

# The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

## West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

*Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast*

October 2023

## Chief's Chatter

**Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President**

Thank you to all who turned out at Holland State Park for our September meeting. The hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and fixings were provided by the club, and all the GOODIES were provided by club members. What a fantastic turn out of members. Sorry the Be Nice and Hospice representatives didn't make it. We had a note from the Be Nice people that they had Covid but didn't hear from the Hospice people. We hope to have them to our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Speaking of which, the meeting will be at....DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....Uccello's, 4787 Lake Michigan Drive. We have a room from 6 to 9 at no charge. They have great food and Linda says they have libations too. I guess that's the band LOL.

The Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags had beautiful weather, a bit short on cars, but it was still an enjoyable time. Many club members volunteered to help at different areas of the track and the selling of T shirts

or hats or PSMC license plates. Camping by the track was a fun time also.

Last Saturday several club members went to Gilmore Car Museum for the Cadillac Fall Festival/All GM show. They had 170 plus cars and trucks show up. Ron Van Zytveld came away with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy that he wasn't there to receive as he had to head out early. Congrats, Ron!

At our upcoming meeting we will be asking for nominations for some new officers. I have chosen not to run again for President as I want to get out before I get impeached for something I did or didn't do. LOL! Scott VT is looking for any interested party to replace him as Newsletter Editor too. As of writing this I haven't checked with Bob McCarthy, Vice President, or Linda Walker, Treasurer, if they would stay on in their positions. I believe Bob McCarthy would be a good person for President. He's had good ideas and did a

great job when I couldn't make it to a meeting as I got ill at the last minute.

Scott VT and I have been working on what to do for our fall cruise. I want to thank all of you who came forward with suggestions. We have decided to head South on a route toward Kalamazoo with a couple of stops along the way. The Club Car Grill restaurant where we hope to have lunch and then to the Gull Lake Meadows. More details at the meeting. We are planning for Saturday, October 14 or 21. We hope to have more details at the meeting on October 3.



-Cary Hirdes

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 3rd 6:00pm**

Will we be meeting at the Uccello's Restaurant in the Walker/Standale area. We have a private room reserved from 6pm to 9pm. Hope to see you there!

**Uccello's  
4787 Lake Michigan Dr NW  
Walker, Michigan 49534**

**Meetings:**

The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page, or check out our website for specific times and locations.

**WMPOCI Officers:**

President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059  
Vice President: Bob McCarthy.....269-372-7382  
Treasurer: Linda Walker.....847-609-3910  
Newsletter Editor: Scott van Tamelen.....616-450-8450  
Secretary: Dan Jensen.....517-896-0398

Check out our latest events and activities on our website [www.wmpontiac.com](http://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 and events.**

**The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill it's goals, as well as, provide information.**



## *Upcoming Events*

### West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 6:00pm Uccello's 4787 Lake Michigan Dr NW Walker, Michigan 49534. Club officer nominations.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> or October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Our annual Fall Color Cruise. More details later.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Club officer elections, supper, and our annual Valve Cover Races at Ron & Elaine VanZytveld's.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

### West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

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## **Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags pics**







# Cadillac Fall Festival/Gilmore Museum pics











**2023 CADILLAC  
FALL FESTIVAL**

**2nd PLACE  
PEOPLES CHOICE**

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

## September 2023 Meeting Report

The weather was decent enough to coax almost 50 club members to partake in our annual picnic at Ottawa State Park on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We rented the pavilion which provided us a decent meeting place. Of course, we had plenty of food for everyone. I'm sure no one went home hungry.

We had several new members present, but I wasn't able to get names and cars. My apologies.

Linda Walker gave us her Treasurer's Report. For our August Car Show specifically, we had income from 79 car registrations, trophy sponsors, the 50/50 drawing, and donations. Expenses included the porta potties, dash plaques, car show flyers, and markers. Despite having the car show on Saturday, we still were able to clear almost \$1300. This will allow us to make donations of \$500 each to Be Nice and Holland Hospice. Thanks to all members who came out to help with the show last month.

We are looking for suggestions for our Fall Cruise. I believe we are thinking about keeping it a single day event.

There will be an all-GM car show at the Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$12.

Roxanne DeBoer is taking order for club shirts. If you want one, talk to her about what is available.

Tom Ensing and Jane Dowling won the 50/50 drawing worth \$48. New member Rob Bos won the attendance drawing worth \$73. Congratulations to you!

Details for our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting still have to be determined. See elsewhere in this newsletter.

As I write this report, it is now a week after the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race. Thank you for everyone who came out to help. We are like a well-oiled machine now. Everyone seems to know what to do, and the racers and spectators alike comment how well-run the event is! Dennis, Lyndon and I certainly could not do it without you!

The car count was down a bit this year to 109. We had 131 last year. Even so, the racing was very close, so much so that the track owners took notice. Pontiacs made a strong showing. Brand breakdown went like this: Chevy – 25, Pontiac – 22, Mopar – 21, Buick – 14, Ford & Mercury – 12, Olds – 7, Studebaker – 5, and AMC – 3. Spectator count was about the same as last year, about 500 on Friday and 1000 on Saturday (does not include racers and Pontiac club members). The pit-side stands looked pretty full-on Saturday!

The weather was about as good as we could ask for. Sun and clouds, with temperatures in the low to mid 70s each day.

Next year will be our 30<sup>th</sup> annual event! It's hard to believe we've been doing this for so long. I hope we will have many more.

Thanks again for your help and support. See everyone at the next meeting.

Dan Jensen

## **Attention: Chapter logo attire**

Anyone interested in placing a club shirt order please let Roxanne DeBoer know. When she has 6 or more items, she can place an order. Each person who orders will get their own invoice with tax included once she knows what you are ordering.

Roxanne's contact info: 616-540-8710 or [roxiedeboer@yahoo.com](mailto:roxiedeboer@yahoo.com)

To see products, follow the link below.

[www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com)

### *Care Corner*

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Update on Scott van Tamelen: Scott is doing well, he still has some pain associated with the blood clots, but things are progressing. He is currently on blood thinners and has an upcoming appointment scheduled with a hematology doctor to see if they can determine what is causing the clotting. Continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

# ***For Sale Section***

**2009 Pontiac G8** Very good condition. 102,537 miles, Non-smoker, garage kept and very well maintained (all service records available), have original window sticker. 1 owner only, accident free!!! Asking \$10,500 Contact Curt or Janet Lennerth, who will get you in touch with the owner. (231)-590-5919



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