



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

**May 2015**

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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**

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| President       | Scott VanTamelen  | 6 1 6 - 4 5 0 - 8 4 5 0 |
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## **SATURDAY MAY 16**

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Sorry but you're going to need glasses for this edition of the newsletter there was a lot of information to include.

## **CHIEF'S CHATTER**

Hello again, Everybody-

“Where does the time go”.....Is there a more common cliché saying?

As a young kid I heard it all the time. Usually it was spoken by someone much older than myself, I never fully understood it. Back then, all I could do was wait for time to speed up. I couldn't wait to start driving, I couldn't wait for school to be out for the summer, then I couldn't wait for graduation day. I'm not sure at what age you transcend over to the “other side”, but I'm there now. It seems like just yesterday I was putting together the April edition of the Chief's Chatter, and before I knew it Elaine was reminding me that I needed to get her my write-up for this month's newsletter.

Where does the time go???

It's with that thought in mind. Time passing by quickly, that I started to wonder about the history of the West Michigan Pontiac Club. Exactly when did we become an official chapter of the POCI? Who were/are our founding members? Who were the first officers of our Chapter? What model of Pontiacs did they own? Does anybody remember what the club's first event was? I know that the club's monthly meetings use to be held at the old Orson E. Coe Pontiac dealership, but how did that arrangement ever come to be? I wonder what type of things were discussed at those first meetings? I wonder if the founding members ever envisioned the chapter staying together as long as it has? At one of our upcoming regular meetings I'd like to recognize any/all remaining founding members.

I wonder if those first members ever stressed over how to make the club appeal to the next Generation? Or who would carry the torch into the future?

For me, those are two items of concern. On Saturday I'll be celebrating my 44th Birthday. I feel like I'm bridging the gap between the Generation that experienced the first muscle car craze, and the Generation that is now experiencing the resurgence of performance cars...but with Pontiac gone, and there not being a model from our prized nameplate for the younger Generation to get excited about, I wonder what the future looks like. What are some things we can do to get the “next generation” excited about old Pontiacs?

So there you have it, my contemplation's on the club's past and it's future. I'd like to see us periodically highlight both the our **past** and our **future** in upcoming newsletters.

**For the Past:** I wonder how many of you have photos from old club events that you would be willing to share. Or maybe you have an old edition of the chapter's newsletter that you'd like to share a portion of. What ever it is, if it's part of our past I invite you to share those memories with us.

**For the Future:** I'd like to see us follow the lead set by the Smoke Signals team where they highlight a “Future Collectible” Pontiac. Maybe we can draw attention to the brand (and ultimately our chapter) by pointing out what modern Pontiac models have the potential of becoming a future collectible. Maybe we can appeal to the next Generation by embracing the

Models that we might not otherwise give a second thought too, like a G6 GXP, or maybe the 5.3 V8 powered Grand Prix GXP, or do I dare say, a Vibe GT? Certainly the G8 and '04 - '06 GTO would fit into the Future Collectible category. If you have some interesting data on these or other future collectible Pontiacs, I invite you to share that with us too.

Reminder about the month of May: Remember there is no Tuesday night meeting in May, instead we are substituting it with our Dust-Off event that is to be held on Saturday May 16th. See more details about the Dust-Off below.

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

Scott

### **April 2015 Meeting Report**

Upwards of 30 members showed up for our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at Famous Dave's restaurant. It was the first meeting in a long time where there wasn't a threat of snow! Instead we were treated to light rain to help bring in those May flowers.

President Scott VanTamelen made the executive decision to start the meeting off with the 50/50 raffle. I particularly liked the change because I won the \$23 pot, helping pay for my dinner and gas! Next, Terri Miller gave us her Treasurer's report. The only financial activity to report for March was income from membership dues. We are in good financial shape!

It was good to see Herb Howes at the meeting after his surgery!

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Our Progressive Dinner Cruise will be on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be starting at Bob and Roxanne DeBoer's house and making a stop at Jim Luikens' shop in Hudsonville.

Sadly, we learned that Wayne Elhart passed away a few weeks before at the age of 60. Please keep his family in your prayers and thoughts.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Jim Luikens. He and his team ([tempestguys.com](http://tempestguys.com)) are recreating the Daytona Tempest Super Duty coupe to participate in vintage races around the country. Jim started out by giving us the history about the original car. It was the first of six Tempests built by Pontiac with the 421 Super Duty engine and four speed Powershift automatic transmission. (There were also six station wagons built too.) Mainly designed for drag racing, this car was sent to Ray Nichols Engineering in Indiana to be transformed into a high-bank oval race car to compete at the Daytona Continental race. With Paul Goldsmith driving, it won the race hands down, beating Ferrari 250 GTOs, Z06 Corvettes, Jags, and other exotic European cars. The Tempest finished two laps ahead of the second place car, A.J. Foyt's 427 Mystery Motor Z06 Corvette! After the race, Nichols sold the car to Mercedes Benz, and it has never been seen again.

Jim and his crew are building one car from several which were purchased from Indiana Pontiacs. The idea is to build as authentic a race car as possible, but substitute the factory

tory trouble-prone parts with reliable, modern hardware. The is so the car will compete as trouble free as possible at the various races around the country.

A lot of good is coming from Jim's endeavor. The "tempestguys" will be making the aluminum radiators, wiring harnesses, and gas tanks available to other early trans-axle Tempest owners! Thanks for the great presentation Jim and good luck with the project!

The Kamphuis' won the attendance drawing and took home \$106! So the pot starts over again for May.

See you at the Dust-off Cruise!

Dan Jensen

### **Future Collectible: 25th Anniversary Trans Am.....**

Just thought I'd pass along a little 25th Anniversary TA knowledge to everyone...Hope you enjoy!!

Production of the 25th Anniversary TA was announced on Jan 7, 1994.

It would be built on the highly contented Trans Am GT package (RPO #-Y83 for coupes and Y84 for convertible), and also sported a bright white interior with "25th Trans Am" embroidered on the front seatbacks and door panels.

The 25th Trans Am paid tribute to the first 1969 Trans Am by keeping a white with blue stripe color scheme. The blue center stripe made it very reminiscent of the 1970 Trans Am too. Other exterior styling cues included the gray 25th door decals, blue Trans Am door badges, and specific 16" 5 spoke white wheels with the anniversary decal on the center cap. In order to get the 25th Anniversary package RPO #-B71 would have to be chosen at time of ordering, and the buyer would have to pony-up an additional \$995 over the price of the Trans Am GT.

The 24th TA would also carry on Pontiacs long standing tradition of serving as the pace car for the 1994 Daytona 500.

Production numbers break down as follows;

#### **Coupe**

1750 - Total

338 - Hardtop

1412 - T-top

128 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

1622 - Auto (MXO=\$775)

#### **Convertible**

250 - Total

0 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

250 - Auto (MX)=\$775)

51 - Cassette (UT6=\$350)

199 - CD Player (UP3=\$226)

#### **Combinations:**

Auto/Hardtop/Cassette - 254

Auto/T-top/Cassette -600

Auto/Hardtop/CD player - 68

Manual/Hardtop/Cassette - 4

Manual/T-top/Cassette - 21

Manual/Hardtop/CD player - 12





*Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -- 10:00 am - 2:00pm*

*Our Fifth Annual*

*Hot Rods, Classic Cars & Motorcycle Cruise-In  
and Pig Roast*

*Location: David's House Ministries*

*2387 Banner Drive SW -- Wyoming*

*Directions: Go West off of Clyde Park on Belfield, (between 28<sup>th</sup> &  
Burton) then left (South) on Banner Drive to the end of the street.*

*So bring your friends, your cars and join us and the residents of  
"David's House" for a great time of food & fellowship. This is a  
"Cruise In"... No entry fee, but there will be a 'free will' offering for  
the meal.*

*For more info call: #616-247-7861*

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#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015**

**May 16** - Dust Off, cruise to Mooville in Hastings area

**June 2** - Progressive Dinner Cruise

**July 12** - Sundae Cruise. Evening cruise to Sherman's I South Haven

**July - 21 -25th** - POCI Convention, no Tuesday meeting.

**August 4** - Famous Dave's - finalize car show details

**August 7** - Club car show at Elhart Automotive Center

**September 1** - Picnic at Holland State Park

**September 18th & 19th** - Dan's Drags' in Stanton (PSMCD)

**October 2-3rd (?)** - Exact destination and date **TBD**

**November 3** - Valve Cover Races and Officer Elections

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

# 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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