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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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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.

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NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7 PM**

**Famous Dave's, Grandville
(Come earlier if you wish to eat dinner)**

**We will review this year's schedule and
make any changes needed.**



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 POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI.
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 & POI) _____

If full member include your POI# _____

Non POI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

2017 Tentative Club Meeting and Event Schedule

February meeting	Famous Dave's Review and finalize this year's schedule.
March 10	Chili Cook-off at Ryan and Catie Snyder's
April	Club Auction
May	Dust off Cruise
June 6	Visit GR Veterans's Home
July	National Convention (Texas)
August 11	Car Show at Elhart
September	Picnic at Holland State Park
October	Fall Cruise
November	Valve Cover Races
December	Christmas Party

Other Area Events

Gilmore Museum 2017 Lecture Series

<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/events-calendar/>

- January 22 The Dust Bowl
- January 29 Edsel Ford and the Lincoln Automobile
- February 6 Crazy, Weird, Unique and Unusual Highway Signs
- February 12 The Golden Age of Sports Cars in Motion
- February 19 The Most Dominating Victory in the History of the Daytona International Speedway
- February 26 The Most Dangerous Man Alive in 1929: Fred "Killer" Burke

- Metro Cruise August 25-26
 - Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags September 15-16
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Please let me know of any other area shows or events that can be added to this list. I will try to find some more information by the next newsletter, too.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Well it's the start of a new year. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. I am sure a lot of people have already made and broke, their new years' resolutions. I feel that we had a good turn out for the planning meeting this year. There were a lot of good ideas and I think we have a good calendar set up for the year. For those of you with a resolution of being more involved/active, it's not too late, we do have some opportunities (big and small) that you can take on within our own club.

Since I am still fairly new to our club, I thought I should share a little bit more about myself. I grew up in Ohio, on a small hobby farm (about 50 acres). It is about 30 miles south of Cleveland. My dad started his own auto body shop out of the house when I was about four years old. This is probably part of the reason that I am interested in cars so much. Through high school I worked on the neighbor's dairy farm. Then, I went to GMI (General Motors Inst.) for mechanical engineering. During college I had a co-op with the Hoover Company. After college, my first job was at ViChem in Grand Rapids. They compounded (made) vinyl for the automotive market. Then I went on to Getecha, an OEM that makes granulators for the plastics industry. And that is where I still work today. Catie and I are celebrating our 5th wedding anniversary this weekend. We have two daughters, Mia and Ambjor. Mia is 16 and a sophomore in high school. Ambjor just turned 2 and of course, not going to school yet.

Below is a list of the cars that I have had since I started driving. Some of the cars I bought because they were "the" car I wanted. The other cars I bought because I was tired of my old car and they fit my budget.

My first car was a '66 Thunderbird, a great car, when it ran. I think this car would break down every other week. But, it did give me a lot of experience with fixing cars, AAA and the auto parts store.

'78 Chevy truck. This was a 4x4 that was raised 4" to fit the 36" tires. I sold this one to my brother.

'68 Firebird 400. Nice original car from California. Bought at an auction in PA. This is the car I still have today. Yes, people ask me all the time if I am ready to sell it. (No, it's not for sale)

'86 LeSabre. This was really a winter/college car. Got 30 mpg with this car.

'92 Bonneville SSEi. More power than the Buick, but, still a boat.

'94 Camaro Z28. Plenty of power. Not good on ice. Slid into the guard rail. Sold the motor to my Dad for his street rod.

'97 Dakota. Fun to drive V8 stick shift. Would have liked an extended cab.

'98 Riviera. Back to a boat. Got "T-Boned" by a truck in this one.

'02 Dakota R/T. Went with the extended cab. Would have liked a stick shift. Not offered in the R/T.

'66 Thunderbird convertible. Bought this one in pieces. Still putting it back together.

'06 Vibe. Traded in the Dakota when gas prices went over \$3.00. This is currently my daily driver and has 340k on it. I am hoping to keep this one around for at least another 60k.

The February meeting is still on and we will be reviewing and finalizing the events and dates for the year at this meeting. Again, if you have any more suggestions or ideas you would like our club to do this year, please let us know.

Be sure to check out the updated web page and new Facebook page Scott has put together. Please feel free to add any pictures or posts to the Facebook page.

Until next time, get out and drive.

Ryan Snyder

January 2017 Meeting Report

The weather cooperated for us getting together for our first meeting of 2017 at Famous Dave's Restaurant. About twenty two of us braved the cold, but dry conditions to help our new president, Ryan Snyder, kick off the new year.

We started off the meeting with the 50/50 drawing with Dan and Nancy Baker taking home \$26. Next was our attendance drawing with the DeBoers winning the \$51 purse. Congrats to both couples!

Terri Miller's Treasurer's report was passed out. We had income from the Pure Stock Drags and dues. Expenses included our Christmas Party, gifts for the veterans, and seed money for the attendance drawing. Luckily the income far outweighed the expenses!

Our January meeting is usually when we lay out what activities we want to do and participate in for the coming months. And that is what we did. The following is subject to change.

February 7th meeting at Famous Dave's –

firm up our 2017 activities calendar

March 10th Friday at the Snyder's home – chili cook-off

April 4th meeting at Famous Daves – bringing back our famous club auction

May ?? - our Dust Off Cruise to South Haven

June 6th (?) – visit the Vet's home with our Pontiacs

July – no meeting because of POCl National Convention

August meeting – finalize our Elhart Car Show plans

September 5th – picnic at Holland State Park

September 15th & 16th – Pure Stock Drags

October ?? – Color Tour to (Campers Hall of Fame was mentioned)

November 7th meeting – Valve Cover Races and board elections

December 8th? – Christmas Party

Secretary's Report Cont'd.

We want to welcome our new member, Dave Feutz. He owns a 1979 Trans Am. Welcome to the club Dave!

See you at Famous Dave's February 7th!

Dan Jensen

Care Corner

Cheryl Ploeg had 2 tears in her rotator cuff repaired with surgery on Thursday, January 5. She has returned to work but is unable to drive for several 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.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES \$25.00 PER COUPLE

Since Millers are gone, you can give your dues to Joan Troost at the next meeting or send them to her.

We now have a Facebook Page:



West Michigan Pontiac Club

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=west%20michigan%20pontiac%20club>

Check it out!