



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**WEST MICHIGAN
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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

September 2013

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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.

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President	Doug Troost	616-399-1423
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September 3

Our meeting will be at Holland State Park for our annual picnic. We will eat at 7 PM. Burgers and dogs provided. Please bring a dish to pass, beverage of choice and table service. We will also be presenting the club donation to Hospice of Holland which was generated from our very successful car show.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

The weather was great, somewhere @ 175 show cars/trucks, lots of door prizes and 15 sponsor picked trophies. The Elhart Friday Night Car Show is in the books. Every one I talked to was having a good time and best of all I believe we raised a lot of money for Hospice. At this writing I haven't heard how much.

I would like to Thank everyone who helped out on show night (we had a great showing of club members and their cars), we also need to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the HIRDES for the many hours it takes to pull this all together to make it a success.

If you missed last month's meeting....next years convention will be in Wichita, Kansas. June 17 - 21, 2014 should be a blast, try to make it if you can.....it would be nice to have a good representation from our club. Wichita is the home of smaller aircraft like the Piper, Cessna etc. I'm hoping they have a plant tour that would be really cool. Not to mention the variety of cars that may show up.

September meeting will be at HOLLAND STATE PARK let's meet at 6:30 and plan to eat by 7 PM. The club will have hotdogs and brats for your enjoyment. Please bring a dish to pass...this is when we see the fruits of our labor with the car show and how much we are able to give to Hospice.

That's all I have for now...we will see you at the beach in Holland on Sept. 3. If your brave enough you can even bring your bathing suits.

Doug

August 6, 2013 Meeting Report

Our August meeting was well attended by 27 members plus a few guests. President Doug Troost, recuperating from shoulder surgery (rotator cuff – I can relate!), opened the meeting congratulating Elaine VanZytveld on her POCI Editor award from the Co-Venture back in early July! Job well done Elaine! Bob DeBoer rode with Doug to the Co-Venture in Doug's diesel GMC pick up truck and shared his thoughts about the show. I know I saw Bob, but somehow missed Doug. I also ran into Barb and Bob Walker. It was a successful convention for both clubs (POCI and GTOAA). Next year, they will have separate conventions, POCI being in Wichita, and GTOAA in Pittsburgh.

Terri Miller gave us her Treasurer's Report, showing expenditures for our upcoming Elhart Car Show the following Friday, the 9th. Cary Hirdes reported that we lost a few sponsors, but picked up a couple members as sponsors, Scott Bowman and Scott VanTamelon. Thanks guys!

Cary asked for workers to fill various positions for the show, and typical for this club, he got more than enough! Club cars, which were display only, filled an entire back row, and then some. I didn't count, but I'd say we had close to 20 cars on display! The weather was perfect for a car show, and the attendance backed it up! Again, I didn't count or ask the ladies, but I bet we had one of our better attended shows this year, at maybe 175 cars, not counting ours! We should be making a nice donation to Holland Hospice this year! Congrats to Cary and Judy Hirdes, and the rest of our club for their hard work on the show. It certainly paid off!

Back to the club meeting, Greg Thorwall told us about his and Carl's experience at the Norwalk Pontiac show the prior weekend, selling parts in the swap meet. It was a bit wet on Friday, but was perfect weather on both Saturday and Sunday! I know because I was there too. Norwalk is the home of the largest Pontiac swap meet in the country, as well as having around 500 race cars, and 400 show cars. If you are into Pontiacs, this event should be on your "must do" list every year. Our September meeting will be at Holland State Park. Come hungry!

Scott VanTamelon gave us an update on the October 12th color tour. We will leave from Elhart "Pontiac" and proceed up to Muskegon where we will jump on 31 north to Pentwater. They hold their Oktoberfest that weekend! After a visit there, we will take the back roads to Silver Lake and then on to the highways back home.

November is election month, as well as our valve cover races.

Gary and Pam Laarman won the 50/50 raffle! Bruce and Debbie Hayes' name was pulled for our attendance raffle, but they weren't at the meeting. So the pot grows for September!

Carl Thorwall gave us a presentation on this summer's Hot Rod Power Tour. He and his dad, Greg, took their '65 GTO on the 3600 mile cruise around America, with about 1800 other long-haul cars. They drove from Michigan to the start in Arlington, TX. The tour took them to Tex Arkana, to Memphis, Chattanooga, to Charlotte, and then back north! The GTO suffered one breakdown in Charlotte, NC. After much trouble shooting, it ended up being the new condenser that went in with the new points! The simplest things are hard to find! Great presentation Carl, and I plan on joining you next year!

See you at the beach in September! Dan Jensen

PONTIAC'S OAKLAND MOTOR CAR COMPANY LECTURE PRESENTED by Steven Stanford

Subject: Pontiac's Oakland Motor Car Company Lecture - 9/15 @2PM

Ron received an email and just wanted to pass it on in case anyone was interested. All the information is at :

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METRO CRUISE

Metro Cruise is August 23 and 24. Ron will not be purchasing any tickets for spots on 28th street this year. So if you would like to be on 28th St. come early to secure your spot. Bring your coffee and breakfast to tailgate while you wait for the day to begin.

Party After

Bob and Roxanne DeBoer have once again invited members to their house Saturday after the Metro Cruise for a cookout @ 5:00. Bring a dish to pass.

COLOR TOUR - SAT. OCT. 12

Club member Scott Van Tamelen has been planning the club fall color tour. The plan so far is to meet at Elhart in Holland at 9:00 am. We plan on heading up to Pentwater where they will be having a car show in town for their Oktoberfest. There will be more details in next months newsletter.

Tentative Schedule for 2013

September 3rd - Picnic at the beach.

Sept. 13 -14 - Dan's Drags

October 1st - ?

Fall Color Tour

November 5th - Valve Cover Races and officer elections

December 6th - Christmas Party

Watch the schedule for changes and updates.

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

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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