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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

May 2007

May Meeting Minutes

The weather was perfect for our cruise to the Gilmore Car Museum on May 2nd! The sun was shining and the temperatures were just a bit cool, which is great for our old Pontiacs! Ten cars showed up ranging from the VanZyteweld's 1940 Pontiac to my 2005 GTO. We left the Marathon station around 6:30 and snaked our way (following George Turner) down to Hickory Corners where the museums are. George arranged for a private tour of the muscle-car display where the Thorwall's 64 GTO is prominently displayed at the entrance! Another interesting Pontiac on display is a '63 Catalina post coupe equipped with a 421 H.O. and a four speed! The musclecar era of the '60's and '70's was well represented with rare cars including a '66 427 Fairlane, '63 Z-11 Impala, '63 427 lightweight Galaxie, a '71 Hemi Cuda, a bunch of Yenko Camaros, a '70 Stage One Buick GS, a '70 442 W-30 and on and on. After the tour we grabbed some food at the diner and returned to our cars for a short meeting. Thanks to George Turner for setting the whole evening up!

Activities that were coming up in May included the Holland Tulip Festival on May 11th and the Burn Car Show on May 19th (Those helping work at the show needed to show up around 7:30 AM).

Our June 6th Meeting will be held at Hager Park in Hudsonville. Bring a dish to pass and your table setting. Afterwards, we will be cruising to an ice cream stand.

The club wishes to thank Melanie Thorwall for her efforts in taking over the newsletter and putting her special touches on it! It looks great, but Melanie says it could be better with some articles from our membership. If you have anything you wish to share with the club, whether it is about your Pontiac, or a show, or about your pets, write something up and send it to Melanie (gmthor@T2comm.net).

May Meeting Minutes

The club also wishes to thank Brian Broekema for our website. It has never looked better!

There will be no July Meeting because of the POCI Nationals.

Our fall cruise will be either the weekend of October 13th or 20th. The destination is Park City, southwest of Indianapolis. Tom Plochocki is making the room arrangements and needs to know who is participating.

Wendell Miller had flyers available for our August 3rd car show at Elhart Pontiac. Please bring a door prize if you attend this show.

Finally, someone won our club lottery! Congratulations to Tom and Sandy Ensing for winning the \$110! A new lottery starts for the next meeting!

See everyone at Hager Park!

Dan Jensen

Directions to Hager Park in Hudsonville For Doug and all who need them.

From the I 196 Exit at Hudsonville:

After taking this exit, go north on 32nd Ave. to Chicago Drive. Cross Chicago Drive (becomes Balsam Dr.) and continue north until Port Sheldon Street.

Cross over Port Sheldon St (this becomes 28th Ave.) and continue north through Baldwin St. Hager Park entrance will be further up on your right. If you went to Bauer Rd, you'll have to backtract to the entrance. Hager Park is located at 28th Ave and Baurer Rd with the entrance on 28th Ave.

Covered Bridge Tour

WMPOCI Covered Bridge Festival Autumn Tour

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. The weekend agenda also includes a melodrama at the historic Ritz Theater, home to the Parke Players.

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. We also need to make room reservation and need to know who is interested in making the trip.

At the May meeting we discussed the possible dates: either the weekend of October 13th or 20th. A decision was not made so we need more input. Please contact us if you have any questions or any idea which weekend will work for you.

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

Chief's Chatter

schedule to have workers present for the entire time. Usually they are the first ones there to direct traffic and it's pretty early for a Saturday. Tom and Sandy, Thank You!!!!

Our next outing will be June 2 & 3 at the Midland Car Show/Flea Market. This is an overnighiter or can be just for the day, whatever works with your schedule. Hopefully details will follow in this newsletter. If not, contact Doug Kamphuis (616-392-5074) for meeting and leaving times.

Our June Meeting is the potluck at Hager Park in Hudsonville. Bring a dish to pass except desserts, as we are doing a follow-the-leader to an ice cream shop after the potluck. So drive your cool cars, not those family things. Although I don't know, with the cost of Premium at \$3.66 tonight, the Family car doesn't sound bad. Hotdogs, brats and buns will be provided by the club. Hopefully someone has directions to this place so I don't have to drive all over Hudsonville (such a big town ya know) like last year.

Well it's time to go. I hear another Fire Truck calling my name. Have a great Memorial Holiday and remember to say Thank You to your soldiers and vets on this special day.

Doug

Chief's Chatter

Where did the winter go? It can't be summer already. All winter long we look forward to warm weather to get the cars out and now I'm not ready. Well, we'll shoot for next year to do better and if you believe that, I have a rust free Michigan car to sell you, too.

We had a good turn out for the last meeting at Gilmore's: about 12 cars, I think. We saw many gorgeous cars and the Thorwall's 64 GTO was among them. Thanks to George for chairing this event. It was a great time.

Whoa, stop the presses. We finally had a winner last month of the club lotto. Tom and Sandy Ensing went home with a hand full of cash, \$110.00 to be exact. Next month the pot starts over again, so the club will seed the lotto with \$25.00 and add 50% of the money from the sold raffle tickets. So we could have another winner with at least \$25. But you need to show up at the next meeting to have a chance at winning...If you don't show up you have no chance....

By the time you get this newsletter the Burn Show will have happened I think, and as I can't be there this year, I want to personally THANK Tom and Sandy for taking care of everything that goes with putting on a successful show: like attending the pre-meetings, informing us of items at our meetings that pertain to the show, getting people to sign up and assigning a

SOUR CHERRY CAKE

Bake @375° for 30-35 Min. Grease & Flour 2- 9" cake pans

2 Cups Sugar

3 Eggs

1/2 Cup Crisco® (plain, not buttered flavored)

3 Cups flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 Cup milk

2 Cups sour cherries (fresh or canned-pitted)

Cream sugar, eggs and Crisco®. Mix flour & baking powder together. Add flour mixture and milk alternately in creamed mixture. Place drained cherries in a plastic bag with a little flour and shake. (This keeps the cherries from sinking in the cake while baking.) Fold cherries into cake mixture. Bake until center is done— test with toothpick or knife.

Cooked Icing

2 3/4 Cup Confectioners Sugar

1/2 tsp salt

1 egg

2 Tbs water

1/4 Cup sugar

1/2 Cup Crisco® (plain, not buttered flavored)

2 tsp vanilla

Combine confectioners sugar, salt and egg— mix. Boil the water and sugar for 1 minute, then mix with sugar/salt/egg mixture. Add Crisco® and vanilla. Blend until creamy. Cool, then icing cake.

This is a great summertime recipe although this is our favorite birthday cake so we use it year-round.

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 out.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **BOB POSTMA** on receiving a 40 year service award for officiating from the Michigan School Athletic Association in Lansing on May 12, even though we hear he had to pay for his own dinner. Everyone's short on money, it seems.

Thank you notes were received from Roxanne De-Boer, Wendell Miller and Greg Thorwall for the get well gifts from the club. We hope all are doing well.

Also, we extend **get well wishes** to a few others we didn't hear about until later: Ben Herr and Linda Kamphuis.

Upcoming Club Events

July 10-14: National POCI Convention, Tulsa, OK

August 3: Car Show at Elhart Pontiac in Holland. Volunteers are needed. This is our only club fundraiser.

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

October (date to be determined): Color Tour-Covered Bridges in Indiana-Tom and Wanda Plochocki (616-292-4007)

2007 West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for July, August, & Sept.

July 4.....No Meeting.

August 1.....Jim DeGraaf from Elhart will speak, along with final details of the Car Show.

Sept 5.....Picnic at the Holland State Park

Midland Antique Car Show

June 2 & 3

For all those coming to the Midland Antique Car Show, we will meet on Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 AM at the McDonald's on West River Drive by the Fifth/Third Ball Park. You can catch some breakfast if you wish. We will leave at 8 AM for Midland.

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
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Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
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Wednesday June 6, 2007 @ 6:30 PM

We will NOT be meeting at Brann's this month. We are going to be out in nature at Hager Park in Hudsonville. We will meet at 6:30 PM for a potluck. Bring a dish to pass (no desserts, please) and your own table setting. Hotdogs and Brats will be provided and we will all cruise to an ice cream place after dinner.

Bring your cool car and enjoy!
Directions are provided
in this newsletter.



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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