

The Arrowhead

West Michigan Chapter



March 2020

Chief's Chatter

Doug Troost-WMPOCI President

Another month has passed, I can't complain about the cold weather and snow as is has been very nice weather where we are. Car show season is in full swing in Southern Florida. Before you get too upset though, the downside here is you can't be near your beloved cars.

In our travels we have been able to have contact with many of the club members that are also wintering outside of Michigan.

Scott our VP informed me he was in contact with Gilmores and our \$500 check was given to them to help with Gilmores Garage Works. For those of you who don't know what this is, it is a program for training our youth in restorations and repairs on the automobile. They have invited us to come and meet the Students and Instructors of this Program. So as of now it looks like this is on the agenda for the March Meeting. Stay turned for more details on this from our VP Scott.

Summer is rushing at us and before you know it the car show and cruise season will be here. Looks like a busy year.

Those of you who are thinking about attending the National Convention in July, now's the time to make your hotel reservations if you have not already done so. If you are not signed up you need to think about going to one of these, lots of beautiful cars to look at, making friendships with other car enthusiasts, sight seeing, and eating and shopping at local places in the area. All the details are in the your Copy of the Smoke Signals.

August is the Norwalk show sponsored by Ames, it is July 31 - Aug 2, then our Elhart show August 14, and in September the Pure Stock Drags, September 17-19, save these dates. We will need your help at our Car show and Dan's Pure Stock Drags in

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Cont'd : September. Get your name on a sign up sheet at the meetings to volunteer for one of these events.

So for now until the car show season and weather improves head to the garage, jump in the driver's seat and make motor noises. Life is Good.

More later, Doug

MEMBER'S SHARE

My first memory of a Pontiac car was my Grandpa's 4-door sedan. I remember riding in his car and watching the light in the dash. A red light, the shape of an Indian head would go on and off. I wondered what made that change.

My first car was a 1955 Pontiac, 2 door Post, grey and ivory. I thought this was the 'best' car. It had one glass pack muffler.

My next car was a 1958 Ford Fairlane 500. This car was fast but too many repairs.

I then bought a 1961 Pontiac Catalina (bubble top) at the time I didn't know about bubbletops. This was a good car to drive and ride in.

After a few years I bought a 1966 Pontiac Le Mans convertible, two years old, 20,000 miles. This car had bucket seats, no console, automatic with column shift. Very nice car. We had a lot of fun with it.

In 1974 I bought a 1973 Chevy Laguna. I owned several cars after that.

Then in 1993 I bought our 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix Convertible. I flew to California to look/drive the car. I bought it, had it delivered to Holland. Then the fun began. My brother and I restored it along with many suppliers. We had it painted in 1997.

In 2000 we purchased two 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix's , one a coupe, one a convertible. We restored the convertible, a frame-off restoration. I always wanted to do a frame off and it was a 'once in a life time' experience.

We joined the Pontiac Club in 1997 after a conversation with Cary Hirdes in our basement. He was repairing our furnace.

We've enjoyed the friendships we made in the club and all the activities we share with the group.

And through our friendships of the Pontiac Club we've become campers and have added a motorhome to our fleet.

Terri and Wendell Miller

Monthly meeting Minutes

VP Scott VanTamelen once again took the reins for President Troost to head up our meeting at Russ' Restaurant. Scott started off by asking if the membership noticed the new format for the newsletter. Most of us had noticed and liked it. Scott mentioned that more changes are in the works.

Our March 3rd meeting has been changed. We will now be meeting at Gilmores in Hickory Corners to check out their Garage Works Program. We will meet in the lobby at the entrance of the main building (where you would pay to get in to see the cars and buildings). Be there at 6 PM.

Our April 7th meeting will be at the VerHage Collection in Holland. We will gather there at 7 PM. After the tour, we will find someplace for dinner.

We are still looking for a new meeting place for our May and August meetings. If you have any ideas, please let Doug or Scott know.

Scott passed out Brian Martinie's Treasurer's Report. We had income from a Christmas Dinner payment, 2020 dues, and a donation. Expenses were the deposit for the 2020 Christmas Party, PO Box renewal, and a donation to the Gilmore Garage Works Program.

Our May 16th Dust Off Cruise to the REO Olds Museum in

Lansing will cost \$4 per person. Please check our website for the latest updates.

Judy Hirdes shared with us Thank You cards from the two charities we donated to at Christmas.

We welcomed new members Chuck and Sandy. They own a G6 GT hardtop convertible and a 2000 Firebird.

Our entertainment for the evening was watching a video about the recovery and restoration of the 1969 Pontiac Trans Am Prototype. Curt Richards found the car, which was originally owned by famed racer Jerry Titus. Curt had Scott Tiemann and his crew at Supercar Specialties in Portland restore the car.

The Bakers passed out flyers for the Allegan County Cruise-In 2020, held at the Allegan High School on Saturday, July 25th.

We are still looking for a new food vendor for our August Car Show, held at the Elhart Car Campus. If you know of anyone, please let Judy Hirdes know.

The 50/50 Drawing worth \$17 was won by yours truly.

Richard Coleman's name was pulled for the Attendance Drawing worth \$45, but he was not present. The kitty grows for the next meeting.

See you at Gilmores for the March meeting.
Dan Jensen

THANK YOU...We received the following thank you notes from the charities we sponsored at Christmas.

Dear West Michigan Pontiac Club, Thank you SO very much for your kind and generous donation to Living Threads. By donating you are helping us to serve families who grieve the loss of someone they dearly loved and at the same time provide for needy children in Kenya from the proceeds raised for our memory quilts. Your gift is greatly appreciated and a blessing to us! Gratefully, Jill Dannenberg, Executive Director.

Dear West Michigan Pontiac Club, Thank you very much for your generous donation! Your gift will help us provide comfort to children that enter foster care. We truly appreciate your kindness! Lisa

REMEMBER it is time to renew your membership and pay your dues of \$25.00/person/couple.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 6 PM

We will meet at Gilmore's Car Museum Main Lobby

And then Tour the Garage Works Program

We will plan to stop for dessert afterwards.

Suggested route: US-131 south to 106th Ave. East
Road changes names and becomes Milo Road.

Turn right at M-43 and go south a short way to Hickory Road,
Turn left Gilmore's is on your right.

Car pooling is a good option.



2020 CLUB EVENTS

March 3	Meeting at Gilmore's Museum Garage Works Program
April 7	Tour the Ver Hage Auto Museum in Holland
May 5	Meeting—Guest Speaker, Glen Bevis, will show a rare John DeLorean/GM film
May 16	Dust off Cruise—Lansing area
June 2	Tour Gentex Factory in Zeeland
July 7-11	National Convention—Catoosa, OK Ice Cream cruise—Date TBD
August 4	Regular Meeting—Plan for Car Show
August 14	Car Show at Elhart Automotive in Holland
September 7	Picnic at Holland State Park
October 9/10	Fall Cruise—Charlevoix/Petoskey
November	Valve Cover Races
December	Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland

AREA EVENTS

- Friday, June 5** Holland Vintage Club show in Holland
- Friday, June 12** Holland Vintage Club—Relay for Life
Ottawa County Fairgrounds
- Saturday, June 13** - MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS ANNUAL
SPRING DUST-OFF—Springfield Oaks County Park,
12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg, MI Preregister by June 1st
- Tuesday, June 16** 6-9 PM Gemmens Hardware, Hudsonville FREE
Pin-up Contest AutoBody Experts
- Saturday, July 13** - 6th Annual Pontiac Summer Round Up at
Bakers of Milford 8 - 2:30pm
- Saturday, July 25** Gun Lake Casino, Wayland
Proceeds to Veterans, AutoBody Experts
- Saturday, July 25 Allegan County Cruise-In 9 AM—2 PM
Allegan High School 1560 M-40
- AUG 16 & 17- Friday & Saturday** - 25th Annual Woodward Avenue
Dream Cruise
- Sept 6 - 8 -** FRANKENMUTH AUTO FEST
- September 17-19** Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags—Stanton, MI
11 AM—3 PM Allendale Community Park
Proceeds to Veterans, Craft Show AutoBody Experts

Care Corner

We intend to include announcements whenever we learn of a serious illness, accident, surgery, or death of a close relative of one of our members. Please inform a Board Member if you have an item to share.

NEW FOOD VENDOR NEEDED:

With the closing of Famous Dave's we will need a new food vendor for the car show in August. If you know of someone that would be interested, contact Cary Hirdes. We would also like to have an ice cream vendor, so please share any suggestions you have.



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 activities and events.

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

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Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E 8th St, PMB 157

Holland, MI. 49423

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 POCI# _____

Non POCI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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