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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

April 2007

## April Meeting Minutes

It may have been April and spring was a couple weeks old, but it looked and felt like February outside! It was a slow-go getting to Brann's Restaurant, but it was even slower going home afterwards! The salt trucks were caught off-guard and the highways were black-ice all the way home! I sure hope the weather is better for our May cruise to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners! We will meet first at the gas station at 100th Street and US131 and then caravan to the museum.

Don't forget to send your POCI Board ballots in by April 30th. The chapter that sends the most in gets a \$200 reward!

Don't forget to make plans to attend and help out at the May 19th Burn Show. Contact Tom Ensing for more information.

A flyer was passed around telling about a Car Show at the Hamilton High School on April 21st.

Other summer events touched on during the meeting were our August Car Show at Elhart Pontiac in Holland, and the 28th Street Cruise on August 25th (a Saturday).

Todd Johnson was our guest speaker, talking about cleanup tips and products for our cars, trucks, bikes, and other toys. Perhaps one of the most useful tools to remove scratches, brake dust, sap,

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and other contaminants from our paint is a clay bar. Todd said to use the medium grit, or the purple bar. They aren't cheap at \$22, but they will make your paint look \$2200 better! Use Final Inspection compound afterwards. Todd recommends Car Brite for washing a car. For cleaning carpets, use Car Brite Extra Duty. Car Brite's Melco Carnuba Wax is a premium wax that leaves no dust and no swirl marks, which is great on dark painted surfaces. Also, use diapers instead of terry cloth to wipe off the wax. When washing the diapers, DON'T use softener in the washer or dryer! "Super Coat" (another Car Brite product?) cleans vinyl and rubber parts. It dries, so it doesn't leave the oily look like other products. For glass, use newspaper to wipe off the glass cleaner. We'd like to thank Todd for all the great tips!

Our membership lottery rose to \$110, but to win it you have to attend the meeting! Well, Fred Murphy's name was pulled, but he wasn't there, so the pot rolls over to next month!

I hope to see you at Gilmore's!

Dan Jensen

# 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 I will take names of those interested and give more information. Please contact me before if you have any questions. This will help in getting the complete information for the meeting.

Covered Bridge Festival

When: Oct 12-21, 2007 (Actual Festival Dates)

Where: Throughout Parke County, Indiana

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

## Don't miss the May Club Meeting on May 2!

It's the Club's Spring Dust-Off Cruise to Gilmore's Car Museum

We will meet at the Total Gas Station at the NE corner of 100th Street and US131 at 6PM. We are going to be taking the back roads to the Museum. The Diner will be open for light meals. The Wendt's cell phone number is 616-283-7375 for questions. Our tour guide for this trip will be the Honorable Geo Turner.

Experience the Gilmore Car Museum— an Automotive Heritage and Discovery Center located in Hickory Corners, Michigan (just north of Kalamazoo).

Gilmore's mission "is to celebrate the entire span of automotive history through its respected collections, an active annual roster of curated exhibitions, car enthusiast shows, rallies and meets and educational outreach. The Museum's history began in the early 1960's with the private collection of 37 cars owned by Kalamazoo businessman Donald Gilmore. Today, this public Museum has evolved significantly, and with its partners, now offers nearly 200 vehicles and numerous historic objects and artifacts." (The Gilmore Brochure)

The 2007 Special Exhibit is the "Michigan Dream Garage"—  
The Ultimate Muscle Cars.

## *C h i e f ' s   C h a t t e r*

April showers and snow showers bring May Flowers?????? And cleans the salt off the roads and my work trucks get a free wash job. Like they say, when you live in Michigan, wait awhile, the weather will change and hopefully for the better and soon.

The one thing that does not seem to change is that we can't give away money. You guessed it: another month with no winner for the member raffle. The upside of this is next month the pot may swell to over \$140.00 (currently \$110.00). While it is not the mega millions it certainly is worth your while to attend next months meeting. It may help offset the cost of gas (wow, it sure is expensive these days) to attend the May meeting as we are traveling to Gilmore's. We will not be gathering at Brann's but will be using this meeting as the "Spring Dust Off Cruise". We are meeting at 100th Street and US131 (details in this newsletter). From there, we will cruise over to Gilmore's for a chance to see the newest exposition of muscle cars. So....you have about two weeks to get your pride and joy cleaned up and running.

I have to go now. I need some of that expensive gas before the station closes. See you in May.

Doug

## **Join the Tradition!!**

### **Burn Survivor Benefit Car**

**Saturday, May 19th, 2007**

**9AM-3PM**

**Fifth Third Ball Park**

**Comstock Park, MI**

**Auction @ 10am**

**Perrin MotorSports Lil Miss Dangerous**

**Food**

**Kids Activities**

**Local Fire Depts**

**Antique Fire Trucks**

**\$10.00 Registration Fee for Show Cars**

**\$1.00 per spectator (or \$5.00 per carload!)**

**Proceeds to benefit Burn Survivors Initiatives  
through The Phoenix Society and Spectrum  
Health**

**Contact Tom Ensing for more information.**

## **Welcome !!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome  
to a new Club Member who joined in  
March: Jim and Nancy VanDerZee  
from Petoskey.

## **Attendance Raffle**

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Wanda Plochocki. Congratulations! The attendance raffle rose to \$110. The member whose name was chosen to win this amount was Fred Murphy! However, he was not present at the meeting, so the money will keep on rolling over. Who will be present at our next meeting and win the Attendance Raffle??

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The West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International has had several hits on its website.

The Club has had inquiries about different activities, which is awesome! To access our site, go to [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) 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.

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### **Smoke Signals Alert!!!**

Calling all club members. Vote for the 2007 POCI Board of Directors and help our club win \$200. The Original Ballot is attached to the center of your March Smoke Signals Magazine. Send it in by April 30!!!

# Upcoming Club Events

**June 2 & 3:** Midland Antique Car Show along with a flower/art show. Five double non-smoking rooms have been reserved in Doug Kamphuis' name. If you are attending, you need to put the room in your name. Cost is \$83.00 per night at the Fairview Inn in Midland. Phone: 989-631-0070. We didn't have a very good showing last year. Let's try to make up for it this year.

**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

### **2007 West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for June, July, & August**

**June 6**.....Potluck Picnic at Haggard Park (no desserts please). We will follow the leader for our dessert portion of the potluck, ending at an ice cream place.

**July 4**.....No Meeting.

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

# 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
Vice President	Robert DeBoer	616-538-6712
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editors	Greg & Melanie Thorwall	616-399-4701

**Wednesday May 2, 2007**

Regular Club Meeting will **NOT** be at Brann's on Leonard. We are cruising to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. We will be meeting at the gas station at 100th Street and US 131 at 6 PM. We'll cruise together and have our meeting at Gilmore's. Read more information on the opposite page of 'Chief's Chatter' 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](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 \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI