

The Arrowhead

West Michigan Chapter



June 2020

Chief's Chatter

Doug Troost-WMPOCI President

Spring? I hate to say it too loud, 'cause it just might go away again. Though it seems to slowly be warming up, we will take what we can get.

Times are different right now and I sure miss the club meetings and getting together with all of you. What I don't miss is every time you turn on the tv or radio is to be bombarded with dark issues of the Coronavirus.

On a lighter note we WILL be having the June 2 Meeting. It will be held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's Cave, Thank You Ron and Elaine.

The POI convention still looks like a go, with almost all the car shows being canceled these last months, this might be an option for those who like to see cars from different states. With Oklahoma never having a shelter-in-place order, they have pretty much remained open. If you plan to go, there is still time to get your reservation in.

Don't forget an ice cream cruise is planned for Mid-July. Looking ahead to our annual car show at Elhart is undecided. August is a few months off and with no set backs, we are hopeful it will happen. That final decision will be made by the Elhart group.

That's it for now, remember gas is cheap, the weather is improving, so drive the wheels off those old Poncho's. See you at the June Meeting.

Doug,

P.S. New address books will be handed out at the June Meeting.

MEMBER'S SHARE

I have always enjoyed my cars. My first brand new car was a 1973 GMC Sprint (like an El Camino). I have always been partial to GMC and Pontiac vehicles. I've had GMC pickups, a 1948 GMC stake truck and a 1997 3500. I also had a GMC Safari van with Dutch doors and 3 Acadias. The Pontiacs I've owned include 2 Grand Prix's, one was purple - you have to ask my wife about that one, my 1940 Sport Coupe and lastly my 2002 Trans Am WS6 convertible.

Around 2005 we ran into Tom Ensing an OLD neighbor. We were talking about cars, what else! When I mentioned we had a 1940 Pontiac he suggested we check out the West Michigan Pontiac Club, so we did and have enjoyed all the new friendships we have made. As they say the rest is history!

The 1948 GMC was in decent shape when I got it in 2002. The cab had been painted but it had "orange peel" so I wet sanded and buffed that out. The wood on the stake rack was rotted so I removed the floor and gates and remade them out of red oak. I had the metal bed and frame of the truck sand blasted and painted. I also inherited my Dad's 1997 GMC 3500 dually, it is a special keepsake with good memories.

In 2004 I purchased the 1940 Pontiac on Ebay. It was around Chicago. It had a good 20 foot paint job but the upholstery was getting worn. That fall I replaced the wiring harness, painted the interior, engine compartment and did some mechanical work. I had Stu Vandyke from Hamilton redo the upholstery and Duthler Body Shop paint the exterior.

In 2014 I purchased my 2002 Firebird Trans Am WS6. It is painted Sunburst Metallic Orange with a black convertible top. It has the LS1 engine with an automatic transmission. It had 515 miles on it when I purchased it. The only thing not original is the battery.

Ron Van Zytveld



An example of a WS6

Monthly meeting Minutes

Our Spring Dust-Off Cruise was well attended and we had a good time. There were 17 cars cruising and 38 people in attendance. We were all very glad to get out and do something fun. Doug and Joan hosted at their home with coffee and donuts when we arrived. Our cruise took us into Holland to enjoy the tulips which were still looking beautiful. Then we drove along the lakeshore to the West Olive area. We stopped at a small park to see the big lake and the recent erosion. Arriving back at our host home we were ready for some hamburgs and hot dogs and ice cream treats. The weather was perfect and so was the fellowship. Thank you to Doug and Joan .



Here are a few pictures from our Spring Cruise on Saturday, May 16. .
A few more pictures are on page 4.



NEXT MEETING

June 2, 7 PM

Van Zytveld's "Cave"

4101 Byron Road, Hudsonville

(Between 40th & 48th Ave.)

Doug is trying to arrange for a speaker.

Desserts will be served.



2020 CLUB EVENTS

June 2	Meeting at Van Zytveld's "Cave" 7 PM
July 7-11	National Convention—Catoosa, OK
July ?	Ice Cream cruise—Date TBD
August 4	Regular Meeting—Plan for Car Show
August 14	Car Show at Elhart Automotive in Holland
September 7	Picnic at Holland State Park
October 9	Fall Cruise—Charlevoix/Petoskey
November 3	Valve Cover Races, Election of officers
December	Christmas Dinner—Beechwood Inn, Holland

AREA EVENTS

Tuesday, June 16 6-8 PM Car Cruise Line up at the bottom entrance of the Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Dr., Hudsonville.
Sponsored by: AutoBody Experts (Member Bob Arnoldink)

July 10-11 Zeeland Show & Shine—Friday night Cruise—
Saturday show in downtown.
(Decision to be made June 8 if cancelling)

Saturday, July 25 Gun Lake Casino, Wayland
Proceeds to Veterans, AutoBody Experts

AUG 16 & 17- Friday & Saturday - 25th Annual Woodward Avenue
Dream Cruise

August 21 & 22 Metro Cruise—28th Street.
Rogers Plaza Fri, 4-10 PM Sat. 9 AM—9 PM
Woodland Mall (SW parking lot) Sat. 11 AM—8 PM

Sept 6 - 8 - FRANKENMUTH AUTO FEST

September 17-19 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags—Stanton, MI

September 19 11 AM—3 PM Allendale Community Park
Proceeds to Veterans, Craft Show AutoBody Experts

*(These events are subject to change or cancel because of COVID.
The June 16 Cruise is a definite plan.)*

Care Corner

Bob and I extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, donations to David's House Ministries and expressed their condolences on the recent passing of Bobs father, Reverend Jay DeBoer. He was a wonderful father, minister and mentor to many in his 95 years and will truly be missed by many. Sincerely, Bob and Roxie

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.

The annual "Remember When" Car Show in Holland which was scheduled for June 5 has been cancelled for this year.

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.

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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 _____

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