

The Arrowhead

West Michigan Chapter



May 2021

Chief's Chatter

Scott Van Tamelen- WMPOCI President

Is it May already? Boy, this month went by fast!

I'm happy to say we had a great turnout for our meeting at ReVive last month. It appeared many of you enjoyed Kaan's demonstration. I hope you picked up some new pointers, I know I did. I even bought some of his supplies. Can't wait to put them to use on the cars.

At the meeting I went over the plans that staff put in place for events this year, and I explained we'd have to be flexible as we continue to deal with Covid. Well? I'm asking that you to put that "flexibility" in action already.

For our Spring Dust-Off event I announced that we had planned to tour the Oldsmobile Museum in Lansing. Last week after doing a preliminary drive of the route we'd take, and checking for a place to have lunch Dan called to let me know that we should probably reconsider going to Lansing. There was major reconstruction of the roads in the area, and we were striking out finding a suitable location for lunch. One of the restaurants best suited for hosting us was in the middle of where the road was being reconstructed, and the parks in the area, that we thought might work for a picnic, had their bathrooms locked due to Covid.

Therefore we're shifting gears, and considering two different options. Option one is to head down to Gilmore Museum leaving from the Grand Rapids area, and traveling via scenic back-roads. Option two is to head out-of-state to South Bend, Indiana where we would tour the Studebaker Museum. I'm currently seeking out other things we could add to either one of those ideas. As I'm able to confirm the plans I'll have Judy send out an update email, otherwise I'll announce at the May meeting what the final plan will be. Regardless of what I come up with, get those Pontiacs ready because we're going cruising on Saturday May 8th!

Until next time, grab another gear and stomp it to the floor!!

Scott

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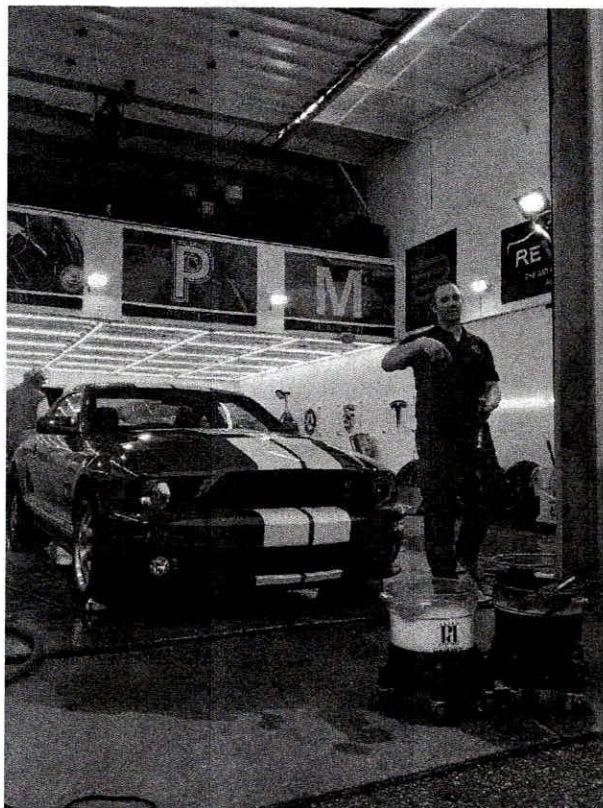
A few More Events:

Saturday, May 1, 10—2 Allegan Eagles Auxiliary Car Show
Allegan County Court House Parking, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan

Gilmore Car Museum will again host their Wednesday Night
Cruise Ins through the summer. Because of COVID restrictions
they have several policies in place.

Go to: www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org/Wednesday-Night-Cruise-In
for all the details

For all of their events for the season, go to:
www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org/events



Kaan explaining his
auto detailing
procedures. Shown
in front is his
two-bucket system
for washing and
rinsing.

Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st
\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club
430 E 8th St, PMB 157
Holland, MI. 49423

National Dues are YOUR responsibility.

You must be a member of the
National POCl to be a member of the West Michigan POCl.
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 & POCl) _____

If full member include your POCl# _____

Non POCl member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCl # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

\$25.00 Payable to West Michigan Pontiac Club

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.

FOR SALE: Very Good one owner Barn / Garage stored
1976 Trans Am for sale. very dusty
Around 52,000 miles. Silver with red interior/seats. 400 engine w/4
speed Hurst Shifter. Original car except for tranny. Has headers.
Honeycomb rims. Needs a little work but not major work headliner, belts,
hoses, etc. Painted once w/new bird decal.
Contact: Steve Collins email : stevenleecollins@hotmail.com

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 activities and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals, as well as, provide information.

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April 2021 Meeting Report

Our first meeting for 2021 was held outdoors at ReVive Automotive Aesthetics in Byron Center. The weather was warm and sunny, and about 28 members were in attendance.

The meeting started off with Kaan Aya, owner of ReVive, showing us how he cleans and details his customer's cars. He showed us the benefits of using a two-bucket system of washing the paint and the wheels. That's two buckets for the wheels, and two buckets for the paint. One bucket for soapy water, the other for rinse water. The wheels and tires are the dirtiest part of a car, so he washes them first (with dish soap). He then attacks the paint (with pH neutral shampoo), one panel at a time. If needed, he uses a clay bar on the paint to remove debris that the soap and water couldn't remove. Kaan recommends drying the car with a leaf blower, and/or a twisted loop microfiber towel.

When it comes to protecting the paint, he recommends a ceramic coating instead of normal waxes. Ceramic has smaller molecules compared to paint, so they imbed in the paint and protect longer. Wax molecules are about the same size as the paint molecules, so it lies on top of the paint and can be washed or worn off quickly.

President Scott VanTamelen passed around Brian Martinie's Treasurer's Report for March. We had income from membership dues. Expenditures included newsletter postage and a donation to the Gilmore Garage Works.

The next meeting is May 4th, and will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's "cave". Please arrive by 6:00 PM. The ladies are planning on preparing tacos and salads.

There has been a destination change for our Spring Dust Off Cruise. I drove the planned route to our original destination, the RE Olds Museum in downtown Lansing. What I found was disappointing. Grand River Avenue is completely torn up and is extremely dirty and bumpy. Plus, the intended restaurant, the Olympic Broil, is cut off, due to the construction. After sharing these findings with Scott, it was decided to come up with a plan B, which is outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

For our June 1st meeting, we are hoping to go to Gentex for a tour. Doug Troost is looking into this. If it is not feasible, maybe we can do an Ice Cream Cruise.

The July (6th) meeting is up in the air. Normally we don't have a meeting this month due to the POCl convention. But with Covid, there is the possibility of it being canceled. So, TBD.

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August 3rd meeting is used for final preparations for our annual Car Show, held at the Elhart car campus. Cary Hirdes has contacted Elhart, but has not heard back from their representative. The show is scheduled for the 13th, but TBD due to Covid.

September 7th is our picnic meeting at Ottawa Beach. Plus, the Pure Stock Drags are scheduled for the 17th and 18th.

The October 5th meeting will be for 2022 club officer nominations. Plus, we will get the final details on our Fall Color Cruise, scheduled for the 9th and 10th. Doug and Linda Kamphuis are heading this up.

November (2nd) is our officer elections and Valve Cover Races.

December 3rd is our Christmas Party. Scott is handling the details. Location and entertainment TBD.

Bob Walker won the 50/50 raffle worth \$27! The Bruce and Debbie Hayes' names were pulled for the Attendance Drawing, but they were not present. So that pot grows for next month's meeting.

See you May 4th.

Dan Jensen, Secretary



CLUB EVENTS

May 4, 6PM	Regular Meeting at Van Zytveld's Cave
May 8	Spring Dust Off Cruise
June 1	Tour Gentex?
July 11-15	National POCI Convention, Uncasville, CT Ice Cream Cruise, Date TBD
August 3	Meeting to make final plans for Car Show
August 13	Car Show at Elhart Automotive Campus
September 7	Beach Picnic
September 17-18	Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags
October 5	Meeting, Nominations for Board Members
October 9 & 10	Fall Color Tour Cruise
November 2	Valve Cover Races & Board Elections
December 3	Christmas Party, Local TBD

If you have a suggestion for a meeting topic or an event to consider for this year, please contact any board member with the information.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 6PM
Van Zytveld's Cave
4101 Byron Road, Hudsonville

Supper will be Tacos

Salads will be provided by:
Melanie T, Jane D, Judy H.
Desserts will be provided by:
Rox D, Terri M, Linda K, Joan T.

AREA CAR EVENTS:

- Thursday, May 6, 4:30—8 PM Essenhaus in Middlebury, IN
Continues every Thursday through the summer, weather permitting.
- Monday, May 31, 11 AM Marne Fest, State Street
- Friday, June 4, 5 PM, Remember When Car Show, Holland,
124 E. 8th Street
- Sunday, June 13 Mid-Michigan Custom Car Show, Downtown Owosso
Reg. 9 am—12 noon, Show 12-5.
- June 15, 4-9 PM Gemmen's Hardware in Hudsonville
5-8:45 PM Miss Auto Body Xperts Pin Up Contest
www.AutoBodyXperts.com/events
- Saturday, July 3 10 AM—2 PM Heykoop Veteran Memorial Car Show,
560 Mart Street, Muskegon
- July 31, 9 AM—2 PM Gun Lake Casino, Wayland/AutoBodyXperts
- September 19 All Day Allendale Fall Festival/AutoBodyXperts
- Sunday, Sept. 12, 9—4 Gilmore's Muscle Car Show and Swap Meet