



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**WEST MICHIGAN
CHAPTER**

THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

December 2014

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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.

Club Officers

President	Carl Thorwall	616-566-2661
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December 5th

Christmas Dinner

Doubletree Inn

Holland

Social Hour @6:00

Dinner @6:30

650 East 24th Street

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Dear Pontiac Club,

It's Snowing!!!! I cannot believe that snow is already in the air. I always enjoy late fall cruises in an old Pontiac. Heading up the lakeshore during Thanksgiving Weekend has been a long time tradition in the Thorwall Family. When I was younger, my Grandparents lived in Ludington and we'd always hop in the '65 GTO and cruise down Lakeshore Drive. We never got snowed out. Sometimes there were flakes but never snow on the ground. This year, it's crazy. With the snow we inch closer to our end of the year Pontiac club Christmas Party!!! I really enjoy that event and am looking forward to attending.

Looking back over the past year I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone. It seems like yesterday that I was elected and now in just one month I will be turning the reins over. I want to thank all of you that worked hard this past year to support the club, the car show, the finances, the newsletter, member business and reach new members. It has been a fantastic year. While I will be stepping down from the roll as President I look forward to next year and seeing the club continue to grow! Congratulations to all the new elected officers and thanks to all of the remaining officers that will continue to serve the club and help direct it.

See you all at the Christmas Party!!!

Still hoping to cruise a little more,
Carl

November 2014 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was originally scheduled to be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's home because they have the room for the Valve Cover Race Track. However, due to Ron's recent illness, the races have been postponed until the January 2015 meeting. We are all wishing for a quick recovery for Ron!

President Carl Thorwall started the meeting at Famous Dave's Restaurant with a call for more valve cover racers! Anyone interested can contact Doug Troost for axle and wheel kits, as well as the rules!

Terri Miller gave us her Treasurer's Report. The only income from dues. Expenses were from the fall color tour and the down payment for the Christmas Party entertainment.

I gave a post Pure Stock Drags report. First and foremost, I (as well as Dennis and Lyndon Hughes) wish to thank the club for their continued support and help at the race. You guys came through for us again! Despite cool weather and overnight showers, the race went on without a hitch. We had the same number of cars as last year, but Friday ticket sales were down by 72, and Saturday was down by 246 tickets. However, two-day ticket sales were up by 64. Next year's race will be September 18th and 19th. Thanks again for your help!!!

Roxanne DeBoer gave a report on the Fall Color Tour. Even though it rained a bit, 10 cars (20 people) participated and sounds like everyone had a great time.

Don't forget that our Christmas Party is Friday, December 5th! The cost is \$10 per person, and the club is paying the rest of the cost. It was decided that we will donate \$300 to the local Shields of Hope. Fire fighters donate their time helping out cancer patients with whatever they need.

Being the November meeting, that meant Elections for our board members. Terri Miller will stay on as our Treasurer, and I will remain the Secretary. Gary Laarman and Scott VanTamelan were both nominated for President. Whoever received the most votes would become President and second place the Vice President. Scott received the most votes, so he will serve as our much honored President for 2015. Gary will continue as our Vice President for another year. Congratulations guys! (I guess!)

Doug Kamphuis was our speaker and he gave an interesting history of Michigan license plates. Here are some facts. New York was the first state to issue license plates for automobiles. Michigan started registering cars in 1905, and the plates were simply an license plates for automobiles. Michigan started registering cars in 1905, and the plates were simply an engraved aluminum disc which were mounted on the dashboard. Prisons made the plates starting in 1918. Plates got larger as more numbers and letters were needed as the number of registered cars grew. Half year plates were issued during the Depression since money was scarce to most families.

1960 was the first year tags were used with the prior year plates. (This only lasted a few years.) There were 3 pages of interesting history and facts about license plates that Doug handed out to everyone. I know I learned a lot! Thanks Doug!

Bob and Karen Arnoldink won the 50/50 raffle amounting to \$20!

Paul Ondersma's name was pulled for the Attendance Drawing, but he wasn't with us, so the pot grows.

See everyone at the Christmas Party December 5th!

Dan Jensen

Christmas Donation

Thank you so much for thinking about us!

Shields of Hope is a non-profit group comprised of local police, firefighters and EMS personnel from West Michigan whose goal is to spread hope, love and encouragement to those fighting cancer and their families. 100% of the money raised goes to the person battling cancer, not the disease!

One thing we like to do is make home visits using our Shields of Hope vehicle but also including local public servants (police, fire and EMS) to show that person they are not alone in the fight.



Turn the page to see some of the crew



If you know someone that could benefit from the resources we support visit bluebirdmi.org
<http://shieldsophwestmi.com/>
www.facebook.com/shieldsophwestmi
Email us @ shieldsophwestmi@gmail.com

*Shields of Hope is currently operating under Bluebird Cancer Retreats until our 501c3 has final approval.

Schedule of Meeting for 2014

December 5th – Christmas Party at the Doubletree in Holland

Watch for updates and changes to the schedule

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 _____

Full Member (Chapter & POCI) _____

If full member include your POI# _____

Non POI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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