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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

June 2016

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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	Scott VanTamelen	6 1 6 - 4 5 0 - 8 4 5 0
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

***NOTE change of day***

Cruise to Gilmore Car Museum

Meet at the Marathon station

US-131 & 100th St. at

5:45 PM to depart at 6 PM sharp.

## 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 POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI.  
Log onto [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) for more information or to register

## WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member (Chapter & POI) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

## WMPOCI SCHEDULE FOR 2016

- June 8 – (Wednesday) Cruise to Gilmore Car Museum  
July 12-16– POCI National Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa  
Go to [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) for details and registration.  
July 23 – Pontiac show at Bakers in Milford, MI  
Aug 2 – Pre WMPOCI car show meeting at Famous Dave's  
Aug 12 – WMPOCI car show at the Elhart car campus  
Sept 6 – Picnic at Holland State Park  
Sept 16 & 17 – Pure Stock Drags weekend  
Oct 8 – Color Tour to Fenn Valley Winery, Fennville, MI  
Nov 1 – Meet at the Van Zytveld's for our valve cover races  
and officer elections  
Dec 2 – Christmas Party at the Double Tree in Holland, MI

### Here are some additional events to consider attending this year.

- Friday, June 3 Holland Vintage Car Show 5– 8:45 PM  
124 E. 8th St. 8:45 Begin Cruise on 8th St.  
Saturday, June 11, is the Wide Tracker's spring show in  
Davisburg, MI.  
Saturday, July 2, Graafschap Car Show (south of Holland)  
Benefits a local young couple who are both battling kidney issues  
Saturday, July 9 Zeeland Show & Shine 9 AM—2 PM  
(cars are shown along Main Ave. downtown)  
August 5-7 is the Ames Show in Norwalk, OH.  
August 19-20 Woodward Dream Cruise  
August 26-27 Grand Rapids Metro Cruise  
September 23 22nd Annual All Makes Car Show  
Ver Hage Motors, Holland

## CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello Everybody-

I hope by now that many of you have had a chance to get behind the wheel of your favorite Pontiac or GMC.

If you haven't, then your chance is coming up with our June 8, cruise to Gilmore. On that Wednesday night we'll be traveling together to the Gilmore Museum's Cruise-in. Look for more details further in the newsletter.

On Saturday, June 11, some of us will also be traveling over to the east side of the State to check out the Widetracker's Spring dust-off event. If you're interested in going let me know on Wednesday night, or give me call.

I hope to see you on Wednesday!!

Until next time grab another gear and stomp it to the floor.

Scott

We have a unique opportunity in the Holland area this year.

The **National Cushman Scooter Convention** will be in the area June 5-9.

There are 400 scooters registered as of now.

They will form a parade in downtown Holland on Monday, June 6, early evening.

There will be a get together at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds (Ottawa Beach Road) on Tuesday, June 7, beginning around 5. They would like us to bring our Pontiacs to add to the show.

Two of our members, Doug Kamphuis and Gary Laarman, are members of this organization and own scooters

## May 2016 Meeting Report

I want to begin with our April 30<sup>th</sup> Dust Off Cruise. About a dozen or so cars showed up at the Famous Dave's parking lot, the weather turning to rain just as we left for our first destination. And that was the Schut miniature barn display at his home. Mr. Schut has recreated actual barns, churches, schools, windmills, lumber mills, etc, from the area, as well as his past. He builds about one per year and has been doing this since the mid 90's. They were beautifully detailed and to look at pictures you took of them, you'd be hard pressed to think they weren't the actual building!

Our next destination was the Arlen Schut Greenhouse on Van Buren St. There we got to see all the flowers in bloom. The first thing I noticed when walking into the greenhouse was how warm and humid it was, compared to the chilly rain outside! To us guys, it was a learning experience learning about the different kinds of plants, finally putting a name with the flower we've always seen, but never could identify.

Last, it was off to the Van Zytveld's at their home for some pizza, snacks, pop, and ice cream. While there, President Scott Van Tamelen conducted the 50/50 raffle and attendance drawing that we didn't hold at the April meeting. Coincidentally, the Van Tamelens won the 50/50 drawing! Bruce and Debby Hayes' names were pulled for the attendance drawing, but they weren't present, so the pot would grow for the May meeting.

Now for the May meeting. Scott Van Tamelen thanked the Hirdes for organizing the Dust Off cruise and the Van Zytvelts for hosting the party afterwards. Thanks guys!

Scott did not win his bid to be a POCI director. He was told it was close, losing by only 80 votes! Maybe next time Scott!

Our website has been updated with our 2016 activities.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will cruise down to the Gilmore Car Museum. We will meet at the Marathon gas station, located at 100<sup>th</sup> St and US 131, at 5:45. We will depart at 6:00 sharp.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is the Wide Tracker's spring show in Davisburg, MI.

A few couples are planning on going to the POCI convention in Bettendorf, IA.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Pontiac show at Bakers Restaurant in Milford, MI. Take I-96 to the Milford Exit (which is Milford Rd), and go north a short ways. The restaurant is on the right.

The Laarmans won the 50/50 raffle worth \$27, and the McCarthys won the attendance drawing worth \$78! Congratulation guy and gals!

Our guest speaker this month was Jim Mattison, owner of PHS (Pontiac Historic Services). Jim talked about the demise of our beloved Pontiac Motor Division, how the actual events differed from what we may have read in tabloids and popular books by famous Pontiac celebrities. Jim said it all started in 1992 when GM brought in outsiders, those unfamiliar with the auto industry, and thought of cars as only an appliance, with no heart and

soul. The next blow was the merging of Pontiac and GMC. While not a bad idea on paper, it was the resulting lack of management that took its toll. Future management took Pontiac out of racing, gave us the Aztec, and then the marketing disaster for the new GTO. In short, Jim says, "no one was watching the store". The final nail in the coffin was the GM bankruptcy, when Buick wasn't axed because of their emerging sales in China (despite the fact that Pontiacs outsold Buicks 4 to 1 here in the US). Someone had to go, so Pontiac, Saturn, Hummer, and others were sacrificed. What a sad story.

Jim is also employed by Barrett-Jackson Auctions as their Pontiac specialist/spokesman. The two big auction houses at this time are B-J and Mecum. B-J is a no-reserve auction, where the highest bid buys the cars, even if it is less than what the owner wanted, so there is some risk involved. But the good, no-excuse cars will always get good money. At the Mecum auctions, cars can have a reserve, so if the bidding stops short of what the owner wants, the car doesn't sell.

Jim says that Pontiacs are hot right now. He doesn't see that changing for some time in the future. That's good news for us, if we already have the cars. But if we are looking to buy, you better not wait! See you all at the next meeting, the cruise to Gilmores!

Dan Jensen

### *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.*