

west michigan chapter

the arrowhead

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

December 2007

December Meeting Minutes

There were 26 people present for our December meeting/ Christmas party. Everyone ordered the dinner of their choice (it was Dutch Treat) and the club provided punch, coffee and desert.

President Doug started the business part of our meeting with mention of two WWII vets that have passed away during the month of November: Colonal Tibbits, who's team dropped the bomb on Hiroshima and Wally Parks, the founder/ president of the NHRA for about 60 years. Thanks was given to the club from Doug for choosing his son-in-law's platoon as our club Christmas Project. We were able to send out 8 boxes of various items to the soldiers in Iraq.

Door prizes were then given out with Bob and Kay Postma, Doug Simon and Roxanne Deboer as the winners. Wendell Miller won the raffle of \$19.00 and guess who's name got picked again for the club lotto? You guessed it, Fred and Maureen Murphy. Lucky for next month's winner though for they were not present. So whoever wins it next month will get around \$52 plus whatever is sold for raffle tickets again.

Discussion was held on whether or not to change the day of our monthly meeting. It was decided by a vote to change it to the first Tuesday of the month with **JANUARY** being the **exception** as the first Tuesday is New Year's Day. So our next meeting will be held on January 8 at Famous Dave's on Canal and 44th Street.

Teams were then picked, rules were given and supplies were handed out regarding the valve cover cars. The teams got together and decided their strategy to have the best race car. May the best team win! The race will be at the January meeting. The teams are as follow:

Crew Chief: Doug Simon, teammates: Bob Postma, Doug Troost

Crew Chief: Ron VanZytveld, teammates: Wendell Miller, Dan Jansen

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Crew Chief: Carl Schulte, teammates: Doug Kamphuis, Herb Howes

Crew Chief: Carl Thorwall, teammates: Bryan Thorwall, Tom Plochocki

Crew Chief: Tom Ensing, teammates: Cary Hirdes, Bob Deboer

Our meeting was concluded with well wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in January at Famous Dave's

Joan Troost (filling in for Dan Jensen)

Chief's Chatter

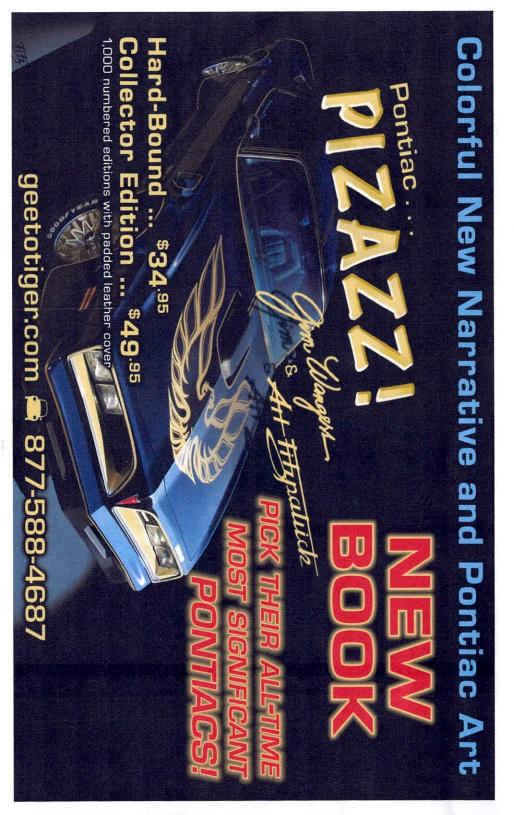
Well it's not over 'til the fat lady sings they say. I thought I was done with my duties but they tell me I have one more month to write this.

Cary, you now have the duties of President and one of them is to write your monthly Chief's Chatter. Yea! (Can't say I'll miss that.)

As time passes we become more appreciative of this special time of year. It's a time to reminisce about the past, to fully enjoy the present and to look with hope to the future. Each year has its challenges and opportunities and we Thank God for he provision, care and Blessings. As we look forward to 2008, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Your 2007 President,

Doug





Gift Boxes for our Soldiers

Last month the car club made up boxes to send to the Troost's Son-in-law's platoon in Iraq. Wendell and Terri Miller would like to continue to support these service men and women by offering to send another box after the January meeting. If anyone would like to bring any of the same items given at the December meeting, the Miller's will box and ship the gifts. This is a great way to continue to show our support. Some ideas of items to bring: toothpaste, hard candy, shampoo, white socks, baby wipes, hand cream, mechanics gloves, & crossword puzzle books. A full list is in the last newsletter.

None of the items can contain Alcohol or be an aerosol.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!

The Club would like to extend a great big thank you to Doug and Joan Troost for all their work this past year. They have put in many hours towards planning for the past years' events and for all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into making the events a success. Thanks Doug and Joan!!!! We wish you the best in the year to come.

January is 'dues' month. The Club would appreciate any member who owes dues to pay them in January. The dues help to pay for the next years' events and newsletter. Please send your checks for \$25 (made out to WMPOCI) to Terri Miller, 8830 Taylor Street, Zeeland, MI, 49464 or bring your dues to the January meeting. Thanks much. See back page of this newsletter for more information.

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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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Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Famous Dave's

Please note that there is a new day and place for our club meetings. We will be meeting the first Tuesday of the month at Famous Dave's at Canal and 44th Street near the Rivertown Mall. However, this month we will meet on Jan.8 due to New Year's Day. We will start the meeting at 7:30 PM. As usual, you can come earlier and order food! We will be running our Valve Cover Car races. It's a great way to start the new year. Hope to see a great turnout!

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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