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Meetings held at Bakers of Milford www.bakersofmilford.com

July—August 2023

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Kenny G's Message

I'm sure all the members know that we had to postpone our club car show in July due to the threat of extreme weather and Milford Rd being closed. Sept 16th was the only option that Bakers had open but unfortunately, it competes with a lot of other shows that day.

I'm very sorry about this, but it was unavoidable. I know it conflicts with the Widetrackers who have a show at Golling on this day and fellow member Stu Jackson also has the "Perry Classic Car Show" on that day.

I'd like to ask that all the club members with no personal conflicts, be at our show to make it a success. During set up the night before and during the running of the show. As you all know, the proceeds from our show go to several charities and we continue to be the "little car club with the biggest heart".

To our knowledge, we give more money to charity that any other POCI club in the nation.

As the meeting minutes show, the board has added another charity for veterans, called the Blue Star Service Dogs for veterans.



Ramblings of an Irishman

Editor: Brian Dougherty

Please be there to support our car show on the 16th. During set up the night before and during the show day.

As many of you know, I had a chance to volunteer at the Detroit Grand Prix on the weekend of June 2-4. These were 3 long days where I worked 12 hours each day (plus 2 hours driving) with a great team of fellow volunteers as a "Circuit Marshall". With these credentials, I wasn't limited on where I could go except the job demanded most of my time and I was pretty wiped out by the end of the day. Next year I will only work half days allowing me more time to see the "sights". If any club member would like to volunteer next year, let me know and I'll get you in touch of the team running it.





Above is one of my team members sitting in a display car.

Below is my certificate of appreciation by the CDGP committee.

To the left is my ID lanyard I had to wear all weekend.



Treasurer's notes:Ray GolotaFor those of you who are not members of Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI) of which we are Chapter 91, here is a link to join https:// secure.poci.org POCI Membership.cfm.

Our website, www.motorcitypoci.com has

been updated.



Our car show is September 16th. New flyers attached on page 21 & 22.

Highlights - Membership

Have 35 members - (1 Honorary) 34 paying members

Wanted to get this out mid month to show our current balances. Due to the rescheduling of our show to Sept. 16th additional expenses will occur. Examples: New flyers, banners, posters, handouts, etc.

New - the Board decided to invite the Saturn Sky to the show. It was built on the same platform as the Solstice. New flyer is attached.

Total cash from sponsors \$9,968.00 (last year it was \$14,910, have to watch our expenses, meaning less money to donate to charities) Buy it Now \$1,520.00 (gave membership first pick prior to show)

As of Aug 15th, 56 people have pre-registered for the car show.

Next Treasurer's report will be in early October.

Our car show is Sept. 16th at Bakers in Milford - flyer attached, scan QR code for other flyers



Rav **Treasurer - Motor City POCI** www.motorcitypoci.com

Activities Coordinator:

In case anyone didn't see my email on 8-25-2023.

Please plan to join the club as guests of one of their premier suppliers *Vanguard Motor Sales* on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Milan Dragway. Upon entry, mention that you are with the club and/or Vanguard to gain free admission. Concessions are at the discretion of individual guests.

This is a private event.

Please see the attached pdf for relevant details, including track rules if you plan to race!

Call with questions

Mike Cushing





On Wednesday, August 23, the South Lyon Car Show was held despite the fact that all contestants and participants had to dodge raindrops to hold the show.

Club Member (Treasurer and Vice President) Ray Golota presented his beautiful 1969 GTO Judge, and walked away with the trophy for Best In Show! Ray's carousel red Pontiac was fully prepped, looked great, and he is shown in the photo to the left accepting his trophy.

Congratulations, and nice job, Ray!

Below is an article I submitted to "Smoke Signals"

Summer is a special time for car buffs everywhere, particularly at the Detroit Area Woodward Dream Cruise!

> As always, this year's event featured vehicles of all kinds, including some from distant places, and some that are very rarely seen.

> On Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19, the M1 Concourse in Pontiac hosted a number of events to correspond with the Woodward Dream Cruise celebration, including a display of every year of Corvette (including the only 1983 ever built, and a '63 convertible with a three speed manual), rare Mopar drag racers, as well as valuable collectables from a number of manufacturers.

> Two of the local Michigan POCI Chapters, Motor City and the Widetracker's, were fortunate enough to be invited to display their vehicles, participate in an awesome parade, and be judged by classes. These chapters were well represented, as both Chapter presidents attended, along with many members and vehicle entries.

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> In the class results, Ray Golota, Treasurer of Motor City POCI, was awarded first place in the Muscle Car category! Ray's car, a stunning 1969 Pontiac GTO Judge, won the award, despite competition from some very beautiful muscle cars. Any category that includes muscle cars, especially those including Pontiacs, is certain to include serious competition, but Ray landed the award, much to the pleasure of his fellow POCI "brothers" in attendance!

> Congratulations Ray! Well done!!



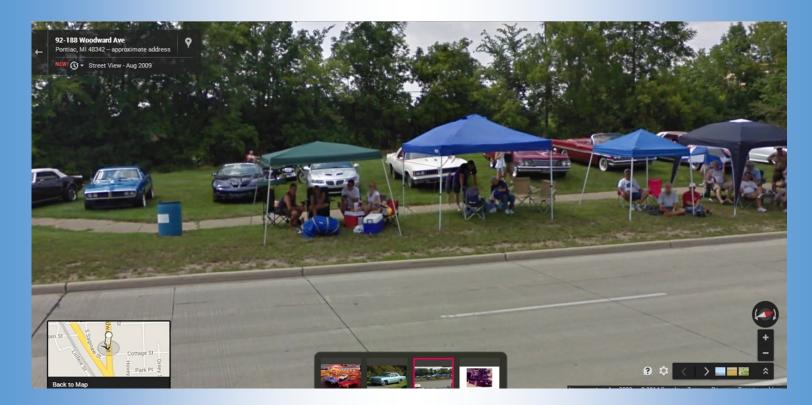
Lookin' good Ray. Both the car and the driver but missing the best part, your lovely wife, Kathy! (The editor)

Club Upcoming Events:

Since Ray Golota is distributing a very nice events calendar around the first of every month and is far better than the one I do in the newsletter as well as more up to date, please refer to the latest schedule that he emails to all current members.

Club History:

Below is a picture of club members gathering on Woodward at our spot in 2009. (See location on map in lower left corner of picture) You'll notice the editor's 2005 GTO in the middle of the picture and past treasurer, Lori Woods firebird to the far left. Past member Mike Eriksson's Can Am is to the right of me as well as several other Pontiac's hidden by the portable tents.



That same year, past director and founding member, Jeff Denison was able to display his blue GTO with a select group of people at the famous Woodward spot of Athens Coney Island for a GM photo-op.



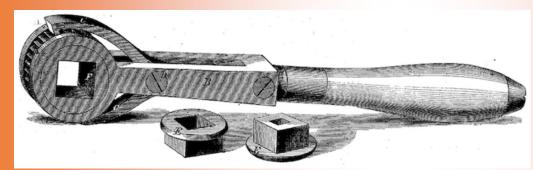
5 old tool designs that survive nearly unchanged by Kyle Smith: Printed on 8-10-23 in Hagerty online Media

Some shapes in the automotive world are just timeless, like the shaker hood on a TransAm. Even restomod shops leave them alone. The same goes for tools: During an evening of working in the garage, you're likely to touch several whose designs have survived, nearly unchanged, since they were invented.

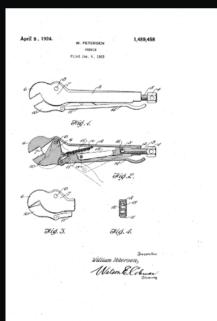
For the sake of argument, let's exclude anything that is simply a formed piece of metal—screwdrivers, sockets, and hammers—and focus on items with some kind of mechanism. Inventors are likely the first to tell you that perfection on the first or even the second try doesn't happen often, but these five tools got awful close.

The use of gears to create a one-way mechanism is old—over a century and a half. J.J. Richardson patented the idea of a ratcheting wrench in June of 1863 and, while his design appears archaic by modern standards, it relies on the same principles as the ratchets that sit in virtually every toolbox around the world.

A center gear doubles as the attachment point for the socket. That gear interacts with two smaller ones that force it to spin either clockwise or counterclockwise. The direction of a modern rachet is easy to switch, and its gears have evolved to be much finer, minimizing the rotation required to grab the next tooth, thus making the ratchet more efficient in tighter spaces (Below).



The main thing we need while working is a third hand, something that can hold our workpiece together or give us a handle on something otherwise untouchable. The over-cam design for locking jaw pliers might be the youngest one on this list: 99 years have passed since inventor and blacksmith William S. Petersen penned the design that became the nearly indispensable tool we know today. The easy-release lever was added in a slight redesign by Petersen in 1957 (right).



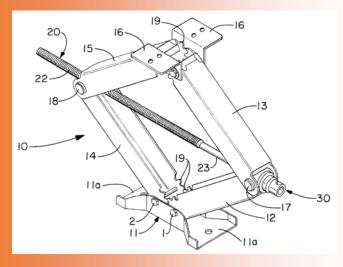
If you thought of one tool when you saw this article's headline, it was probably this. History traces the bench vise back to the 1700s, but the first modern version was made of poured cast iron in the 1830s. The casting process was rudimentary, though, and resulted in a porous finished product that had the potential to break during use. Today, the best modern vises are forged.



The modern four-stroke engine traces back to Nicolaus August Otto and his experiments with compressing the air and fuel inside a cylinder prior to ignition. This dis-

covery led to more efficient engines that gave us literally—more bang for a buck's worth of fuel. To contain compression and combustion, you must put a seal on the piston; to do that, you must be able to compress said piston rings to fit into the cylinder bore while you assemble it. Consider that Otto was experimenting with his designs in the 1860s, and it's reasonable to conclude that our spring-form piston ring compressors trace to this time period. Not everyone uses these tools, but those who do know just

how important they can be.





As long as there have been cars, we have needed to lift them. While an incline plane (a ramp) effectively raises the car while the vehicle is on its wheels, a spiral incline plane combined with four metal arms and a base will lift a car from any point to allow you to remove wheels or other parts. That is the essential form of a scissor jack: A screw that pulls together two arms that provide lift. The design traces back at least 100 years and it is nearly comical how little has changed from the patent drawing to the folded-metal jacks found in the trunks of so many modern cars. Jacks and spare tires might be falling by the wayside, but the simplicity of a scissor jack will stand the test of time, even if it has never passed the test of safety with flying colors.

GM / Industry news:

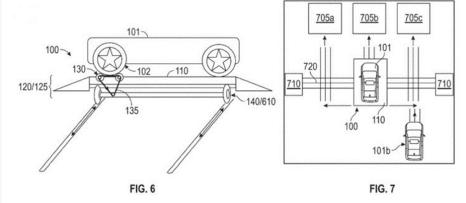
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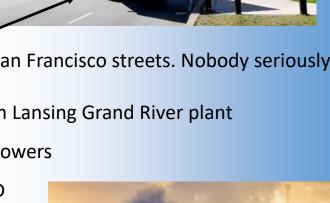
- GM's autonomous taxi's (Chevy Cruise) are now in 7 US cities
- Cruise AVs Cause Traffic Jam During Nearby Music Festival In SF
- Cruise collides with Semi Truck / Trailer on San Francisco streets. Nobody seriously hurt!
- Thieves steal 2 Camaros and 2 Cadillacs from Lansing Grand River plant
- Buick ranks above average according to JD Powers
- Cadillac ranks below average according to JD

Powers

- Ford to build Mid-engine Mustand at Multimatic in Markham, Ont. This is the same company that built the latest low volume version of the Ford GT.
- GM Ultium battery production constrained by one of it's automation suppliers. Many processes switching to manual for the time being.
- Buick Encore sales jump % during Q2
- UAW demands would cost an estimated \$80 billion dollars to GM's labor costs.

 GM files patent for vehicles to move under their own power during assembly.







On Saturday, July 29th, our club was invited to attend Bob Lutz's 91st birthday bash at the Yankee Air Museum B-17 bomber hangars, Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. It was a rainy morning so only a few of us attended the event, but only after the rain stopped.



To the left is "Maximum" Bob thanking everyone for coming, His many accomplishments are legendary!

Upon arriving, we saw the event was in two hangars with dozens of classic cars that Bob influencedparked outside. There was an auction on some of Bob's items with all proceeds going to the U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (Bob is a former Marine pilot). Some of the items were his autographed books and 2 models that he built from scratch made out paper. They were a 1950 Lancia-Ferrari D50 and a 1942 Hawker Tempest plane. (see below)







Above you'll see the wide variety of people in attendance!

I was surprised to see what I thought was a "Pontiac" concept vehicle. When posting it on our Facebook site I was corrected by Ken Godfrey who stated, "It's actually NOT a Pontiac concept car. It's the 1970 Farago, built using production 1969 Grand Prix drivetrain and other parts. It was an independent prototype built in Italy by coach builder CF Farago, and was not commissioned or endorsed in any way by PMD or GM. Ben Harrison confirmed this when he inspected the car on Woodward in 2009. Some people are fond of saying that DeLorean was somehow involved with this car, but he had been at Chevrolet for at least a year by the time this car was built." As shown below, still, a very "cool car."







Here are a few photos from the event;



Below and to the left you can see our club members and the Widetrackers lined up in our spot at the M1 Concourse on Woodward.



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Here we are hanging out waiting for lunch, which Dan Kane and Tim Mays from the Widetrackers were nice enough to get for us.







On the evening of Aug 23rd, Motor City POCI was one of the host clubs at the

Downtown South Lyon Lake Street Cruise-IN

Below you'll see the grille's on Don Masch's and the editor's Grand Prix's. A thing of beauty!









Since the editor is a retired Architect, he appreciated the other sights within the city.

Interesting Stuff:

In case you weren't able to catch the special on WXYZ this summer, you can view it here: https://www.wxyz.com/money/auto-news/dream-cruise/pontiac-transportation-museum-aims-to-shine-spotlight-on-citys-auto-industry-impact

See the Oakland Press article on the museum (link below) <u>https://</u> www.theoaklandpress.com/2023/08/12/new-pontiac-mural-an-homage-to-gm-legacy/

New Pontiac mural an homage to GM legacy Transportation museum offer new photo backdrop

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One place car buffs may want to visit this month is the new 35-foot mural at the Pontiac Transportation Museum, 250 W. Pike St. in Pontiac.

The image is intended to be used as a photo backdrop for car buffs and includes elements of a classic GTO ad as well as a GMC truck assembly line. The 55,000square-foot museum features classic vehicles along with artifacts in galleries, a theater, research library, classrooms and restoration spaces. The building museum officially opens later this year, but has been used to host special events, such as the recent celebration of Fiero's 40th anniversary.

The mural came to life thanks in part to a sponsorship by AkzoNobel's Let's Col-

or program, one way company officials hope to inspire communities throughout North America to transform public spaces into vibrant, colorful places where people can connect, create and thrive. The company makes paint for commercial and emergency vehicles, signs, collision repair and other uses in North America.



AkzoNobel employees from the Troy and Pontiac sites used company products to prime the Pontiac Transportation Museum wall, creating a blank canvas. Ben and Joe Diaz of the Pontiac, Illinois-based Diaz Sign Art, finished the colorful mural with help from Doug Haffner of Wyoming, Illinois-based Haffner Fantastic Creations.

AkzoNobel's automotive legacy in Pontiac dates back to 1907 and still plays an important role in the automobile refinish market today.

Museum Director Terry Connolly said the building showcases the city's tremendous automotive legacy, where automotive suppliers continue to have a strong presence, and will provide STEM education and economic development initiatives in Pontiac.

"We've been pleased by the support of AkzoNobel and their paint and coatings plant in Pontiac and R&D Center in Troy," he said. Learn more at <u>https:www.pontiactransportationmuseum.org</u>.



To the left are Ben and Joe Diaz in action setting the background scene for the finalized mural

As shown in this newsletter previously, to the right is the final mural. Be sure to get your car's picture taken in front of it!



As some of you know, the editor just spent several weeks in Ireland in July at a family reunion and It's just 6 months to St Paddy's day so I thought the theme should be Irish humor. I also found time to spend a whole day at the Guinness Brewery in Dublin. There they do something very unique by imprinting your picture into the head of a glass of Guinness.



It doesn't get any better than this. Good looking guy and good beer!



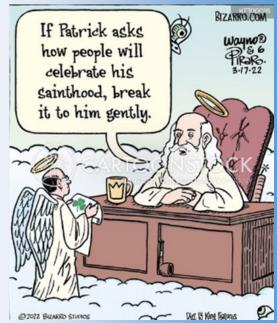




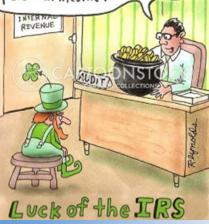




"These little green pills should help you get your Irish up."

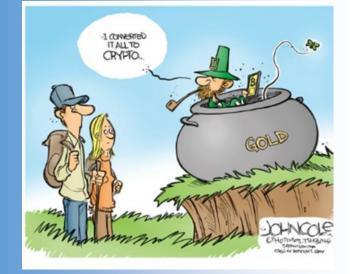


The rainbow was on your property, Mr. O'Toole, so technically, you are responsible for claiming the gold as personal income.





"Sorry, lad, but I lost all me gold during the recession. All I can give ya is a buck thirty in change!"





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Classifieds:

Wanted:

For a 1967 GTO with Disc brakes, I need four 14" x 6" steel wheels that will clear the disc brakes.

Wheels stamped HB are original, so looking for HB steel wheels.

I'm told that wheels stamped HF will also work. Perhaps others will too.

Also need 14" x 6" steel wheels stamped G for 1967 GTO drum brake cars.

Tom Sidlik

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EXCITING NEWS!

Please join Motor City POCI in supporting the

Joe Kocur Foundation for Children!

www.joekocurfoundation.org/charities.html



Please join Motor City POCI in supporting the

ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation!

www.chadtough.org

From August 2013 to March 1, 2023, we have donated <u>\$62,836</u> to various organizations. www.motorcitypoci.com under "OUR DONATIONS" under OUR DONATIONS

*Pre-registration eligibility

As a club we thought let's try something different instead of having a show shirt if you preregistered. If you pre-register, your car number will be placed in a bucket. Once registration ends at 10:30, at least 5 (maybe more) numbers will be called to claim your prize. You must bring up your show card to receive your prize. You will still be eligible for various door prizes.

Pre-register owners will get a of list items and the number of drawings of 5 to take place.

Prizes will include an 1800 psi electric power washer, Rigid shop vac, and other valuable items.

Must be present to Win



2022 Best of Show – Mike Bogos 1965 Olds 442 Convertible

You don't have to own a Pontiac to Win Best of Show









Dryden, MI Fall Festival

CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW & Antique Tractors September 30, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM St. Cornelius Church 3834 N. Mill Rd. Dryden, MI 48428 Visit: drydenfallfestival.com or the Facebook Event page: "Dryden Fall Festival Car Show"

Participant Judging* Trophy Classes

New Class

Antique Tractors Pre 1970



Best of Show Best Engine Best Paint Best Paint Best Motorcycle Best Original Best Hot Rod Best Hot Rod Best Rat Rod Best Truck Best 4X4 Best Jeep Best Pre-1970 Best 1970 to 1990 Best 1991 and Newer Kid's Choice

Proceeds to benefit Dryden Linked Hearts Food Pantry

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Classic Cars Owned: Year, Make, and Model		
Membership dues are \$20.00 per year (starting in 2024 it will be \$25.00). Dues are to be paid		
the first day of each January. Please pay membership by one of the following methods:		
 cash or check at one of the monthly meetings by check made out to Motor City POCI and sent to the address below. 		
MOTOR CITY POCI 1595 Vanstone Dr. Commerce Twp, MI 48382 E-mail: raygolota@gmail.com		
******Please read back page*****		
 *We encourage all members to join the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI). Applications are available on line at <u>www.poci.org</u> *Active Member (United States) - An Active Member (United States) is afforded all the rights and privileges of full membership and receives Smoke Signals magazine via mail for a period of one year is \$45.00. 		

Motor City POCI Membership Expectations

- Paid dues every January and payable in person or by mail with a check. You will be notified by email in December.
- We have one event for the year that raises money for a charity of our choosing. We expect
 all members to attend if possible and be a <u>paid participant</u> at the show. We are working towards giving as much as possible to the **charities we support**^{*} and would like participation
 from all.
- Attend/Participate and be signed in at as many of our meetings as possible. We usually
 have <u>6 to 7</u> meetings during the year, on the third Thursday of the month, at Baker's
 Restaurant in Milford, MI. <u>You will be notified by email approx. the first of the month,
 prior to the meeting taking place.</u>
- Be mindful that our club has officers with a one year commitment and look to all members to share in the responsibilities of being leaders of our club.
- We value input from members in how to improve the club, car show, and membership
 meetings including topics. Suggestions for club events are always needed.
- It's a short list, but very important to the success of your club. You are joining Motor City
 POCI, now be an active member and help to grow this club into what you want it to be!
- Visit our website: www.motorcitypoci.com
- Join us on Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/207583652591972</u>, or type in the search bar Motor City POCI
- *We support The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children: www.joekocurfoundation.org/charities.html
- *We support ChadTough: <u>www.chadtough.org</u>
- We also have planned events throughout the year. Go to our website: <u>www.motorcitypoci.com</u> under EVENTS to see past events. You will be notified by email on all future events.
- We also have a club winter Holiday season dinner. <u>Depending on the financial status</u> of the club, the club usually pays.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

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Motor City POCI Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

Club board members met at Bakers of Milford restaurant at 5:00pm.

In attendance; Kenny Galdes, Ray Golota, Brian Doughterty, Doug Cook, and Mike Cushing. Phil Balmforth was on excused absence.

No club members were present.

Kenny kicked off the meeting at 5:10pm.

Treasurer report-Finances/Expenses

Ray Golota reported on the health of the club finances, providing an Excel document showing current account activity through August 15, 2023.

The annual Summer Round-up, re-scheduled for September 16, has received 56 pre-registrations as of August 14.

Club charity donations. Ken proposed donations be made on behalf of the club to; The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children, the Pontiac Transportation Museum and newly suggested veteran effort, Blue Star Service Dogs, an organization that provides service dogs for veterans.

The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children: \$6,000

Pontiac Transportation Museum: \$3,000*

Blue Star Service Dogs: \$1,000

*It was suggested at earlier meetings, providing 12 paver bricks (24"x32"), that are engraved with the MCPOCI logo, for \$3,000. These bricks could be used for the PTM entry way or in some other display. Individual member purchased bricks (\$100) would be installed around the club brick.

After much discussion, Mike Cushing made a motion to approve the expenditure, Brian Doughtery seconded the motion, all voted to approve.

Expenses. Ray requested reimbursement of expenses related to the 2023 Summer Round-up for; printing show fliers, new banner with new show date, flier posted for "'A' frame display, and gas costs related to miscellaneous travel, \$\$357.05

Brian Doughtery made a motion to approve the expenditure, Mike Cushing seconded the motion, all voted to approve.

Ray suggested an increase membership dues from \$20 to \$25 be implemented in 2024, to help with future expenditures. Ray Golota made a motion to approve the increase, Mike Cushing seconded the motion, all voted to approve.

Treasurer report-Finances/Expenses, con't

Ray suggested if, as a way to save some money, we purchase future 'Thank You' plaque's at today's current price to avoid any possible increase in 2024.

Another thought was to go back to an older version that can be used for several years by simply issuing a 'year' sticker for the plaque.

Ray is going to compare pricing on both options to see if it would be economical. We already have enough plaques to get through 2024.

Old Business

Increase membership participation

Earlier in the year, Ray had suggested that we should have the Board meeting at 7:00p when the membership is present. This would lead to an open discussion allowing membership to have input on agenda items. We could also have a membership incentive prize drawing.

At the June 14th meeting, unanimous agreement was achieved on the monthly board/membership meeting schedule; March, April, May, June, August, and October. Of course a special car show meeting(s) could be added as needed.

Tonight, much discussion centered on the timing of the meetings; when the Board meeting starts, when the club membership would arrive, how the meetings would be conducted, etc.

After a spirited back and forth, a motion was made that, beginning in 2024 the Board will meet each of the 6 months and the club membership will be invited to meet at 3 of those meetings on alternating dates. Also, the Board meetings will begin at 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Those meetings where club membership will attend, can arrive at 6:00pm, and perhaps eat dinner at Bakers with other members.

Doug Cook made a motion to approve, Ken Galdes seconded the motion, all voted to approve.

New Business

WDC. Ken spoke briefly and handed out information sheets to those that were attending this weekend's Woodward Dream Cruise (WDC) activities at the M1 Concourse, Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19.

POCI National Convention 2026. Ken reported on the clubs involvement regarding the POCI National Convention to be held in Pontiac, Michigan in July 2026.

Ken and Ray Golota attended a reception at the Pontiac Transportation Museum (PTM) on Friday, July 28. Some of the hurdles to be solved are; availability of

the M1 Concourse, club membership help, hotel room availability, and transportation.

New Business, con't

Our Motor City Chapter 91 of the POCI will partner with Michigan Widetrackers POCI and the West Michigan Chapter POCI with the challenge of helping to host this event.

Hosting this convention could be a timely benefit to the City of Pontiac, as well as a great way to introduce the PTM to the rest of the world.

Future shows. Ray suggested that maybe we look at changing the date of the 10th Annual Summer Round Up to later in the year, August or September. We would have to see what dates Bakers would have open, along with what other shows we may be competing with.

Summer Round Up. We will meet at Bakers of Milford on Friday, September 15 at 4:00pm to set-up for the 9th Annual Summer Round Up on Saturday, September 16. Any additional help will be appreciated.

Lake Street Cruise-In. Don't forget, our club is the featured club at the Wednesday, August 23rd Lake Street Cruise-In, 6:30pm-9:30pm in downtown South Lyon. The show begins when they close the streets at 6:30pm. lakestreetcruisein.com

This concludes the meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by Kenny and concluded around 7:45pm.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, October 19, 7pm at Bakers.

Respectively submitted by, Doug Cook Secretary https://motorcitypoci.com/about-us/