

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

**JULY 2022**

## *Chief's Chatter*

**Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President**

Thank you all for the great turnout again for last month's meeting. I think Russ' handled our group very well, we kept the waitress busy, and she did a good job.

Brian Martinie has stepped down as our club treasurer and the Walkers have taken over the job.

That is John and Linda not Bob and Barb, having two Walker couples can be confusing for some people.

I want to thank Ken VerMeulen for setting up the tour of Art Tolsma's collection at T&T Roofing. Art has some very interesting stories and unique items.

His office was full of items from the North American, South American and Alabama cruise ships that were docked for years just

west of Heinz. The signs he has from stores and restaurants that are long gone brought back many memories.

Our Ice Cream cruise on the 18<sup>th</sup> was great.

We had fantastic weather, for which Scott took full credit, and a nice drive to the ice cream shop.

From there a few of us went to the Grand Haven beach and then headed back home. We hope to do more of these cruises this summer.

The plans for the Car Show are coming along well. We have the most sponsors ever and have 22 awards to be given out. If you need fliers for any of the events you are attending, please let

Linda Walker know and they'll get you some.

I know in July we don't usually have a meeting, but had set up a cruise-in at the



## *Chief's Chatter cont'd.....*

DCM Classics at 6314 Chicago Drive for the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. We'll meet there at around 7 and then cruise for some ice cream after. Steve Flokstra and team specializes in restoring 1930 to 1980 Dodge trucks. They make many of their own parts as many are no longer available.

-Cary Hirdes

## *Pictures from the Ice Cream Cruise*



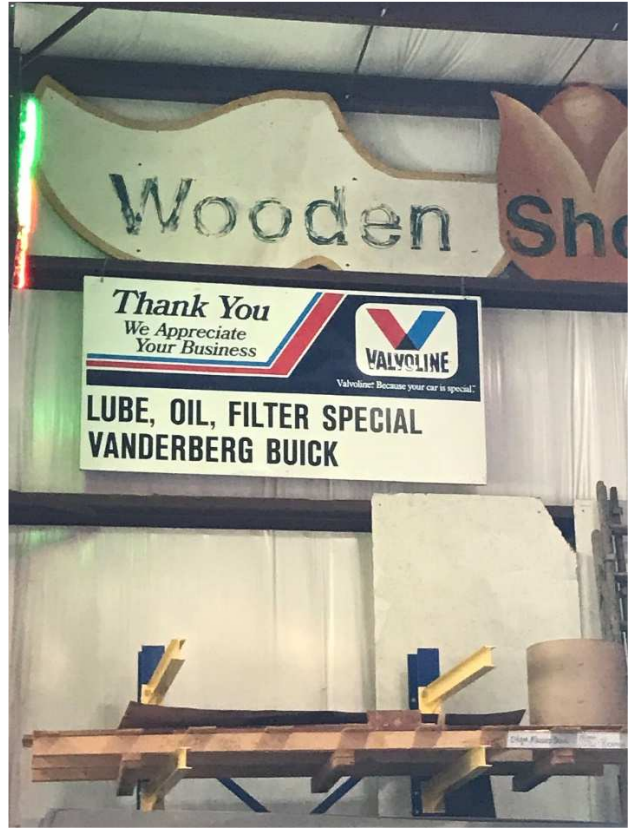
**He liked the ice cream so much he bought two cones. Better lick those fast Tom. LOL!!**

*Pictures from the Ice Cream Cruise*



*Pictures from the Jolsma's sign collection*





Anyone know where the Air Park Speedway was in Saugatuck?

# NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

We will meet at:

**DCM Classics**

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**6314 Chicago Drive Zeeland, MI 49316**

## Heads Up

We now have a POCI  
Executive Member in our  
midst....  
Any guesses who?

## Thank you!!

A shout out to Ken VerMeulen  
for arranging the tour of Art  
Tolsma's sign collection last  
month. Thank you!!

## Care Corner

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*We intend to include  
announcements whenever we  
learn of a serious illness,  
accident, surgery, or death of  
a close relative of one of our  
members. Please inform a  
Board Member if you have an  
item to share.*



## *Upcoming Events*

### West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

**July 5<sup>th</sup>:** DMC Classic. Tour of business operations 6314 Chicago Drive Zeeland, Mi

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:** Picnic at Holland State Park

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer elections and Valve Cover Races.

### West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

**July 5<sup>th</sup>:** DMC Classic. Tour of business operations 6314 Chicago Drive Zeeland, Mi

**July:** 2022 POCl Convention in Catoosa, OK on the 12th-16th.

**July:** Maybe a Saturday cruise to Gilmores and have a cookout there?

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:** Elhart Car Show

**August 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:** Pontiac Nationals at Summit Raceway Park near Norwalk, OH.

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:** Picnic at Holland State Park

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>:** Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at Mid-Michigan Motorplex, Stanton, MI.

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Cruise – perhaps the Apple Festival in Charlevoix?

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meeting Place TBD. Officer election and Valve Cover Races

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant Hamilton, Mi.

### Other Automotive Events:

**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** 50's Sock Hop and Car Show, 6pm at Green Park, Caledonia, Mi

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Cars and Coffee, 7am at the Shell Gas Station, Douglas, Mi

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Classics and Crafts in the Park Car Show in Alamo, Mi ( Kalamazoo, Michigan )

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Heykoop Veteran Memorial Car Show-10am-2pm-Hot Rod Harley-Davidson Muskegon, Mi

**July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Todd Wenzel Classics & Camaros Car Show-9am-3pm-Hudsonville, Mi

**July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Motor City Chapter Pontiac Show 8am at Baker's of Milford Milford, Mi

**July 31<sup>st</sup>:** **CANCELLED**-Auto Body Xperts Car Show-9am-Gun Lake Casino Wayland, Mi

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup>:** Red Barns Spectacular-9am-4pm-Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, Mi

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>:** Berger Chevrolet All GM Car Show-8am-4pm-28<sup>th</sup> St. Grand Rapids, Mi

**Recurring Weekly Cruise-In nights:**

Every Thursday Night Dorr Cruise-In, 5pm at the Dorr Dairy Ranch, Dorr, Mi  
Every Thursday Night Summer Cruise-In at Ace Hardware 5pm–9pm, Dorr, Mi  
Every Friday & Saturday Night Cruise Nights 5pm at Andi Leighs-Pizza at Wyoming, Mi  
Every Sunday Night Cruise Nights at the D&W 50 Douglas Ave, parking lot, 5pm Holland, Mi

**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 Walker.....616-293-9308  
Treasurer: Brian Martinie/Johnny Walker.....847-899-1044  
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](http://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

## May 2022 Meeting Report

The weather was quite pleasant again for our May meeting, held at the Russ' Southside in Holland. We had another great turnout of members in attendance. It's good to see the Chapter growing in the way it is.

President Cary Hirdes kicked off the meeting by going over the plans for heading over to TNT Roofing to see the sign collection. He thanked Scott van Tamelen for arranging the Dust-off event even though it rained once again during an event Scott had planned. He then discussed some of the upcoming club functions. Make sure to take note of this month's event. Usually in July we do not have anything planned, BUT that is not the case this year. On July 5<sup>th</sup> we'll be touring the DCM facilities in Zeeland, Mi. See other parts of this newsletter for details.

Scott VanTamelen discussed his plans for the Ice Cream Cruise scheduled for Saturday evening June 18<sup>th</sup>. (See further here that Scott redeemed himself and the weather gods provided us with excellent weather for the cruise. Fun was had by all who attended)

After 50/50 tickets were sold it was time for the drawing. Greg and Nancy Jordan won the 50/50 raffle. I forget how much that was worth, I think it was enough to put some gas in their GTO though. Due to the large amount of the Attendance Drawing the Board decided to split-up the monies, and have several drawings. The first drawing was for \$200, Curt and Janet Lennerth won that. The second drawing was for \$100 Tom Ensign won that. The third drawing was for \$50 and the "Money Counting" Miller's won that. The fourth and final drawing was for \$35, Odie and Nancy Baker won that. A new pot starts for the July meeting!

After the meeting, and dinner we took a short drive to TNT Roofing for the tour there. What a collection of signs, and memorabilia. They all have a significance to the Holland-Grand Haven-Saugatuck area. It was quite a sight to see.

Hope to see you all at the July meeting!!

Your Secretary Pro-tem- Scott VT (Dan will be back next month)

**P.S.- On the next page you will find a flyer for the Motor City Chapter's car show. It would be great if a group of us could cruise over for the event and support our fellow POCI friends.**

**Let me know if you would like to go, and I'll make arrangements for us to meet-up to travel over together.**



# Motor City POCI 8th Annual Summer Roundup

## Saturday - July 9, 2022

@ Bakers of Milford 2025 S. Milford Rd. Milford, MI 48381  
Open to all Pontiac, Oakland, Buick, Oldsmobile & GMC Trucks



WM. R. CURTIS EXCAVATING



### Awards

Top 35 – Judged by Independent Judges

Best of Show      People's Choice

Joe Kocur      ChadTough      Bakers

LaFontaine      John DeLorean

Curtis Excavating      Sponsor Awards (3)

### Schedule of Events

Registration.....8-10:30am

Car Show & Silent Auction Start.....10:00am

50/50 & Silent Auction Ends.....1:00pm

Pickup auction items by..... 1:30pm

End of Car Show & Awards.....2:30pm

Charities we support other side 

Show updates & registration forms at [www.motorcitypoci.com](http://www.motorcitypoci.com)

**Pre-registration \$20.00 (includes show shirt) Must be Postmarked By June 25, 2022**

Make Check payable to: Motor City POCI Mail to: Motor City POCI 1595 Vanstone Dr., Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Select the size shirt you want

- Mens       Womens
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large
- 2X       3X

*I accept and assume full liability for any loss to me and/or my property. I release the sponsors and their agents from liability from such loss or injury and agree to provide my own insurance.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*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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for complete rules

