

The Arrowhead



West Michigan Chapter

May 2020

Chief's Chatter

Doug Troost-WMPOCI President

The times are surely trying, but not necessarily all bad. Lots of extra time to get all the projects done that we in the past seemed to never get to. My yard work has never been this caught up, so far I have gone thru 2 gallons of chainsaw gas with cutting all the wilderness back at our place.

I find myself spending more time inside, not necessarily making me a happy guy. But don't worry I found a cure. Go out to the garage and fire up that old Pontiac. The American V-8, nothing sets your mind at ease like the rumble and smell of that engine. Get in, feel the floor tremble under your feet, Rev it up, WOW, life is suddenly a little better.

Getting down to business, our speaker due to concerns for his wife's health with regards to coronavirus has postponed the viewing of the GM movie for a later date. With the Stay at home policy, the officers of the club has decided to cancel the May meeting. We are still trying to keep the dust-off in place. As we move ahead the Venue may change due to the virus and places being closed. All we can do is be a little flexible. More then ever we need a dust off for everyone's mental health, hopefully the state agrees and the Stay at home policy will be lifted soon.

Looking further ahead I truly hope that by June things are getting back to a little more normal. We are scheduled to tour GENTEX Corp. and I sure would hate to cancel or miss this opportunity.

So think positive and get that Poncho tuned up, washed up and shined up. With a little luck maybe we can drive to Lansing to the R. E. Olds Museum for our dust off tour. Stay safe and healthy everyone.

Doug

MEMBER'S SHARE

Like most of you I got interested in cars from my dad. He would take me and my brothers to the car shows, swap meets, auctions and cruise-in's all around the area.

Cruise-in's were very popular back then. It seemed a small cruise-in would still have a least 50 cars. My dad never really had a favorite brand of cars. I think there are some of each brand he likes and dislikes. So he tried to teach my brothers and me what he liked about the cars and which ones were prone to problems.

Back in 1990 we went to Carlisle for their spring swap meet. It was the first year they were going to also do a car auction. I do not think that they did an auction again. That was the auction that my dad bought the 1968 Firebird that I have today. I remember the year because I was only 15 at the time and was disappointed that I could not drive the car back home myself.

My family would rotate through cars pretty quickly. As my dad would buy, fix up and sell them. So any time he came across a good buy or someone looking for a car, the cars at our house would come and go. That is how the Bronco II that my mom was driving was sold. Unfortunately, there was not a car being fixed at the time. So, my mom got the Firebird as her daily driver for about 12 to 18 months.

Then in 1993 I was driving a 1978 Chevy truck that my brother wanted to buy from me. So, I took the money from that and bought the Firebird from my dad. We have done a couple of things to the car. The vinyl top was removed, the engine rebuilt and a new paint job. The original color was dark green. But, it was black when we got it at auction, and I decided to keep it black.

Over the years the car would end up sitting in the garage more and more. It would seem like a hassle to get it out and cleaned up just for a quick trip to get ice cream.

So, a few years ago, I was looking for a reason to get my car out and drive it more. That is when I found POCl and the local West Michigan Pontiac. And, of course, I am glad I did.

Ryan Snyder



Monthly meeting Minutes

Since we did not have a meeting in April there are no minutes.
I am choosing to share some of the statements that I've seen on
Facebook making jokes about our current situation. Judy

**I was so bored I
called Jake from
State Farm just to talk
to someone.**

**He asked me what I
was wearing.**

**The world has turned
upside down.**

**Old folks are sneaking
out of the house, and
their kids are yelling at
them to stay indoors!**

**Me: Alexa what's the
weather this weekend?**

**Alexa: It doesn't matter –
you're not going
anywhere.**

**Quarantine Day 5: Went to this
restaurant called THE KITCHEN.
You have to gather all the
ingredients and make your own
meal. I have no clue how this
place is still in business.**

**Day 7 at home and the dog
is looking at me like, "See?
This is why I chew the
furniture!"**

**This virus has done what
no woman had been able
to do...cancel all sports,
shut down all bars, and
keep men at home!!!**

**I hope the weather is good
tomorrow for my trip to
"Puerto Backyarda".
I'm getting tired of
"Los Livingroom".**

**This morning I saw
a neighbor talking
to her cat. It was
obvious she
thought her cat
understood her.
I came into my
house, told my
dog..... we laughed
a lot.**

**PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make
sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well
in the kingdom.**

SPRING DUST OFF CRUISE

We are scheduled to tour the REO Oldsmobile Museum in Lansing on Saturday, May 16. It is currently closed due to COVID19.

Our other ideas would be to tour the Turner Dodge Home in Lansing and/or the Michigan Museum. Both of these places are also currently closed.

We would not be able to eat in a restaurant at this time either, so we were considering a place that we could get take out food and eat in a park.

All of these situations could change at any time and hopefully before May 16.

We will have to consider all the options and send out a separate e-mail around May 11-13.

If we have to change the date the next option would be May30, since May 23 would be the Memorial Day weekend.

Stay tuned!

NEXT MEETING

June 2

Tour of Gentex Plant in Zeeland.

More details later.

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
GOING OUT TO ALL THE
MARRIED MEN WHO'VE SPENT
MONTHS TELLING THE WIFE
I'LL DO THAT WHEN I GOT TIME**

YOUR HOROSCOPE THIS WEEK



ARIES

You'll be spending time in your home



LIBRA

You'll be spending time in your home



TAURUS

You'll be spending time in your home



SCORPIO

You'll be spending time in your home



GEMINI

You'll be spending time in your home



SAGITTARIUS

You'll be spending time in your home



CANCER

You'll be spending time in your home



CAPRICORN

You'll be spending time in your home



LEO

You'll be spending time in your home



AQUARIUS

You'll be spending time in your home



VIRGO

You'll be spending time in your home



PISCES

You'll be spending time in your home



2020 CLUB EVENTS

May 16	Dust off Cruise—Lansing area
June 2	Tour Gentex Factory in Zeeland
July 7-11	National Convention—Catoosa, OK Ice Cream cruise—Date TBD
August 4	Regular Meeting—Plan for Car Show
August 14	Car Show at Elhart Automotive in Holland
September 7	Picnic at Holland State Park
October 9	Fall Cruise—Charlevoix/Petoskey
November	Valve Cover Races
December	Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland

AREA EVENTS

Friday, June 5	Holland Vintage Club show in Holland
Friday, June 12	Holland Vintage Club—Relay for Life Ottawa County Fairgrounds
Tuesday, June 16	6-9 PM Gemmens Hardware, Hudsonville FREE Pin-up Contest AutoBody Experts
Saturday, July 25	Gun Lake Casino, Wayland Proceeds to Veterans, AutoBody Experts
AUG 16 & 17- Friday & Saturday	- 25th Annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise
August 21 & 22	Metro Cruise—28th Street. Rogers Plaza Fri, 4-10 PM Sat. 9 AM—9 PM Woodland Mall (SW parking lot) Sat. 11 AM—8 PM
Sept 6 - 8 -	FRANKENMUTH AUTO FEST
September 17-19	Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags—Stanton, MI
September 19	11 AM—3 PM Allendale Community Park Proceeds to Veterans, Craft Show AutoBody Experts

Care Corner

We intend to include announcements whenever we learn of a serious illness, accident, surgery, or death of a close relative of one of our members. Please inform a Board Member if you have an item to share.

AREA EVENTS

I am trying to put together a more extensive list of car shows and other events for the summer. If you know of something, please let me know and I will add it. Thank you, Judy Hirdes cjhirdes@att.net

Check out our latest events and activities on our website
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 activities and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals, as well as, provide information.

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Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

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National Dues are YOUR responsibility.

You must be a member of the

National POCl to be a member of the West Michigan POCl.

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 & POCl) _____

If full member include your POCl# _____

Non POCl member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCl # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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