

West Michigan POCI
4101 Byron Rd
Hudsonville MI 49426



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**WEST MICHIGAN
CHAPTER**

THE ARROWHEAD

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

March 2015

and start it up. It sounded very good. I think Ida liked a little attention because she sure sounded sweet! It was nice to be in the barn working on the old gal again. Can't wait to be able to get her out for a drive!

Ron

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 - 8 - Detroit Autorama at Cobo Hall

DON'T FORGET DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE NEW YEAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2015

March 3 - Grand Rapids Auto Gallery and Culver's

April 7 -

May (?) - Dust Off, cruise to Mooville in Hastings area

June 2 - Progressive Dinner Cruise

July 12 - Sundae Cruise. Evening cruise to Sherman's I South Haven

July - 21 -25th - POCI Convention, no Tuesday meeting.

August 4 - Famous Dave's - finalize car show details

August 7 - Club car show at Elhart Automotive Center

September 1 - Picnic at Holland State Park

September 18th & 19th - Dan's Drags' in Stanton (PSMCD)

October 2-3rd (?) - Exact destination and date **TBD**

November 3 - Valve Cover Races and Officer Elections

December 4 - Christmas Party at the Double Tree Inn in Holland

WATCH FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

CHIEF'S CHATTER

Hello again, Everybody-

As I'm writing this it's snowing and blowing outside. Our thermometer says it's 15 degrees, but Wood TV says with wind is gusting in excess of 30-40mph it has a "feel-like" temperature of -3. THAT'S COLD!!! And the sad news is, it's only going to get colder as the weekend progresses.

It's also Valentines Day today. Which raises a question? Did you get your Sweetheart anything?.....No not that Sweetheart. The other one, the one sitting out in the cold garage/barn right now. Did you get her anything?

Maybe a new pair of shoes? Maybe a wax job? Maybe you bought her something to get her all charged up? Or if you're really crazy, maybe you surprised her with a new rear-end!! Whatever it is, I wonder if you'd share it with us? That's right, tell us about those winter "projects" you have going on.

I'd love to see us start a section in the newsletter where we hear from our members about what they've been working on. It doesn't have to be anything grand or over-the-top. Just a short note with maybe a couple pictures showing how your prized Pontiac-GMC is coming along. Maybe a note or two about some "tricks of the trade" that have worked for you that others might benefit from knowing as well.

It's often in the sharing of our successes (or set-backs) that others get motivated to go pick up a wrench, or a paint gun, or a buffer and show their sweetheart some love too. So let's hear/see what you've got, you can forward those to myself at president@wmfirebird.com

Now onto club news.....

Remember that for the March meeting we're going to the GR Auto Gallery

February Meeting Minutes

We'll hear from them about how their business has grown over the past couple years, what they have to offer the local car enthusiast, and take a peek at all the cool rides in their warehouse. Below you'll find the address of their warehouse where we'll be meeting. Please plan to arrive around 6:30 pm.

I'm also excited to announce some of the details for our 2015 Color Tour. Bob Arnoldink has arranged for us to tour the John Force Racing headquarters in Brownsburg, Indiana. We'll be heading down on the morning of Friday October 9th, and then spending the night nearby. I tell you this now, so that anybody who needs to request that day off of work can do so. This will be a great event, don't miss it!!

That's all I've got for now. Hope see you at the GR Auto Gallery.

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

Scott

Our current president Scott VanTamelon presented the out going president, Carl Thorwall with a framed picture depicting drawings of GTO's from the past to present.

The treasurers report was circulated. There was a small amount of income from dues. Expenses included the valve cover races, newsletter supplies and the thank you gift .

Scott went through this years calendar of events. Some things stayed the same but others were changed just a little. Refer to the calendar in your newsletter for further information and changes.

A couple of possibilities for the year are: the color tour in Oct. would be a tour of John Forces facilities in Indiana. This would be a two day event. Also, possibly getting anyone interested to go down to the Milford car show on July 18th.

The raffle winner for this month was Judy Hirdes, \$13.00. The club attendance pot would have gone to Dale & Linda Evenhouse but they were not present so the pot rolls over. A second raffle was done for a retro oil can and spout which was won by Melanie Thorwall which I'm sure Greg was the happy recipient of.

For the meeting portion of the night Scott VT. showed a slide show which covered the 2012 and 2014 color tour. The Trans Am Nationals. The club picnic at Holland State park in 2013 and 2014, the 2014 Gilmore Cruise, Pure Stock races and last years Christmas party. Thanks Scott for putting all of it together it was fun to see just some of the great activities the club has enjoyed together.

The March meeting will be going to the GR Auto Gallery to look at the beautiful cars they have available.

MEMBER PROJECTS

Being editor I took the liberty of asking Ron to be the first to write a little something about his winter project.

My winter project on "Ida", my 1940 Pontiac Sport Coupe was a new exhaust system. After checking with numerous sources in the Early Times chapter of POCI, I ended up buying a complete system from Waldren's Exhaust in Centerville, MI. With a little help from Bob DeBoer I had the parts in my barn waiting to be installed this winter. After putting it up on jack stands the old system came off quite easily. As I started installing the new parts I found it actually fit better than the old system did. I assembled everything and only tightened the clamps a little bit until everything was in place. Once it all looked correct the only thing left to do was tighten all the clamps the rest of the way

THE ARROWHEAD

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.

Club Officers

President	Scott VanTamelen	616-450-8450
Vice President	Gary Laarman	616-392-5773
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editor	Elaine VanZytveld	616-284-7939

March 3

Grand Rapids Auto Gallery

3851 Model Ct. Kentwood

Arrive at 6:30

Culver's afterward for dessert and a short meeting

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 POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI. 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 & POI) _____

If full member include your POI# _____

Non POI member (Chapter only) _____

Pontiac Owned _____

Year _____ Model _____

Style _____ Motor _____

National POI # (must have) _____

Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI