

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

December 2022

## Chief's Chatter

**Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President**

As I'm writing this, I am very happy to be inside as it's snowing and blowing outside with a temperature of 30 degrees, and who knows what the wind chill temp is? BRRR!

Thank you all who showed up for the annual November Valve Cover Race/Club Meeting. The election of officers went well with no hanging chads or recounts. I was re-elected as Commander and Chief (LOL), Bob McCarthy was elected as Vice President, Dan Jensen was re-elected as Secretary, John and Linda Walker were elected as Treasurer and Scott van Tamelen was re-elected as Newsletter Editor for life. Bob Walker wanted to step down from the V.P. position, many thanks to Bob for serving 2 terms as V.P.

I believe there were 38 people at the meeting. The meal was Chicken BBQ, Ham,

Baked Beans and Coleslaw from Orlando's Catering with Ice Cream later for dessert.

There were the most valve cover racers we've ever had, 16 well-tuned machines, well some weren't so well tuned but all had a good run. It was a lot of fun for everyone. A Big Thank You to Ron and Elaine for the use of the "Cave" once again. They are terrific hosts. Thanks to the Vermeulen's for picking up the food.

Our next gathering will be the Christmas Party at the Trestle

Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. We are again taking coat donations for the *People helping People* organization in Pullman and collecting money for David's House. David's House Ministries exists to extend God's love and to foster a community of care to adults with special needs. Bob DeBoer's parents started this ministry years ago to assist his



brother, David, and others like him with the care and community they need.

I know some of our club members will be leaving in a while for warmer climates, so I wish you all safe travels until we meet again. Remember it's only 100 Days until SPRING.

☺ Oh Boy! Until them snuggle up and keep warm. Hot Chocolate helps.

-Cary Hirdes



# NEXT MEETING

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

We'll be holding our annual Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton, Mich.

Dinner will be served "family style", with the food brought to the tables. The cost is \$18.99 per person, but the club will cover a portion of that making your cost \$10 per person. The menu will include tossed salad, appetizers of fried mushrooms and onion rings, roast beef, fried chicken, mashed redskin potatoes, and Bahama blend veggies. Dessert is not included.

## Trestle Stop

3366 M-40 Hamilton, MI 49419

### Annual Dues

**If you're leaving for the winter and want to pay your annual dues or just want to pay ahead of time please see Linda Walker at the Christmas Party.**

### *Care Corner*

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*Please keep Rick and Sheryl Ploeg in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Rick's mother recent passed away on November 10<sup>th</sup>.*



## *Upcoming Events*

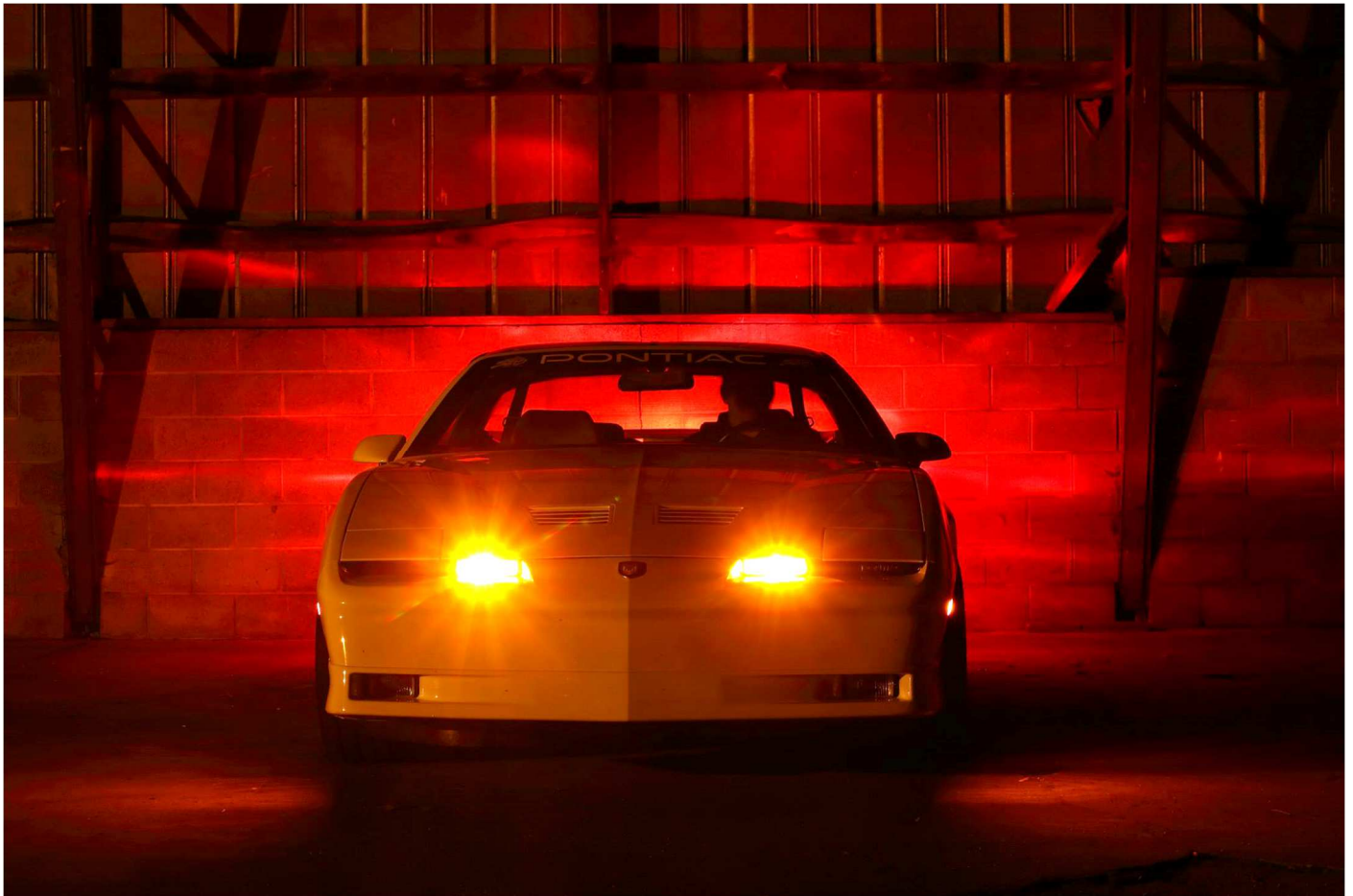
### West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

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

### West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

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### Other Automotive Events:



**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  
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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

## November 2022 Meeting Report

Thirty-eight WMPOCI members were present at the VanZytveld family “cave” for the November meeting. The weather was unusually warm and sunny, perhaps boosting the attendance some. It certainly didn’t keep anyone away! President Cary Hirdes thanked Scott VanTamelen for organizing the October Fall Cruise. The rain stayed away this time! Cary also thanked Bob Walker for his time as Vice President for the last year.

Welcome to new member Gina Fischer! Gina is the daughter of Chuck and Sandy Goulooze. Also welcome back to former members Karl and Tena Schulte. They have a 1969 Grand Prix.

There were no nominations for the various board positions except for the Vice President. Bob McCarthy was “volunteered” to run un-opposed for the position! All the other board members agreed to stay on for another year. With that, a motion was made to accept the new VP and current board.

Scott VT proposed that we amend the chapter by-laws so that the board members get their membership to POCI paid for by the club. This would hopefully encourage more club members to volunteer for board positions. The POCI membership would be for the emailed version of the Smoke Signals magazine. Those wishing to get the paper version would have to pay the difference in membership cost.

Another proposal was made to donate \$500 to the Gilmore Garage Works Program. Everyone agreed.

With the Christmas Party coming up next month, we needed to look at who to make donations to this holiday season. We will still be collecting coats for PHP. Bob DeBoer talked about David’s House with its 64 residents and six homes. We passed a motion to donate to David’s House.

Speaking of the Christmas Party, it will be held at the Trestle Stop in Hamilton, MI again this year. The date is Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served “family style”, with the food brought to the tables. The cost is \$18.99 per person, but the club will cover \$8.99 of that. The menu will include roast beef, fried chicken, mashed redskin potatoes, and Bahama blend veggies. Dessert is not included in the price.

Linda Walker gave her Treasurer’s Report for October. We had income from the Pure Stock Drags and club dues. Expenses were for gift cards for the Valve Cover Races. Linda also passed out a club business card proposal she’s been working on. It looks very good!

November is Valve Cover Races! We had a total of 15 cars compete this year. I believe that is a new record! Ron VanZytveld won the “losers” bracket over Sandy Goulooze. Gina Fischer beat Gary Laarman in the “non-losers” (?) bracket. So the final race for first place was between Ron and Gina. It was close, but Ron’s GMC edged out Gina’s Jaguar! Best of show went to Sandy Goulooze, with Bob McCarthy coming in runner-up. Congrats to all the winners and participants alike!

The 50/50 Raffle worth \$53 was won by Chuck and Sandy Goulooze. The attendance drawing was won by Cary and Judy Hirdes. It was worth \$79. Congrats to both couples!

Remember, there is no regular meeting in December. Just our Christmas Party on the 9<sup>th</sup>. -Dan Jensen

# Pictures from the Valve Cover Races of 2022









## Our Valve Cover Best of Show winners



**Sandy Goulooze and Bob McCarthy take home the Best of Show hardware for 2022. Well done!!**

# ***For Sale Section***

1966 Pontiac Lemans parts

Sun Tach - \$50

Gauge pod - \$50

1966 Lemans/GTO dash pad - \$50

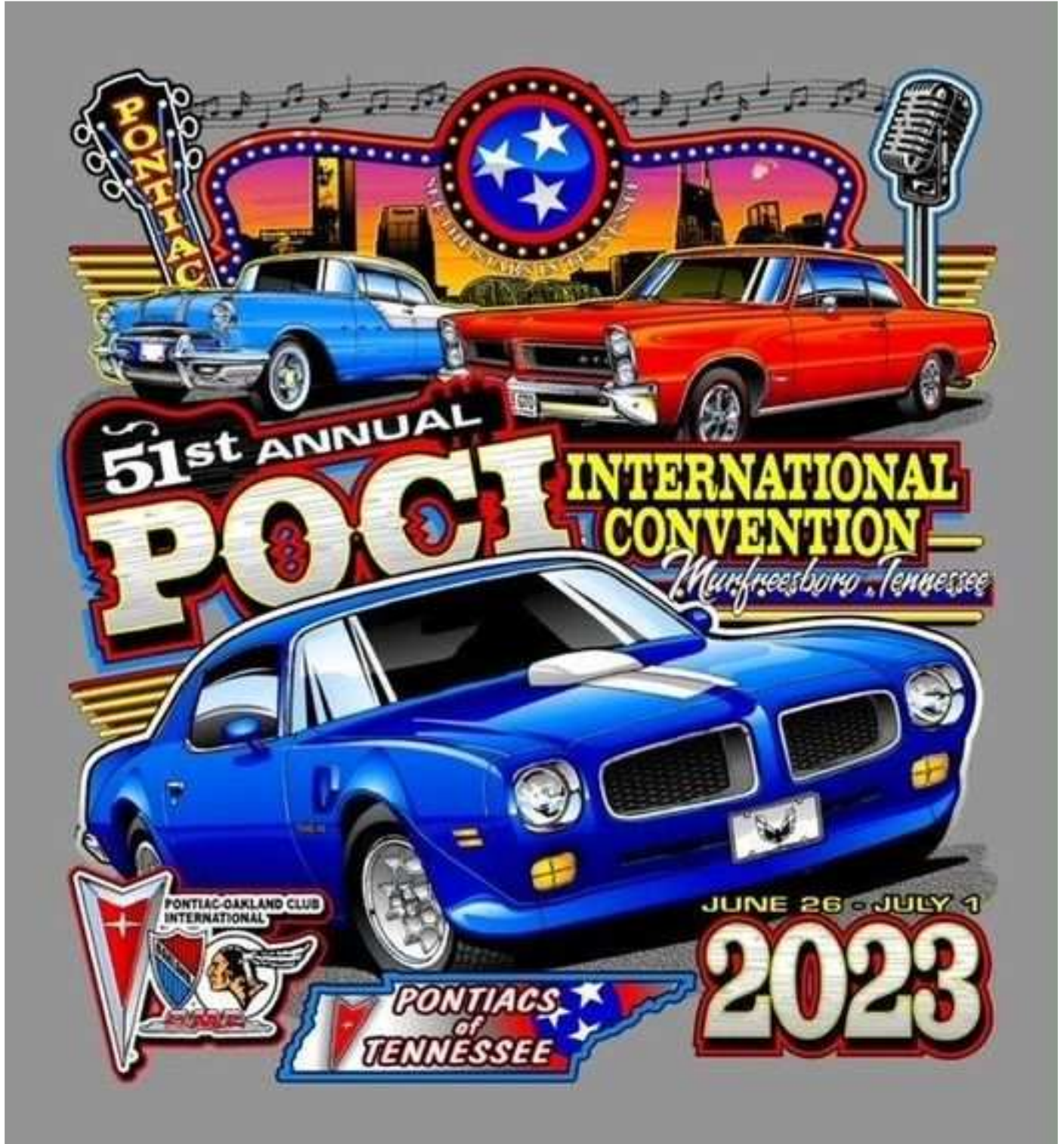
1966 Lemans/GTO Instrument Cluster - \$100

Contact Noel Regula Cell: 616-566-3632





*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

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