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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
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THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March 2010

February 2010 Meeting Minutes

Ron VanZytveld opened our meeting at Famous Dave's Restaurant with an announcement of the Krasl Art Center Concourse Show in St. Joe, MI, August 8th, a Saturday. A flyer and information sheets were passed around. The next topic was if anyone was interested in car pooling to the upcoming Detroit Autorama at the Cobo Center, going from February 26th through the 28th. There wasn't enough interest to discuss any plans. Ron mentioned that the Kalamazoo Swap Meet was coming up the next weekend. (Thanks Ron, I forgot all about it and ended up going myself! I did find some service manuals I was looking for!) Ron issued a call out for ideas to do something with the Motor City Chapter of the POCI this summer, perhaps near Highland, MI, early in August. If you have any good ideas, bring them to the next meeting, or contact one of the club officers.

Our 50/50 raffle of \$11 was won by our very own first family, the VanZytvelds! Our club lotto grew to \$96, and the lucky name pulled was George and Gail Turner, but they weren't in attendance, so the kitty grows for the next meeting. Remember, you have to be present to win the big bucks!

Cary Hirdes volunteered to take over Doug Troost's position as chairman of our Elhart Pontiac Car Show. Of course, the big question is if Elhart will be in any position to do a show this summer. Regardless, let's help Cary when he comes asking for it!

Final business news, don't forget to pay your dues for 2010 if you haven't done so already!

Our guest speakers were Phil and Donna Michmerhuizen, talking about their February 1994 trip to Alaska in their 1991 Ford 4x4 pickup. The trip took 9 days to drive the 4000 miles. They pulled the truck's snow plow on a small snowmobile trailer just in case they ran into some inclement weather. However, the plow acted as their good luck charm, and they had good weather on their drive! They took many pictures along the way, and of many attractions in Alaska. Everyone shivered at the pictures of air temperature readings showing 30 to 40 degrees below zero! Alaska wasn't their final destination though! They sold the truck and plow in Alaska, and boarded a plane to Hawaii! Now that's the right way to end a winter vacation!

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting at Famous Dave's when John Bauman of the Mercury Cougar Club will be our guest speaker.

Dan Jensen

DUES ARE DUE

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of February. That means dues are due for a new year. This year we are asking you to fill out the membership form with your information, even if there hasn't been any changes, and send it along with your dues so that we can update our club directory and send out a new copy to everyone.

THANK YOU

We have had a fairly good response to our request for dues and member information. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the information and send it in to our treasurer. As soon as we get everyone's information we'll put together a new directory that you will receive in the mail.

FAST FACTS

Did you know that Pontiac Motor Division.....General Motors Corporation was heavily involved in WWII? Pontiac began producing Oerlikon 20-mm Anti-Aircraft Cannons on March 6, 1941 - nine months before Pearl Harbor. Aircraft Torpedoes for the Navy, 40mm Automatic Field Guns for the Army, Diesel Engine Parts used in the barges that carried troops to beach head landings, Axles for M-24 Tanks, Engine Parts for Army Trucks including the amphibious DUKWs or "Ducks" and 155-mm Shells for the Army were being produced before that.

In late 1945 it became apparent the war was winding down and Pontiac Motor Division began manufacturing new cars once again.

2010 SCHEDULE

March : John Bauman - Cougar Club

April : Paul Kleinheksel - Geo Caching

May : Progressive Cruise ending at ice cream shop

June : Steve VanZytveld - metal fabricator

July : POCI Convention Charleston VA - no meeting

August Meeting - Gilmore Cruise-in

August 6-7 Pontiac Nationals - Norwalk OH

August 20-21 Woodward Dream Cruise

August 27-28 Metro Cruise

September Meeting- Ottawa Beach

September - 17-18 Dan's Drags Stanton - volunteers are needed to help out at the drags.

October - ?? Ken Faber - Vintage RV's

November - Valve cover races

December - Christmas Dinner

Some of these venues are tentative - keep an eye on your newsletter for more information on times and meeting places.

CHIEF'S CHATTER

If you didn't come to either of the last two meetings, you really missed out. The Vedovell's had a great presentation on their mountain climbing experiences at our January meeting. The Michmerhuizens had a great presentation at our February meeting on their trip to Alaska in their "Pontiac" pickup truck, which they sold in Alaska at the end of their trip and then flew to Hawaii to warm up before they headed back home.. It was very interesting. I would love to go to Alaska too, but I would rather go in the summer. Hopefully it wouldn't be quite so cold.

I want to thank Cary Hirdes for volunteering to take over the car show responsibilities. When he needs help let's all pitch in to help. Many hands make light work. Hopefully, Elhart will be able to host our show again this year.

John Bauman from John's Classic Cougars will be our guest at our March meeting. Let's have a good turn out for him, it would be nice to see some of our seldom seen club members at the next meeting.

For anyone that wasn't aware, Vince Rasch's brother, Ed Rasch, passed away suddenly this past month. We all extend our sympathy, prayers and Christian love to Vince and his extended family.

Hope to see you in March,

Ron

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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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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 2 AT FAMOUS DAVES

**WE WILL BE HAVING JOHN BAUMAN FROM THE
COUGAR CLUB AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

**THE PROGRAM PORTION OF OUR NIGHT WILL
BEGIN AT 7:30**

**FEEL FREE TO COME EARLY FOR A BITE OF
DINNER BEFORE THE PROGRAM**

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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POCI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

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