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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

November 2012

New Member Profile

We'd like to welcome Pam and Gary Laarman to our club. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. Gary worked at Elhart Pontiac for eight years and at BPW of Holland for 33 years. Pam retired from the West Ottawa Schools, having worked there as a bus aide for 21 years. They are the proud owners of a 1987 Sun Bird Convertible.



Our evening at Hudson's beautiful garage

Sorry this one is blurry!



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2012

October - Al Hudson's Garage - Eat before you come and we'll have dessert there

November - Valve Cover Races

December - Dec. 7 Christmas Party - Double Tree Hotel Holland. Punch 6:00-6:30, Dinner at 7:00.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

It's the month of October, the month of many colors as one season changes to another. As many of you know I drive south of here every day for work and to see the trees how they have changed and the autumn flowers and the fields of produce.....well it's just a beautiful sight.

A REAL BIG thank you goes out to Al and Dee Hudson for the good time we had as a club holding our monthly meeting at their new garage. They were excellent hosts and it was very nice to see such a beautiful facility and their collection. The food was great, too!

We also want to say thank you to Dan Jensen for his generous donation to our club! We're very glad your race weekend turned out so well.

November 13th is our next club meeting at Ron's business, Van's Delivery Service for our valve cover races, so prepare your cars and get ready to "Rock & Roll".

Please don't forget that our next meeting is also our officer election time for the next year so be thinking of who you would like to elect to represent our club for 2013 as I am stepping down as your club president. Thank you.

Until we meet again,

Keep the Rubber Side Down

Two Feathers -Bob



October 2012 Meeting Report

Sunny skies and temps in the low 70s were fitting conditions for the October meeting held at Al and Dee Hudson's beautiful "garage-mahal". (Earlier in the day, I had been at Holland State Park, walking out on the pier and along the beach, the weather was that nice!) More about Al and Dee's garage later.

President Bob DeBoer opened the meeting having Terri Miller give us her Treasurer's Report. The only transaction for October was our donation of \$700 to Hospice of Holland. Bob read a thank you letter from Hospice highlighting our 14 continuous years of donating, our total over \$8000! That's something to be proud about!

I gave a brief recap of the Pure Stock Drags held last month on September 14th & 15th. Even though we had fantastic weather, we were down a few cars (133) and spectators. The lower count can probably be attributed to the bad weather forecast earlier in the week, and higher gas prices. Regardless, the event came off without a hitch, thanks to all the help from all of you who volunteered. What was interesting is that for the last several years, there were more Chevies than any other brand. That changed for 2012. We had more Pontiacs than Chevies, 35 vs 31!!!! Mopars followed with 24, Buick 14, Olds 10, Fords (& Mercurys) 9, Studebakers 6, and AMCs 4. In appreciation for all your help, Bob Boden and I presented a check for \$1000 to the club. Thanks again for your help, and let's do this again next year!

Al and Dee Hudson gave us a tour of their garage. They had four of their cars parked inside, all red convertibles, including his '67 GTO, '68 Camaro, '89 Mustang GT, and '91 Mustang GT. The garage is 1600 square feet (40'x40') and has 14 foot ceilings to accommodate his two post lift. The walls are decked out with signage, those from the Hudson Oil Company being predominate. Al gave us a brief history of the Hudson Oil Co, which started with a young widow with a \$200 loan from her father so she could buy a gas station. She grew the company to 300 stations in 32 states! All that came to an end in the early 80s. There was only one Hudson station in the Grand Rapids area, on 28th Street, in the Wyoming area. Al happened to be driving by when the station was being torn down, and the big Hudson sign (with gas prices) was being dismantled. Al swung in and asked if he could have the sign, and the answer was yes, if he promised that it was gone by the next morning. So Al grabbed his snowmobile trailer and his brother and they managed to get the 500+ pound sign on the trailer and safely home. After sitting in storage for 30 years, Al built his new garage around the sign!

Needless to say, Al and Dee did a great job! Thanks for the wonderful deserts and drinks too!

Our color tour is two weeks away as I write this. People will meet at Elharts at 7:45 AM. They will head north on 31 to Ludington and then take M22 to the first stop.

Our November meeting will host our Valve Cover Races as well as our elections for club officers. Bob would like to step down as President, so anyone interested in filling his shoes, come to the meeting. We will be having pizza for dinner, and the cost is \$5 per couple. Look for the location of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Due to the national presidential election, our meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th.

The Panning family will be the entertainment at our Christmas Party. The cost is \$10 per person.

It was Tom Ensing's lucky night as he won both the 50/50 raffle (\$28) AND the attendance drawing (\$85)! Congrats Tom! I think I would have gone out and bought lotto tickets!

See you at the Valve Cover Races! - Dan Jensen

November Meeting

Anyone planning on attending the Christmas Dinner should reserve at the November meeting with \$ 10.00 per person, the club will pick up the rest. Also, bring suggestions for a "charity of choice" to the November meeting and we will vote on it.

At the November meeting we are going to have pizza, it will cost \$5.00 a couple.

Parts Wanted

John Merryman is looking for 1965 Grand Prix parts. Front bumper, drivers fender, hood latch, radiator holder, etc. Please give John a call if you can help him out.

John's number is 616-399-1161.

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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	Robert DeBoer	616-540-8710
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Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
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Next Meeting Valve Cover Races

**November 13 @ Van's Delivery Service,
2280 Turner N.W. (on the north side of building)
We will be having pizza, \$5.00 a couple.**

**Take 131 north to Ann St., right on Ann St.
Right on Turner, Van's is on your right.**

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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