

The Arrowhead



West Michigan Chapter

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

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Chief's Chatter

Bob DeBoer- WMPOCI President

Our most recent monthly meeting was held at Ron and Elaine's family cave. We had an excellent turnout to go over the details for our 2024 annual car show which was held on August 9th. Three new members also came to the meeting, which shows there is still interest in Pontiacs and that we are still a growing club: thanks to our members sharing and a great website.

The car show was a very well attended show with over 140 cars and 30+ members' cars. Thanks go out to all the club members working together who volunteered with parking, judging, registration, entry, music, selling raffle tickets, clean up and anything else I may have failed to mention. The new location at Ridge Point was a fantastic host and great to work with. Spectator parking was adjacent so the number of people viewing the show cars was also up this year. We had many comments given by the crowd, which reflects a well-run club, which in turn makes my job easy.

A very special thank you to Linda Walker for her hard work and well-planned event! Linda, you did an excellent job, and I know the club is very grateful.

Our next meeting on September 3rd is our annual picnic at Ottawa Beach in Holland. This is when we will present our donations from the car show to Holland Hospice and the Be Nice organizations. Burgers and hot dogs are provided, please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, table service, beverage, and your appetite for a fun evening.

Thank you everyone!!

Chief Bob

New Members:

Chris & Cheryl Duvall – 1976 Trans Am

Paul & Erika Ondersma – 1971 Trans Am

Brad Pringle – 1973 Trans Am

Rich & Nancy Carlson – 1991 GTO

Darryl & Cynthia Redick – 1977 Trans Am

Brian & Julie Skaggs – 1967 Firebird

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday September 3rd, 2024

We will be going to Ottawa Beach in Holland. Burgers and hot dogs are provided, please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, table service, beverage and your appetite for a fun evening starting at 6:00 pm. Club meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Donations from our car show will be handed out to our picked charities.

Annual Dues

You can mail in your payment to the following address:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E. 8th St

PMB 157

Holland, Mi 49423

Also, if you signed up after July of 2023 you do not have to pay again already.
Your next payment will not be until January 2025

Please be sure to include your POCI number when renewing as well.

EVERYONE LOVES A CAR SHOW!





Noteable Notes:



Forty-three members showed up for our August 6th meeting held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's family "cave". President Bob DeBoer started off the meeting by having several new members introduce themselves and tell us what Pontiac(s) they owned. Welcome to Joel Gibson, Chris & Cheryl Duvall, Paul Ondersma, and Darby & Laura Brauning. Joel owns a 1969 Custom S convertible. Chris is the original owner of a 1976 Trans Am. Paul owns a 1972 Trans Am. Darby owns a 1968 Firebird. Again, welcome to our Pontiac family!

Linda Walker gave us her Treasurer's Report. We had income from membership dues and trophy donations. Expenses were for June's mobile deposit fee and car show banners.

Linda Walker, who heads our August Car Show, went over the details for preparing and setting up. This year, the registration fee is \$15. She will have plenty of \$5 bills for change. Double-sided banners were made to be placed at 104th Ave, 32nd St, and Adams St to help guide the show participants to our new location at the Ridge Point Community Church. Porta-johns did not have to be rented this year. The church opened its doors to allow the use of their restrooms. They also provided tables and chairs. Linda passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with traffic, parking show cars, collecting registration fees, selling 50/50 raffle tickets and judging. Please be there between 2 and 3 pm. This year we have 23 trophies to give out. A big thanks to Scott Bouwman for making both the dash plaques and trophies! Don't forget to bring a door prize.

Car Show Report: In short, it was a huge success! Considering the cool, breezy, and cloudy weather, as well as the new location, 136 (+/-) cars made it to Ridge Point Church filling the first 2 main lots and spilling into the third. Not to mention there were 35 or so WMPOCI club cars on display too! See more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

A huge thank you goes to Linda for practically handling all the details of the show herself. To help her with next year's show, Ken VerMeulen will be co-organizer.

Several club members were able to make it to the Pontiac Nationals held at Summit Raceway Park near Norwalk, OH on July 19-21. The weather was perfect. The swap meet was huge. There is a good chance they had a record turnout of show cars (both judged and display only) and race cars. Bob DeBoer won 2nd place in his class with his G6! Congrats Bob!

Scott VanTamelen shared with us the cruise that he and Michelle, and a few others (Greg Jordan, Paul Ondersma, Bob & Barb Walker, and me) took to the grand opening of the Pontiac Transportation Museum on Saturday, July 27th. There are some displays ready for the public, but there is much more that still has to be done.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$84 was won by John Walker.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help at this year's Pure Stock Drags this coming September.

See you at next month's annual picnic at Ottawa Beach!

Dan Jensen

Meetings:

The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page, or check out our website for specific times and locations.

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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 and events.

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



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

September 3rd: Picnic at Holland State Park – We will arrive at 6:00 pm to eat together with the Club meeting to begin at 7:00 pm. Charity gifts will be handed out.

September 13th & 14th: Pure Stock Drags (more details coming)

October 1st: Club Meeting – We will again be meeting at the home of Ron & Elaine VanZytveld. Again, you may arrive at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Board Nominations to discuss.

October 12th: Fall Color Tour Cruise – hoping to go to Gilmore Car Museum and a Farm Market for some Fall Goodies. More details later.

November 12th: Annual Valve Cover Car Races – We will be meeting at the home of Ron & Elaine VanZytveld. We'll be arriving at 6:00 pm to eat together. At 7:00 pm we will have a quick meeting and then the competition will begin. Polish off or create those unique valve cover cars!

December 13th: Christmas Party to be held at Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Possible entertainment this year. More details later.

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