

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

February 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

As I'm writing this the snow is again falling which is quite different for the way this January has been. We've had it pretty easy, but not good enough to get the car out.

Last month's meeting at Russ' in Grandville was a packed house even with many of the snowbirds gone. Thanks for the great turn out. We brought up ideas for the coming year's events and the Board is working on those. The item of having guest speakers was brought up so we are looking for ideas on that. Getting together for "Pop-up Cruises" was another idea.

We need people to plan such things, so put your thinking caps on. I've checked into what Gilmore has planned for the year and many events would be nice to attend, so I'll work on that. We have a Spring Dust-Off being planned by members of the club. More details on that

later. Also, a visit to David's House with our cars is being planned.

On February 7th we'll be meeting at Russ' in Grandville again. Come for supper around

6pm, I'll try to start the official meeting at 7pm.

Once again, we are planning to hold our "Mini-Car Show" with members bringing their 1/18th scale (or smaller) vehicles in for the show. Last year yours truly won with my "58 Bonneville convertible. I'll be bringing a different car this year. Hopefully we will

have many cars to vote on again this time. I'll be taking a table along this year as last year we used all the tables the restaurant had for our meal.

That's all for now. Keep safe and stay out of the ditches as you "Slip Slide" on your way.

-Cary Hirdes



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 7th at 6:00pm

We'll be holding our "Mini-Car Show", and eating dinner at the Russ' Restaurant in Grandville, Mich.

Bring your 1/18 scale (or smaller) Pontiac, Oakland, or GMC's to the meeting to show off. There could be an award for the top car again this year 😊. Hope to see you there!!

Russ' of Grandville

4440 Chicago Dr SW, Grandville, MI 49418

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

Care Corner

Please continue to keep Bill Ribben's young grandson, Louis, in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from open heart surgery.

Please keep Tom Ensing in your thoughts and prayers too as he continues to heal from gall bladder surgery.



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

Feb 7th: Meeting Russ' Restaurant 4440 Chicago Dr SW Grandville, Mi

March 7th: Soup or chili cookoff at John & Linda Walkers?

April 4th: Tour David's House? Our annual Spring Dust Off Cruise in late April? Combine the two?

May 2nd: Tour Scott Tiemann's restoration shop in Portland? Maybe do on a Saturday?

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

July: Usually no meeting because of the POCl 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

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

Other Automotive Events:

If you have an event you'd like to see listed here please let Newsletter Editor, Scott van Tamelen, know.

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
Newsletter Editor: Scott van Tamelen.....616-450-8450
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

January 2023 Meeting Report

After the rather snowy months of November and December, January started off on the warm side, and we actually had to contend with some light rain while travelling to and from our first meeting of 2023, which was held at the Russ' Restaurant in Grandville.

Just over twenty of us WMPOCI members showed up to discuss with President Cary Hirdes the club's activities and events for 2023. But first, Cary passed around Thank You cards from Bob Walker who is recovering from shoulder surgery, and Tom Ensing down in Florida, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery. Everyone in the club wishes both speedy recoveries.

Our Treasurer, Linda Walker, presented her report for December 2022. We had income from dues, the Christmas Party, and donations. Expenses included the Christmas dinner, donations to David's House and Gilmore Garage Works, and the bank mobile deposit fee.

Okay, now to our tentative plans that we came up with for 2023:

February 7th – meeting at Russ' in Grandville

March 7th – Soup or chili cookoff at John & Linda Walkers?

April 4th – tour David's House? Our annual Spring Dust Off Cruise in late April? Combine the two?

May 2nd – tour Scott Tiemann's restoration shop in Portland? Maybe do on a Saturday?

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 – our Elhart Car Show meeting at John & Linda Walker's house.

August 11th Elhart Car Show

September 5th – our annual 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.

We welcomed back to the club, Karl Schulte. And as a reward for coming back into the fold, he won the 50/50 raffle worth \$57! Congratulations!

Rick Stevens' name was pulled for the Attendance Drawing, but he wasn't present, so the pot grows for next month's meeting!

Dan Jensen

Celebrating the 25th Trans Am Anniversary

By Scott van Tamelen

Production of the 25th Anniversary TA was announced on Jan 7, 1994.

It would be built on the highly contented Trans Am GT package (RPO #-Y83 for coupes and Y84 for convertible), and also sported a bright white interior with "25th Trans Am" embroidery on the front seatbacks and door panels.

The 25th Trans am paid tribute to the first 1969 Trans Am, with its blue center stripe and white paint scheme. Other exterior styling cues included the gray 25th door decals, blue Trans Am door badging, and specific 16" 5 spoke white wheels with the anniversary decal on the center cap. In order to get the 25th Anniversary package RPO code-B71 would have to be chosen at time of ordering, and the buyer would have to pony-up an additional \$995 over the price of the Trans Am GT.

The 25th TA would also carry-on Pontiacs long standing tradition of serving as the pace car for the 1994 Daytona 500.

Production numbers break down as follows:

Coupe

1750 - Total

338 - Hardtop

1412 - T-top (CC1=\$895)

128 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

1622 - Auto (MX0=\$775)

879 - Cassette (UT6=\$350)

871 - CD Player (UP3=\$226)

Convertible

250 - Total

0 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

250 - Auto (MX0=\$775)

51 - Cassette (UT6=\$350)

199 - CD Player (UP3=\$226)

Combinations:

Auto/Hardtop/Cassette- 254

Auto/T-top/Cassette- 600

Auto/Hardtop/CD player- 68

Auto/T-top/CD player- 700

Manual/Hardtop/Cassette- 4

Manual/T-top/Cassette- 21

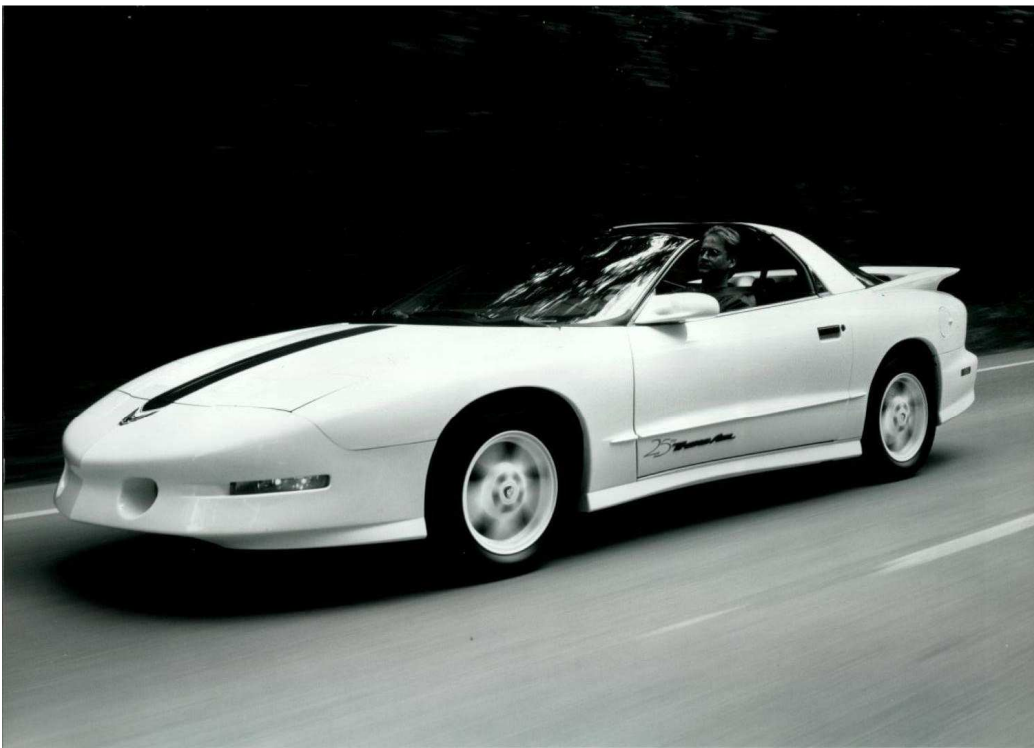
Manual/Hardtop/CD player- 12

Manual/T-top/CD player- 91

Below are a couple Press Release photos of the 25th Anniversary TA



1994 PONTIAC FIREBIRD 25TH ANNIVERSARY TRANS AM



1994 PONTIAC FIREBIRD 25TH ANNIVERSARY TRANS AM



1994 PONTIAC FIREBIRD 25TH ANNIVERSARY TRANS AM INTERIOR



For Sale Section

Eight lug wheels for sale.

No beauty rings, lug nuts or caps. Wheels restored like new. Asking \$999.99 includes 3 front hubs and 1 rear

Contact Ken Vermeulen: 616-836-3115



1994 Pontiac Trans Am 25th Anniversary Edition

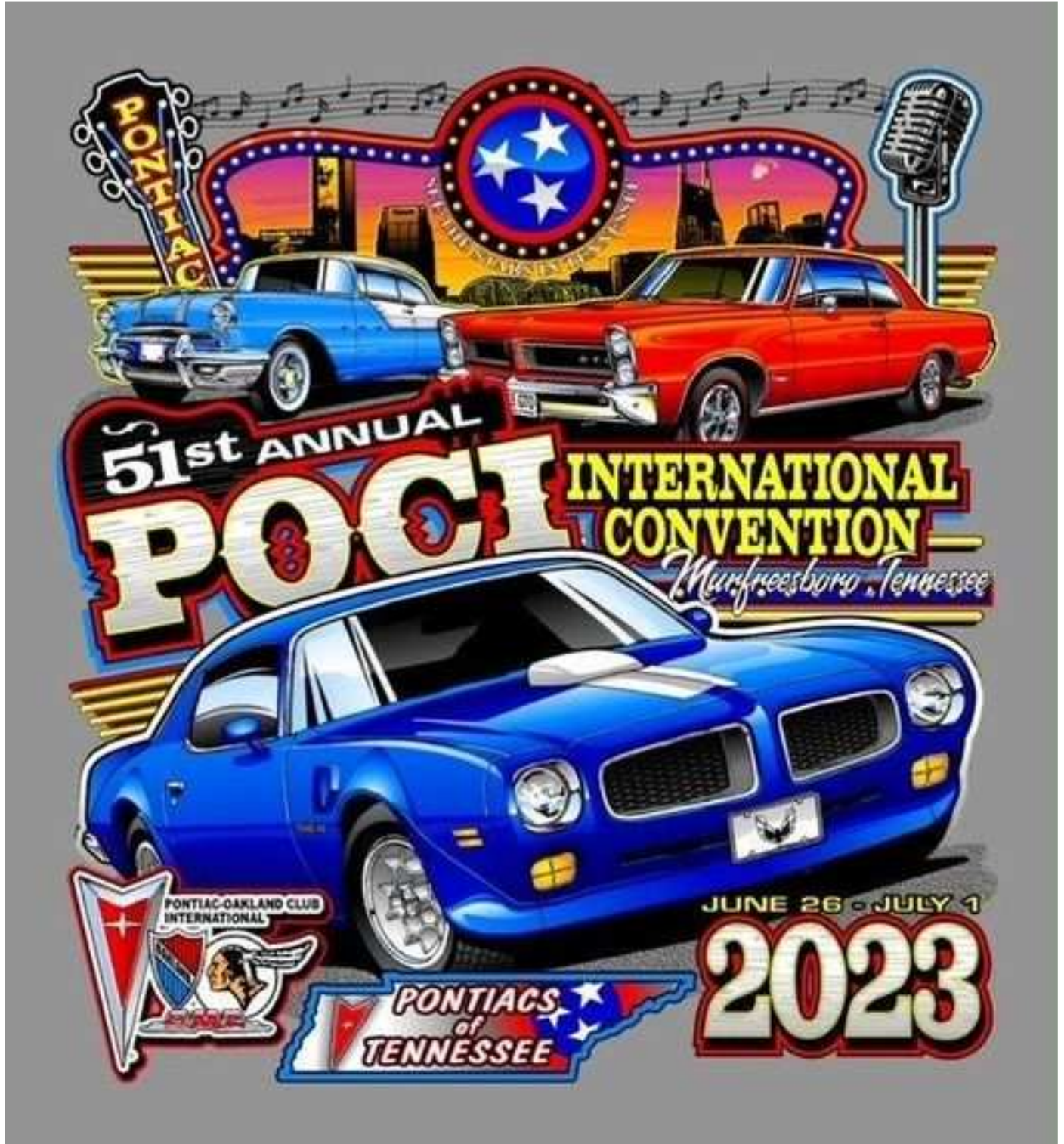
One owner garage kept exceptionally clean. Hasn't been in the rain in over 20 years. Very clean undercarriage, never in the snow, zero accidents, runs excellent needs nothing! Newer tires and brakes. 60,500 actual miles One of 1750 produced. Includes dealer paperwork and hard to find owner's manual portfolio.

Asking \$23,000





*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

Log on to poci.com
for complete rules

