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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

September 2008

September Meeting Minutes

Pure Stock Drags Report

From the bottom of my heart, Bob Boden and I want to thank every one of you who braved the damp weather to come help out at the 2008 Pure Stock Drags! I've said this so many times, but its significance cannot be lost- we couldn't do this race without your help! You still came to the race track, despite your better judgment, in lieu of the ominous weather forecasts. Yes it rained several times on Friday, but there were several times it let up, giving us hope that we could get some racing in. Finally, around 3 PM, the rain stopped long enough for the track crew to successfully dry the track and let the cars start racing shortly after 5 PM. We ran the cars until after dark, ending around 8:30 PM. This allowed most of the 135 cars that registered to get a few runs in. Thank you for all your patience because it was a long day!

What can I say about Saturday? We woke up to rain, watched the local channels as well as The Weather Channel. Both showed a huge area of rain to the south and west of the track, bearing down on it. By the time Bob and I got to the track at 7 AM, we decided right then and there to cancel the day's activities. We spent the next couple hours knocking down our signs, tables, equipment, etc. and loading them in the truck, trailer, and the van. The rain never let up and got heavier as the day progressed. Still, the Pontiac Club members showed up because they said they would! Seeing this, I felt so proud to be a part of this club. Bob and I hope that this year's washout doesn't dampen this club's enthusiasm to help us next year. I, myself doubt it.

THANK YOU to the following folks who came to help on Friday and/or Saturday:

Terri Miller
Wendell Miller
Linda Kamphuis
Doug Kamphuis
Howard Broekema
Judy Howes
Herb Howes

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Pure Stock Drags Report continued:

Joan Troost
Doug Troost
Roxanne DeBoer
Bob DeBoer
Cory Rose

I apologize for not making it to the last meeting where the club went to see the Bonneville car in Allegan (and the tractors afterwards). After talking to Herb Howes and Cary Hirdes, I know I certainly missed something special!

See you in October

Dan Jensen



Fall Color Tour

The Annual Fall Color Tour will be Saturday, October 11. We will gather at the Mobil Station on 16th Street just west of State Street (96th Ave) in Zeeland between 8:30 and 9 AM. We will be leaving at 9 o'clock sharp. Our first stop will be breakfast in Hamilton at the Trestle Stop. Call Bob and Roxanne (616-538-6712), or Wendell and Terri (616-875-8069) if you have any questions. Hope to see many of you!!



The Bonneville Car

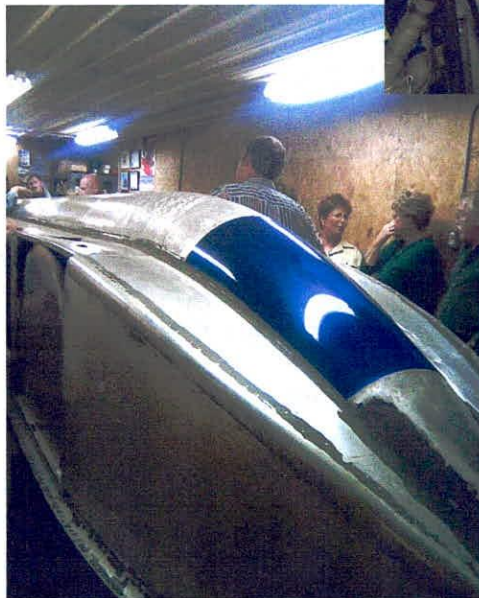
Jim with model of the car in the background



Jim's Dyno



The Bonneville Car



Chief's Chatter

If you could not make it to the September outing, you missed a fun night. I have some pictures but it's not like being there. A big THANK YOU to Bob McCarthy for setting up the night's event. The Bonneville car was amazing. For a man of Jim's years to desire to set a speed record at Bonneville is quite a dream; I hope he can achieve it. I also got quite a charge out of the "Snow Blower" Jim made. I don't know how far that monster will throw snow but it sure looks menacing. Our second stop was at the "Tractor Barn". I have not seen that much John Deere Green outside of a show room or even in a show room, ever. I believe we counted over 60 tractors from OLD to Not so OLD; I have no idea of tractor years. The two large harvesters looked pretty comfortable to operate. Someone said they looked large enough to have a bathroom in them, or a microwave and then it started to get "far out".

I did not have a chance to talk with Dan Jensen about the drag race but I did talk with Herb. It sounded very wet on Friday but the cars did run late in the day. I don't know if they ran at all on Saturday. I watched the weather radar & it did not look good. Would this be the first time it rained that bad?

We are in need of a new editor for our newsletter for Melanie Thorwall is not able to do it any longer. If anyone is able to help out it would be greatly appreciated. See you all at the next meeting at Famous Dave's on the 7th of October.

Cary

THE ARROWHEAD

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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Tuesday, October 7, 2008
At Famous Dave's

We will be having our regular monthly meeting at Famous Dave's. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Come earlier and order some good food and chat with other Pontiac enthusiasts. We always have a good time!!! Famous Dave's is located near I196 and 44th Street in Grandville. We hope to see all of you!!

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.

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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