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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

May 2010

April 6, 2010 Meeting Report

The weather was decent for our April 6th meeting at Famous Dave's. We were basically between rain storms that we had earlier in the day and those the day after! President Ron VanZytveld started the meeting off sharing information on a few mid April car shows. Also, he passed out copies of a car show listing put out by Hagerty Insurance. Also Doug Vanderlaan of the Gilmore Car Museum sent us a nice letter sharing his thoughts about being at the Grand Rapids Custom Car show with the kids from their At-risk program. The public was very receptive to what they are doing with these special kids. Also, the Burn Show is scheduled for May 15th. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter about meeting up earlier for breakfast and driving to the show together.

Welcome back to some of our Snowbirds: the Postmas, Ensings, and De-Boers!

Our guest speakers were Paul and Jackie Kleinheksel sharing their expertise about Geo Caching. What is Geo Caching you may ask? Paul asked me what I thought it was before his talk. I guessed either it had something to do with mushrooms, or the internet! It is high tech treasure hunting played out all over this country (and perhaps around the world!). You need a self-powered GPS, your PC (wireless is preferable), and the willingness to travel and hike a bit. You can go online to www.geocaching.com and look for the coordinates (latitude and longitude) for caches in your area or where you are traveling to. When you get to those areas, you load the coordinates in the GPS and it leads you to where the cache should be. Then you use your detective skills to find the cache. They can be cleverly hidden in trees, stumps, on the ground, on fences, street signs, anywhere! Once you find it, you go online to record it and you get credited for your find. There are members who have over 6000 finds so far!

Geo Caching was started on May 3, 2000, two days after selective availability was removed from the Dept. of Defense GPS system, allowing average citizens to tap into the system with these hand held GPSs. Since then, Geo Caching has grown to over a million members worldwide. Those who don't participate are called Muggles, like in the Harry Potter books and movies. The only other people in the meeting who weren't Muggles, other than the Kleinhekels, were Wendell and Terri Miller! Yep, they're hooked!

As a side note, Paul still owns the first car he ever bought, a 1931 Ford Model A. He's now had it for 57 years! That's impressive!

The Millers were winning their caches, or should I say cash, too! They won the 50/50 raffle of \$17, AND the club lotto of \$42! If you remember, they won the club lotto last month too! Congrats to you guys! I'm going to sit next to you next time to see if some of your luck will rub off!

The May meeting will be the Progressive Cruise ending at an ice cream shop. Get your Pontiacs ready!

Dan Jensen

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GIVEAWAY

Want to win a Visa Gift Card for yourself or your chapter worth up to \$200? It's easy! Just be one of the top ten POCI members or two chapters that sign-up the most new POCI members by October 1, 2010 and you can shop on us for free!

HERE ARE THE SIMPLE RULES

1. Use the POCI Membership Form located in Smoke Signals or the POCI Brochure (or photocopy)
2. Membership application forms must be postmarked from May 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010 to be eligible.
3. Have the new member fill out the form, write your name, and chapter name, if you belong to a chapter, send the form and payment into the POCI Club Office, P.O. Box 68 Maple Plain, MN 55359
4. You don't have to be a chapter member to win as an individual member, and you can win as a individual member if you belong to a chapter and so can your chapter.
5. Regular and E-mail memberships are both eligible.
6. Renewal memberships are not eligible—new members are defined as either first time members or past members that have been out of POCI for at least the past three years.
7. Visa Gift Cards will be awarded to the top ten individual members and to two chapters.

2010 SCHEDULE

**May : Progressive Cruise ending at ice cream shop
Meet @ Trestle Stop (Hamilton)—Cruise to
Crane's Orchard (Fennville)**

June : Steve VanZytveld - metal fabricator

**July : POCI Convention Charleston VA - no meet
ing**

August Meeting - Gilmore Cruise-in

August 6-7 Pontiac Nationals - Norwalk OH

August 20-21 Woodward Dream Cruise

August 27-28 Metro Cruise

September Meeting- Ottawa Beach

**September - 17-18 Dan's Drags Stanton - vol-
unteers are needed to help out at the drags.**

October - ?? Ken Faber - Vintage RV's

November - Valve cover races

December - Christmas Dinner

**Some of these venues are tentative - keep an eye on
your newsletter for more information on times and
meeting places.**

CHIEF'S CHATTER

We are all very fortunate to belong to an organization like POCI. It has so much to offer. It not only puts out a world class monthly magazine, but it has a great internet presence. It has the POCI Member Forum where you can ask technical questions, view and post classified ads, look for Pontiac events and other items of interest.

POCI also has a Facebook name: Pontiac Oakland Club social networking for the POCI Community.

POCI also has a Blog: pontiacoklandclub.wordpress.com It features a "One a day" Pontiac advertisement and a brief recap of PMP history.

POCI also needs our help in recruiting new members. POCI has back issues and brochures available for this. They have a "2 month" bump in your membership for each new member recruited. The new recruit must mention your name and registration number. You can get back issues, application forms, or brochures from Paul Bergstrom at poci.worldhq@aol.com, call 877-368-3454 or FAX 763-479-3571.

POCI also has a great Summer Membership Drive Giveaway. Information on this is elsewhere in the newsletter. Let's let everyone know what a great organization we belong to. Keep on Krusing!
Ron

P.S. Here is the e-mail address for John Saulnier's car show updates and cruise ins: jsaulnier7@msn.com

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 4, 2010

We will be meeting at the Trestle Stop in Hamilton. We want to leave there at 6:30 for a little cruise, so come earlier for a bite to eat, while we're there we will have a very short meeting. We will cruise from there to Crane's Orchard in Fennville for a bite of dessert. The Trestle Stop is about 1 mile south of Hamilton on the west side M-40, just past the Mobil station.

Join us for a great time!

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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