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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

February 2011

air conditioning, tinted glass, roof rail lights and AM/FM mono radio. When the dash goes back in this spring there will be a rear window defogger added.

Thanks McCarthy's for sharing your vehicles!

DUES

It's that time again. The yearly dues are due for 2011. Please take the time to mail your dues to our treasurer, Terri Miller.

2011 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Jan: Famous Dave's

Feb: NO MEETING

March: Famous Daves : Dan Suman from Gentex

April:

May 7 - Dust Off - W.K. Kellogg Manor House - tour and lunch. More info later

June: Fricano's on Alpine, Tues. night car show

July: NO Meeting (convention)

Aug: Gilmore Museum also Elhart Car Show

Sept: Holland State Park - Picnic Meeting also Dan's Drags later in the month

Oct:

Nov: Valve Cover Races

Dec: Christmas Party

Congratulations to Doug Troost who received his 20 year membership pin from POCI!!

You can now check out our WMPOCI chapter on **Facebook**. Thanks to

Judy Hirdes for setting this up for the club!

CHIEF'S CHATTER

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! It does feel good to get back to a more normal schedule again. We had a great January meeting. I want to thank everyone for coming up with great ideas for meetings and outings. Thank you also to Tom Ensing for providing videos of cruising Woodward and past club get togethers. It was great. Watching them cruise Woodward Ave. gave me the itch to want to get the car out again. I did have it out on Dec. 29 for a test drive after I had replaced the lever shocks on the front and put air shocks on the back to give the 70 year old leaf springs a little lift. I'm anxious to drag race Vince Rasch in his GTO down the main street in St. Ignace again. If you see Vince ask him who won the first time!

We were fortunate to have Dan Suman scheduled to give us a preview on what Gentex is working on for the automotive industry for the next few years. As we were talking after the Jan. meeting we realized that with the snowbirds gone and I was going to be out of town for the Feb. meeting, we wouldn't have a very big turn out for such an interesting speaker. So as a board we decided to cancel the Feb. meeting and Dan Suman graciously agreed to come to our March meeting.

For those who still need to get a car "fix" for Feb. there are some great car related activities coming up.

Feb. 3-6 Mich. Int'l Auto Show - DeVos Place

Feb. 5-6 Kalamazoo Fairgrounds Auto Swap Meet

Feb. 25-27 Detroit Autorama at Cobo Hall

Also, for Drag Race Fans, the Hot Rod Power Tour is coming to Muskegon on Thursday, June 9.

See you in March.

Ron

January 2011 Meeting Report

Before I get into the minutes from the meeting on January 4th, I'd like to also mention how fun the Christmas Party was at Sayfée's Restaurant last December. As Ron had mentioned in the December's Chief's Chatter, the food was delicious, and our entertainment that evening, the Panning Family, was excellent! It's unusual to see a whole family involved together in a common interest, in this case music! The whole evening was a treat!

President Ron VanZytveld opened the meeting at Famous Dave's welcoming new member Dan Karczewski. Dan has a 1938 Pontiac that will fit in nicely with Ron and Elaine's '40! It's good to see some more pre-war Pontiacs in the club! Welcome Dan!

A board meeting was held last December 19th to plan our 2011 activities. Meeting's that were nailed down were May - our Dust Off cruise to the Kellogg Manor House, June - cruise to Mooville in Hastings, August - cruise to the Gilmore Museum, September - picnic at Holland State Park and helping at the Pure Stock Drags, November - valve cover races, and December - our Christmas Party. We are still looking at finding speakers for the open months where we will probably meet at Famous Dave's.

Linda Kamphuis suggested that we have a "family reunion" and invite all of the old members so we can all catch up with each others lives, as well as eat! It was suggested to combine the reunion with our September picnic.

Ron inquired about the possibility of starting up a webpage for our club. Doug Kamphuis suggested that instead, we create our own Facebook page. It wouldn't cost anything, we could update pictures at anytime, and it would get more hits than a stand-alone webpage. Judy Hirdes volunteered to look into this.

We will need a new volunteer to head up the 2011 Christmas Party. If anyone is interested, or has ideas for the party, please let any of the board members know or share your thoughts at the next meeting.

Next, Ron went over the membership questionnaire that was in the December issue of the Arrowhead newsletter. It was felt by the membership that they preferred a 50/50 mix between cruises/activities and meeting at Famous Dave's. New Member Dan Karczewski let us know about a Tuesday night cruise in at a Pizza restaurant on Alpine and 7 Mile. As mentioned above, if you have any ideas for the month's open for an activity, cruise, or guest speaker, make yourself heard and come to the next meeting!

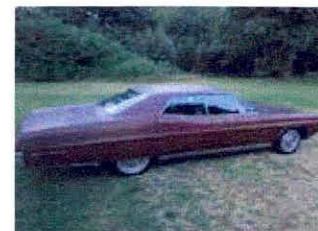
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Our evening entertainment was provided by Tom Ensing. We watched videos of the 2000 POCI National Convention that we hosted here in Grand Rapids, as well as other activities we did throughout the year. That was a trip down memory lane! Thanks for showing the videos Tom! See you at the next meeting!

Bob and Robyn McCarthy's vehicles



The first is a 1967 Catalina Convertible. My dad and I purchased it together in 1983. I have added several factory options, AM/FM, 8 track, power trunk release, 8 lugs, fender skirts, speed minder speedometer, tissue dispenser, tilt wheel, under the hood and trunk reel out lights, and chromed the original valve covers. This car was built the second week of production in 1966 the fifth week of August, is the 425th V-8 and the 13th Catalina convertible off the Kansas City, KS production line. I have had some panels repainted on it, the front seat has been recovered and cried the day the original top was replaced.

The second is a 1967 Grand Prix. I purchased this car in 1997. It was built in Arlington, TX. I wanted a black 2 + 2, but, when I found the black Grand Prix I knew I could make this the 2 + 2 with the class of a Grand Prix. The interior was completely redone. The seats are stitched correctly but, the material is black nylon. More comfortable and not as hot in the summer sun. The engine was not original when I purchased the car. Wanting to put in a 428 but not wanting to pay the high price of one, I found a 1974 Grandville convertible with a 455 in it and drove it home to Kalamazoo from Portland. I swapped engines and transmissions, fixed some minor things on the Grandville and sold it for \$400 more than I paid for it. I swapped the engine at work, after hours of course! While there my boss told me he would paint the car if I did the body work and paid for the supplies. So off came the fenders, hood, doors, etc. and 8 layers of paint. Five years later the car was back together.

The third is a 1967 Bonneville 4 door. I purchased this car in July 2010. Found it sitting for sale near Hastings, MI. The car was filthy! The headliner was gone, the gauges lens was very cloudy and it needed brakes. The frame was solid, the fenders were solid and so were the quarter panels and, most remarkable to me was, it ran great. The Bonneville came from Tennessee, so when I replaced the rubber brake lines and the brake cylinders the metal brake lines all loosened up. Right after towing the car home it got a bath. Then I fixed the brakes and cleaned the interior, gave the car a tune up, put plates and insurance on it and loaded Robin and Amy in it for its maiden voyage to the gas station. About 1 block after the gas station the Bonneville just died. Towed it home and replaced the coil. Has not been on the road since. I have removed the fuel tank to put in the correct sending unit, removed the door panels to fix the carpeting on the bottom and removed the dash for disassembly and clean up. The only options this car has are

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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.

Club Officers

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NO MEETING FOR FEBRUARY

Next Meeting March 1 @ Famous Daves

We will have a guest speaker, Dan Suman from

Gentex, speaking about some of the upcoming

new technology in autos.

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.

WMPOCI 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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