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## **PONTIAC-OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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### **WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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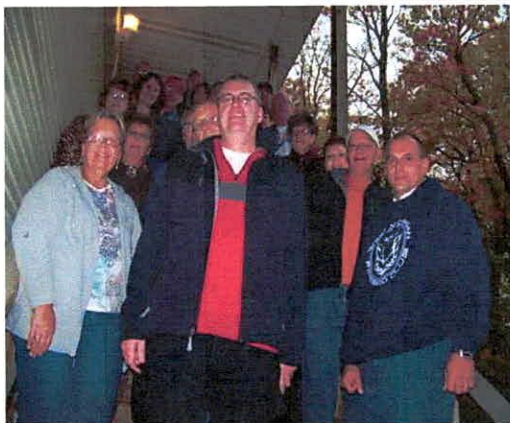
Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

December 2012

Once everybody had returned to the motel we hung out in it's "Gathering Place" to share in some camaraderie and to watch the Tiger ballgame or was it the NASCAR race? Maybe it was both. LOL!!

Sunday morning we took a scenic drive around Glen Lake, into Maple City, Cedar and ending in Traverse City. After checking out the shops we headed to the local Culver's where we had lunch together one last time, and then headed home our separate ways.

In spite of the rain, I heard reports that a good time was had by all. So much so, that they're allowing me to arrange next years event too!



### Fall Color Tour & Valve Cover Race Pictures

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2012

**December - Dec. 7 Christmas Party - Double Tree Hotel Holland.**

**January 2013**

**January 8th - Tour of the Holland Board of PublicWorks power plant by Carl Thorwall - details in next month**

## CHIEF'S CHATTER

For this month's newsletter I would like to start with a thank you to the club for its giving back, it's been our practice to give at Christmas time to a family or person in need. It was decided at this month's meeting for this coming December we are going to take a collection for a young girl who has many surgeries ahead of her to repair her face as a result of being mauled by a raccoon as an infant. Please come prepared to give what you feel you can at our Christmas party on December 7th.

November is a busy month...at the first of the month we have Veteran's Day where our country honors our military for their service at home and abroad to keep our freedom to choose the people that speak for us instead of having a person be our ruler, so I extend a thank you to our Vets!

At the end of the month is Thanksgiving, a time where we thank God for all the blessings he has given us and a time to share with others. Roxanne and I extend a Blessed Thanksgiving to everyone.

We had a very, very wet but wonderful Fall Color tour, and a big turnout too, one of the most attended for quite a few years. Thanks again Scott for the good time we had and all the hard work that you put into planning the weekend.

Back to Christmas...our next event is our Christmas Party. Please join us for a fun evening filled with dinner, conversation and some very good music to be performed by local Holland, MI talent. Back by popular demand...The Panning Family Band.

I would like to introduce you to our new officers. We elected a new president Doug Troost and a new vice-president, Carl Thorwall. Please give them your support as you have me and Doug this year.

Until we meet again *Keep the Rubber Side Down...*

*Your Chief, II Feathers Bob*

***Please contact Doug Troost or Carl Thorwall with ideas for next year or come to our board/planning meeting, date and time will be in next months newsletter.***

## November 2012 Meeting Report

Our meeting was held at the spacious offices of Van's Delivery Service on Turner Avenue to accommodate the 30-plus members in attendance, plus the race track for our Valve Cover Races. The weather was nice for November, clear and quiet, but on the cold side. While waiting for the pizzas to arrive, the thirteen(!) racers made test runs down the track, tuning their cars to run their fastest.

After the great pizzas, salads, and desserts, President Bob DeBoer opened the meeting by thanking Scott Van Tamelen for organizing the color tour. The weather didn't cooperate, but everyone had a good time and enjoyed the good food and the garage visit. To see pictures of the color tour go to You Tube and type in WmiPontiacColorTour.

Anyone wishing to attend the December 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday) Christmas Party contact Terri Miller and give her \$10 (per person). The Panning Family, who were going to be the entertainment, may not be able to make it because they are involved in a talent contest, and may be in California. If they can't make it, they said they would help us find other entertainment. Remember to bring \$20 for a charitable donation.

Terri Miller went over her Treasurer's Report. We are in good financial shape!

The Board Members have agreed to get a new printer to do the newsletter.

Being November, it was also WMPOCI election time! Terri Miller is staying on as Treasurer, and I as Secretary. Doug Troost volunteered to take on the President's responsibilities, and Carl Thorwall was elected as Vice President! The whole process was painless this year!

Herb Howes is having a knee replaced on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Doug Mesman won the 50/50 raffle of \$19.50! Doug and Pam Simon's names were called for the membership drawing, but they weren't in attendance. They could have taken home \$44.50!

Finally we get to the Valve Cover Races. With thirteen cars, Carl Thorwall got the bye for the first round. We had a lot of close races and some break-ages on the track. Wendell Miller came through as the overall winner. Then

all the cars were put on a table for an impromptu car show. Ron VanZytveld's car won best of show. Congrats to Wendell and Ron! Something tells me the cars will be faster and more outrageous next year!

Don't forget to let Terri know if you are going to the Christmas Party. See you there!

Dan Jensen

### **!!CHRISTMAS DINNER!!**

Here is the cost and plan for the Christmas dinner:  
Reservations for the dinner should be made **by November 30** by paying \$10 per person to Terri Miller, address is on the back of the newsletter.  
Cash bar and punch bowl at 6 PM.  
Salads will be served at 6:30 and the main course at 6:50.  
Also, a collection will be taken for a local child and family.

### **FOR SALE**

1986 trans am t-top multi port v-8 automatic Has a salvage title At this point looking for offers - ph 616-886-6696 Calvin Brandsen

### **Fall Color Tour**

This year's Fall Color Tour was a success in some ways, and a disappointment in others.

It started with an early morning meeting at Elhart GMC. Due to the rain that was in the air already (and the weekend's forecast) most of us chose to bring our daily drivers in lieu of the prized Pontiac, Even so, we were optimistic that the weather might break by the time we arrived "up north".

With 11 cars and about 24 people we headed on our trek north. Since this was my first time leading the members of the Pontiac Club I wasn't sure what to expect. Would they want to travel at normal highway speeds (70-75 mph) or would they want to take it "easy" ??

Well it was a good thing our first scheduled stop was the McDonalds in Whitehall, because it gave us an opportunity to discuss who was driving too slow...There's still some debate as to whether it was the "old guy" or the "young punk". Regardless, we'll agree that the average speed from that point forward was much more appropriate.

Once we were ready to hit the road again we headed for M-22. As soon as we turned the corner from US-31 onto M-22 it was clear that we had picked the perfect weekend for color. Unfortunately, not the perfect weekend for weather as it was still raining pretty steadily.

Our next stop was "gravity hill" which I must admit turned out to be not such a big deal.

We had lunch in Frankfort and did a little shopping. We then headed to Leland and a tour of Van's Garage which was the highlight of the trip. After touring the gift shops in Leland, arrangements were made in Glen Arbor for dinner.

Used parts for 64, and maybe some 65 lemans, tempest or GTO. In no particular order!

ALL PARTS ARE USED, AND MAY HAVE SOME DAMAGE. New parts will be identified.

NEW !! NAPA premium frt suspension parts for "A body" (GTO, ETC). Below is part name and NAPAs PN.

Centre link 272-4046, Idler Arm 268-3416, Upper ball joints (2) 260-1064, Lower (2) 260-1065

Tie rod ends (2) 269-2144, Tie rod ends (2) 269-2274, Adjusting sleeves w clamps (2) 269-1126

Upper control arm "full bar" w bushings (2) PN UNK. ALL NEW and in the boxes! Retail is over \$625.00

### USED PARTS

Multiple sets drip rail mldgs. W/S mldgs, rear window mldgs, rt exhaust manifold 9778442, Lf manifold # 645437, 2 gauge clusters (no tachs), dash gauge cluster surround, dash gauges engine turned trim appliqué,

Vinyl top trim mldgs on sail panels and upper rear panel (below the back glass) R&L & rear. Also deck lid mldg,

R & L front door trim panels in Dk Blue, R & L quarter interior trim panels in Dk Blue, Upper door panel trim retainers in SS (ftr and rear), Rear seat back and bottom in Dk Blue. COUPE (post car ) Glass R & L frt doors, R & L quarter glass, R & L vent windows w tracks, COUPE/post only rear qtr window wide mldgs, Wheel opening mldgs (3), Door latches, OE gas tank straps!, Deluxe wheel covers (4), Fiberglass nose piece, NEW chrome dash AC vents (R & L), Shifter hole trans tunnel plate, W/S lower repair panel, Door bottom repair panel (Rt), Front sway bar, Driveshafts w yokes (2), Rocker panel mldgs (R & L, 3), left quarter extensions w damage (2, 64 only), Repainted jack but NOT a 64 (unk), Steering staibilizer w brackets (manual steering only, 2), Hand brake mechanisms (2), Aluminum alternator bracket, Glove box door, Rear bumper fillers (R&L), Turn signal cancel cam assbly, blue steering wheel and horn ring, NEW Inner fender splash shield rubbers , set of 4, NEW COUPE/post quarter glass frt/vertical edge seals,

Back glasses (3), Front and rear, Rt & Lf, manual window regulators (4), underdash heater boxes w cables but NO AC (3), Blower motor housing (underhood), Blower motor housing BLOCK OFF PLATE (NEW, NOT OE), Wiper motor, wiper transmission arms, Wiper arms, Front bumper (rough, but a start), Rear bumper (some damage), Many wire harnesses for engine , dash and ???, Back up lamps housings (no lenses) (2), Front R & L turn signal lamps (2), R & L grilles, R & L headlight bezels, dome light plain, Arm rests, fan and fan clutch (already repainted), Rt hood hinges (2), Lf hood hinges (2), Hood latch vertical lock support,

And more stuff I probably missed. ***I PREFER TO DO THIS AS A BUNDLE TYPE SALE. Asking 1200.00 for all***

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