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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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APRIL 7

**WE ARE MEETING AT FAMOUS DAVE'S
MEETING STARTS AT 7:00
COME EARLIER FOR A BITE TO EAT**

Paul Bergstrom sent this in an email:

Hello,

We are looking for 1960 era Pontiacs for our Eyes on Design Show in Grosse Pointe, Mi. Our show takes place every Father's Day, participation is by invitation only. If anyone is interested please ask them to contact me.

www.eyesondesigncarshow.com

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CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello Everybody-

Can you feel that? Do you remember what that is? It's called WARMTH, and how nice it is to feel it again.

It's also a sign that the excitement we get from driving our Pontiac is just around the corner. I haven't gotten any of mine out yet, but boy do I have the itch. Don't get me wrong I enjoy driving our GMC too, but it's a daily driver and it doesn't really compare to the fun I have in our Pontiacs.

While I'm on the subject of GMC, I want to remind everybody that even though we call ourselves the West Michigan Pontiac Club we also need to embrace GMC owners too. I just finished reading this month's Smoke Signals, in it I read that the POCI has a goal to reach a level of 10,000 members by the end of 2015. I love goals and challenges, so it got me wondering: "What can the West Michigan Chapter do to help the POCI reach that goal?"

It occurred to me we do a really good job making sure we're reaching out to other Pontiac owners, but we might overlook those GMC owners. I know I'm guilty of it. When I'm at a car show or cruise-in I'm naturally drawn to the Pontiacs, so it's easy to invite them to check out our club, again it comes naturally.....but I wonder how often I've walked right past a GMC without giving it a second glance?? Do you do the same? If so, we're missing out on an unsolicited market. We need to make GMC owners aware there's a automotive club for them too.

So here's my challenge to all West Michigan Pontiac Club members: This season when you're attending your favorite car show or cruise-in, make a point to look for GMC's. Train your brain to look for those three Ruby Red letters, and invite it's owner to check out our club. Let's see how many new members we can invite to our chapter who own a GMC. By doing so we might just help the POCI reach their goal.

Now onto a little club business. At last month's meeting I mentioned that we might tour a local shop, unfortunately getting that arranged hasn't worked out. Which means our April meeting will be held at Famous Dave's. At this time I do not have a guest speaker lined up (hint, hint if any of you would be willing to share something), but I know we'll enjoy each others company regardless. Hope to see everybody there, and with the weather breaking I hope to see a Pontiac.....or two as well.

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

Scott

March 2015 Meeting Report

Fourteen WMPOCI members made it out to the GR Auto Gallery on a wintry March 3rd to look at their inventory of domestic and foreign classic cars. It's been about three years since we visited the Gallery last, and it turns out that business has been very good, so good that they have two new stores in Traverse City and Wixom! After about an hour looking at all the cars, President Scott VanTamelen called a short business meeting.

Terri Miller's Treasury report was passed out and the only activity in February was income from dues. We look to be in good financial health. Cary Hirdes had flyers available for our August Car Show at the Elhart car campus. Scott had an update on the fall color tour. He said we will be leaving on Friday, October 9th because Bob Arnold-ink has arranged a tour for us that day. On Saturday, we will tour a Trans Am collection.

Doug Troost reported that Herb Howes had surgery on his other knee. However, Herb had a set back with his medication, so it is hard for him to get around. Drop Herb a line, or give him a call to help get him through this. We want to see him on his feet soon. The car show and cruising season is just about here! Hang in there Herb! We are all praying for a speedy recovery!

For next month's meeting, Scott has contacted Jim Luikens to see about visiting his shop. Jim is restoring a 1962 Tempest as a Daytona race car. Even though the car is being restored at another shop, we would meet at his shop in Hudsonville. Look for additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Scott and Michelle VanTamelen. Congratulations!

Tom Schneider's name was pulled for the Membership Drawing. Tom wasn't present, so missed out on the \$83 pot. It will grow for next month's meeting!

With that, the meeting was adjourned and those that could went to Culver's for some ice cream.

See everyone at the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

Bob DeBoer's Winter Project

My winter project was to make some improvements to my 2002 TA that Rox and I purchased last March and also fix a couple of things on Rox's Reatta. So early in November we closed (as Rox calls it) The Iron Curtain, put the TA on jack stands and started.

During last Summer I had found some things I wanted to change on the TA. I put new brakes on it, up-graded to performance rotors and pads. I ordered new floor mats from Year One to dress up the inside. I then started changing all the fluids, changed the anti-freeze and went to a 160 degree thermostat. I changed the transmission oil and filter and the next thing I wanted to do was to change my Ram Air filter cover to the SLP Air package and Smooth Billow between the M.A.F & T.B. and since I had it all apart I blocked off the water passing through the throttle body. Next I had fun changing my spark plugs and found new positions I didn't know my body could yet do. Next on the list was to improve exhaust flow so I put on a Dymamax round Y pipe and Delete Cat Pipes, and while I was under there I detailed the bottom side of the

car. Rox asked “what I was doing” and I told her I was washing the bottom of my car. She was thinking what on earth for and why don’t you come in and wash the kitchen floor instead!

I had been thinking of an easier way to get in and out of the Drivers seat. I remembered back in the 70’s GM made a few swivel seats so I went on line and started searching for something to use and found Monte Carlo seats, but they didn’t want to sell bases without seats so I started looking at office chairs and then it came to me. Boat seats, they swivel, so back online I went to look at Atwood, a manufacturer that makes boat accessories and there it was, swivels for boat seats. From there after talking to my brother I ended up at Cabela’s and bought a locking swivel base. I now have a seat that turns about 20.....degrees and makes it easier to get in and out. I have one more thing to do before our Dust Off and that is to change the rear end oil and gears and space out the rear wheels 1” just for looks. So back to work and see you in the spring. **Bob**

P.S. I asked him

what he did to my Reatta and he laughed and said “they don’t care”. **Rox**





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015

April 7 -

May (?) - Dust Off, cruise to Mooville in Hastings area

June 2 - Progressive Dinner Cruise

July 12 - Sundae Cruise. Evening cruise to Sherman's I South Haven

July - 21 -25th - POCI Convention, no Tuesday meeting.

August 4 - Famous Dave's - finalize car show details

August 7 - Club car show at Elhart Automotive Center

September 1 - Picnic at Holland State Park

September 18th & 19th - Dan's Drags' in Stanton (PSMCD)

October 2-3rd (?) - Exact destination and date **TBD**

November 3 - Valve Cover Races and Officer Elections

December 4 - Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland

WATCH FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

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 _____

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