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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

February 2010

## January 2010 Meeting Report

I'm back! First, thank you to Elaine writing up the December Meeting report for me. The weather was pretty bad then, and I really didn't feel like driving on slippery highways! It was 19 years ago, driving to the January 1991 Pontiac Club meeting that a Ford Ranger crossed the median on I-96 into my path. I totaled my 1977 Grand Prix, as well as the Ranger! Luckily no one was hurt, but I've been nervous about slippery highways ever since.

Hey, I get to cover our new Pres, Ron VanZytveld now!!! But first, a big thanks to Cary Hirdes for carrying the torch the last few years!

Ron opened the meeting at Famous Dave's by mentioning that the December meeting/Christmas Party was a big success with over thirty folks showing up. That was great because there were more donations made to the Chrisman family who needed help. They sent us a thank you note which Ron read out loud. Our club should be proud of helping this family, as well as all we've done in the past!

Ron mentioned making a change to the November meeting date because the first Tues. is election day. I'm not sure so it might be mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. Also, the Detroit Autorama is the last weekend in February (the 26-28<sup>th</sup>) and maybe enough guys will want to car pool down?

The Troosts won the 50/50 raffle of \$27! Ray Anderson's name was pulled for the club lotto (\$85), but wasn't present, so it rolls over to the next meeting.

Rudy Vedovell was our guest speaker. Rudy is 82 years old, and since either 1950 or 1954, has been mountain climbing all over the country and the world! He climbed the Matterhorn when he was 50 years old! He's achieved the goal of climbing (reaching) the highest points in all 50 states, climbing all 56 peaks in Colorado, and most, if not all, the highest points in 35 countries around the world! And he has more to climb before he's ready to hang up his climbing boots! Rudy's presentation was very, very interesting and he and his wife are genuinely nice people. I hope we can hear more of his future travels!

See you at the next meeting!  
Dan Jensen

## DUES ARE DUE

It's hard to believe another year is about to start! That means dues are due for the new year. This year we are asking you to fill out the membership form with your information, even if there hasn't been any changes, and send it along with your dues so that we can update our club directory and send out a new copy to everyone.

## THANK YOU

We have had a fairly good response to our request for dues and member information. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the information and send it in to our treasurer. As soon as we get everyone's information we'll put together a new directory that you will receive in the mail.

## FAST FACTS

In 1967 there were only 104,902 Lemans made, out of those only 75,965 were 2 door hardtops.

In 1974 there were only 44,494 Grandvilles made, out of those only 3000 were 2 door convertibles.

In 1979 there were only 211,454 Firebirds made, out of those only 117,108 were TransAms.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

**January : Rudy Vedovell - Mt. Climber**

**February : Phil Michmerhuizen - Car tour through Alaska**

**March : ?? John Bauman - Cougar Club**

**April ; Paul Kleinheksel - Geo Caching**

**May : Progressive Cruise ending at ice cream shop**

**June : ?? Steve VanZytveld - metal fabricator**

**July : POCI Convention Charleston VA - no meeting**

**August Meeting - Gilmore Cruise-in**

**August 6-7 Pontiac Nationals - Norwalk OH**

**August 20-21 Woodward Dream Cruise**

**August 27-28 Metro Cruise**

**September Meeting- Ottawa Beach**

**September - 17-18 Dan's Drags Stanton - volunteers are needed to help out at the drags.**

**October - ?? Ken Faber - Vintage RV's**

**November - Valve cover races**

**December - Christmas Dinner**

**Some of these venues are tentative - keep an eye on your newsletter for more information on times and meeting places.**

## CHIEF'S CHATTER

Winter time is a great time to work on our cars. It doesn't matter if it's a small job or a major one, with this wintry weather the car isn't going anywhere anyway., unfortunately. For some reason I can't get myself motivated though. Maybe with the college football games done that will help. I'll let you know next month.

Rudy Vedovell had a very interesting story about his mountain climbing expeditions. His accomplishments are quite amazing for anyone, let alone a man in his 80's. Maybe I should put down that extra piece of pizza and walk on the treadmill instead.

For our February meeting the Michmerhuizens will show us slides of their Alaska car trip. This should be great if it's anything like their presentation last year of their plane trip around the continental U.S.

We are waiting to find out if there will be a car show at Elhart this year. If we do , Doug Troost would like us to find a replacement for him to head that up. Doug has done a great job for many years putting it together. Please give it some thought. We will talk about it at our next meeting.

The Detroit Autorama is February 26-28. We can talk about car pooling if anyone is interested in going.

Ron

# 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	Ron VanZytveld	616-896-1294
Vice President	Tom Ensing	616-826-6554
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editor	Elaine VanZytveld	616-896-1294

## February 2

**Our February meeting will be at Famous Dave's. Phil Michmerhuizen will be giving us a presentation on his and his wife's auto tour of Alaska. For those who may remember, Phil gave us a very interesting presentation last year on his airplane travels across the country.**

## 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](http://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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