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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

February 2013

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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.

Club Officers

President	Doug Troost	616-399-1423
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Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
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February 5th

Famous Dave's

Meeting starts @ 7:00

Salt Flat Presentation by Ken Harper

Come early to have dinner before the meeting.

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 POCI to be a member of the West Michigan POCI. Log onto www.poci.org for more information or to register

WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

REMINDER

It is a new year which means club dues are once again due. If you haven't already sent yours in please send them to Terri Miller whose address you can find on the club application form in this newsletter. If you've had any changes in your information please fill out the application form with the new info and send it with your dues. Thank you.

Tentative Schedule for 2013

January 8th - Tour of the Holland Board of Public Works power plant by Carl Thorwall

Meet @ 6:30 @ Culver's on West Shore Dr. in Holland

February 5th - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Ken Harper will be giving a video presentation of his Salt Flat Racing.

March 5th - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Scott VanTamelon will give a presentation on insurance coverage for classic and antique cars.

April 2nd - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Bob DeBoer will be giving a presentation on car detailing.

May 7th - ?

Dust Off

June 4th - Poker Run

July - No meeting in July - National POCI Convention in Dayton Ohio

August 6th - Carl Thorwall will give a presentation on his experience on the Power Tour.

9th - Club Car Show at Elhart

September 3rd - Picnic at the beach.

October 1st - ?

Color Tour

November 5th - Valve Cover Races

December 6th - Christmas Party

Watch the schedule for changes and updates.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

This Winter has been lousy if you like Winter sports or you make your living plowing snow in the winter months. However, if you enjoy riding a motor cycle or driving your classic car the weather has cooperated quite well for that. It's been an unbelievable winter so far. I hate to be the one to burst your bubble but I think the real winter will arrive very soon.

I would personally like to thank Carl Thorwall for the tour of the Holland Board of Public Works Light plant and thanks for the great turnout, I was glad to see so many of the club members there plus others that were invited by members. A heads up for the coming Feb. meeting...Ken Harper will be showing pictures and a video of their Bonneville Salt Flat Land Speed record. Yes, they run a Chevy...nobody is perfect.

As a club we have been very slow at having a website. Well we are going to change that. At the January meeting Carl Thorwall gave us a power point presentation of the ins and outs of getting a Website. Scott Van Tamelon also showed us the Firebird website and as the firebird club is disbanding, he offered us some insights on what to do and not to do. Carl & Scott are working on the details and hope to have it up and running in a month or two.

In an effort to cut costs and to also make it easier on our newsletter editor as a board we are thinking of sending the newsletter by email. Elaine will be sending you an email asking your opinion Please respond to her email, silverstreak1940@yahoo.com.

We had a planning meeting and have numerous things planned for this year. It is our sincere hope that you can attend as many as possible. Meeting starting time is 7PM.

Enough from me, time to get out in the garage and get something done. See you on Feb. 5th at Famous Dave's.

Doug

January 2013 Meeting

We met at the James DeYoung Generating Station of the Holland Board of Public Works on January 8th. Carl Thor wall, our new Vice President, works there as an engineer, and graciously invited to take the club on a tour of the facility. We gathered in a conference room where Carl gave us a Power Point presentation of the station's history and facts. It opened in 1939 with two coal-fired generating units. Additional generators were added in 1953, 1964, and 1968. The coal is mined in Wyoming and transported by train to Chicago, where it is then loaded on ships and brought to Holland. The coal is pulverized to a state similar to talcum powder so it can be easily injected into the furnaces. The station generates power for 27,564 customers, as well as for heating the sidewalks of downtown Holland. We got to see where the coal comes into the station, where the furnaces are, the boilers which produce the steam to run the turbine generators, and the control room. The station is part of the upper mid west power grid, and we learned how the power is shared (bought and sold) and how the cost is determined. We all learned something new! Thanks for the great tour Carl!

After the tour, we returned to the conference room for a short club meeting. New President Doug Troost presented former President Bob DeBoer with a gift of thanks for his hard work the last year! Great job Bob!

Terri Miller gave her Treasurer's Report. We had income from dues collected and for donations for Charlotte Ponce, the little girl who need plastic surgery to repair damage inflicted from a raccoon attack. Expenses included those from the November meeting, a new club printer, a newspaper ad, new checks, the Christmas party, and the club donation to Charlotte Ponce. Don't forget that dues are due in January, so if you haven't sent them in yet, send them to Terri.

We have some new members, Scott and Lori Bouwman of Zeeland. Scott and Lori were members a long time ago, and have a '67 Firebird. Welcome back!

Speaking of members, one of Doug's goals as president is to grow our membership for 2013. We can help by introducing ourselves and our club to Pontiac owners we run into at area shows or on the street.

The February meeting will be back at Famous Daves. Our guest speaker will be Ken Harper who will give a presentation on his exploits at the Bonneville Salt Flats! Also we will vote on whether or not club members have to also be members of the POCl.

Cary Hirdes is already making plans for our August Car Show, but he needs more help with getting trophy sponsors. Scott Van Tamelen volunteered to help. Any other help would be appreciated!

Carl gave a presentation for a new website, since our old one is closed down. We need hosting and a domain name, both which require a small fee. Scott Van Tamelen recommended Go-Daddy because it is user friendly and that he would assist Carl in building the site.

Doug and Joan Troost won the 50/50 raffle. The attendance drawing was not won, so it grows for next month's meeting.

See you at Famous Dave's February 5th.

Dan Jensen

!!NEWSLETTER OPTION!!

We would like every members opinion on changing our newsletter to an email copy versus a mailed paper copy. For those with no email, a paper copy could still be sent. We would appreciate your input, please send your response to the editor at : silverstreak1940@yahoo.com. Or give Elaine a quick call or drop a note in the mail. The address and phone number is in the directory. If you have email that would be the preferred way, that way we can get everyone's correct email. Thank You

Kalamazoo Antique Auto Swap Meet Feb. 2nd & 3rd

From: Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairground

Fiftieth annual event presented by the Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club featuring dealers from across the Midwest and Canada. Seven vendor drawings. Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-1pm. Admission: Adults \$5, children 16 & under are free. For more information, contact (269) 375-3669.