



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

**THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

**December 2015**

# *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.

## **Club Officers**

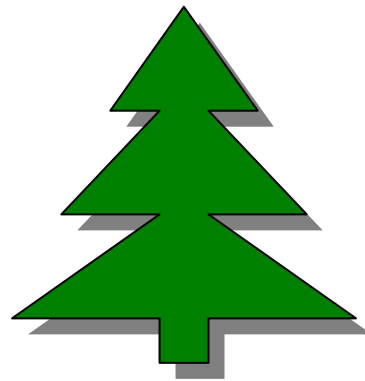
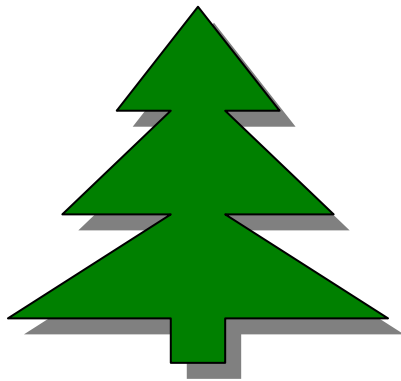
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**December 4**

**Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland**

**Social Hour at 6:00**

**Dinner at 6:30**



## CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello Everybody -

I'm guessing that by the time you read this we'll have our first accumulating snow of the season, or at least that's what the Weatherman is forecasting. I've been enjoying the "warmer than normal" days we've been having, and have taken advantage of them by getting the cars cleaned up, put away for the winter, and the garage reorganized.

A few months back I came across a pretty unique piece of Pontiac legacy, a Pre-production, fiberglass Solstice mold. My understanding is that it's a mold used to determine the rear brake and tail light set-up prior to going into full production. I purchased it from a young man in Detroit who was employed by the company that was awarded the lighting contract for all Solstice production. The mold incorporates the rear tail-light, and CHMSL brake-light, as well as, 3/4 of the rear body. So what it looks like is that you chopped the rear body off a Solstice just to the right of the license plate holder, in fact, it even has a GM Design Center license plate on it. Michelle thought I was nuts when I told her what I was buying, and she still thinks I'm nuts now that I've hung it on the wall in the storage barn. I think it's a cool piece, even the lights (they're pre-production pieces as well) are functional. If nothing else it makes for an interesting conversation piece.

I also have a 1991 Pontiac sales banner hanging on the barn wall, some of you may have seen it on our dust-off a couple years ago. I just recently missed out on a lighted Pontiac Arrowhead that was part of a dealership's signage before the GM bankruptcy.....I feared if I kept bidding Michelle might have me admitted. I have a friend who had the injection die for the horn medallion on the 15th Anniversary Trans Am. I get a kick out of knowing that this kind of stuff has made it into the hands of enthusiasts, and find it almost more fascinating than the people's car collections themselves.

So I'm curious, what do you guys have, what interesting Pontiac advertising, or production items might you own? Or maybe it's not Pontiac related, but has some sort of tie to the automotive world. Whatever it might be let us know, I'd love to hear about it and if you're willing, it'd be fun to share the story of it in a future newsletter.

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

Regards

Scott van Tamelen

## November 2015 Meeting Report

About 25 Pontiac Club members braved the beautiful weather to attend the November meeting at the "VanZytveld clubhouse"! The sun shone brightly all day and temps got as high as the low 70's! Not bad considering that we had snow this time a year ago. Before the business part of the meeting, we had dinner, consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, and a variety of side dishes and desserts! Ice cream too! (Thanks to Scott Bouwman).

President Scott VanTamelen started off the meeting by having Terri Miller give her Treasurer's Report. We had income from member's dues and expenses from our color tour and prizes for the valve cover races. Next was the introduction of new members that were present. Welcome to Ryan and Catie Snyder from Wayland. They have a 1968 Firebird 400! Also, welcome to Matt Bruch from Charlotte. He has several Pontiacs including Catalinas, Bonneville's, and some fourth gen Firebirds!

Coming up is our Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland, Friday, December 4. Social "half hour" begins at 6:00 PM, and dinner at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$20 per couple, which Terri Miller needs by Thanksgiving. This year, we will be making a donation to the Wayne Elhart Fund, whose cause is suicide prevention.

As you all know, our November meeting is for our officer's election. We started off with the big one, the position of newsletter editor. Elaine VanZytveld has held this position for the last six years, and was ready to let someone else have a go at it. Fortunately, we had two people who accepted their nominations, Judy Hirdes and Doug and Judy Mesman. A vote gave the nod to Judy Hirdes. Terri Miller and I are keeping our current positions, as is our president, Scott Van Tamelen. Gary Laarman was stepping down as vice president, so that position was open. Tom Ensing was nominated, and he accepted. Our new officers will begin their duties effective January 1, 2016.

Cary Hirdes thanked everyone who helped out at our Elhart car show. He also wants to find someone who could take over the show, since he has been in charge of it since the beginning. If anyone is interested in taking over, let Cary or one of our officers know

Also, thanks to all of you who helped out at this year's Pure Stock Drags! The threat of rain kept the car and spectator count down from previous years, but we got the race in, and everyone had a good time! As I always say, but it's true, we wouldn't have a race if it weren't for the hard efforts of this club! Thanks again!

Now for the fun part of the meeting! The guys and gals separated to do different activities. The ladies were busy making holiday decorations while the guys raced their valve covers. Unfortunately, I can only report on the races, so sorry ladies! I'm not sure if this is a record, but we had twelve cars competing this year. They were adorned in camouflage, school colors, Pontiac emblems, lights, wires, TA stripes,

You name it. First we had to weigh the cars. They had to come in at five pounds, give or take a couple of ounces. Once that was done, Scott set up the ladder of paired cars. They had to run a “best of three” shootout, like the Pure Stock Drags. The losers in the first and second rounds then competed against each other in the “second chance” bracket. Bob DeBoer (Happy Birthday too!) won this year’s race with Ron VanZytveld coming in second! The second chance winner was Wendell Miller, with Dan Jensen second.

The Millers won the 50/50 raffle of \$26. Our club attendance drawing was \$105. Don and Nancy Baker’s names were called, but they weren’t present, so the pot grows!

See you at the Christmas Party!



12 CARS



TECH AND TUNE

### **Carmel Chocolate Candy Recipe**

1 cp. Pecans chopped  
3/4 cp. Dark brown sugar packed  
1/2 cp. Margarine  
6 oz. choc. Chips  
Butter 9x9  
Spread pecans on bottom  
Heat sugar & marg.. to boil  
Stir constantly 7 min.  
Spread over nuts  
Spread chips over & cover w/ cookie sheet immediately to melt  
Spread melted choc.  
Cut while warm  
Chill in refrigerator till firm

(Doug Mesman suggested recipes for the ladies, thanks Doug)



### **FOR SALE**

This is a 1960 Pontiac Bonneville convertible. All original, 60,000 original miles, 4 barrel carb. Power seats, windows, steering and brakes. Sky mist blue, white top. Triple blue interior in excellent condition. Pride of the Woodward Dream Cruise. Owned since 1999, purchased in Canada. Presently in storage in Royal Oak, MI. Asking \$49,000 - or make offer. The car with photo will be advertised in the Nov. POCI magazine. Owner cell # 248-770-0994

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015**

**December 4** - Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland

Social Hour : 6:00.

Dinner: 6:30

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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