

The Arrowhead

West Michigan Chapter



December 2021

Chief's Chatter

Scott Van Tamelen- WMPOCI President

So here it is, my last Chief's Chatter. This year was fun, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as President during it.

As I look back over the past year it started with some uncertainty, we were still dealing with Covid, Covid rules, and how those would impact the club and our events. We did not know what events we could plan; we did not have an official place to hold our meetings, and the club staff was meeting via Zoom only. I am happy to say we came a long way since the start of the year. Not that Covid went away, but we figured things out as a society and as a club the further into the year we progressed. We had our first group meeting in April after months of not getting together, we were able to hold a spring dust-off event, we held meetings at a local restaurant for the first time in a while, Elhart Automotive allowed us to host the annual car show at their place again, we had a successful color tour, and we are on track to hold our annual Christmas party in a couple weeks. We also saw new members join, and past members return. Things really did improve throughout the year.

I mention all this because as we enter the upcoming holiday season things seem to be trending the opposite direction, and we may run into some uncertainty again when it comes to gatherings. I hope this is not the case, but nonetheless we need to be aware. This is a great club, with great people and regardless of what comes I am certain our resiliency will get us through once again.

I may be stepping down from the role as President, but I'll be taking over as Newsletter Editor with the hopes of making some improvements there. In the coming months, the layout and format of the newsletter will change. I hope you will like the changes. If not, complain to Cary Hirdes he'll be your new President. LOL!!.....Seriously though, it's my belief that one of the ways to keep the club growing is to continue to look for areas we can improve, things that will help attract and retain members. Our newsletter is one of those things.

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On that same note, this is your club, staff only has the privilege of hearing your ideas and turning them into reality. So, if you have any ideas for things you would like to see the club do or change please let staff know. We're always looking for fresh ideas for events we can do, club outings we can go on, please we can see and tour. There's an old saying that "If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you've always got."..... Maybe there are things we do great that provide a lot of fun, and you want to see us continue those? Awesome! Let us know that. Maybe there are fresh ideas, fun events we haven't even thought of? Even more awesome!! Tell us those too.

As Cary takes over the helm, he'll be looking to plan the upcoming year, now is the time to share your ideas.

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

Scott

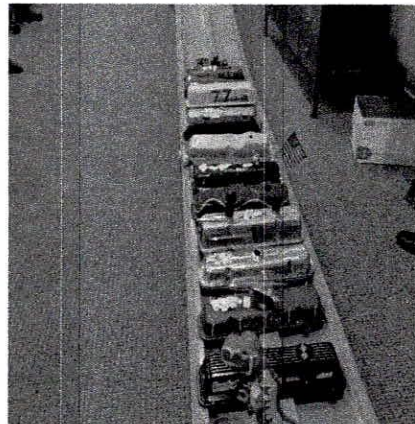
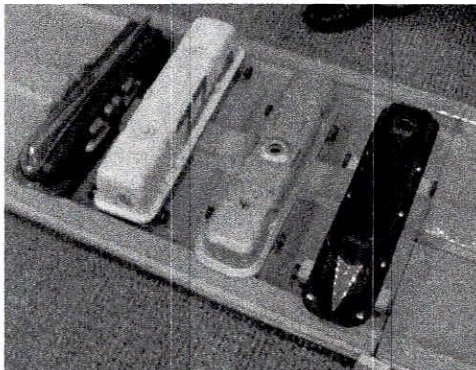
CHRISTMAS CHARITY OPPORTUNITY:

We will, again, accept donations of winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves and boots for the "People Helping People" organization in Pullman. <https://phppullman.org/>

They may be new or gently used in all sizes.

Please bring them to the Christmas Party and the Vermeulens will get them to the organization.

Here are the top four winners and then all of the competitors.



Membership Info

Chapter Dues are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Brian Martinie at the meeting, or mail them to:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

430 E 8th St, PMB 157

Holland, MI. 49423

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 _____

\$25.00 Payable to West Michigan Pontiac Club

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.

November 2021 Meeting Report

In the absence of Dan I will give the details from the meeting on November 2.

We reviewed the election results from the October meeting. It was approved that Cary Hirdes will now be the President, Bob Walker will continue as Vice President, Brian Martinie and John Walker will share the Treasurer's position, Dan Jensen will remain as the Secretary, Scott Van Tamelen will become the Newsletter Editor.

We had more details for the Christmas Party. It will be held at the Trestle Stop at the south end of Hamilton. Menu will be Roast Beef and Baked Chicken with potato, vegetable, etc. We also added dessert and the club will cover the cost for the Tip, Tax and Dessert. Club Member's cost is \$17/person. Contact Scott VT if you have not signed up yet and want to attend. president@wmfirebird.com 616-450-8450

We also selected the "People Helping People" organization in Pullman for our charity this year. Club members may donate as they wish and the club will double whatever that total is. Ken Vermeulen is involved in this program and Scott Bouwman is aware of it, too. A few statistics they report from the year 2021 are:

Helping 160 students in the afterschool program;
80 students attended Thursday Night Youth Group;
150 students received a free backpack and school supplies
at the beginning of the school year,
385 families were assisted with food and personal needs.
Website is: phppullman.org. Their motto: *Showing Jesus' Love, meeting daily needs, equipping people to reach their potential.*

It was proposed and approved to donate \$500 to the Gilmore Garage Works Program at the Gilmore Museum.

The Attendance Drawing was for Noel Regula for \$204. He was not present so the pot grows. The 50/50 Drawing was for \$60 and went to Scott Bouwman.

The Valve Cover Races had many very close runs. Thankfully Scott B thought to use his phone to video the runs so they could review to choose the winner several times. The overall winner was Ron Van Zytveld.

Judy Hirdes
Newsletter Editor

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 activities and events.

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

Club Officers

President	Scott Van Tamelen	616-450-8450
Vice President	Bob Walker	616-293-9308
Treasurer	Brian Martinie	616-836-6040
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-896-0398
Arrowhead Editor	Judy Hirdes	616-772-5494

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2022:

The annual dues are \$25 per couple/member. If you can pay them at the Christmas Party that would be great!

NEXT MEETING

Christmas Party

Friday, December 10

Trestle Stop Restaurant

3366 M 40, Hamilton, MI 49419
6:30 Social Time
7:00 Dinner

Buffet dinner with Roast Beef, Baked Chicken and sides.

THANK YOU...

Scott Bouwman thanks the club for the gift card given to him after the annual car show. He also wanted to express his thanks to Cary H for his work on the show and his organization skills pulling it together.

Cary and Judy Hirdes want to thank the club for the gift card they received after this year's car show in appreciation for serving as DJ and organization.



CLUB EVENTS

If you have a suggestion for a meeting topic or an event to consider for next year, please contact any board member with the information.

Here are a few pictures from the annual Valve Cover Races at our last meeting.

Thank you to Ron and Elaine for again sharing their beautiful room for this event.

It was a fun night. And the winners even got trophies this time.

