

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

December 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

Well, I'm sure everyone has put their car to "Bed" for the winter. I believe it was a good year, the cruises, car shows and the fellowship we had together was fantastic.

Being the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas I'm thankful that I am mobile for the first time in 3 years. Three years ago, I had just been released from 13 days in the hospital after my Covid experience. Two years ago, I was laid up after my left knee surgery and last year with my right knee surgery so I'm very thankful to be up and moving.

I also want to thank the Board Members for the work they've helped with during my 2 years as President.

The turnout for our Valve Cover Race was super. The food was great, and the fellowship was

wonderful. The race was a lot of fun to take part in or just to watch and cheer on the racers.

Our next meeting is December 8 at the Trestle Stop in Hamilton for our annual Christmas Party. We didn't come up with an entertainment

program for this year, so we'll have a game of Car Trivia. We will also be taking Donations of coats, hats and mittens or gloves for the People helping People program in Pullman and monetary donations for an organization to be decided on at the Christmas Party. Suggestions at the last meeting were Shields of Hope in memory of Karen Arnoldink or Benjamins Hope in Holland, Michigan.



This is my last Chief Chatter as after the Christmas Party Bob DeBoer is taking the reins as President and I will be one in the Jeering or is that Cheering crowd?

-Cary Hirdes

NEXT MEETING

Friday, December 8th 6:00pm

Trestle Stop Restaurant

We'll be hosting our annual Christmas Party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

Our meal will be served family style, it will start with a tossed salad and dinner rolls, followed by an appetizer of onion rings and fried mushrooms. The main course will consist of roast beef, baked chicken, green beans, and mashed redskins. Beverages are included, but alcoholic beverages will be an extra cost to yourself.

The club will be covering a portion of meal bringing members cost to only \$10/person. We hope to see many of you there!!

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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.

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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 and events.

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

The Pontiac Arrowhead logo is a stylized, three-dimensional arrowhead pointing downwards. It has a red center with a white outline, and the sides are a metallic silver color with a brushed metal texture. The logo is positioned in the center of the text block, partially overlapping the words "ownership and preservation" and "Arrowhead".



Upcoming Events

Your new Board Members are planning events for the upcoming year, keep watch here for more details.

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

December 8th: Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton, Michigan again.

January 9th: Club Meeting- We will be meeting at the Butcher Block Social Restaurant at 9900 Cherry Valley Ave SE Caledonia, Mi 49316. We'll be arriving at 6:00pm to eat together. Club meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

December 8th: Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

Editor's Note:

Hello Everyone-

I thought I'd fill this space with a quick thank you. As some of you are aware this will be my last newsletter serving as your Editor. I thank you for the opportunity to serve our chapter in this way, and I thank you for the words of encouragement and support over the past couple years. I trust that as Tena Schulte takes over you will continue to support and encourage her in the same ways.

I hope you've enjoyed my newsletters as much as I've have enjoyed putting them together for you. It's been a pleasure capturing the moments we spend together and sharing them with you here. I hope some of those moments have made you laugh (like the picture of Tom Ensing holding two ice cream cones), and others have brought back fond memories. The newsletter isn't what makes our Chapter special, the friendliness and camaraderie of all of you is. It's a joy to belong to the West Michigan Pontiac Club. Thank you!!

Until next time, grab another gear and stomp to the floor!

Scott VT

Valve Cover Races Pics



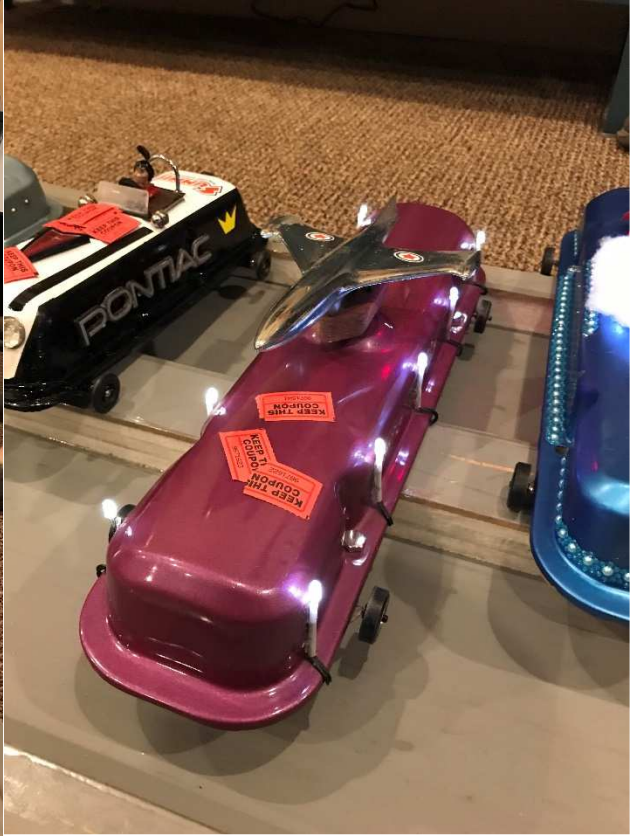






A little Husband Wife rivalry, but not too strong a rivalry that a kiss isn't in order before the start of the race.







Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 2023 Meeting Report

The weather was decent for early November luring out nearly 50 WMPOCI members to Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's "cave" for our monthly meeting. The big draw was our annual Valve Cover Races which seems to get more popular each year with the membership! Thanks go to Ron and Elaine for use of their facilities and for the food provided!

Due to the fact that we have many new members, a reminder was given that you also have to be a member of the national POI club. There are many benefits belonging to the national club, but the biggest is their fantastic monthly magazine called Smoke Signals. That alone is worth the cost.

With our Christmas Party coming up in early December, we have to decide what charities for the club to make donations to. It was suggested Benjamin's Hope and Shields of Hope. Also, bring any winter clothing that you don't need to the Christmas Party.

Our November meeting is usually when we elect new club officers. However, this year we had volunteers for the positions of President and Newsletter Editor. Those holding the other positions volunteered to hold on to them. So, a round of applause went to Bob DeBoer and Tena Schulte as our new officers for 2024.

Linda Walker gave us her Treasurer's Report for October. We had income from the Pure Stock Drags and the only expense was for gift cards for our Valve Cover Race winners. Linda is also taking club dues for 2024.

Those attending the Christmas Party could pay Linda at the meeting, or at the party. Incidentally, the party is Friday, December 8th at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton, MI. Plan on arriving around 6 PM, dinner will be served around 7. (I believe the cost is \$10 per person?)

Linda also stated that we have to find a new location for our August 2024 Car Show. Zeigler is putting up a new building next year, so they won't be able to accommodate us until 2025. Any ideas for a location that can accommodate 200+ cars and spectators?

Scott VanTamelon brought up the fact that our club has been making an annual donation to the Gilmore Garage Works Program and suggested that we do so again this year. It was unanimously approved by the members.

We held our annual Valve Cover Races after the business portion of our meeting. We had 14 cars entered and with each passing year, they are getting fancier! Time to rethink my car! Ultimately, it came down to Ron VanZytveld taking 1st, Tom Ensing 2nd, and Chuck Goulooze 3rd. Best of Show went to Sandy Goulooze. Congratulations to all our winners!

Greg and Nancy Jordan won the 50/50 drawing worth \$66. Scott and Lori Bouwman's names were drawn for the attendance drawing, worth \$90, but they were not present. The pot grows for the next meeting!

Weather permitting, I hope to see you at our Christmas Party!

Dan Jensen

The 2024 Convention: Springdale, Arkansas!

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