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CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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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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Famous Dave's

Bob DeBoer will be giving a presentation on detailing our classic and antique cars.

Meeting starts at 7:00

Come earlier for a bite to eat.

HALF - CHIEF'S CHATTER

This is my first opportunity at penning the 'Chief's Chatter' which I have taken the liberty of renaming as the "Half Chief's Chatter" since our fearless leader was vacationing in Arizona during this month's meeting and I am only the vice President it seemed fitting. We had a great meeting this month with an excellent turnout. The attendance drawing was won this past month! I guess my Pontiac won't be getting an extra \$94 worth of Ames parts. Congratulations Doug and Pam Simon.

Scott Van Tamelen presented this month on classic car insurance. We learned a lot about agreed value, stated value, and vehicle appraisals. With the snow currently melting, it is important to re-evaluate our Pontiacs, Oaklands and GMC's for changes in value, double checking the policy is still active and that everything is up to speed before the summer. I know I am very excited to get my Tempest on the road and insurance has been one of the items on the seemingly never ending list of things that needed finishing. The presentation generated some excellent questions and great group discussion. Thanks Scott for putting the presentation together!

Speaking of melting snow, the Dust-Off cruise is coming up! Everyone at the March meeting was briefed on the plans by Doug Kamphuis. I'm really looking forward to the Dust-Off and the fun things they have planned (details are in this newsletter).

This month's POCI magazine is great. It has lots of good articles and neat pictures. Most important is the little card in the middle that I normally throw away out of most magazines thinking it's a re-order form; this time it's the ballot. It's time to vote, there is a \$200 prize for the club with the highest percentage of member participation. That would be great for the budget!

With that, I will leave you with a current picture of my '64 Tempest Custom Restoration Project (883 days 18 hours and 26 minutes since the project began):



March 2013 Meeting Report

Our February meeting was held at Famous Dave's Restaurant on March 5th. Despite the cool weather, over 20 members were in attendance. Doug and Joan Troost were not present so VP Carl Thorwall had to preside over the meeting.

Terri Miller gave her Treasurer's Report showing that we had income from dues and no expenses.

Doug Kamphuis gave us an update on the Spring Dust Off Tour, scheduled for the weekend of April 27. This will be an overnight event, the destination being Shipshewana, IN. Places of interest there are Hosttellers Hudson Museum and the Menno-Hof Amish and Mennonites presentation. Travelers will stay at the Van Buren Hotel in Shipshewana. There are reservations for us at the Blue Gate Restaurant and Theater for an Amish dinner and then a show by David Penndleton. Cost for both is \$37.00. Those wanting to go have to let either Doug & Linda Kamphuis, or Gary & Pam Laarman know by March 27th.

Our guest speaker was Scott Van Tamelen who talked about classic car insurance. He works for State Farm Insurance, who has been offering antique insurance since the early 90s. Some key points Scott pointed out are as follows. Since the antique insurance business is so profitable, beware of "pop-up" insurance companies. You don't want a "stated value" policy, you want an "agreed value" policy. A car that qualifies for antique insurance must be at least 25 year old, have a historic interest, driven less than 2500 miles per year, and it can't be used for regular duty like going to work, the store, the doctor, and such. To substantiate the agreed value, sometimes a professional appraisal is needed. Most often you and the insurance provider agree on the car's perceived value, backed up by several high quality photographs. Try to get the highest value policy for your car(s). If the insurance provider is diligent, they will research similar cars to back up the claimed value. If their research proves otherwise, they will recommend a lower agreed value. If they find the car is undervalued, they usually won't tell you. It's important to keep up with the car's market value and if you are under-insured, up the value accordingly. If you change the value of the car on your policy, they will require current high-quality pictures again. Sources for documenting the value of your car are Old Car Price Guide, Hemmings Motor News, NADA, Kelly Blue Book, and current auction results (take with a grain of salt). Unfortunately, restoration projects can't be covered in most cases. Thanks for the great presentation Scott!

Carl reminded the group that the new Smoke Signals has voting ballots inside for POCI national director elections. The chapter with the most ballots sent in gets a cash reward, so remove the ballot, vote, and send it in!

Doug Simon was the luckiest person at the meeting. He won both the 50/50 raffle (\$17) and the Attendance drawing (\$92?)!!!!!! Congrats Doug!

Scott Van Tamelen reported that our website is up and running and if you want a picture of you car on it, contact Scott.

Bob DeBoer will be our guest speaker at the April meeting, discussing car detailing, just in time for the show season!

See you in April!
Dan Jensen

Spring Dust Off April 27, 2013

Leaving the Mobil station at US 131 & the Dorr exit at 9:00a.m.

Traveling to Shipshewana, Indiana, arriving between 10:30 - 11:00a.m.
The day will be yours, two things we do suggest is:
Hosttellers Hudson Auto Museum, the largest collection of cars made by Hudson car company like Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Railon, and Dover, later becoming the Nash, and later the Rambler Car Company.

Next door is the Menno-Hof, it has a presentation on the life and history of the Amish and Mennonites.

The rest of the day is yours to tour the town and visit the shops. Lunch will be on your own.

We will be staying over night at the VanBuren Hotel, 1175 VanBuren St. Shipshewana. Rooms have been blocked under West Michigan Pontiac Club and reservations have to be made by you at 260-768-7780. If we have 10 plus rooms the rate is \$79, less than 10 rooms it will be \$84. The stay includes breakfast on Sunday morning of bagels, toast, scrambled eggs, waffles, biscuits and gravy, cereal, juice and coffee. The rooms have two beds, very nice heated swimming pool, check in is at 3 p.m. or before if available.

At 5 p.m. we have reservations at the Blue Gate Restaurant and Theater for a traditional Amish family style dinner of two meats, potatoes, vegetables etc. After dinner at 7:00 we will move to the theater for a show by David Penndleton a hilarious comedian/ventriloquist who will make you laugh till

you cry. Cost for both is \$37 per person. We have seats held for us, we have to give a final head count by March 27th and that's when we have to pay for these tickets. Please give/send your money by March 25th either to :

Doug & Linda Kamphuis
86 Birchwood Ave.
Holland MI 49423

Pam & Gary Laarman
766 N. Shore Dr.
Holland MI 49424

Sunday will be a lazy day to sleep in have breakfast and an easy drive back home with perhaps a ice cream stop or so. Note there are no shops open on Sunday in Shippewa.

Tentative Schedule for 2013

January 8th - Tour of the Holland Board of PublicWorks power plant by Carl Thorwall, Meet @ 6:30 @ Culver's on West Shore Dr. in Holland

February 5th - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Ken Harper will be giving a video presentation of his Salt Flat Racing.

March 5th - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Scott VanTamelen will give a presentation on insurance coverage for classic and antique cars.

April 2nd - Meeting at Famous Dave's - Bob DeBoer will be giving a presentation on car detailing.

May 7th - Jim Mattison - Pontiac Historic Services and our Dust Off

June 4th - Poker Run

July - No meeting in July - National POCI Convention in Dayton Ohio

August 6th - Carl Thorwall will give a presentation on his experience on the Power Tour.

9th - Club Car Show at Elhart

September 3rd - Picnic at the beach.

October 1st - ?
Color Tour

November 5th - Valve Cover Races

December 6th - Christmas Party

Watch the schedule for changes and updates.

Remember we're on Facebook.

If you would like a picture of your vehicle on the club website send a good quality digital picture to Scott VanTamelen at www.President@wmfirebird.com

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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