

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

As I'm writing this the Football season is over and NASCAR has just begun, not that I watch much of either anymore.

Our last meeting at Russ' packed the place so I'm glad I brought along a table to set our car show cars on, and we had many. Thanks to all for showing up and to all of the car show participants. Karl Schulte took first prize with his Grand Prix that looks like the one he owns; the green is a bit different but so what. Congratulations!

We welcomed another new member to our Club, Robert Bagby. He drives a Firebird, and he lives in Grandville. Glad to have you aboard.

Our next meeting will be at the VanZytvelds "Cave", 4101 Byron Road. It will be a Chili/Soup cook-off so bring your favorite chili or soup recipe for all to enjoy. Bring your own soft drink or other special drink. If a couple of members could bring an item for dessert it would be appreciated.

If you have not paid your club dues you can do it at the meeting, it's \$25.00 for the year.

Also, a reminder to send in your ballot to elect POI Board members. We have a chance to win some cash if we have full participation sending in our ballots.

Until the next time keep it between the ditches and keep the sun out of your eyes.

-Cary Hirdes



Couple pictures from our Mini-Car Show



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 7th at 6:00pm

We'll be holding our annual "Chilli (or soup) Cook-off". Bring a soup or chili and pit-it against other members for bragging rights. This is always a fun time, and it's almost guaranteed to be enough food to satisfy everyone.

Location

VanZytveld's "Cave"

address:

4101 Byron Rd Hudsonville, MI 49418



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

Feb 7th: Meeting Russ' Restaurant 4440 Chicago Dr SW Grandville, Mi

March 7th: Soup or chili cookoff at John & Linda Walkers?

April 4th: Tour David's House? Our annual Spring Dust Off Cruise in late April? Combine the two?

May 2nd: Tour Scott Tiemann's restoration shop in Portland? Maybe do on a Saturday?

June 6th: Ice Cream Cruise? Any other ideas?

July: Usually no meeting because of the POCl National Convention. Open to ideas. Steve's Classic Auto Repair in Muskegon was suggested.

August 1st: Elhart Car Show planning meeting at John & Linda Walker's house.

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

September 5th: Annual club picnic at Holland State Park

September 15-16: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex

October 3rd: Club officer nominations. Our annual Fall Color Cruise later in the month?

November 7th: Club officer elections, supper, and our annual Valve Cover Races at Ron & Elaine VanZytveld's.

December 8th: Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

June 26th thru July 1st: Pontiac-Oakland Club Convention Murfreesboro, TN

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

Other Automotive Events:

May 7th: Old Car Dust-off Mendon High School-Mendon, Mi 8am-3pm

May 13th: Rats & Rods Car Show Manistee Senior Center-Manistee, Mi 8:30am-3pm

May 27th: NSRA Appreciation Day-Bub Sherwood Auto Repair-Galesburg, Mi 10am-2pm

June 2nd: Cruise-In for Kids Burn Camp, Salem Township Park-Burnips, Mi 6pm-9pm

June 10th: Vicksburg Old Car Festival, Vicksburg Mi 9am-3pm

June 16th: Harvest Bible Chapel Car Show, Spring Lake Mi 5pm-9pm

June 17th: Billy Pease Foundation Car Show, Arby's 8508 Shaver Rd Portage Mi 11am-2pm

June 18th: Charlton Park Car Show Hasting, Mi 8am-4pm

June 24th: Del Shannon Car Show, Leila Arboretum-Battle Creek, Mi 9:30am-4pm

June 24th – 25th: Sloan Museum Auto Fair Flint, Mi 9am-5pm

Other Automotive Events cont'd:

- July 1st:** Cruise to the Fountain, Calhoun Cuntly Fairgrounds-Marshall, Mi 8am-4pm
- July 9th:** Kids Camp Car Show, Midway Chevrolet-Plainwell, Mi 1pm-5pm
- July 16th:** Charity Car Show, Packard Proving Grounds-Shelby Township, Mi 9am-3pm
- July 21st-23rd:** Ames Pontiac Nationals, Summit Motorsports Park-Norwalk, Oh
- July 22nd:** Paw Paw Days Car Show-Downtown Paw Paw, Mi 9am-3pm
- Sept 9th:** Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival Classic Car Show-Paw Paw, Mi 8am-3pm

Meetings:


The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page or check out our website for specific times and locations.

WMPOCI Officers:

- President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059
- Vice President: Bob McCarthy.....269-372-7382
- Treasurer: Linda Walker.....847-609-3910
- Newsletter Editor: Scott van Tamelen.....616-450-8450
- Secretary: Dan Jensen.....517-896-0398

Check out our latest events and activities on our website www.wmpontiac.com.

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 and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill it's goals, as well as, provide information.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 2023 Meeting Report

The warmer than average temperatures made it possible for almost 30 club members to attend the February meeting at the Russ' Restaurant in Grandville. President Cary Hirdes opened the meeting by passing out Linday Walker's Treasurer's Report. (The Walkers were down south.) We had income from dues, and expenses for our GoDaddy website and our annual PO Box cost.

Our Spring Dust-Off Cruise will be an overnigher, on May 6th and 7th. The destination will be the Air Oaks Farm. I believe I heard it is in Indiana? As sign up sheet was passed around.

Our March meeting will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's "activities center". We will be holding our Chili Cook Off. Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other future activities for 2023 to look into include a tour of Tiara Yachts and the Holland Power Plant.

For our May meeting, we will be visiting David's House. If possible, please drive your vintage Pontiac for the residents to enjoy.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$44 was won by Gina Fischer!

Tom Ensing is healing well from his surgery earlier this year. Also, Bill Ribbons' grandson is recovering well from his surgery!

Scott VanTamelen talked about the POCI Board Director's Election in this month's Smoke Signals Magazine. The club that has the highest voting participation percentage will win \$100. It would be nice if we could win this year. Please get those ballots mailed in!

We held a mini-car show at the conclusion of our business meeting. Many members brought in their model Pontiacs ranging from 1/24 to 1/8 in size. Carl Schulte won first place with a model of his 69 Grand Prix! Congratulations!

Doug Simon won the attendance drawing worth \$126!

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Dan Jensen

2023 Spring Dust-Off details

DUST OFF PONTIAC TOUR.

***May 6th-7, 2023**

*Leave 8am, South side Family Fare parking lot on Washington Ave in Holland, MI

*Reservations on your own for your room. Reservations are under **Pontiac Tour Group**(need to tell them that) **call 219-394-2100**. Rate is \$149.00 + tax.

*Those that have already signed up have been contacted, so currently there is one room left. However, if we need more rooms we can get more they said.

*Last date to make reservations is April 6.

Cost for tours, lunch and dinner are on your own. We are scheduled for 2 shuttled tours at a cost of \$19.00/person for each tour if we have 20 people go.. if not the tours will be a bit more expensive

Please contact Joan Troost at 616-550-6283 if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you your Dust-off committee,
Wendell and Terri Miller
Doug and Joan Troost
Ron and Elaine Van Zytveld



Annual Dues

You can mail in your payment
to the following address:

**West Michigan Pontiac Club
430 E. 8th St
PMB 157
Holland., Mi 49423**

Also, if you signed up after July of
2023 you do not have to pay
again already. Your next payment
will not be until January 2024

Care Corner

Nothing to report at this time

For Sale Section

Wanted

Looking for two carburetors: The first is a 1969 Quadra-Jet carb in rebuildable condition,
and the second is a 1971 Quadra-Jet carb that can be used for parts.

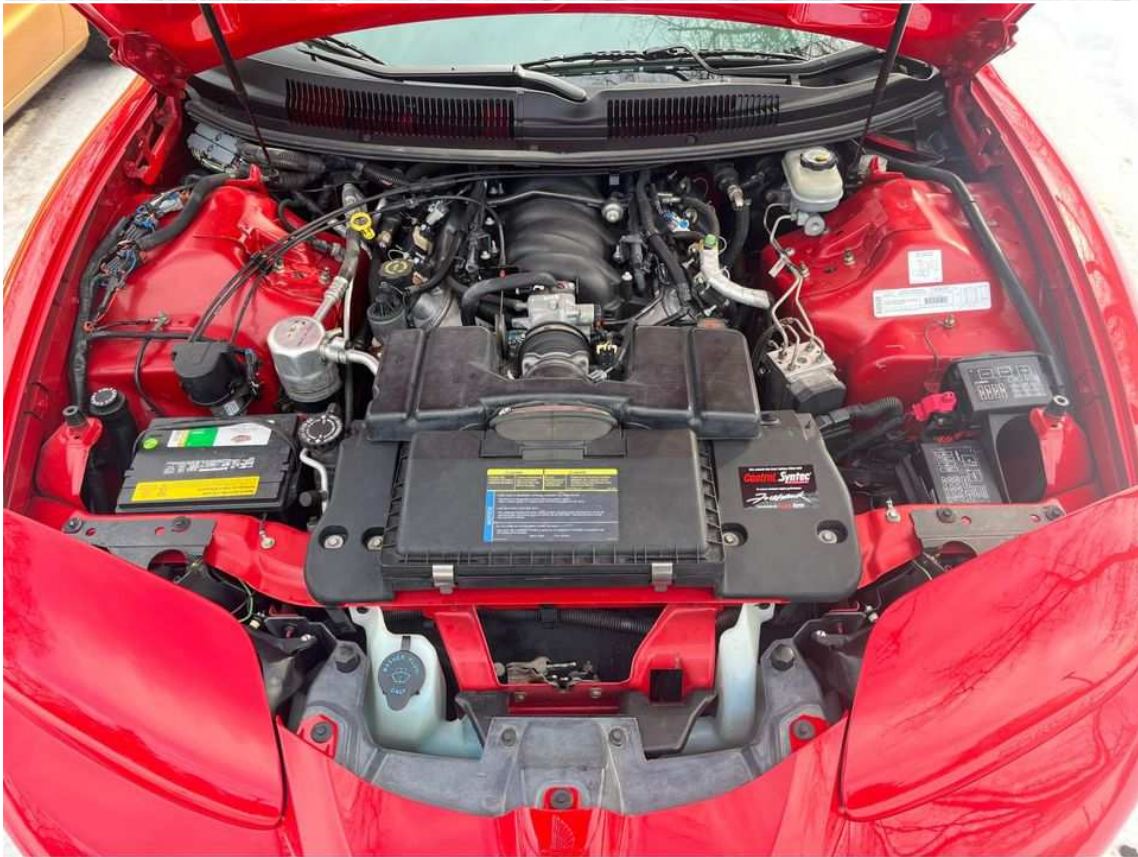
Please call Greg Jordan-616-460-7950

For sale

1999 Pontiac Firehawk Trans Am. 34,000 Miles. 5.7 LS1, T56 6 speed manual Transmission. Car came with every SLP option for 1999. I have the original Firehawk floor mats and car cover with it. The car is in excellent, mint condition. No damage, never wrecked, everything works as it should. Car runs and drives excellent. Brand new Firestone Firehawk tires. Absolutely no rust, and never driven in the winter. Have detailed pictures of underside. I have owned the car for 2 years. Clean, Clear title in hand. Asking \$29,500

Call Curtis Templeton (248) 690-9996





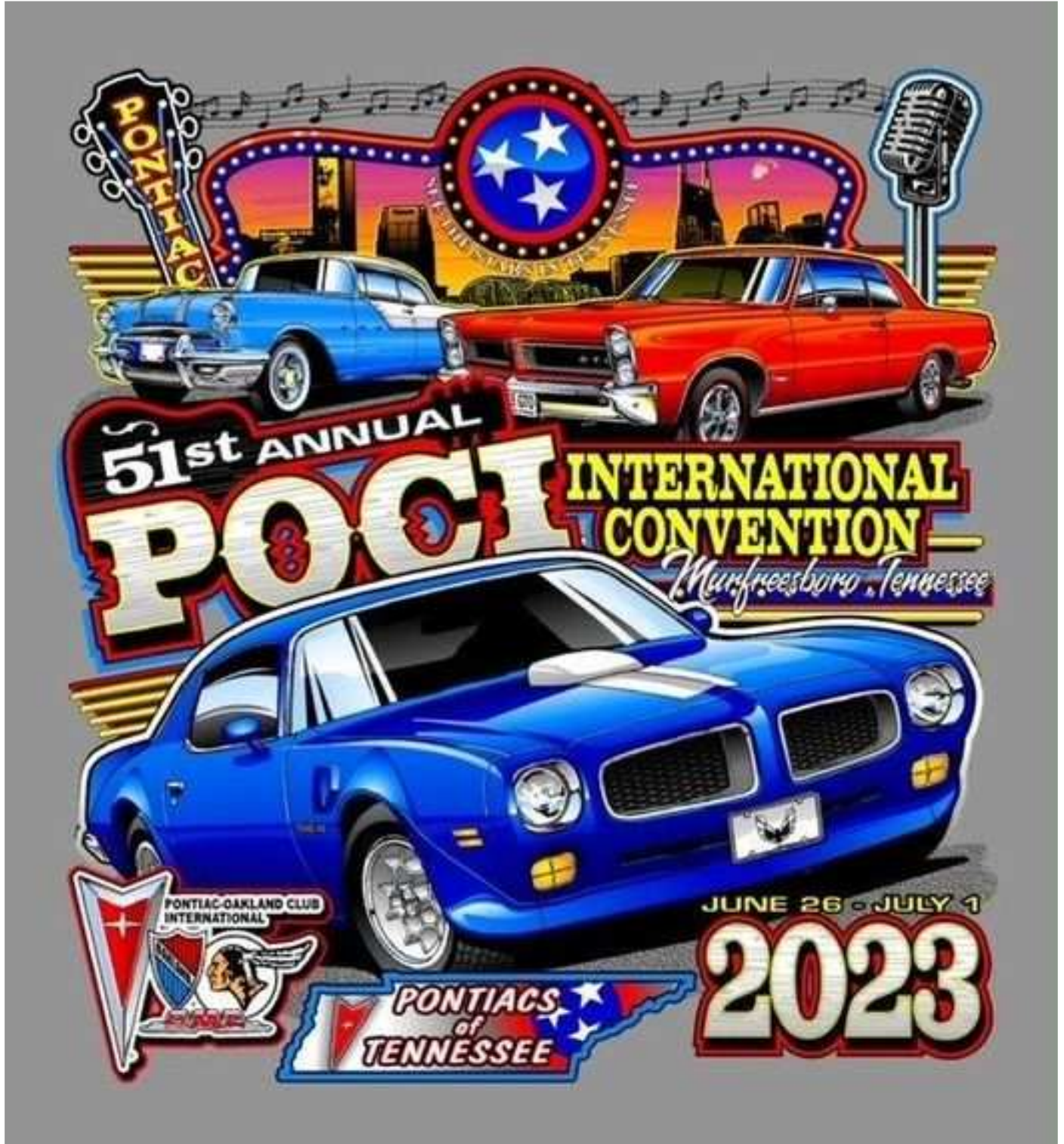
For Sale

1994 Pontiac Trans Am 25th Anniversary Edition. One owner garage kept exceptionally clean. Hasn't been in the rain in over 20 years. Very clean undercarriage, never in the snow, zero accidents, runs excellent needs nothing! Newer tires and brakes. 60,500 actual miles One of 1750 produced. Includes dealer paperwork and hard to find owner's manual portfolio. Asking \$23,000

Contact Louis Messina (586) 894-2520



*Hurry!! Sign-up now!! Don't miss the 2023
Convention*



Win a 5 Night stay at the Convention

RECRUITERS WANTED!

WIN A FIVE NIGHT STAY AT THE POCI CONVENTION 2023!



EVERY TIME YOU RECRUIT A NEW POCI MEMBER OR A TWO YEARS INACTIVE RE-UP, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CREDIT TO WIN

1ST PLACE - 5 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL, FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION, AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET
OR \$300 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

2ND PLACE - FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET OR \$200 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR POCI CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

LUCKY WINNER - ALL NON WINNERS ENTER A DRAWING FOR \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

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