

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

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## Chief's Chatter

**Bob DeBoer- WMPOCI President**

How nice it was to see most of our Snowbirds back from warmer regions; we had a packed room, I counted 38 people.

We had a guest speaker, Dave, who shared with us his adventure of selling his '68 GTO. Then as a surprise, his son Jason, found the car through Facebook and purchased it back for a much higher price for his dad as a Father's Day present. They are enjoying the ride once again! Thank you, Gregg Jordan, for inviting our speakers, it is very appreciated.

As our annual "Dust Off" is early this year on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have a meeting at the event but hold off on a membership drawing until the June meeting. By the show of hands, it looks like we will have an excellent turn out for our cruise up North...rain or shine we will have a good time. So, meet us in Nunica at 8:45 am and here we come Traverse City!

We have a couple of options in the works for our June meeting so please look for further information on that.

We would like to welcome our newest members : David and Lorna Bigelow (Dave spoke at our meeting) they have a 1968 Pontiac GTO.

We would like to welcome back our past members: Allen and Emily Ouzts, they have a 1951 Pontiac Chieftain Eight.

### DUST OFF ITINERARY:

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> meet up at: 11999 Cleveland St, Nunica at 8:45am and depart at 9:00 am for Frankfort.

Have a great month!

Chief Bob

# NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00pm**

We will be meeting somewhere to cruise to Muskegon to hopefully tour a Custom Engine Builders facility. We will go for dinner/ice cream afterwards.

More details to come!!

## **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:**

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Check out our latest events and activities on our website [www.wmpontiac.com](http://www.wmpontiac.com)



# Noteable Notes:

Thirty-eight WMPOCI members attended our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The weather was almost perfect with sunny skies and temperature near 70 degrees. It doesn't get much better than that. Not to mention that all our snowbirds are back home. We had a full room at the Butcher Block Social restaurant in Caledonia.

After dinner, President Bob DeBoer kicked things off with Linda Walker giving us her Treasurer's Report. Our only income was from membership dues. There were no expenses. As a reminder, 2024 dues are due ASAP!

Next up were our surprise speakers. Greg Jordan had met this father and son at a car show and their story about their car, a 1968 GTO, inspired him to ask them to share it with our club. Fortunately, they were happy to do so. Dave Bigelow, the father, bought his black over red GTO to race, so he kept the amount of options low. He got the standard 335 hp 400 V8, but ordered the four-speed transmission, 3.90 gears with Safe-T-Track, and heavy-duty cooling. He raced the car around the region for several years. Unfortunately, a neighbor's tire rolled into one of the quarter panels, and that prompted Dave to sell the car in 1995. His son, Jason, was able to track the car down to an owner in Minnesota and bought the GTO back to surprise his father with it on Father's Day last year! So, if we can get Dave and Jason to join our club, (which Dave did) we will get the honor to see the car soon!

Scott VanTamelen handed out the itinerary for our upcoming Spring Dust-Off Cruise to the Traverse City area. Everyone is to meet at 8:45 am, Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Nunica exit off I-96. Departure from there is 9:00 am. The group will drive to Frankfort for lunch at the A&W Restaurant, then tour the Hale Automotive Museum. Other possible stops are the Pointe Betsie Lighthouse and the Pierce-Stocking Scenic Drive. After that, it's off to the Grand Beach Resort in TC for the night. You are on your own for dinner. On Sunday, a tour of Hammer and Dolly Restoration shop is scheduled. After that, it's time to head back home.

The June meeting which had us driving to Muskegon to tour a high-end engine shop is in limbo. We have not received any confirmation from the representatives.

Linda Walker caught us up on the latest concerning our August 9<sup>th</sup> car show at Ridge Point Church in Holland. She gave the club members letters for them to take to our show sponsors. She shared with us the new flyers she designed, asking if we should make color or black and white copies to hand out. The club elected to go with the color. Tena Schulte volunteered to make color copies where she works, saving the club a lot of money. To help advertise our club and show out by the road, we need bigger banners. Linda will get quotes to share at the next meeting.

Ken VerMeulen told us about the Auction and Fund-Raising Dinner for People Heling People (PHP), May 20<sup>th</sup>, held at Cut Above Event Center in Saugatuck, MI. If you have questions, call 269-236-2001.

Bob McCarthy handed out flyers for the Galesburg Tuesday Night Cruises that run from May 7<sup>th</sup> through September. The hours are 4:30-7:45. Location is 68 E. Michigan Ave. Bob said the would allow our club to park together.

Scott and Lori Bouwman won the 50/50 drawing worth \$58. Congratulations!

Robert Bos' name was pulled for our Attendance drawing, now worth \$288. Unfortunately, Robert wasn't present, so the pot will grow to over \$300 at our next meeting. (When the pot goes over \$300, it is split into two. So, two names will be pulled next time. This will be at our June meeting since not everyone is able to make it to the Dust-Off.)

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Spring Dust-Off Cruise this year. For those who go, have a great time!

Dan Jensen, Secretary

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.**



## Upcoming Events

### **West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: Spring Dust Off** – with an overnight stay being planned for in Traverse City. Also to include a tour of the Frankfort Car Museum and other places of interest in Traverse City.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>: Cruise to Muskegon** – to tour a Custom Engine Builders facility. Out to dinner/ice cream after.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>: Zeeland Car Cruise** (this is a Friday night) Line up starts at 5:00 pm at the Zeeland Football Fields on Riley St. with the cruise starting at 6:00 pm. Going for ice cream after the cruise is a good possibility.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting** – We will again be meeting at the Butcher Block Social Restaurant at 9900 Cherry Valley Ave SE Caledonia, MI 49316. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. Club meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The upcoming Car Show will be discussed.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>: Annual WMPOC Car Show** – this years' show will be held at Ridge Point Church in Holland on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. off of Adams/16<sup>th</sup> St. There are 3 large parking lots so we will be able to control the flow of traffic and have plenty of room for spectator parking. Linda is working on getting new signs and fliers made for advertising. She is also having a new banner made for us to park by. The caterer from previous years will be returning, the church has offered the use of their PA System and there may possibly be a band.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Picnic at Holland State Park** – We will arrive at 6:00 pm to eat together with the Club meeting to begin at 7:00 pm. Charity gifts will be discussed.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: Pure Stock Drags** (more details to come)

**October 1<sup>st</sup>: Club Meeting** – We will again be meeting at the Butcher Block Social Restaurant to eat together at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Board Nominations to discuss.

**October 12<sup>th</sup>: Fall Color Tour Cruise** – hoping to go to Gilmore Car Museum and a Farm Market for some Fall Goodies. More details later.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>: Annual Valve Cover Car Races** – We will be meeting at the home of Ron & Elaine VanZytveld at 4101 Byron Rd. Hudsonville, MI 49426. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. At 7:00 pm we will have a quick meeting and then the competition will begin. Polish off or create those unique valve cover cars!

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party** to be held at Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Possible entertainment this year. More details later.

# YOU'RE INVITED

*Auction + Fundraising Dinner*

## MAY 20



### SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20

## *Auction + Fundraising Dinner*

People Helping People (PHP) is a welcoming and Christ-centered resource destination that shows the love of Christ to the Pullman community by meeting daily needs and equipping each person to meet their full God-given potential. Join us on Monday, May 20 as we seek to raise \$200,000 to support the continuation of our mission here in Pullman. Together, we'll enjoy an evening filled with food, fun and fellowship, and with your participation, we know we can achieve our fundraising goal and carry out the work God has called us to in this community.

Time: doors open at 5pm for auction item viewing, dinner served starting at 5:30-6:45pm, silent auction runs 5:30-6:45pm, live auction begins at 6:45pm

Location: A Cut Above Event Center's Indoor/Outdoor Venue, 6080 Blue Star Saugatuck, MI 49453

Questions: [jeff@phppullman.org](mailto:jeff@phppullman.org), 269.236.2001



Register to join us at the QR code to the left or  
[phppullman.ejoinme.org/Register2024](http://phppullman.ejoinme.org/Register2024)

We look forward to seeing you there!

\*In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Third Coast Community Church, 6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck





**LOOK WHO'S TURNING**  
**50**  
**(PLUS 25)**



*Come Celebrate  
 Johnny's Birthday!*



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, 2024**  
**Open House 4:00 - 10:00 pm**

**2814 AIR PARK DRIVE**  
**ZEELAND, MI**

*Please RSVP to Linda Walker (847) 609-3910.  
 Call/text with any questions. Hope to see you!*



# Galesburg Tuesday Night Cruise In 2024

May 7 thru September  
Hours 4:30-7:45  
68 E Michigan Ave Galesburg Mi.

A fun place to cruise in your Classic Car for dinner and spend  
time with friends

Music, sometimes live  
50/50 drawings  
Bring your Classic Car and you will be entered in for a door  
prize

Galesburg Tuesday Night Cruise In on Facebook

