

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

June 2022

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

Thank you all for the great turn out at the Logans Restaurant to hear Jeff Kruithof talk about what is happening in the small town of Pullman, and what People Helping People is all about. The meeting didn't get off on the right foot as the restaurant said we had the wrong night, and they didn't have a room for us. But the manager did a fantastic job of seating us and serving us, so many thanks to her and her staff.

Our next get together is at the Southside Russ' restaurant 1060 S. Lincoln Ave, Holland, in the north room. They're expecting us between 5:30 and 6:00, and then off to visit Art Tolsma's collection at the T&T roofing company.

The Spring Dust Off Cruise was a lot of fun and I think very interesting. We again had a rainy day for much of our cruise down to the Heritage Center. We made it inside

before it really poured, what a noise it made on the roof. The display of Pontiacs was disappointing with some GTOs, a Lemans and a Firebird along with a Prototype Firebird. There were many Oldsmobiles, Buicks, Chevrolets, and Corvettes along with a few old trucks. There was a lot to look at, and it took a few hours to take it all in.



We then went to a private collector's garage where he's stored some unique Pontiacs, and rebuilding a '69 GTO. We spent about the same amount of time there.

After that we were on our own for lunch and the drive home. Getting out of town took forever! Traffic there is terrible and traffic jams were everywhere. Thankful to be home again.

-Cary Hirdes

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 7th 6:00pm

We will meet at:

Southside Russ'

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1060 S. Lincoln Ave Holland, Mi 49423

““In his casket he wore a black motorcycle jacket, blue jeans and a denim shirt. A pair of shades was tucked into the zipper.””

***- John Delorean
Obituary, The New York
Times***

Care Corner

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:

June 7th: Meet at TNT Roofing near Holland. Tour old sign collection

August 2nd: Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

Sept 6th: Picnic at Holland State Park

Oct 4th: Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

Nov 1st: Meeting Place TBD. Officer elections and Valve Cover Races.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

June 7th: Meet at TNT Roofing near Holland. Tour old sign collection

June 18th: Ice Cream Cruise starting at the Standale Meijer.

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

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

August 2nd: Meeting at John and Linda Walker's in Zeeland.

August 12th: Elhart Car Show

August 11th-14th: Pontiac Nationals at Summit Raceway Park near Norwalk, OH.

Sept 6th: Picnic at Holland State Park

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

Oct 4th: Meeting Place TBD. Officer nominations.

Oct 8th & 9th: Fall Cruise – perhaps the Apple Festival in Charlevoix?

Nov 1st: Meeting Place TBD. Officer election and Valve Cover Races

Dec 9th: Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant Hamilton, Mi.

Other Automotive Events:

June 3rd: Remember When Car Show & Cruise-5 PM-?-Downtown Holland, Mi

June 4th: Pullman Pride 2nd Annual Car Show 10am-4pm 5580 South Ave Pullman, Mi

June 14th: Auto Body Xperts Car Cruise-4pm-6pm-3488 Kelly St. Hudsonville, Mi

June 25th: Michigan FBody Meet & Greet Car Show- 9am-3pm HUB Stadium Auburn Hills, Mi

June 25th: MCACN Muscle Car Meet Up-9am-4pm- Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, Mi

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

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

Aug 6th: Red Barns Spectacular-9am-4pm-Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, Mi

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

Other Automotive Events cont'd:

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.

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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

May 2020 Meeting Report

Over 40 members showed up at the Kentwood Logans Roadhouse for our May meeting. Despite some confusion about the room set aside for us, the Logans people were able to accommodate our big group and were still able to give us fast service and great food.

President Cary Hirdes started the meeting while we waited for our food. We held our 50/50 raffle first, with Roxanne DeBoer winning the \$42 pot!

For our June meeting we will visit Art Tolsma's sign collection. It is located near the Holland Airport. We may try to eat somewhere before heading over to Art's.

We received a Thank You letter from Gilmores for our donation to their Garage Works program.

Linda Walker gave her Treasurer's Report for April. There was no income. Expenditures included food and supplies for the April meeting and the donation to Gilmores.

Ryan Snyder passed out new roster books and update pages to those who needed them.

Scott VanTamelen gave us an update on our May 21st cruise to the GM Heritage Center. Around 30 of us have signed up to go. We will not be doing lunch with the Wide Trackers group since there will be about 40 of them. Just too many for any restaurant to handle. So everyone is on their own after the tour.

For our July meeting we will be visiting the DCM Garage in Zeeland, MI. They restore old Dodge and Plymouth trucks.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Jeff from People Helping People of Pullman, MI. They are the folks behind the coat drive at our Christmas parties. Last fall, they were able to give out 325 coats! The used coats are free to the deserving people, and \$5 for new ones. A gym is set up like a store so it feels just like they are shopping.

PHP started out obscurely in 2005, and today it has grown to have a staff of nine people, three who are full time.

After school activities are provided to 50 to 60 kids. Also GED services are available. They have a new food pantry, again, set up like a store. Also, the Pullman Car Show is on June 4th.

PHP is now expanding to Allegan.

If you are going to the June 3rd Remember When Car Show, you have to pre-register.

The Attendance Drawing has grown to \$384!!!! The lucky name pulled was Tom Schneider, but he was not present at the meeting. So the pot will grow for June!

See you at the GM Heritage Center cruise, or the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

For Sale Section

1969 Pontiac Lemans-350 3spd manual

In need of complete restoration, comes with many spare parts collected over the years-Make fair reasonable offer. Contact Scott Van Tamelen for more info



*Pictures from our joint Dust-off with the Motor City Chapter
Tour 2022-GM Heritage Center, and impromptu "garage" invite*















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

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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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