Party at the Doubletree

Watch for updates and changes to the schedule

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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