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President

We're less than 2 weeks away from the Club's annual car show on August 24 at Bakers of Milford. As you know, we've expanded the car makes to include the Saturn Sky and pre 1999 Cadillacs, so help spread the word to all your friends. We hope this move increases the attendance at the show and makes it the biggest yet, which allows more dollars to our charities.

As many of you know, this is also the weekend of the Trans Am Nationals, so there will be key club members who are not able to attend our show, since they'll be there instead. That means the remaining club members will have to step up and fill in where we need help, during set up on Friday night and on the day of the show.

As some of you may know, I've been laid up with a bum shoulder. It got bad enough I decided to have surgery. Although it seems to be healing up and getting better, it seems to be going very slowly. My wife Linda has also had surgery recently so we've been staying at home mostly recuperating, going to physical therapy and trying to behave ourselves. It's been especially bad since I can't go too far away from home, because I have to be there for Linda. Oh well, I have trouble driving the GTO anyways since it's a stick shift, so no big deal.

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Ramblings of an Irishman

Editor: Brian Dougherty

Be sure to give a heartfelt thanks to our president and treasurer the next time you see them. Without their hard work, our car show would be nothing special and we would not be able to give so much to charity.

Ray should also be doubly thanked for his hard work as the treasurer in completing all the work demanded by the IRS and for the buy it now list of donations that is being currently offered to the club membership ahead of the show.

As I'm putting this newsletter together (late as usual) I again am disappointed because it seems to be a diary of my exploits, not of the members. Except for an article by Mike Cushing, pictures from Ray G. and a wonderful submission by Marge Sawruk, it only includes events I've been involved with or attended.

I need your stories. Certainly, you've all not been sitting at home all summer. Send me stories of your adventures and happenings.

Since it's car season now, I've left the "fluff" stories out and only included Member Happening's stories.

As mentioned above, Marge sent me excerpts from letters written by her eventual husband, John M. Sawruk when he worked for Pontiac Motor Division of GM as a student the summer before his senior year of college. The letters were written to Marjorie V. Wetmore (Marge), his girlfriend and soon to be fiancée at the time. These include car related items only, so no mushy stuff in the letters.

As I read through them and retype them for the newsletter, there's some pretty interesting stuff in them. It must of seemed like Disney World to a summer intern who loved cars. Please enjoy and be sure to thank Marge for saving the letters and sharing them with the club. These are really special!

For those of you who never met John, he was the ultimate expert on all things Pontiac based on his career at GM and the fact I believe he ran the PMD historical department in his later years. He was an adamant collector as well. The editor only met him briefly once before his untimely passing, but everything I've heard is, he was wonderful.

REMINDER.

THE DATES FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL POCI CONVEN-TION AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PONTIAC BRAND HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE JUNE 23-27, 2026. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IT TAKES AN ARMY OF PEOPLE TO PUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS TOGETHER, SO EXPECT REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE TO EITHER WORK ON COMMITTEES OR TO HELP OUT IN OTHER WAYS.

THE MAIN EVENTS WILL BE AT MI CONCOURSE WITH LOTS OF SIDE TRIPS TO HISTORICAL, SIGNIFICANT AREAS LIKE THE PONTIAC TRANSPORTATION MUSE-UM, WHO BY THE WAY WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE CONVENTION TO PONTIAC MICHI-GAN.

Treasurer's notes:

Ray Golota

At the PTM Grand Opening the other day, I talked to Dan Kane of the Widetrackers and he told me the IRS needs our expense reports for 2019, 2020 and 2021 to proceed with the re-classification of our club to become a 501C7 club.

Unfortunately, Lots of hard work for the treasurer!



Please let me know if you want any items from the Buy-it-Now list I sent out a couple weeks ago before the show. It's generated \$1700.00 so far.

Our website, www.motorcitypoci.com

Our 2024 car show is Aug 24th. Flyer attached at end of newsletter.

<u> Highlights - Membership</u>

- Motor City balance \$16,453
- ChadTough balance \$25.67
- Total \$16,478.67
- 27 pre-registered for the car show. Last year at this time we had 41.
- \$9365 from sponsors. \$1000 from sponsor sent directly to Kocur Foundation

Our 10th Annual Summer Roundup is Aug. 24th.

- New this year, adding Saturn Sky & Cadillac/LaSalle pre 1999 only
- Top 30 & 11 Special awards
- Pre-registration \$15 makes you eligible for 8 items postmarked by Aug. 17th
- Door prizes 48
- Buy it Now items 60+, Buy it Now Gift cards 10+
- Drawing for a \$100 & \$200 gas card
- Special raffles & 50/50

Upcoming Events

- Dream Cruise week 8-10 thru 8-17
- Memories Cruise 8-19
- MC POCI Summer Roundup 8-24
- Cruisin Hines 8-25

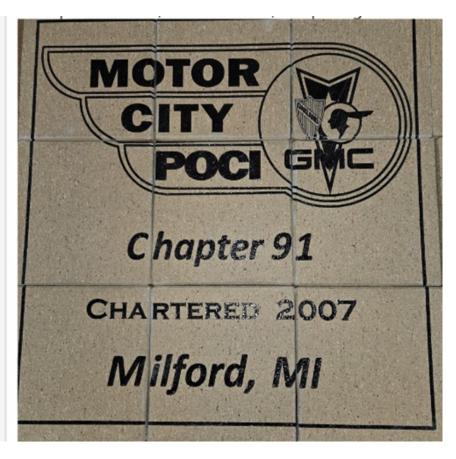
Lake Street Cruise in 8-28

If you want specific shows go to:

https://cruisnmedia.com/events-calendar/

Ray Golota

Treasurer Motor City POCI



Paving bricks are done at the PTM and on display.

Activities Coordinator:

On Wednesday, May 22, Motor City POCI visited the offices of ChadTough/Defeat DIPG in Saline, Michigan, to drop off this year's contribution to this great charity. In the photo below, Jason Carr, cofounder of ChadTough, is accepting a check for \$5,000.00 from Motor City Events Coordinator Mike Cushing and Treasurer Ray Golota.



Mike and Sheila Cushing



Established upon the death of their five year old son Chad in 2015, Jason Carr and wife Tammi have led the national effort to identify the source of DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, a particularly lethal type of pediatric brain cancer), to help develop treatment and a possible cure. The current survival rate is zero; however, life spans after diagnoses have increased, and where a cure was once unthinkable, it is now anticipated within the next twenty years.

Jason is the son of former University of Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr, has played at Michigan, and is the father of freshman Notre Dame quarterback CJ Carr. Tammi is the daughter of former Michigan DB Tom Curtis, a record holder in his own right.

Motor City POCI, also a contributor to another major charity as well as the new Pontiac Transportation Museum, has supported the ChadTough Foundation for four years. Motor City POCI continues highlighting our generous and invaluable sponsors, this month featuring Schram Auto Parts based in Waterford, Michigan. Recently, the author had a chance to visit the Waterford Schram facility and catch up with the busy husband and wife team, Debbie and Tom Schram. Tom co-owns the family business with brothers Bob and Ken, and are assisted by Debbie. The business consists of two full-service part sales outlets (in Waterford and Mason), and two self-service stores (U-Pull and Save in Pontiac and Mason).

In 1923, Harold Schram relocated from the Upper Peninsula to Pontiac, Michigan to take advantage of those now famous Ford Motor 5.00 daily wages in the automotive factories. As an outside interest, he bought scrap cars to salvage their pre-

cious metals, until one day a man stopped to inquire about the purchase of a part from one of the cars. Schram Auto Parts was born!

Over the years, the business has passed to the fourth generation (with a member of the fifth "learning the ropes"). Each generation has contributed



to the current state of the business, Some of the challenges Schram has faced may have seemed daunting at the time, but current owners Debbie and Tom are proud of the job they have done integrating their business into the computerized world of today. Tom and Debbie drive their business on the principle that "we can't sell a part if we can't find it!" As we reviewed rows and aisles of parts, engines, and wheels, Tom remarked that at one time long ago, inventory cards were the only method with which to track inventory! Schram acquires scrap cars through several main avenues, including insurance write-offs and car auctions, among others. Schram has worked hard to identify his company as a salvage operation, focusing on recycling and the word "junk" implies parts of no value. But these parts all have value, and are very important to people who simply want to maintain and/or upgrade their vehicle.

Schram carries parts for all makes and models of cars, that are brought to their facility, drained of all fluids, and dismantled. Useable parts are then cleaned, tested, painted (if needed), and sold. Warranties are offered for at least 100 days, with mechanical parts sometimes offered with up to three year warranties.

Schram Auto Parts annually donates to Motor City charities, and merits consideration for recycled parts that you may need. The Schram folks have been doing this

for a long time, have a staff of 15 trained salespeople ready to help, and an inventory that is considerable.



Mike Cushing Activities Coordinator

Member Happenings:

Widetracker Dust Off June 8th

To the right, we see several local bums that showed up, Wait, I think I'm mistaken and they're fellow club members. Stu, Ray G., Jerry, Ken and Don.





To the left, we see fellow member Bruce checking out all the cars. I'm sorry I didn't get a picture of his lovely wife Amy and their daughter who were also there enjoying the day.

To the right we see my favorite generation of GMC trucks. (Can you tell cause I have one!).

Lots of beautiful cars in the background of each of the photos too if you look closely.



To the right is fellow member Don Masch and his son along with their great looking Grand Prix.



Below is a wide view picture of the show field at Golling of Lake Orion.



The editor didn't count how many swap vendors they had there, but it looked like they were busy when I finally had a chance to walk around.

Another beautiful GMC truck to the right.





Not sure who's car is to the left, but I thought it was a great example.

The club mostly parked along the very first row, as seen in the background.



I know the pictures above are getting pretty boring to us mere mortals. Again we see both Ray Golota and Stu Jackson accepting awards for their beautiful GTO's. I figure by now, their houses must weigh twice as much as when they were built because of all the awards they have. Ray needs to watch out that his house doesn't slide into the lake he lives on!

Just kidding guys!!!

Member Happenings:

Bandit Run at the PTM June 12th





The PTM parking lot was full the whole time!





They were parked 2 deep in the front circle drive also!



The police car was manned by a father– son duo. Just like in the movie.



The PTM mural makes for a great photoop doesn't it.



The Snow Man Cometh!

Even though this person did not have the custom trailer to accompany them, I hear there have been complete sets of tractor and trailer painted just like Snowman's at previous Bandit Runs.





Yes, your eyes do not deceive you. The picture to the right shows a Mustang with the TransAm decal on the hood. I'm surprised some purist hasn't set the car on fire.



The auditorium was packed while Terry Connolly gave a personal presentation to the participants. What a great day for the Museum and participant's alike.

Member Happenings:

As some of you may know, the editor was invited to show my 1970 Grand Prix at the Eyes on Design show again this year. This was the third time I had a car there

and my fifth time there overall (I volunteered twice before) over the last 15 or so years. As usual, it was a great show and every time I've been there, the weather has been fantastic. This year's theme was showcasing the automotive designer's over the years and mine was for the Bill Mitchell era (even though Ben Harrison and John De-



lorean were instrumental in the design). As usual there was a mixture of American, European and Japanese cars there. From my paltry \$30k Pontiac to million dollar Bugatti's, Pierce Arrows and priceless show cars. I'll show the cars that got my attention only. It would be too much to show all the cars there.









Eyes on Design June 16th











As a youngster growing up in the 60's, you couldn't help falling in love with a Jag E-Type. I mean the Vette was nice, but a Jag stirred the imagination!

When one of my Grandmother's passed away, I was supposed to get her very low mileage 1967 Toronado from her estate, but her no good brother sold it along with other valuables illegally before I got my hands on it! I love these cars, but not as nice as the Pontiac's.





I not only loved the Jag, but the Italian cars of the 60's also got your blood into a fever! Another great Cadillac concept vehicle to the left.











If you're not aware, the Eyes On Design

competition has been held at the Ford mansion in St. Claire Shores for many years. You can take a tour of the house and grounds during the show or during visiting hours. It's well worth it. Beautiful location and grounds and the house is spectacular!









At the show was a concept car I had never seen or heard of before. It was shown as a 2008 Pontiac G8 and it was beautiful. The G8 to me was always a good looking car and a great performer, but this concept vehicle was stunning. It looked like a G8 on steroids! I didn't realize it existed? I wonder if they would miss it if it went missing?



Member Happenings:

Wings and Wheels June 22nd

Michigan Flight Museum and Air Adventures—Formerly Yankee Air Museum



On June 22nd, Al Houtman. Terry Connolly, Larry Mihalco and I had the pleasure of representing the PTM at the Air Museum's Wings and Wheels show at the Willow Run Airport. It was a very long day but the weather cooperated and there was lots to see.

Above is, I believe the same Motorama Bus that was at our show in 2014? The Oakland to the right is the one we took representing the Museum.





Here we see some nice old single props on display. Remember, these guys are just as passionate about their planes as we are about our cars.



I thought this was the coolest truck there!







To the left I believe is an old Ford Model T and to the right is one of the Dymaxion vehicles invented by Buckminster Fuller, Architect extraordinaire borrowed from the Ford Museum. I never checked on the price, but you could take a fairly long helicopter ride while you were there.





There was a lot of cool vintage iron there on display, cars and planes! This one reminds me of the movie Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

I can't remember which plane this was, but it had lots of guns.





If memory serves, this was a home made helicopter.

Member Happenings:

PTM Open House July 27th



Every body I've talked to agrees that the PTM's Grand Opening was a huge success. I haven't heard the final numbers but my guess is somewhere between 500 and 600 people visited throughout the day. Keep in mind, this day took a team of people months to put together and make it a success.

In front of the mural, I snuck a picture of Tim and Penny Dye and I'm not sure, but I think their daughter, niece and other relatives.







Food trucks to the left (in circle drive) and volunteer classic cars on the east lawn.



On a serious note, this is a picture of Al's and my cars on the east lawn while volunteering during the day.

At the end of the evening, fellow volunteer Tony Karew and his band gave an outdoor concert in the parking lot. It was a perfect ending to a perfect day. Does anyone remember the ballon to the left? Our club owned it at one time but donated it to the PTM several years ago because it's a pain to set up, erect and store. Al Houtman and I had the "privilege" of putting it up since we were experienced at it, even though it's been 6-7 years since we did it. If a video pops up on YouTube or America's Funniest Videos showing two guys taking hours and fumbling around putting this up, that would be Al and I, but by god, we got it done!





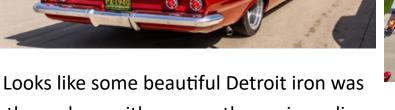
Member Happenings:



Vanguard Open House May 4th

The editor wasn't able to make one of our sponsors open house due to family commitments, but Ray G. was able to make it and supplied me with the pictures and notes. It looks like there was over 300 cars there that day as evidenced by the drone picture below.







Looks like some beautiful Detroit iron was there along with some rather unique displays.





Interesting Stuff:

The following is the communication between a young John Sawruk and his soon to be lovely wife, Marge. It's about his year as an intern at PMD and all the exciting things he saw and was able to do. The letters are daily communication from him from early June to late August 1967. They are funny and entertaining but because of the amount of letters, I've decided to split it up into 2 newsletters. I thank Marge very much for sharing this intimate record of her husbands humble beginnings and observances.

June 9, 1967

The first part I saw was a run by Bob Greene and this was a dynamometer testing of the engine, transmission and of the entire car. The operator sits behind bullet-proof glass to avoid the effects of the spectacular explosions which sometimes occur. To test the whole car, they walked me through a hot room (140 and the cold room –60 F). The other part was an experimental engine design where all the weird ideas are thought up and tried out. I may work in either of these or even some other field.

I was given my choice of a car to get back to the hotel. Engineering has about 400 stock cars (they look stock anyways) for evaluation (this means outright use) by the engineering staff (they take them home). These cars are loaded with gauges/ test equipment. Being placed in a field of 400 Pontiacs of all kinds, I could not make up my mind and so I took them all. What kind do you think I chose?

June 10, 1967

I know I didn't tell you before about the kind of tests I saw ran yesterday on the engine. One was the development test where they see how much power the engine has and don't care if it breaks. I saw a '68 engine being broken in this part.

The other section is the durability section where I saw two '68 engines being tested. One was run in the standard test at 4500 rpm with the throttle wide open. The other was a '68GTO Ram Air being put through a new kind of test– Idle to 5500 rpm and above and back again. The object of the testis is to find structural weaknesses in the engine. The engines are run so long and hard that the exhaust manifolds glow red hot! (This isn't normal) If the engine won't break, the test is made harder until it does. When the engine goes, the doors on it's room lock, a siren goes off, everyone runs and the room is filled with CO2.

June 11, 1967

It seems that the looks of the firebird will not change , there will probably be an OHC V8 this year; the single leaf rear spring on the FB gets a heave, the OHC6 will have 250 cu. In., the small V8 will be 350 cu. In.

June 13, 1967

The '68 Pontiac is ugly, but the '69 is even uglier.

Today I did several things. I had to get seven cars ('67 bodies with '68 running gear) repaired and readied for road testing by Mr. Malone, the chief engineer. I also worked on a problem concerning the '68 and '69 cylinder heads, including compression ratio, valve seats, combustion chamber, etc. I forgot to tell you– I am in the engine group of exp. Eng.— where reliability and performance is determined. We will begin making the '68 pilot models tomorrow and the trouble should increase. We are busy and short handed. I also get to do a lot of legwork attempting to find out what is going on with our experimental engines– such as what is wrong etc. For example, today I had to find out why the compression ratio was low on one engine. I had to develop a method in 5 minutes to accurately determine it with the equipment we had.

Remember the orange firebird we saw at the auto show? Frank Sinatra just bought it for \$20,000. We are presently putting it back together.

I also saw a project today which is secret, which made me drool, which cost \$, which is shelved (darn). We also have two interesting secret crates out back.

June 22, 1967

I have driven firebirds, but I don't like them as much as the Tempest, and I like the big car even better.

Look on page 54 in Motor Trend and you see the PFST. It is not on pg. 54 but it is on pg 55. When I drove the car, our group had installed a Rochester 2bbl;s in place of the Webers. It is tough sounding and cool.

I am amazed st the mount of responsibility they give you here. The only auto company with a smaller engineering dept is Cadillac. For example, right now I have charge of the 1968 rods to be used in the 6 cyl engine.

Some other projects I have: quench area check (on this I work with Skip McCully, one of the original Ramchargers): pump up test on a customer engine from Florida. Hold it. Let me Tell you about our scientific pump-up test. The customer complained the engine would not go over 4400 rpm. I had the engine (a 428 HO) installed in a 2+2 and took Mr. Hartzell, in charge of valve trains, for our superwizard, fantastic test. We drove out to I-75 (10 min from plant) and a deserted new highway. We then wind back in 1st gear, 2nd gear, 3rd gear and 4th gear. The car went 5300 rpm at the shift points. What a fast car! See Mr. Hartzell turn green. I have 20 1968 models to perform the same type of test on. Pump-up speed was designed to be 5300 rpm. See John turn 6000. See Mr. Hartzell get happy, since this is his part. See us both not believe it (we use calibrated tach). See us do it over and over again. See us return to the engineering building. See no one believe us. See many people go ride in car. See them not believe themselves. See us all in shock. See us spend the next week trying to figure out why this happened. See us go crazy.

I get to drive all types of cars. I have had Ram Air GTO's, Firebirds and big Ponchos. I had a Catalina 2 Dr Hdtp, 4 spd, 2 bbl, 400 cu.in. engine today and it is pretty nice. The Hurst linkage is great. The firebird linkage sticks (it is not a Hurst). You will be happy to know that I have made my mark on the automotive industry. The pump-up tests I am currently running are among the last tests performed on the '68 models. The cars look like '67's, but are '68's completely underneath. You should see the shocked look of the drivers of 396 Camaros and the 390 Muskrats when we wipe them on the highway with a car that says "326" on the outside. Heh Heh. What I know . Heh Heh. Ask your brother what he thinks of a production, hydraulic cam, not OHC V8 engine which will turn 6300 rpm. Heh Heh.. No one had any idea the engine would crank like this until I started the test, I do it with another guy who records the electronic data. Our cars have about 2 x 10 gauges to record. As a result of my finding the '68 engine will have GTO bearings, oil pump and other items, since they are suddenly afraid of warranty problems, all because of me!

The nicest car I had since I was here (I mean the one I like the most) was a Tempest LeMans 2 dr coupe with air conditioning and this '68 engine. I have about 20 cars to go in my tests. I have to test 3 of every engine Pontiac makes, which means quite a few.

June 26, 1967

GeeTo's with 4 speed transmissions are cool!!!!

June 30, 1967

I have seen the GM central building in Detroit and Corvair and Chevy II assembly at Willow Run. There is a 1968 Corvair. It looks the same, but has different upholstery and a rectangular red side lights on the fenders. The '68 Chevy II looks sharp. (We weren't supposed to see them). I also went to the proving grounds at Milford. I have seen the '68 Caddy's, Chevelles, Camaros and Vettes. I have also seen the 1968 Euclid Earthmovers. I had an interesting experience yesterday. We took out a '67 GTO for a high rpm test (the pig only turned 5750). It had an experimental engine in it. After the test was over we were cruising on the freeway returning to the engineering building. One exit away, while doing 45 or 50 mph and 2200 rpm, the engine exploded. Arrgh. What a mess! We had to call our repair shop and be towed in. It was an "old", by our standards engine, so it did better than expected. It will be torn down Mon. to try to determine what happened. You can tell your brother that our first inspection from outside the engine makes it look like an oil pan failure– Namely several connecting rods are through it. Have to have the oil pan boys shape up! (and make the oil pans out of armor plate!). I no sooner returned to the office when I am handed my next assignment. Drive a '67 2+2 on the freeway for quite a way at a high rpm. I have been assured that the engine is most likely going to blow up. One of the other engineers will follow in a chase car which has a big motor and a strong tow rope. Oh, by the way, the engine which blew up was worth \$50,000. Where else could you destroy a \$50,000 piece of equipment and have people be happy about it (because they feel something is learned from it). The firebird looks the same and does not have disappearing wipers.

July 6, 1967

I now realize that the reason Pontiac has about the smallest engineering dept is because everyone works like a dog—but I like it anyway.

The reason the 88V-400A 2 fell apart (spell that blew up) was that a bearing on the rod journal froze up. This was caused by the fact that when this GTO engine was built, someone goofed and installed a 326 oil pump. For about .20 cents a \$50,000 engine is shot.

Piece of connecting rod of 450,000 engine (one of 10 pieces of the engine) I would have sent a piece of the bearing, but it is permanently fried onto the crankshaft. I have been assigned to determine what type of oil will be used in cars (new) when they are assembled. This affects about a million cars only. The fact that I am given this responsibility should indicate how much has to be done here. July 11, 1967

I also discovered that the engine plant was making and installing defective rocker arms. I have made a lot of trouble in just a few weeks, which makes me happy.

July 16, 1967

As long as magazine writers do things like missing shifts and blowing up clutches and engines, we will be busy on Sat trying to straighten out the cars for the "big shots" on the 14th floor—(Donner, Roche etc.)

I am learning an awful lot about what cars will be like in later years. I had a Catalina the other day that had a 1971 driveline in it. It felt alright. On the other hand we have a station wagon with a 1970 suspension and steering in it and it is a disaster.

July 18, 1967

See John drive the "PFST" (try to pronounce that!) yesterday. It had the Webers put back on. It is an engine group car—the only other group connected with it is chassis development and they haven't done too much with it. See all the tele-phone repairmen turn to see what's coming. Hear the "PFST" go rump-rump. See all the Bell Tel men gape. See the "PFST" fly for a six. It is unreal! Could it be that the exhaust is just a little loud? — well, yes, it does have mufflers even it it doesn't sound like it.

July 22, 1967

This project involving which break-in oil should be used in our cars has turned out to be much bigger than I expected.

Ha ha, ha ha, ha ha! See the pretty pieces of cast iron. It is called a high flo, high rev engine. Look at the funny camshaft it has those old ridiculous mechanical lifters. Look at those funny pipes on the side of the heads. The are called tubing headers. They cannot be good because they make a lot of noise. See the funny Looking things on top of the engine. They are called dual four barrel carbs. See the funny cast iron turn 7200 rpm. See the funny HP reading. It is not a racing engine. It is for people who wish for superior performance in their car. Such people as Curtis Turner, Marvin Panch etc. Heh heh, ha ha and so forth.

See the funny car. It is bigger than a Tempest, but smaller that a Pontiac. What can it be? Ha ha, he he. Ha ha (it isn't a Firebird either)

We are busier than ever. This hush hush Hi-Flo thing is taking up a lot of time, we are rejoicing because we finally got a Ram –Air to stay together for 25,000 mile (the warranty is 50,000 miles, however) and there is a hot new project which involves something called the xx (censored) which occurs once a year in the state of xx (censored) in the beginning of the year, which involves xx (forbidden word) which someone you know very well goes to every year. Unfortunately, I have to admit, our chances of being able to do something spectacular in this xx (forbidden word) are net to nil unless some kind of miracle occurs, which is unlikely.

Blah to Ford. We sent Skip McCully, an engine development engineer, one of the original Ramchargers, and one of my friends here, to try and buy a 427 Fairlane to compare against our xxx cu. In. GTO, Ha ha. Good luck. He was investigated and was told he was unable to order one because he didn't have a Nascar license. We sent other people down and they were told the same thing. It seems it is a "limited production, special order, limited availability engine". Ford advertising is apparently pushing a hot-air engine. Remove one worry from PMD's head.

July 24, 1967

There is no 448 cu. In. V-8 as all the books are predicting. There are some other goody engines coming however, with more goodies to follow in '69.

The F-bird will not have 3-2bbls at this moment. This is in opposition to Motor Trend's prediction. The PFST always need new parts, mainly because t is driven so hard—like new rear axles, trans, etc. July 28, 1967

I got to drive in the cold room today. It was 60 below zero. We are doing carb checks on the '68 models. The test is as follows: the car is allowed to soak in the cold for 16 hours to 3 days: we get in and try to start it. We crank until it starts the battery is given no rest.

The GTO we had today took eight seconds to start and this was considered poor! Immediately after it starts the throttle is floored. This is exceptionally good for engine life. The severity of the tests here is amazing. The test then continues on through a set of schedules.

I took the '68 GTO and a '68 Sprint out on the road and it is amazing how few people notice them—but the ones that do go crazy. The '68 GTO has to be one of the best looking cars ever made.

You can tell your brother the PFST put out 253 honest HP when it had the 230 cu. In. engine. It now has an xxx cu. In. OHC: it flies. We also have something going which I do not consider fantastic, but which is interesting. It is a censored. We also have a censored censored censored which looks like a disaster, but is admittedly a good idea, don't you agree?

July 29, 1967

I had some fun the other day. Hartzell and I went out in a '67 LeMans with a '68 xxx HO cu. In. engine, with me driving. On Joslyn Ave., where the engineering building is, we stopped for a light. Next to us appears a '67 LeMans with a 326 HO engine. Hear the rump rump. See Hartzell and me wipe out the stock '67. See the surprised face in the rear view mirror frow smaller. Ha ha.

You can tell your brother that it is alright that Curtis Turner isn't racing, because Pontiac isn't either. Ho ho. I can't wait for the fun to begin, and it will, if nothing comes along to mess it up.

We ran the first '69 engine last week. It is a 428 HO and it put out quite a bit of HP on the engine dyno. **To be completed in next newsletter!**

Funnies: These were sent to me by a friend so I hope no one takes offense to any

Fishing Trip!

Dave and his buddies were hanging out and planning an upcoming fishing trip. Unfortunately, he had to tell them that he couldn't go this time because his wife wouldn't let him. After a lot of teasing and name calling, Dave headed home frustrated.

The following week when Dave's buddies arrived at the lake to set up camp, they were shocked to see Dave. He was already sitting at the campground with a cold beer, swag rolled out, fishing rod in hand, and a camp fire glowing.

"How did you talk your missus into letting you go Dave?"

"I didn't have to," Dave replied.

Yesterday, when I left work , I went home and slumped down in my chair with a beer to drown my sorrows because I couldn't go fishing. Then the ol' lady snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said, 'Surprise'."

"When I peeled her hands back, she was standing there in a beautiful see through negligee and she said, ' Take me into the bedroom, tie me to the bed and you can do whatever you want'.....

So, Here I am!"

A Catholic guy goes into the confessional box.

He notices on one side a fully equipped bar with Single Malt Scotches, Irish Whiskeys, and Guinness on tap.

On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest Cuban cigars.

A magazine rack has Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issues, GQ's, and Esquires going back 3 years.

CNN stock prices are running along the bottom of the flat screen TV permanently set to the Golf Channel.

Then the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting these days."

The priest replies "Get out. You're on my side."

This is for all tax payers.

THE JOB - URINE TEST

(Whoever wrote this one deserves a HUGE pat on the back!)

Like most folks in this country, I have a job. I work, they pay me. I pay my taxes and the government distributes my taxes as it sees fit. In order to get that paycheck in my case, I am required to pass a random urine test (with which I have no problem). What I do have a problem with is the distribution of my taxes to people who don't have to pass a urine test.

So, here is my Question: Shouldn't one have to pass a urine test to get a welfare check because I have to pass one to earn it for them?

Please understand, I have no problem with helping people get back on their feet. I do, on the other hand, have a problem with helping someone sitting on their ass - doing drugs, while I work. . . . Can you imagine how much money each state would save if people had to pass a urine test to get a public assistance check?

I guess we could title that program, 'Urine or You're Out'.

Pass this along if you agree or simply delete if you don't. Hope you all will pass it along, though. Some thing has to change in this country -- and soon!!!!!!!

This should boggle your mind especially when this info is outdated by a few years.

HOW BIG IS WALMART?

1.. Americans spend \$36,000,000 at Wal-Mart every hour of every day.

2. This works out to \$20,928 profit every minute!

3. Wal-Mart will sell more from January 1 to St.Patrick's Day (March 17th) than Target sells all year.

4. Wal-Mart is bigger than Home Depot + Kroger + Target + Sears + Costco + K-Mart combined.
5. Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people and is the largest private employer. And most can't speak English

6. Wal-Mart is the largest company in the history of the World.

7. Wal-Mart now sells more food than Kroger & Safeway combined, and keep in mind they did this in only 15 years.

8. During this same period, 31 Supermarket chains sought bankruptcy (including Winn-Dixie).9. Wal-Mart now sells more food than any other store in the world.

10. Wal-Mart has approx 3,900 stores in the USA of which 1,906 are Super Centers; this is 1,000 more than it had 5 years ago.

11 This year 7.2 billion different purchasing experiences will occur at a Wal-Mart store. (Earth's population is approximately 6.5 billion.)

12. 90% of all Americans live within 15 miles of a Wal-Mart

Let Wal-Mart bail out Wall Street. Better yet Let them run the damn Government

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Classifieds:

Stay tuned for items to be listed for sale from the PTM. They have a large assortment of parts that need to go to a good home.

The Museum also has an extensive library with too many extra manuals/ paperwork to list. If there is one you specifically need, contact me or the Museum to see if they have an extra and want to part with it.

For Sale:

1968 Ram Air II Heads/Exhaust Manifolds, \$4500 1968 WS Block, \$450 1973-74 Super Duty Heads/Block, \$10,000 1967 HO/RA Exhaust Manifolds, \$400 62 Casting Rebuilt Heads, \$600 1965-79 Performer Intake, \$200 1961-64 Aluminum Intake, \$500, 1964 GTO Bumpers- good cores, \$600 pr. 1964-65 front inner wells, \$200 pr. 1962-65 GM Front Bucket Seats, \$400 pr.

1969 62 Casting Heads, Redone, New Valves, Springs, \$800 pr.

1962 4bolt 389 block, \$800; Much More,

Kevin Yash 248 470 4040

Motor City POCI Chapter 91 of Pontiac Oakland Club International Octor P1 of Pontiac Oakland Club International Octor P1 of Pontiac Oakland Club International NEW DATE • Saturday • Aug. 24, 2024 @ Bakers of Milford 2025 S. Milford Rd. Milford Open to all Pontiac, Oakland, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC, New THES YEAR Saturn Sky & (Cadillac/LaSalle pre 1999 only)					
Awards – Must be present to Win Top 30 Judged by Independent Judges Judged by Independent Judges Judged by Independent Judges Best of Show Best of Show Best Paint People's Choice Best Engine Survivor Restored Stock (new) Joe Kocur ChadTough Bakers LaFontaine	Schedule of Events 8:00-10:30 Registration 10:00 Car show starts 10:30 Door prizes (pre-registered announced first) 11:00-12:00 Buy it Now 1:00 S0/50 sale ends 2:00 Awards, & S0/50 Great Door Prizes (30+) S0/50 DJ — requests taken Food Available				
Curtis Excavating Sponsor Awards Veterans Award (2) Pre-registration \$15.00 (includes)	Registration Day of Show \$20				

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The Prefecta Prize Give Away (drawing to be held on August 24th)

How this works. At the first show (June 8) you will receive a punch card, which will be punched. Bring that card to the second show (Aug. 24) and it will be punched, will then have 2 punches. If you <u>did not</u> attend the first show, you received a punch card at the second show and it will be punched (1 punch). On the Aug. 24 show all punch cards will be placed in a bucket for the drawing. The first drawing for the \$100 gas card will have all punched cards. The second drawing will have just the cards that have 2 punches.

- June 8 35th Annual Spring Dust Off <u>www.miwidetrackers16.org</u>

 @ Golling Buick GMC, 1491 S Lapeer Rd, Orion Twp., MI 48360
- August 24 10th Annual Summer Roundup <u>www.motorcitypoci.com/forms-2024/</u>

@ Bakers of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, MI 48381

Attend 1 show-you have a chance to win a \$100 Gas Card

Attend 2 shows-you have a chance to win a <u>\$200 Gas Card</u>

*Pre-registration eligibility-Must be present to Win

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 list of items

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

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Holiday Inn Springdale/Fayetteville Area

1500 South 48th Street, Springdale, AR, 72764

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(479) 751-8300 "Mention the POCI Convention"

Booking Link: POCI-Online Booking

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Hampton Inn & Suites Springdale 1700 S. 48th Street Springdale, Arkansas 72762 USA

Convention Updates

2024 POCI Convention updates will be posted here as they come available.

2024 Convention Activities (tours, banquets, etc.) will be available for purchase on 3/15/24.

2025 POCI Convention

The 2025 POCI convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky Stay tuned for more information on registration and the hotel reservation process.

Thanks to our members for attending and supporting our annual conventions!

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Scooters: Information to follow

For convention questions, call the POCI Club Office (763) 479-2111

The convention registration fee is nonrefundable.

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MUNDY TWP. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC 14TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Aug.11th 2024 Mundy Twp Station 4011 W. Hill Rd 12-5pm

Dash Plaques to first 100 cars

- Door Prizes
- Raffles
- Trophies
- Food from Pitsmoke Bar-B-Que



All Proceeds go to Mundy Twp Firefighters Association



- Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane -OFFY Classic Cap Show



10 a.m. to 3 p.m. * Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at Perry City Hall * 203 West Polly Street * Perry, MI (First Street North/West of the RR Tracks)

Pre-Register on-line CarShowSoftware.com Bottom of any page \$20 Per Vehicle

First 30 registered Vehicles Guarantees Goodie Bag Dash Plaque T-Shirt

> Registration on Day of Show Begins at 9 a.m.

Participant Vote

To Pre-register or for More Information about the Classic Car Show, Contact: Stu Jackson 517.675.6908 or Jackson.stu@gmail.com





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Minimum of 50 Over all Winners Plus "5 Top Outstanding" Plus "Mayors Choice" "Police Chief Choice" "Sheriff Choice" "Young Participant" "Theme Based" "Veterans Award" "Best of Show"

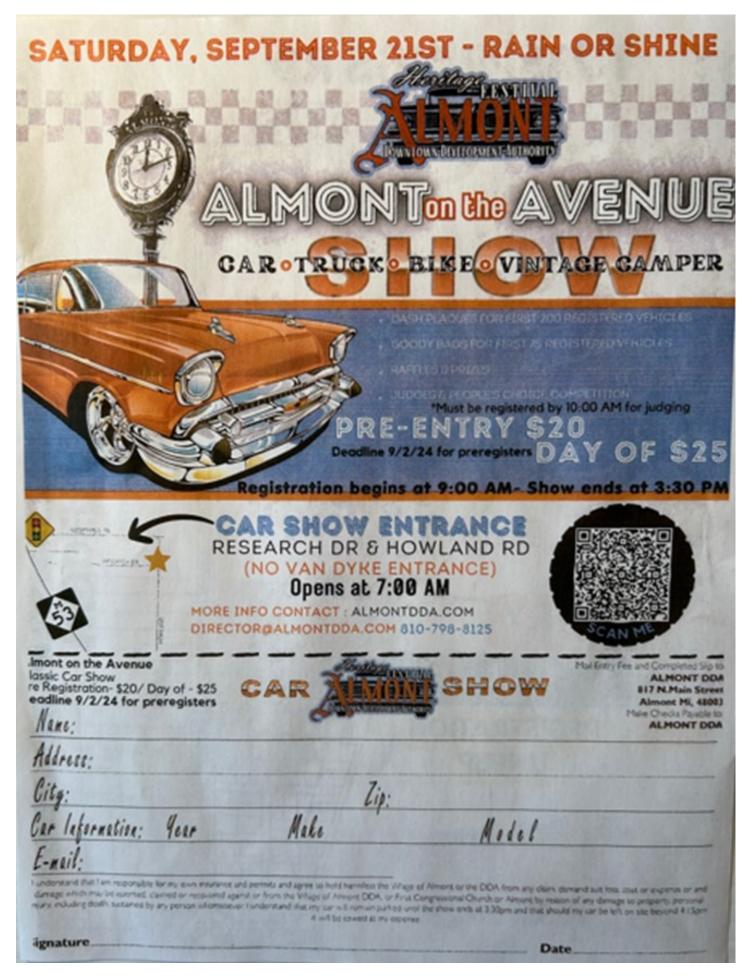
Awards Presented At 3 p.m.

Votes Computer Tabulated

On Site Food Vendors

Door Prizes





Motor City POCI Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, July 18, 2024

Club board members met at Bakers of Milford restaurant at 4:00pm.

In attendance: Kenny Galdes, Ray Golota, Brian Doughterty, Phil Balmford, Mike Cushing, Kevin Yash, and Doug Cook.

Kenny kicked off the meeting at 4:09pm.

Just a reminder, this is the 2024 schedule for future board and board/membership meetings. All meetings will be held at Bakers of Milford.

- Aug 15 Board CANCELLED
- Aug 23 Board and car show set-up
- Sept 19 Board and (Membership@6:00pm)

Treasurer report-Finances/Expenses

Ray Golota reported on the health of the club finances, detailing current account activity. Ken presented sponsor donations totaling \$3,000, Ray also received a donation of \$1,000 that was directly paid to the Joe Kocur foundation. Total cash sponsor donation thus far is \$9,915.

2024 10th Annual Pontiac Summer Roundup

- Ray reported pre-registrations for the car show is currently 24. The number of pre-registrations seems low given the show is roughly 5 weeks out. Kevin Yash mentioned that Trans-Am Nationals in Ohio is being held the same weekend as our show, so that may affect our attendance.
- To date, Ray has received many items that will be used for; Pre-Registration prize drawing, the Buy-It-Now prize pool for club members only, items that can be bought at the show, and Door Prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the show.
- Kenny did pick up the 10 awards for the show; Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine, Survivor, Restored Stock, Joe Kocur, Bakers, Curtis Excavating, ChadTough and LaFontaine. Ken brought one of the awards in and they look great.

2024 Joe Kocur Foundation for Children

Kenny reminded us the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children golf tournament is Monday, August 19. In the past the club has donated to Joe's foundation and suggested we donate \$6,000, as we did in 2023. Motion to approve donation made by Kevin Yash and seconded by Ray Golota.

Pontiac Transportation Museum (PTM)

Brian reported that even though a 'soft opening' of the museum was Thursday, May 16, however, the grand opening with ribbon cutting will be Saturday, July 27th.

Phase one of the museum is now open, phases 2 and 3 will open in the future as funding permits.

Brian suggested the museum could use some volunteers for the grand opening, so if you are interested in volunteering on July 27, please contact Brian at 248-807-7621 or brian.r.dougherty@live.com

Mike Cushing suggested that perhaps we could schedule a MIPOCI Chapter membership visit to the museum sometime later in the fall. Mike will get more information out to all club members regarding this visit.

2024 Woodward Dream Cruise

Brian received an email from Dane Kane of the Michigan Widetrackers regarding their previous dream cruise parking.

According to Dan Kane they have talked to the powers that be at M1 Concourse regarding the activities that weekend. They are planning to have Car Corrals for Car Clubs to park their cars together as a club. Dan indicated we can bring in food and we would be able to go in and out of M1 as we desire on both days. If we register as a club for the car corral our vehicles won't be judged for prizes as M1 has a variety of classes and those vehicles are parked by class. The cost will be \$40 for the weekend.

Brian is going to follow-up on this and will send out information to the club membership.

Other business

Phil Balmford will be looking into magnetic name tags for Board members.

A motion made to adjourn was made by Kenny Galdes and seconded by Mike Cushing, all voted, motion passed, meeting concluded around 5:40pm. This concludes the meeting minutes.

The next Board meeting is Friday, August 23, 4pm at Bakers of Milford.

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



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