



west michigan chapter

the arrowhead

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

August 2007

August Meeting Minutes

Don't forget that we help Grand Pontiac with their (our) car show during the day. All receipts go to God's Kitchen. Bob and Rox DeBoer have invited everyone over to their house afterwards for a cookout!

Don't forget that our September 5th Meeting will actually be a picnic at the Holland State Park!

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help our at this year's Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race. I'll be passing around the sign up sheet at our picnic too. If you want to help, but won't be at the next meeting, please feel free to call me at 517-647-2474.

See you at the Beach!

Dan Jensen



Dear Club Members: Aug 25 is the 28th St Cruise. The Club will be at Grand Pontiac between 9am-3pm. The car show is over at 3. Members are invited over to Bob & Rox's house @ 4pm-6pm for dogs and brats (provided). Please bring a dish to pass and your own drinks.

From 6pm or so, we'll cruise 28th St. or pick a spot and watch the cars go by. You can drop food off at our house prior to going to Grand Pontiac, if you wish.

Address: 942 32nd St SW, Wyoming, MI

Phone: 616-538-6712

See you then-Rox and Bob



WMPOCI Covered Bridge Festival Autumn Tour October 12-14

This year we head south to Parke County, Indiana. Located 45 miles west of Indianapolis, Parke County has more covered bridges than anywhere in the world. We will travel the back roads of Park County seeking out bridges and keeping our eye open for craft shows, flea markets and town festivals.

This year's tour is a little farther than years past. The weekend in Parke County will be a full one, so we are taking suggestions on the tour schedule. We think we need to leave Friday afternoon, arriving near Indianapolis early evening. That would give us all Saturday to enjoy the many activities of the Covered Bridge Festival. Our return Sunday also adds another night to the hotel bill. Below is the information concerning Hotel Reservations.

Hotel: Wingate Inn Airport-Indianapolis

Date of Function: October 12&13 (2 night reservation)

Contact: Tom Plochocki

There are a block of rooms reserved for the club: 4 Kingsize non-smoking and 6 Double non-smoking.

Rate: \$79 plus tax

Check in time: 3:00PM & Check out: 12:00PM

Reservations: Each person is to call the hotel at 317-243-8310 to make their reservation and tell them you are with the W. MI POCI (contact person from the club is Tom Plochocki).

If you have any questions about the tour or the hotel reservations, contact:

> Tom Plochocki (616-292-4007) cell Plochocki@yahoo.com or Bob DeBoer (616-538-6712)

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Summer if in high gear and many had plans other than to attend our meeting at Brann's Restaurant, including our guest speaker! So we asked Doug Kamphuis to talk about his mission trip to the Ukraine, helping to build churches in that region of the world. More on that later.

Doug Troost reported to us that Ken Harper, who was a guest speaker last winter talking about his Pan-American Mercury race car, suffered a stroke recently but is doing okay. Let's all pray for Ken's speedy recovery.

The POCI national convention in Tulsa, OK had some nice cars, says Doug! What was really cool was that the hotel was on famous Route 66! The swap meet was small, however. (eBay strikes again!) Congratulations go to Melanie Thorwall for being awarded POCI recognition for being our newsletter editor!

Doug Troost talked a little about today's oils in yesterday's cars. We know that modern engine oil for cars is no longer safe to use in our old flat-tapped engines. In its place, we used diesel oil like Shell Rotella T (15W-40), which still had safe amounts of additives our engines need. Doug wrote to Shell about the safety of using Rotella in our engines and fortunately their answer was that there is still enough protection! Herb Howes also stated that Valvoline is coming out with "Valvoline Classic" oil for our older cars! It looks like we have nothing to worry about for now.

The Elhart Car Show was a success! There was somewhere in the range of 110-120 cars there, not counting our club cars! The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time! We will be making a nice donation to Hospice!

The 28th Street Cruise will be on Saturday, August 25th.

Chief's Chatter

Fresh back from vacation, rested, but severely unmotivated. Nonetheless, some things must get done and this is on the list.

Elhart's Friday night car show is history. We had 127 cars plus about 12 to 15 club member cars. So about 140 cars were present. It was good to see some of our members at the show that we haven't seen in awhile at the meetings. Thanks for coming and helping out. The exact financial outcome will be available at the September meeting. It's looking like close to \$650 will be able to be given to Hospice.

Looking ahead—don't forget the 28th Street Cruise. Our club in conjunction with Grand Pontiac will be hosting a car show in their parking lot the Saturday of the Cruise (August 25th). Your attendance and help will be appreciated with **ALL** proceeds going to God's Kitchen. Grand Pontiac is paying for all the expenses. Our club just has to help run it.

Our September meeting will be held at the Holland State Park at 6:30. Being your old Pontiac, a dish to pass, a beverage and table setting, and the club will provide the hotdogs and brats and buns. This is also the time we get to award Hospice a check for their half of the proceeds from the Car Show at Elhart. So cruise on out and join in on an evening of relaxation and fun.

Lastly, you won't want to miss out on THE PURE STOCK MUSCLE CAR shoot out on Friday and Saturday (September 14 & 15)!!! If you have never attended this, it is a blast. And as an added bonus, as a club member you get in free if you're willing to help our Dan Jansen with some logistics and operations of the race. You also get to hang around some unbelievably cool and fast cars. This is an "I can't miss this show".

Well that's it for now. They just turned the lights out at the coffee shop. See you in September at the beach. Doug















Upcoming club Events

Sept 14 & 15: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race-Dan Jensen, volunteers needed.

October 12-14: Color Tour

Covered Bridges in Indiana

Tom and Wanda Plochocki (616-292-4007)

2007 West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for Sept., Oct. & Nov.

Sept 5	.Picnic at	the Holland	State	Park
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Oct 3.....Speaker: Bob and Rox DeBoer's son-inlaw Matt– products that make a V-6 go fast!!

Nov 7.....Build a Valve Cover Car to race at the December Meeting, Elections of Officers

The West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International has its own website at: WWW.POCI.ORG To access our site, go to the above site and simply click on the word 'links'. This will bring you to a list of POCI chapters. Click on our site. So check it

THE ARROWHEAD

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
Vice President	Robert DeBoer	616-538-6712
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editors	Greg & Melanie Thorwall	616-399-4701

Wednesday, Sept. 5 @ 6:30 pm

We will NOT be meeting at Brann's in September for our club meeting. Instead, come and enjoy our club picnic at the Holland State Park on September 5 at 6:30 pm. Drive your Pontiac, bring a dish to pass, beverage and table setting, and enjoy the cars, people and scenery. It is sure to be an evening of fun!

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.

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 _____

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