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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

April 2008

Upcoming Club Events

WMPOCI Club Schedule

This is the Tentative Schedule for the rest of this year.

May 3: Dust Off, meet at park-n-go in Hudsonville at 3:00 PM.

May 6: Meeting with Weatherman, meeting to start at 7:00 PM with George Lessons starting at 7:30PM.

May 17: Burn Show

June 7: SATURDAY Drive to Gilmore's for Meeting/Picnic.

July 1: Meeting to go over August Car Show.

August 1: Car Show at Elhart Pontiac, need door prizes from members.

August 23: Grand Rapids Metro Cruise

September 9: Going to Allegan to visit Bonneville Speed Car Bob McCarthy told us about.

September 12 & 13: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at Mid MI Motorplex.

October 7: Meeting at Famous Dave's, new officer nominations.

November 4: Meeting at Famous Dave's, Election

December ?: Christmas Party.

WMPOCI Spring Dust Off

Hand-Made Miniature Barns and Beautiful Flowers

Saturday, May 3rd, 3:00 PM

With the high gas prices, we won't make you cruise very far.

We'll be meeting around 2:45 at the "park & ride" lot at the Hudsonville (32nd Ave.) exit along I-196. The lot is across 32nd from the car lot.

We will leave at 3:00pm and travel a few miles to the Jamestown area and meet Mr. Schut and enjoy hearing about and seeing an impressive collection of miniature barns and other buildings which he has made by hand.

Then we'll travel a few miles back to the Hudsonville area to enjoy the colors of spring flowers at a greenhouse filled and ready for spring planting. Enjoy the colors and flowers as well as hearing a little about what it takes to run a successful greenhouse operation. You may purchase flowers if you wish but that is not our purpose.

We'll then travel back to Jamestown and gather at the clubhouse of the mobile home park where the Ensing's live and have pizza for supper. Please plan to contribute \$5 per couple towards the pizza and pop.

Subject: Upper Midwest Board of Director

March 15, 2008

Hello-

Within the past couple of days you may have received an e-mail from Claudia Mathes regarding Hillis Mathes running for the POCI Board of Director slot in the Upper Midwest.

I also am running as an incumbent for that director's slot-and-I don't want you to be misled by the content of Hillis Mathes campaign e-mail. Hillis already knows about the membership issue in POCI because I explained it to him in January. It's not a secret- no one is trying to hide it from anyone. Below is the membership information as best as it could be assembled by the POCI office- and yes- we all care!

During my six years on the POCI Board of Directors I have fought hard to make POCI an organization where everyone has equal standing- you will get to vote on a constitutional amendment regarding that issue on this year's ballot. I have fought hard to make POCI's finances as transparent as possible and available anytime to anyone in the membership that wants to know. And, I fought hard to have POCI properly represented as a business entity in the State of Florida.

POCI finances are made available to every board member every month- all income and all expenses- check by check. This was not possible a year ago. I fought hard to make POCI Board meetings open to the general membership to participate, ask questions and discuss any topic they want to- this also was not totally possible the last time Hillis Mathes served on the POCI Board.

As far as publishing this information in Smoke Signals, well, we get zero requests for it, as far as I know. However, the POCI Board meeting minutes will be published in April Smoke Signals because Hillis requested it of me in January.

Anyone can know anything they want to know about POCI anytime they want-if you ever have a question just call me. If I don't answer-I'll make sure you get it from the person that has the answer.

Thank you-I ask for your support and rest assured that if re-elected I will continue to fight to keep this organization open to all and for all the membership-POCI is not going to revert back to being the good ole boys club while I'm in office.

Dave Bennett, POCI Vice-President/POCI Director-Upper Midwest

April Meeting Minutes

Hopefully the weather will have warmed up and behaved by then! Since his talk will begin promptly at 7:30, our meeting will begin at 7:00pm! If you want to eat, you may want to get to the restaurant around 6pm.

For our June Meeting, we will cruise to the Gilmore Car Museum. I have the date written down as the 7th, which is a Saturday. I'm not positive about that, so I'll have to confirm this at the next meeting.

Kay Postma won the 50/50 raffle, and Carl Schulte won our Club Lotto which was \$100! Congratulations to Both!

See you at the meeting!

Dan Jensen

We Need Your Vote

We need all of our club members to vote for their Regional POCI Directors and Officers. The information to vote is in the April issue of the Smoke Signals. The club with the greatest percentage of members who vote will win \$200 for their Club. So VOTE!!!!

Thanks to all who have paid their dues for the '08 year. The Club appreciates it! There are still a few people who haven't paid. Please send your checks for \$25 (made out to WMPOCI) to Terri Miller, 8830 Taylor Street, Zeeland, MI, 49464 or bring your dues to the April meeting. Thanks much. See the back page of this newsletter for more information.

April Meeting Minutes

President Cary Hirdes opened our April 1st meeting to 24 attendees with Terri Miller's Treasurer's report. Without going into the numbers, we are in good standing for 2008, despite the rather poor economy in this immediate area.

Flyers were passed out for the 12th Annual Burn Survivor Car Show & Auction, held on Saturday, May 17th at the Fifth Third Ball Park in Comstock Park. The show opens at 9am and goes to 3pm. As usual, our club is helping with parking/traffic, and I believe that those wishing to help should be at the Park around 7:30am. I hope I am recalling that correctly!

We are having a Dust-Off Cruise on Saturday May 3rd. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Don't forget to send in your POCI Board Member Ballot! Now you don't have to tear apart your Smoke Signals Magazine to do so. Now they have an easy tear-off ballot inside the April issue. They have to be received by April 30th, so hurry up!

Bob McCarthy told us about his friend he is helping build a car for the Bonneville Salt Flats with two 1500 hp engines! His goal is to exceed 458 mph! Bob told us that we are welcome to cruise to his friend's shop in Allegan as a group. E.J. Potter, the Michigan Madman, is also helping with this effort! This would be one interesting garage tour!

At our May meeting, Meteorologist George Lessons will join us to talk about our weather here in Michigan.

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Car Shows and Cruises to Attend

Twelfth Annual Burn Survivor

Car Show & Auction

Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9am-3pm

Fifth Third Ball Park in Comstock Park, MI

-Mintage Racecars

-Oldies 98.7

-W.MI firefighters

-Flower & Shrub Sale

-Activities for the Kids

-Auction Starts @ 10am

All Proceeds go to benefit Burn Survivors Initiatives through Spectrum Health Regional Burn Center & the Phoenix Society

Rain or Shine

\$10.00 Registration Fee

\$1.00 Spectator Donation

SAVE \$5.00 Per Carload!!!

Pioneer Automobile Association's 45th Annual Swap Meet & Car Show

Sunday, April 27th, 2008, 7am-3pm
South Bend, Indiana, St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds. 14 Show Classes/Door prizes/Special Awards. www.pioneerautoassn.com

The 33rd Annual Automotive Swap Meet

At the Monroe County Fairground
3775 S. Custer Rd., Monroe MI
Sunday, April 27, 2008 (rain or shine)
Sponsored by the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. General Admission: \$4

Car Shows and Cruises to Attend

20th Anniversary Corvette Celebration

Sunday, May 18th, 2008, 8am-3pm

Calhoun county Fairgrounds, Marshall, MI

Spectator Admission: Adults & Teens-\$5

Children 12 and under- Free

-Dash plaques to the first 300 Vettes registered

-Goodie Bags and Lots of Door Prizes

-Trophies, Best of Show Award, People's Choice

More info @www.corvetteclubbattlecreekmi.com

Michigan Antique & Collectable Festivals

Midland, Michigan Fairgrounds

2008 Show Dates:

May 31-June 1, July 26-27, Sept 27-28

Antique Show & Sale, Collector & Hobby Show,
Festival Fun Foods, Classic Car show & Sales Lot,
Parts & Accessories Swap Meet, Antique Engines &
Bicycles.

See up to 1000 Vendor Booths.

Huge Indoor Show & 80 Acres outside.

\$5 Admission Per person, Children under 11-free

Sat. 8am-6pm, Sun. 8am-4pm

Held Rain or Shine

www.miantiquefestival.com

Chief's Chatter

The Weatherman Chant

Come sun or rain,
Come sleet or snow,
Come wind or calm,
One thing I know,
Whether I'm right,
Whether I'm wrong,
I will get paid.

I know, I just made that up. Oh how mean am I. Sorry I cannot help it, but I know it's a job we all envy. Well so much for the intro for this month's speaker.

A Big Thanks to all who came out to our last meeting. It was GOOD to see some familiar faces that have not been around for a while. For last month's meeting, I want to thank Herb for all his work on the trivia picture board & questions. Congrat's to Kay for having so many correct answers. Thanks also to Bob & Roxy for having plan B if Herb's trivia would have been short.

This month, the Burn Show is coming up and we still could use any auction items you may have. There will be a schedule sheet for us to sign up for a specific time to direct traffic at this month's meeting.

There was interest expressed in going to the shop in Allegan where Bob McCarthy is helping to build the Bonneville Salt Flats Racer. That has been scheduled for our September meeting with more details coming.

Also if there is any interest in helping Bob out with the August 9 Fly-in & Car Show at the Allegan Airport, please let me know. Judy & I have gone to this show and it is really good with some very COOL planes & nice cars.

That's all for now, see you on the 6th.

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, May 6, 2008
at Famous Dave's***

We are having a guest speaker, Meteorologist George Lessons. He will give a talk about our Michigan weather. The club meeting will start at 7 pm with Mr. Lessons starting promptly at 7:30 pm. We always have a great time!!! Famous Dave's is located near I196 and 44th Street in Grandville. See you in May! Spring has finally come!

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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