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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

February 2007

## February Meeting Minutes

Whoowee! Was parking tight at Brann's Restaurant! Our February meeting was just after the days of sub-zero temperatures and blizzard-like lake-effect snowstorms; the snow piles taking up a lot of spots! I had to park sideways, in the lanes, but fortunately there was enough room for people to get out around me. The good food at Brann's kept our minds off the weather, temporarily at least!

President Doug Troost opened the meeting by having a new guest introduce himself and tell us what kind of Pontiac he has. Well, I didn't get his last name (Sorry!), but Pete has an '84 Fiero with a 350 "Corporate" engine (okay, 350 small block Chevy) stuffed where the old four cylinder Iron Duke used to reside! Talk about a car that will get up and scoot! I bet the steering gets a little light on hard acceleration! Welcome to the club Pete!

Doug presented Bob DeBoer and Linda Kamphuis with gifts for serving as our last President and Vice President, respectively.

A sign up sheet for the Detroit Autorama was passed around. The plan is to go down on Saturday, March 10. Doug is getting a Suburban and that should keep the cost low to those who go along. Contact Doug (phone no. in front) if you want to ride along.

Flyers for the Burn Survivor Benefit Car Show & Auction (held Saturday, May 19th) were passed out. Tom Ensing normally coordinates this, but he and Sandy couldn't attend this meeting. However, the club voted again to help work the show. We will

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Need at least 8 volunteers.

Doug Kamphuis reported on the planned cruise to the Midland Car Show/Swap Meet, which is the first weekend in June. If you are staying overnight, you will want to call the hotel and put the room in your name.

Bob Postma, along with Tom Plochocki and Wendell Miller, will be heading up our annual Friday evening Car Show at Elhart Pontiac in August.

To raise more capital for the club, and because we no longer have our auction, the board brought up for vote the motion to raise our annual dues from \$15 to \$25 per year, effective immediately. The vote from the membership was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Tom Plochocki was our guest speaker who showed us the ins and outs of digital cameras and what you can do with these 'photo shop' softwares. The basic settings on most digital cameras today will take excellent pictures, so if you are 'digital-illiterate', you can still take great photos without having to read your owners manual. Thanks to Tom for all the great information!

The 50/50 raffle was for \$22 and the Club Kitty prize jumped to \$62! Carl and Mary Schulte's names were pulled, but they were not present, so the kitty grows for the next meeting. Remember, you have to be present to win!

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Our guest speaker at the March Meeting will be Don Heeringa, telling us about his '54 Mercury race car that he raced in Mexico for a few years! This should be a very interesting meeting!

See you there!

Dan Jensen

### **Exciting New Item for Our Club** *50/50 Meeting Attendance Raffle*

Here are the rules: The Club seeds \$25 kitty for a drawing that contains every member's name. During the meeting we sell 50/50 raffle tickets. 50% of the raffle ticket proceeds go to the winner of the pull at the meeting and the other 50% goes into the member kitty. At the end of the meeting we will pull a name from the member kitty, and if that member is not in attendance, the pot will roll over to the next month, where 50% of the 50/50 money from that meeting will be added to the pot. The pot will continue to grow until someone wins it. The club will only seed the kitty to start it and will start over when it is won.

Come to a meeting, meet some of your fellow club members, enjoy some great food and have a chance to win some cash!

The amount of money in the Meeting Attendance Raffle kitty will be in the monthly newsletter along with the person's name who won or would have won if they had attended the meeting.

There is now \$62 in the Meeting Attendance Raffle.

# WWW.

As of January 30, 2007, the West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club International has its website up and working again. To access our site, go to [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) and simply click on the word 'links'. This will bring you to a list of POCI chapters. Click on our site.

Through the year 2006, West MI POCI club had 1,480 'hits' to our home page and of those hits, 650 folks went into our agenda/activities page. So check out the website. A big thank you to Brian Broekema for all the work in setting this up. Please check it out~ it looks wonderful!!!!



## Chief's Chatter

Snow. Cold. Snow. Cold. You're right. The weather stinks. The only hobby I've had time for the past month is shoveling and plowing snow. But it will get better. On March 10 we are going to check out Cobo Hall full of hot cars. We have six people signed up so far. If anyone else is interested in going, give me a call (616-399-1423) and we'll try to fit more in.

Well, we are two months into the club lotto and still no winner! Without a winner the pot rolls over and keeps growing. Remember, at each meeting one lucky member's name is drawn, and that person needs to be present to win. SO.....make sure you attend the meetings. It could be your lucky night.

Our March Meeting should be something special with Don Heeringa showing us a video on his "54" Merc racing in "The Mexican Rally" and in Nova Scotia. Should be an entertaining time. See ya there.

Doug Troost

## Join the Tradition!!

### **Burn Survivor Benefit Car Show and Auction**

**Saturday, May 19th, 2007**

**9AM-3PM**

**Fifth Third Ball Park  
Comstock Park, MI**

**Auction @ 10am**

**Perrin MotorSports Lil Miss Dangerous  
Food**

**Kids Activities**

**Local Fire Depts**

**Antique Fire Trucks**

**\$10.00 Registration Fee for Show Cars**

**\$1.00 per spectator (or \$5.00 per carload!)**

**Proceeds to benefit Burn Survivors Initiatives  
through The Phoenix Society and Spectrum  
Health**

**The club is helping out at this show.  
We need at least 8 volunteers!!!**



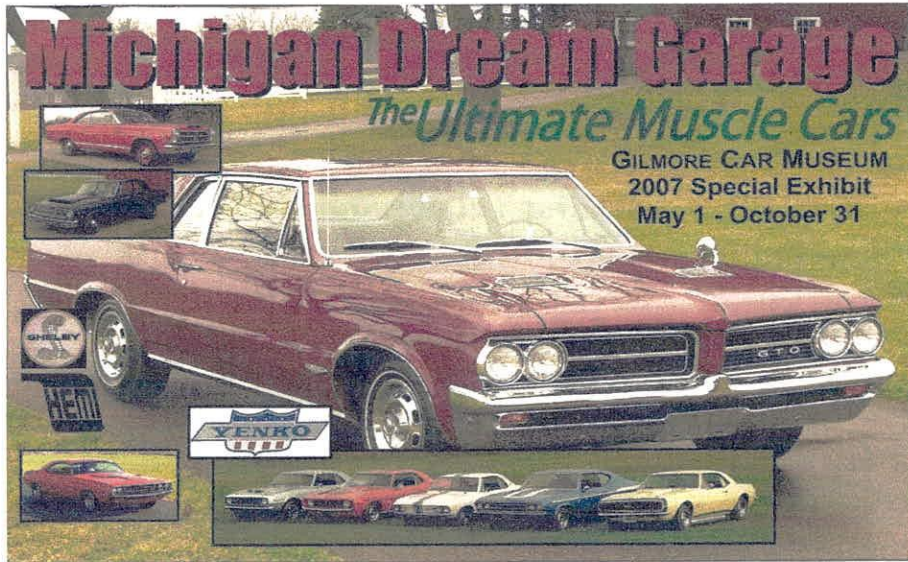
I'm not sure which is harder to believe: That this '64 GTO survived countless drag racing, cruising Woodward, stop light racing on Telegraph and 31 years later, being in one piece

**Then 1976**

**or**

the shock of this car being a part of Gilmore 2007 Michigan Dream Garage and the guy in this photo growing up to be an engineer, married and having four children. Well it's all true.

**Now**



If you have any 'now and then' photos or just one of you and your car, please send it and a short caption or story to Greg and Melanie Thorwall at 908 N Kingwood Ct, Holland, MI, 49424 or by e-mail (gmthor@T2comm.net) for all of us to enjoy. Your photo will be returned.

# Upcoming Club Events

**March 9-11:** Detroit Autorama. The Club will be attending, probably on the 10th. Contact Doug Troost if you are interested. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and under 5 is free. There will also be a charge for gas. How much depends on what and how many vehicles we will be using.

**May or June:** Dust Off Cruise. Date is not known at this time.

**June 2 & 3:** Midland Antique Car Show along with a flower/art show. Five double non-smoking rooms have been reserved in Doug Kamphuis' name. If you are attending, you need to put the room in your name. Cost is \$83.00 per night at the Fairview Inn in Midland. Phone: 989-631-0070. We didn't have a very good showing last year. Let's try to make up for it this year.

## 2007 West Michigan POCI Meeting Schedule for April, May & June

**April 4.....**Rick Schaddelee-Detailing your Pontiac.

**May 2.....**Cruise to Gilmore's Car Museum with club meeting at Gilmore's.

**June 6.....**Potluck Picnic at Haggard Park (no desserts please). We will follow the leader for our dessert portion of the potluck, ending at an ice cream place.

# 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	Doug Troost	616-399-1423
Vice President	Robert DeBoer	616-538-6712
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-875-8069
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-647-2474
Arrowhead Editors	Greg & Melanie Thorwall	616-399-4701

**Wednesday March 7, 2007 @ 7:30 PM**

We will meet at Brann's on Leonard for the club meeting. Mr. Don Heeringa, owner of Trendway, will talk about his experiences racing his '54 Mercury Custom built race car in Mexico and in Nova Scotia. You won't want to miss his presentation!



## 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](http://www.poci.org) for more information or to register.

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## 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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