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J A N U A R Y

MEETING MINUTES

Our new president, Bob DeBoer, presided over his first meeting on January 5, 2005! Hail to the new chief! The first time in two years that our ex-prez can kick back at a meeting, and he's home packing for a Caribbean vacation!! Wow! What a life!

Bob started off the meeting with a reminder to all our members that 2005 dues are due asap! So if you want to continue getting this newsletter, and be current with all things Pontiac in the West Michigan area, get your dues into Terri Miller as soon as you can!

When it's January, and cold and snowy outside, what do you do at the meeting? Well, one thing for sure, you make plans for our 2005 meetings, and other WMPOCI events! Bob took us through preliminary plans for 2005, but he and the board are open to all suggestions still. Highlights for future meetings include having our Auction in March, listening to Scott Tiemann in May, visiting the Reenders' collection for our June Meeting, Hagar Park picnic in July, picnic with the Wide Trackers in August, and our annual picnic at Ottawa Beach in September. Oh, can't forget the talk about fire extinguishers by the two Dougs for February! We do have one event planned at this time, our Friday night car show at Elhart Pontiac. Other possible events would be a Spring Dust Off Cruise, Fall Color Tour, and a December Christmas party.

Bob presented a gift of thanks to Tom and Sandy Ensing for doing such a wonderful job as our newsletter editors for the last several, several years! Bob also had a gift for our out-going president, Scott Van Wyk, but as mentioned above, he and Angie were home preparing for a vacation.

Information was passed around about the restoration of one of GM's Futurliner busses from the 1950s Parade of Progress road shows. If I understand it right, the bus is being restored in Zeeland, MI. If that is wrong, at least we know that the Director of Restoration for the Futurliner is Don Mayton of Zeeland. It has been announced that the first showing of the Futurliner will be at this May's Burn Show.

F L A S H B A C K

MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

Speaking of the Burn Show, the club voted to donate \$200 to the organizers. It's for a great cause and makes a lot of kids happy!

Our January speaker was Herb Howes. He started things off with something new by telling us about his life, who Herb Howes is. It was very interesting, and this is what Bob DeBoer wants other members to present to the club. He calls it our Members Profiles. It's a way for all of us to really get to know our fellow Pontiacers better. Look for more profiles either at future meetings, or in our newsletter.

Herb's topic for the night was the braking systems on our older Pontiacs. Herb wanted to stress the when you go look at a car to possibly buy, whatever you do, look thoroughly at the brake system, from front to back, before you drive the car. Our cars our old, and sit around a lot, which is havoc on brakes! When checking the car over, look for leaks at the back of the master cylinder, junction blocks, flexible lines, wheel cylinders (drum brakes), and caliper (disc brakes). Inspect the steel lines for dampness, or excessive visible rust. If possible, remove the lid off the master cylinder and check for sediment at the bottom. Moisture is a big concern, and the brake fluid used in our old cars, DOT 3, attracts it. Herb said it's a good idea to flush the brake system every few years to keep damage to a minimum. A couple of Herb's no-no's are never ever use copper lines, they can't hold the pressure. Also, for the same reason, never use compression fittings. When making new lines yourself, you have to double flare the ends, or you will either have a big leak, or blow the line out completely. Herb had a lot of good information to share. Thanks for the great talk Herb!

See you all at the February meeting!

Dan



THE OFFICIAL RECORD KEEPING FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Pres. Bob DeBoer started our February meeting off with a reminder that our annual auction is March 2nd! Remember to bring nice quality items, and if you have car parts, they should be CLEAN! Baked goods are encouraged too!

Bob went over our 2005 event schedule and we still need some volunteers for the following events: May (7th) Dust Off Cruise, our August 5th Friday Night Car Show at Elhart Pontiac, and our December (2nd or 9th) Christmas Party. (Thanks go to Wendell and Terri Miller for volunteering to plan the October Color Tour!)

Our guest speakers were Doug Kamphuis and Doug Troost. They discussed the different kinds of fire extinguishers available, and how to safely operate them.

We learned that there are four classes of fires.

"A" is our normal combustibles like wood, paper, cloth, etc.

"B" is our flammable liquids like grease, gas, solvents, etc.

"C" is electrical fires

"D" is exotic metals like magnesium, titanium, potassium, zinc, etc.

Three things make up a fire: fuel, oxygen, and heat. Take any one of these three away, and the fire goes out. A dry chemical fire extinguisher takes the oxygen away. The dry chemical is a corrosive powder and is rated for ABC fires. It is best used for house fires. It is lousy for car fires because of the damage it causes. It is also dangerous to breathe in.

BC fire extinguishers are the best to use for car fires (fuel and electrical fires). It uses baking soda and CO₂ as the propellant. The baking soda is not corrosive, is economical, and is safe to the environment. This kind of fire extinguisher is good to have in garages and shops too.

When using a fire extinguisher, remember "PASS", that is, Pull (the pin), Aim, Squeeze (the handle), and Sweep.

We can buy the proper fire extinguisher from either Doug.

See you at the Auction, March 2nd! Remember to come a little early too!

Dan Jensen

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The youngest club members are the final Braves. Scott has been coming to club meetings since 1998, and has loved every minute of it. He served as VP in 2002 and President 2003-2004. Angie started coming in 2000, and has learned to tolerate Scott's "enthusiasm" for cars. She might even come around to being an official "Pontiac Enthusiast" herself. Currently, Scott is a Supervisor at Royal Plastics during the day but dreams of racing and restoring cars at night. Angie is an Accountant at Northpointe Bank during the day, and trying to keep Scott and his huge ideas grounded at night! They own a 1999 Trans Am and a 2003 Grand Am. Can you guess who drives what?!

West Michigan POCI 2005 Schedule of Events

**** Events in Red STILL Need Volunteers to Plan ****

March 2	Meeting - Auction
April 6	Meeting - Question & Answer Discussion
May 4	Meeting - Speaker Scott Tiemann
May 7 ??	Dust Off Cruise ??
June 1	Meeting - Visit Reenders and Dinner at the Red Barn ??
July 6	Meeting - PICNIC - Hagar Park
July 13-16	POCI Convention - South Carolina
August 3	Meeting - PICNIC with Wide Trackers Club???
August 5	Friday Night Car Show at Elhart
September 7	Meeting - PICNIC - Ottawa Beach
September 16-17	Muscle Car Drag (DAN JENSEN)
October 5	Meeting - Nominations & SPEAKER??
October 22-23	Color Tour
November 2	Meeting - Elections & SPEAKER??
December 7	NO MEETING

December 2 or 9 ??? Christmas Party ??? Donation/Gift Options???

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.

MARCH MEETING

Annual March Auction Notice:

When: Wednesday March 2, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

You may be thinking "that is earlier than the usual meetings?!"
And you are right! We need to get started early so that we have plenty of time to auction off all of the great treasures you bring.

Great Auction Items:

Clean Car Parts	Household Items	Car Cleaning Items
Craft Items	Baked Goods	Gift Certificates
Car Memorabilia	Children's Items	Homemade Projects

Annual Auction Disclaimer:

Leave your junk at home!

Now we know that one person's junk is another person's treasure, but we also know that there are some things NO ONE wants, and we all know what those items may be. So please, leave "trash" items at home, or better yet let your garbage man

Muscle Car Trivia

Name this Muscle Car:

It was factory rated at over 350 hp

It was first built in the early 1970's in the USA by a company that still produces a large quantity of vehicles today

It was built on the GM "A-Body" intermediate size platform which was also used for the Chevelle, Buick GS, Oldsmobile 442 and the GTO

Come to the March Auction Meeting where the answer will be revealed. The Winner gets takes home the all remaining, unclaimed "Auction Treasures!" Just kidding! The answer will also be in the next newsletter.

A Final Note from the Editors...

We hope that you have enjoyed the first Arrowhead of 2005!

This Newsletter is about our Club and for our Club, so we need your help.

Do you have a funny or memorable story you'd like to share (about cars...or anything else)?

Have you received an award recently or attended a great car show?

Are you an "In House Expert" on any topic?

We would love to hear about you and the stories you have to tell! A Club is only as great as the people in it, and we know that we have **WONDERFUL** people in this club!

Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions for improvement on the Arrowhead, we want to hear them.

Please feel free to call 616.257.1597 or email angie@sterlinggirl.com. We want you to get excited when you see the Arrowhead in your mailbox. Help us Drive your Enthusiasm!

Happy Reading!