



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
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CHAPTER

THE ARROWHEAD

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1147-22nd St SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509

# A P R I L A G E N D A

## MEETING MINUTES

I can't blame the weather for keeping folks from coming to the meeting last April 6<sup>th</sup>. Or maybe I can. Since the full month of March was lousy, maybe some of us decided to play outside instead of being cooped up in a restaurant for the better part of the evening. The end result was attendance was down somewhat from the norm. I hope we see more of us at the next meeting!

We had no feature presentation last month. Instead, the floor was open to questions and answers. The first question concerned Pontiac overheating issues, particularly, about the engine temperature rising in slow-moving traffic. The whole audience chimed in on this one, confirming that it's a problem all of us Pontiac owners have dealt with in the past. Many of the answers included the proper positioning of the fan to the radiator shroud, type of fan, condition of the shroud, pulley diameters, water pump impeller style, separator plates, seals, etc. I think we came up with answers that all of us could use on our own cars.

The next question was about the car not being able to start after the engine has been run a while and was hot. The problem with Pontiac V8s is that the starter is surrounded by heat, with the engine block on one side, and the exhaust manifold and pipe on the other. (It's worse on Pontiac V8s with the high-flow exhaust manifolds since they almost touch the starter!) After the engine has been run a long time, the starter gets so hot, it becomes what we call "heat-soaked". The starter solenoid, which sits on top, is particularly vulnerable to this problem. Heat adds resistance to flow of electricity, and if the solenoid is not in perfect operating condition, it simply doesn't do what is asked of it, and can't engage the starter. Thus you have to wait for it (and the engine) to cool down before it will work again. That can take a while on our Pontiacs! It is important to have a good solenoid. Unfortunately, the rebuilt ones we buy at the local parts store are not the best quality and fail regularly. New Delco solenoids are the best bet. But I've found that after a few years, it's not a bad idea to remove the starter, remove the solenoid, tear it down and clean the contact points. They'll be burned and pitted, reducing the solenoid's ability to engage the starter when hot. Herb Howes had excellent advice about using a battery with at least 800 cold cranking amps. In conjunction with the big battery, you'll want to use bigger, thicker, heavier cables. In hot, harsh conditions, the big battery

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and heavy cables will insure that there is adequate power to the solenoid and starter.

Herb Howes also shared some Pontiac trivia questions with us. We had a sharp audience, he only stumped us once or twice!

Make sure you make it to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our guest speaker will be renowned restorer, Scott Tiemann, taking us through one of his Best-of-Show Pontiac restorations! See you there!

Dan Jensen

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## CHIEF'S CHATTER

Another month has gone by and we finally have been blessed with some warm weather. So I hope you are getting your cars cleaned up and running for the summer shows and cruises.

I want to thank the club members for the Q&A discussion. I thought it went well. And I also want to thank Herb for the Trivia Time.

We want to welcome Rick King into the club. He is now our newest member. He owns a '51 Pontiac Tin Woody.

Remember we are a big part of the Burn Show on May 21. Please be there early to help out, by 8 AM would be great.

Rox brought home *The Kiplinger Letter* from work. I thought its forecast for the Auto Industry was interesting. Of the Big 3, odds are 50-50 one will be gone by the end of the decade. They will close up to 25% of capacity, because market share will fall to 45% or less, they are at 57% now. Production is Pontiac, Buick, Lincoln, Mercury & certain Dodge models. But as a whole the auto industry will still employ millions, though more will get paychecks from foreign companies.

Until next month.....Keep the Rubber Side Down!

Bob

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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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## CLUB CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Larry Riley May 4	Dawn Wilder May 15
Sally Klenk May 6	Art Shillito May 16
Scott Van Wyk May 6	Bruce Hayes May 21
Judy Mesman May 12	Barb Walker May 24

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 8	May 18
Ron & Marcia Hammer	George & Susan Haas
May 31	Ben & Kay Herr
Karl & Mary Schulte	

## MEMBERSHIP INFO

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st  
\$15.00 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.

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 PAYABLE TO WMPOCI

## Muscle Car Trivia

Last Month's Question:

How many exterior colors were available on the 1964 GTO?

ANSWER: 15 Colors

## A Final Note from the Editors...

We want to thank Sandy for all of her hard work on the Car Show schedule. That is no easy task and we all really appreciate it!

We received our 2005 National POCI roster in the mail...did you get yours? Please remember that you do have to be a member of the National POCI to be a part of this club. Make sure your dues are up to date. You can renew them online at [www.POCI.org](http://www.POCI.org).

When we started putting this newsletter together, Spring was in the air...perhaps we were a little too eager when it came to the nice weather. Seeing the white stuff on the ground again put a little damper on the Spring Car Fever! Hopefully the cold and snow won't last for long and we'll all be back in the driver's seat again!

The sound of motors and the smell of rubber & exhaust ...

...was HERE, and will hopefully be back soon!

See you at the May Meeting!

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TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW YOU WILL BE MORE DISAPPOINTED BY THE THINGS THAT YOU DIDN'T DO THAN BY THE ONES YOU DID DO. SO THROW OFF THE BOWLINES. SAIL AWAY FROM THE SAFE HARBOR. CATCH THE TRADE WINDS IN YOUR SAILS. EXPLORE. DREAM. DISCOVER. -- MARK TWAIN

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Wednesday May 4 7:00 PM

S o o t t T i e m a n n  
will be our Speaker. Scott always has very informative and entertaining talks, plan on coming to this meeting!

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DUST OFF CRUISE MAY ???

This is still to be determined.  
If you would like to plan this cruise, please call an officer  
A S A P I A S A P I A S A P I

If no one plans this outing, we will not be having it.

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Wednesday June 1 7:00 PM

M o r e i n f o r m a t i o n t o c o m e ! ! !

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Wednesday July 6 7:00 PM

Picnic-Potluck meeting at Hagar Park in  
J e n i s o n , M i c h i g a n .  
More details in upcoming newsletters.