

The Arrowhead

West Michigan Chapter



April 2020

Chief's Chatter

Doug Troost-WMPOCI President

Hello from the sunny south. The weather has been warm here, that's the upside. The downside is I'm 2 to 4 weeks late in getting any news about the club. Mail comes by pony express I think.

First my congratulations to our 4 of our milestone POCI members. Both Dennis Jansen and Bob DeBoer had 20 years each. Brian Broeke-ma has 25 years with POCI and Dan Jansen has 40 years. Just think about that 40 years wow that's a long time to be dedicated to POCI. He must have been about 5 years old when he joined. Big hand to all of them for seeing it through.

From what I gather the trip to Gilmore's was a success. I truly believe this is a win-win for our club. First we get to help young people learn the art of Auto Restorations and we also get exposure by an organization that is held in the highest esteem in the entire auto world. What could be better than for our club to be a part of that.

On a sad note author and car collector Clive Cussler passed away recently. I had the opportunity to tour his private collection back when the POCI convention was held in Denver, CO. Clive had a very large collection of old, exotic automobiles.

My hope is his son will carry on what he started and not sell them all off. That being said have you made your convention plans yet? It's more than a car show, it's a chance to see and do things normally not available to us as an individual.

I will see you at the April meeting. I need to get home soon as I'm getting garage sickness. This week we will have the opportunity to meet with 11 club members that are also in Florida. So I guess you could say we'll hold a WMPOCI South meeting.

Until next month "I SHALL RETURN!"

Doug

MEMBER'S SHARE

In 1983 my dad and I purchased my 1967 Catalina convertible. With any used car it needed some parts. Off to the local Pontiac dealer, Orson E. Coe, I went. There I met Sid and Glen at the parts counter.

They were both very helpful but, Glen took a special interest in the car. He asked if it had any chrome bars on the side, 2+2 badging, condition, etc... I could not answer as I had not seen the car, yet. I knew it was a white convertible, needed a starter, brakes, windshield and a top switch. I ordered the top switch and picked it up a couple of weeks later with the car. I paid \$19.56. By the way, this top switch was not installed until a few years ago when the original got really bad.

Glen told me about the Oakland Pontiac Club car show in Utica, MI at the Packard Proving Grounds. In the mid-'80s these grounds were kept nice. I even got a lap around the track! Not so nice now and the track is closed. At the show, there was a red '67 Catalina convertible with 8 lug wheels. I liked the look, the search was on and I found a set near Hudsonville. In the back of Orson E. Coe was a semitrailer full of NOS parts. Sometimes Glen and I would search there for parts. I wonder what happened to that trailer.

Glen told me about a Pontiac club in Grand Rapids. "They meet at the Pizza Hut by the East Beltline and could use some more members," he said. It sounded like the club was needy. I did not go. Instead, I finished college, got married and started a family. I kept the car and went to some shows. For Christmas 1989, Robin purchased a membership to POCI for me. We went to the convention in Cleveland, OH in 1991 and with Smoke Signals I could see the Grand Rapids club was still meeting at Pizza Hut. I still did not go.

My dad passed in 1990 and my brother Pat and I inherited a milk route. We went to dairy farms around Caledonia, Middleville, Wayland and a short time later Kalamazoo. We pumped milk into our tanker truck and brought the milk to Country Fresh, Baarmans, and Kalamazoo Creamery. The tanker truck held 8500 gallons or 74,200 pounds of milk. The tanker trailer had 5 axles under it and with the tractor weighed 44,000 pounds empty. We added another truck that I wrecked and we replaced. Pat took a truck driving job at Country Fresh about 3 years after dad passed, leaving me to pick up the milk. I would leave at 3:30 am, be loaded by 8:00 am with the first trip, unload, get the second trip, unload, wash and be home about 4:30 pm 7 days a week. I did have another driver to give me some time off. By 1997 enough farmers had retired or left for other markets, I made the tough decision to sell out. I got a full-time job working only 40 hours per week. I now had a lot of free time. I purchased a 1967 Grand Prix and checked the Smoke Signals magazine and found the meetings were still at Pizza Hut. Off I finally went. Robin stayed home with the kids..

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Monthly meeting Minutes

March 3, 2020 Meeting Report

We had a pretty good turnout for our tour of the Gilmores Garage Works facility on Tuesday, March 3rd. Around 14 members showed up to see what goes on in the Works building, across the parking lot from the Museum's main building.

Brian Shultz, Gilmore Garage Works Program Manager, showed us around and gave us insight to what their goals and inspirations are. Prior to becoming the Program Manager, Brian was an instructor at an area skill center for 20 years. The Garage Works Program is available to high school students (usually within a 30-mile radius of Hickory Corners) who are in 9th through 12th grades. They are currently maxed out at 24 students, supported by 12 mentors who volunteer their time and expertise to educate the student in just about everything automotive.

Areas of training include metal fabrication, wire welding, engine rebuilding, chassis and drivetrain rebuilding, body work, and some paint work.

We arrived at the Garage Works around 6PM, so we were able to see the students working on a '77 Camaro's engine, a '67 Galaxie 500's chassis, and a 1950s Mitsubishi Pigeon scooter.

After our tour, we had a brief meeting before we headed back to our cars. VP Scott VanTamelon started things off by informing us that prospects for using the room at the 84th Street Grill for future meetings failed because he found out that they are turning it into a bar. The search continues for a new meeting location, as does the West Michigan Pontiac Club curse!

Treasurer Brian Martinie sent Scott his Treasurer's Report for February. The only income we had were from dues. Expenses included Go Daddy website hosting and domain name, and postage.

We will be meeting at the VerHage Collection in Holland on April 7th at 7PM to check out their vintage Mopars. Plans are to go to a local restaurant afterwards for a bite to eat.

Dennis Ackerman won the 50/50 drawing worth \$24.

The Arnoldink's name was pulled for the attendance drawing, worth \$69, but they weren't there to claim the prize. The pot grows for next month's meeting.

See you at VerHage's April 7th.

Dan Jensen

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When I arrived at Pizza Hut I met several club members but, there could not be a meeting there as the basement was flooded. One member, who lived on Kalamazoo Ave, volunteered their home. I saw how resilient and full of fun the club was and I signed up. Robin and my kids grew up going to shows and outings. Now they are grown and on their own. This club was/is a GREAT environment for them! It took about 14 years but, thanks to Glen, I finally joined that 'needy' club.

Bob and Robin McCarthy

THANK YOU...Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous contribution of \$500. At your request, your donation has been directed to Gilmore Garage Works Program for a Sponsorship.

We hope that you will join us soon for an event or to see the exhibits. We would like you to see firsthand what your donation is able to accomplish. Full event and exhibit details can be found on our website, www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org. Please feel free to stop in the office and say hello the next time you are here!

Again, thank you for your contribution to the Gilmore Car Museum. We appreciate your investment in our mission and commitment to telling the Story

Warm Regards,

Christopher Shires

Stacie Longwell Sadowski

NEW FOOD VENDOR FOUND:

We have Earl's Meats from south of Holland arranged to be our food vendor for our Elhart show in August. He will provide a pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, beans, chips, pop and water.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 7 PM

Meet at the Ver Hage Mitsubishi Dealership

343 E. 8th St., Holland

We will tour their Auto Museum

We had planned to go to a restaurant afterwards for dessert but as of now none are open.

We might be able to get ice cream outside somewhere



2020 CLUB EVENTS

April 7	Tour the Ver Hage Auto Museum in Holland
May 5	Meeting—Guest Speaker, Glen Bevis, will show a rare John DeLorean/GM film
May 16	Dust off Cruise—Lansing area
June 2	Tour Gentex Factory in Zeeland
July 7-11	National Convention—Catoosa, OK Ice Cream cruise—Date TBD
August 4	Regular Meeting—Plan for Car Show
August 14	Car Show at Elhart Automotive in Holland
September 7	Picnic at Holland State Park
October 9	Fall Cruise—Charlevoix/Petoskey
November	Valve Cover Races
December	Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland

AREA EVENTS

- Friday, June 5** Holland Vintage Club show in Holland
- Friday, June 12** Holland Vintage Club—Relay for Life
Ottawa County Fairgrounds
- Tuesday, June 16** 6-9 PM Gemmens Hardware, Hudsonville FREE
Pin-up Contest AutoBody Experts
- Saturday, July 25** Gun Lake Casino, Wayland
Proceeds to Veterans, AutoBody Experts
- AUG 16 & 17- Friday & Saturday** - 25th Annual Woodward Avenue
Dream Cruise
- August 21 & 22** Metro Cruise—28th Street.
Rogers Plaza Fri, 4-10 PM Sat. 9 AM—9 PM
Woodland Mall (SW parking lot) Sat. 11 AM—8 PM
- Sept 6 - 8 -** FRANKENMUTH AUTO FEST
- September 17-19** Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags—Stanton, MI
- September 19** 11 AM—3 PM Allendale Community Park
Proceeds to Veterans, Craft Show AutoBody Experts

Care Corner

Dear POCI Friends, A special thank you to everyone who came to visit and sent cards on the recent passing of Bob's mother, Lois De Boer. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Best Regards, Bob & Rox

Rox's sister in New York had surgery to remove a brain tumor called Glioblastoma. She has been given 1-2 years to live even with radiation and chemo which starts next week. She needs prayer to cope and accept her prognosis. Rox has been there the last 2 weeks

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.

AREA EVENTS

I am trying to put together a more extensive list of car shows and other events for the summer. If you know of something, please let me know and I will add it. Thank you, Judy Hirdes cjhirdes@att.net

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 activities and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals, as well as, provide information.

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Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E 8th St, PMB 157

Holland, MI. 49423

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 _____

Full Member (Chapter & POCI) _____

If full member include your POCI# _____

Non POCI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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