

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

May 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

Our last meeting was very well attended I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy the 2 days of summer we had so far this year. From 38 to 78 and back to 38 was a short-lived summer, but we take what we get. 😊

Last meeting's Bonneville Bingo was a lot of fun for everyone. The room got so quiet NOT. People thought we'd be there for hours until all the prizes were gone, but by the end of the first round there wasn't much left. I didn't know there was such a demand for RED Licorice. That pack had a lot of miles on it with all the stealing and re-stealing. What a hoot! Thanks to Ron for the idea and Ron & Elaine for again hosting us.



This coming Thursday is the Gilmore gathering with the clubs from the east side of the state. I hope we have a good turn-out. I don't know where we'll be

meeting if we're traveling as a group. I'm sure Scott will have that elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our next meeting is May 2 at David's House, 2390 Banner Drive SW, Wyoming MI 49509. We're figuring on arriving at 5:15, have pizza there (bring your own drink) and then tour the facility.

There is a \$5.00 cost per person for the pizza. The following Saturday, May 6 we will do our Dust-Off cruise to Fair Oaks Farm.

-Cary Hirdes

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 2nd at 5:15pm

David's House Ministries Tour

We will be touring the facilities of last year's Christmas donation recipient.

Upon entering the campus area you'll be able to see where we can park our cars. The residents will be excited to come out to look at our cars once they see us arriving.

For a \$5 donation we will have pizza, snacks, and water available under the large white tent when you arrive. If you prefer to bring your own drinks that is fine, but please no alcoholic beverages.

The tour itself will start at 6:15pm. Because of DHM being private homes and since COVID, they are not allowing large amounts of people inside of the homes, but we are able to tour the grounds and inside the office area.

In the case of inclement weather there is the large activity room that will be available. Restrooms are located in the administrative building right near the tent.

Location

**2390 Banner Dr. SW
Wyoming MI 49509**

Here's a link to give you a glimpse into what David's House is all about:

[Who We Are | David's House Ministries](#)



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

May 2nd: Tour David's House-See details elsewhere

May 6th-7th: Annual Spring Dust Off Cruise-Fair Oaks Farms Indiana

June 6th: Ice Cream Cruise? Any other ideas?

July: Usually no meeting because of the POCI National Convention. Open to ideas. Steve's Classic Auto Repair in Muskegon was suggested.

August 1st: Elhart Car Show planning meeting at John & Linda Walker's house.

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

September 5th: Annual club picnic at Holland State Park

September 15-16: Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex

October 3rd: Club officer nominations. Our annual Fall Color Cruise later in the month?

November 7th: Club officer elections, supper, and our annual Valve Cover Races at Ron & Elaine VanZytveld's.

December 8th: Christmas Party held at the Trestle Stop Restaurant again.

West Michigan Pontiac Official Events:

June 26th thru July 1st: Pontiac-Oakland Club Convention Murfreesboro, TN

August 11th: Elhart Car Show, Elhart Automotive Campus 822 Chicago Dr.-Holland, Mi

Other Automotive Events:

May 7th: Old Car Dust-off Mendon High School-Mendon, Mi 8am-3pm

May 13th: Rats & Rods Car Show Manistee Senior Center-Manistee, Mi 8:30am-3pm

May 27th: NSRA Appreciation Day-Bub Sherwood Auto Repair-Galesburg, Mi 10am-2pm

June 2nd: Cruise-In for Kids Burn Camp, Salem Township Park-Burnips, Mi 6pm-9pm

June 10th: Vicksburg Old Car Festival, Vicksburg Mi 9am-3pm

June 16th: Harvest Bible Chapel Car Show, Spring Lake Mi 5pm-9pm

June 17th: Billy Pease Foundation Car Show, Arby's 8508 Shaver Rd Portage Mi 11am-2pm

June 18th: Charlton Park Car Show Hasting, Mi 8am-4pm

June 24th: Del Shannon Car Show, Leila Arboretum-Battle Creek, Mi 9:30am-4pm

June 24th – 25th: Sloan Museum Auto Fair Flint, Mi 9am-5pm

July 1st: Cruise to the Fountain, Calhoun Cnty Fairgrounds-Marshall, Mi 8am-4pm

July 9th: Kids Camp Car Show, Midway Chevrolet-Plainwell, Mi 1pm-5pm

Other Automotive Events cont'd:

July 16th: Charity Car Show, Packard Proving Grounds-Shelby Township, Mi 9am-3pm

July 21st-23rd: Ames Pontiac Nationals, Summit Motorsports Park-Norwalk, Oh

July 22nd: Paw Paw Days Car Show-Downtown Paw Paw, Mi 9am-3pm

Sept 9th: Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival Classic Car Show-Paw Paw, Mi 8am-3pm

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.

WMPOCI Officers:

- President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059
- Vice President: Bob McCarthy.....269-372-7382
- Treasurer: Linda Walker.....847-609-3910
- Newsletter Editor: Scott van Tamelen.....616-450-8450
- Secretary: Dan Jensen.....517-896-0398

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.

Details on Gilmore Visit

We have been invited by the Motor City Chapter to join them at the Gilmore Car Museum on Thursday April 27th. They have also invited members of the Widetrackers Chapter. We will need to be at the museum by 10am, and the entrance cost will \$18 per person.

Due to small number of responses I received we will not be meeting anywhere ahead of time to travel to the museum together. Simply arrive at the museum by 10:00am.

As far as I'm aware this will be the first time in history that all three Michigan Chapters will be attending an outing together as a group. I hope our chapter can play a part in making it a success.

Bob McCarthy has made arrangements at a nearby restaurant for us to have lunch together afterwards. Hope to see you there!!

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 2023 Meeting Report

We had another great turnout at the VanZytveld "cave" last month. There was plenty of food once again, and the Bonneville Bingo was a hit. Cary opened the meeting with an announcement that we have been invited by the Motor City chapter to join for a tour at Gilmore Car Museum on Thursday April 27th. They have also invited the Widetrackers chapter so it should be a great opportunity for all 3 Michigan chapters to get together. They are meeting at the museum at 10:00 am, and cost is \$18 per person.

Linda Walker passed out her Treasurer's Report for March. We had income of \$25 from membership dues, and expenses of \$70.01 for food/supplies for the dinner at the meeting. Our bank balance is \$1833.35.

Monthly Meeting Minutes cont'd

Roxanne discussed the upcoming David's House tour, final plans for this May meeting are finalized and details are posted elsewhere in this newsletter

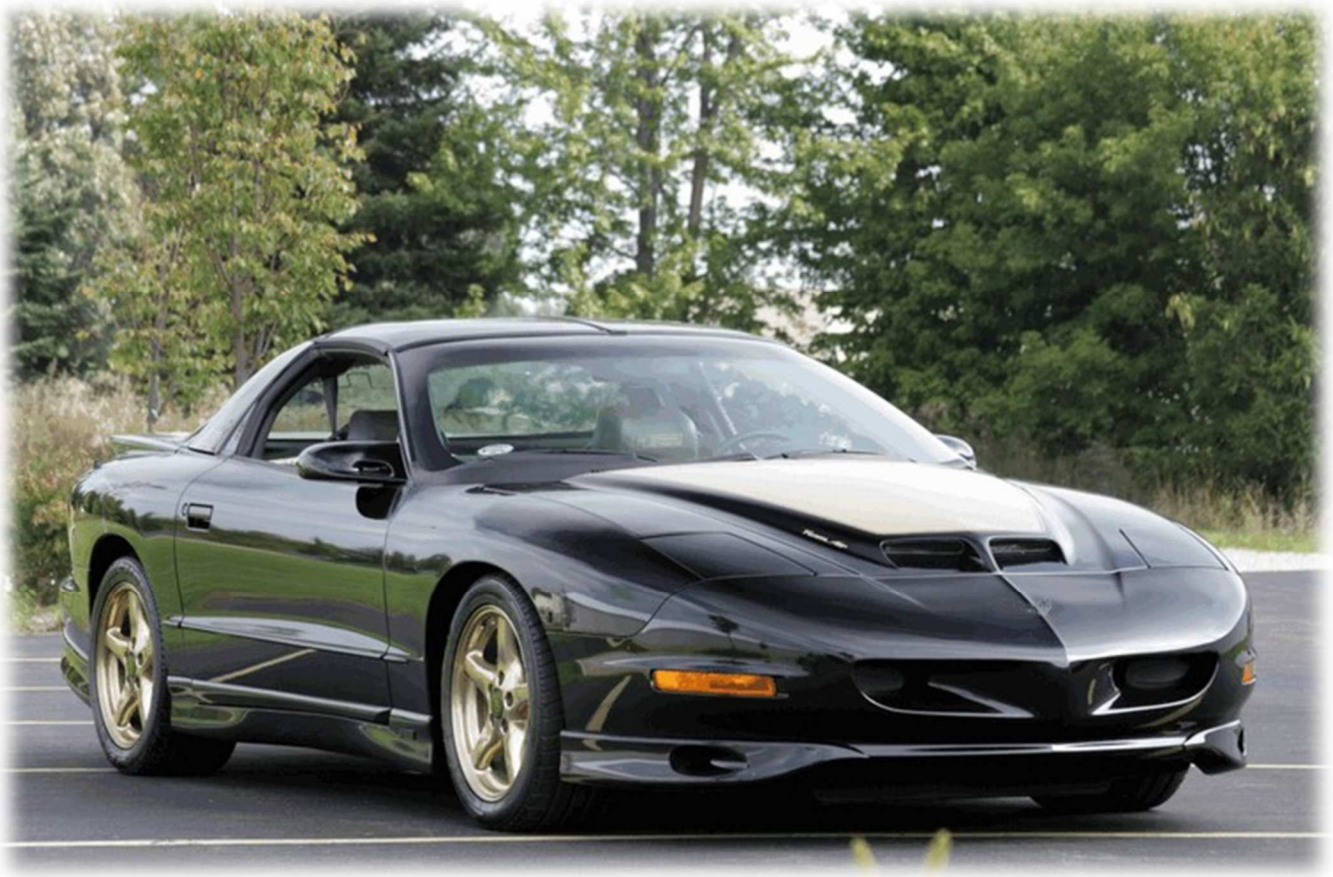
Joan discussed the final plans for the Dust-off, and made everyone aware that you do not need to stay overnight, if you'd like to go but only want to make it a day trip that is very possible. You're more than welcome to come still.

Greg Jordan won the 50/50 draw of \$46, and Ryan Snyder won the Attendance draw for \$107. Ice cream in on Ryan next month, LOL!

Dan Jensen was not able to make the meeting as he was dealing with water in his basement.

Secretary Pro-tem

Scott van Tamelen



2023 Spring Dust-Off details

DUST OFF PONTIAC TOUR.

***May 6th-7, 2023**

Fair Oaks Farms: Modern Farming-Fresh Food-Family Fun
Fair Oaks, Indiana

***Leave 8am, South side Family Fare parking lot on Washington Ave in Holland, MI**

Anyone wanting to make a day trip with us is more than welcome to do so, it is not a requirement that you stay overnight.

Cost for tours, lunch and dinner are on your own. We are scheduled for 2 shuttled tours at a cost of \$19.00/person for each tour if we have 20 people go.. if not the tours will be a bit more expensive

Please contact Joan Troost at 616-550-6283 if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you your Dust-off committee,
Wendell and Terri Miller
Doug and Joan Troost

Ron and Elaine Van Zytveld

Care Corner

Please keep Judy Howes in your thoughts, she recently fell and broke her pelvis. Herb is attending to her needs.

Please keep Bob and Barb Walker in your thoughts as mourn the loss of Bob's brother John. John Walker was 78, he passed away on 4/4/23 due to complications from agent orange exposure while serving in Vietnam during 1966-67.

For Sale Section

Wanted

Looking for two carburetors: The first is a 1969 Quadra-Jet carb in rebuildable condition, and the second is a 1971 Quadra-Jet carb that can be used for parts.

Please call Greg Jordan 616-460-7950

For Sale

1965 Pontiac Catalina parts for sale: Hood with the tach, red in color. Four-barrel carburetor on the intake. Two sets of hubcaps, and a transmission for 421. Call Steve Wallace 586-873-2244

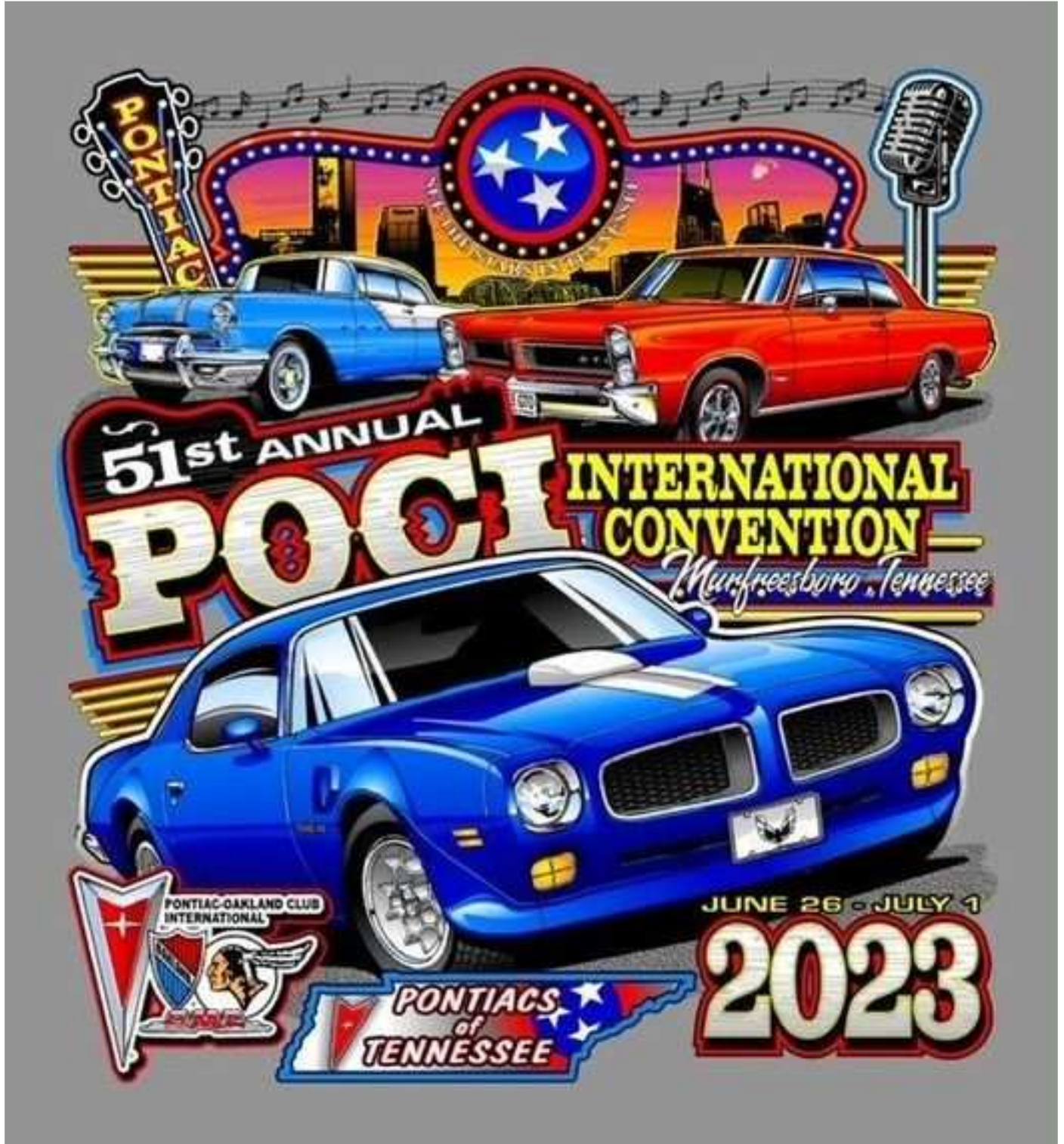
Annual Dues

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 singed up after July of 2023 you do not have to pay again already.
Your next payment will not be until January 2024

*Hurry!! Sign-up now!! Don't miss the 2023
Convention*



Win a 5 Night stay at the Convention

RECRUITERS WANTED!

WIN A FIVE NIGHT STAY AT THE POCI CONVENTION 2023!



EVERY TIME YOU RECRUIT A NEW POCI MEMBER OR A TWO YEARS INACTIVE RE-UP, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CREDIT TO WIN

1ST PLACE - 5 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL, FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION, AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET
OR \$300 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

2ND PLACE - FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET OR \$200 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR POCI CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

LUCKY WINNER - ALL NON WINNERS ENTER A DRAWING FOR \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

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for complete rules



Mark your Calendars!!

The GM Club Council is setting up an ALL-GM show at Gilmore Museum this coming September, and like our help in recruiting chapter members and non-members to attend? Mark your calendars and spread the word! Maybe we can get a group of members to attend the show together.

— NOW SHOWING —
CADILLAC FALL FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING GM MOTORAMA
SEPTEMBER 22 thru 24 2023

ALL GM MAKES & MODELS WELCOME

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