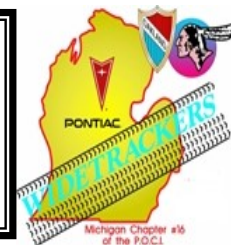




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# Patiently Waiting



*Spring cannot come soon enough*

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**MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS  
CHAPTER 16 OF POCI**

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Hello fellow members.

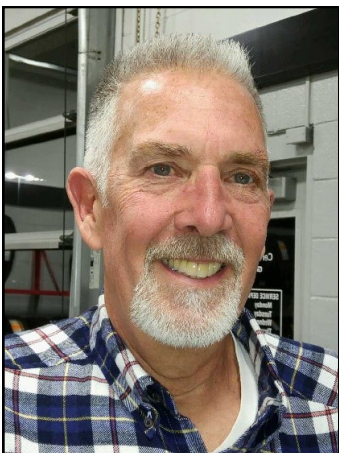
I hope everyone is doing well. What a different kind of winter we are having. I am not complaining, but it sure has been mild. If it was not for the salt on the road I would get the Starchief out of storage and drive it. I will wait until Spring.

We, the club, got the float built. We had to build it twice. Mother nature collapsed it with high winds. So we started again. So much for an early start. Still it was a lot of fun. It did not win anything. Must have been bad judging. Actually there were a lot of great floats this year. I would not want to have been a judge.

Everyone who went to the Holly Jolly Folly had a great time. It is a great event. Our Holiday Dinner is in January. I hope to see everybody there.

I am writing this on January 11. The weather is predicting an ice storm. So our January meeting has been cancelled. Safety is first.

I hope all our members who go to Florida have a safe trip.



Also the same to those who go elsewhere for the winter. I am going to Florida this year for two weeks. I am going with Judy. Maybe we will see you down there.

Okay, until next time have good health and safe travels.

Harley approves of Judy.

Arnold Boersma  
President



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS

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Widetracker club dues are \$18.00 per year paid each May 1st. If joining for the first time, dues will be prorated at \$1.50 per month. Please pay by cash or check made out to:

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Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact the Widetrackers for a POCI application if needed

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## Widetrackers to support ChadTough Foundation

by Mike Cushing

In October, The Widetrackers Board agreed to support the ChadTough Foundation, and are now soliciting sponsorship pledges from corporate partners, local businesses, restaurants, print shops, auto supply houses, etc. The Widetrackers are offering a company logo space on a forthcoming tee shirt currently in development for distribution at the Spring Dust Off Event, in exchange for a significant contribution to the Widetrackers. Once received, the Widetrackers plan to retain only a small percentage for club related activities, with the bulk of this pledge money being redirected to The ChadTough Foundation, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The current plan calls for a 75% donation of all monies received to ChadTough, with 25% being retained by the Widetrackers to fund the tee shirts, support club activities, and supplement other charities to whom we had already been sending money.

The ChadTough Foundation was instituted shortly after the death of Chad Carr in November 2015, who fought pediatric brain cancer, specifically Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), for fourteen months. Chad was the grandson of former University of Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr, but the efforts undertaken by the Widetrackers go well beyond football, classic cars, and any of a number of things that we sometimes take for granted.

While considering which charity to align with, the Widetrackers found that The ChadTough Foundation is basically a "group of Moms" who had their hearts broken, and created this foundation to fund research, while raising their own children, holding down jobs and/or careers, and basically somehow finding some extra time to fight the disease that claimed Chad. Currently, DIPG has no cure, and research is very limited due to lack of funding. When contacted to discuss our alliance, and the plan to share most of the sponsorship drive proceeds, they were quite touched, never expected help from a car club, and were very moved when they found that grown men and women with cool cars have plenty of room in their hearts to try and help kids!

The Widetrackers have already received pledges, there are many businesses who are looking to support this effort right after the first of the year (once budgets are reset), and many calls are being made every business day, in the hope of attracting attention, building our sponsorship list, and maximizing contributions.

# Heads Up

By Michael Bartley

When we start down the path towards restoration, inevitably we will need to tackle the interior. This will involve a plethora of little parts and pieces, and if you do not carefully save them, they will be difficult to find later to say the least. Fortunately, in the electronic age it is becoming easier to find videos of the various tasks to complete them properly - if you have all the pieces. You would be surprised how many parts are required to assemble a set of GM doors from the seventies. One task will inevitably be your headliner. Back in the day, General Motors used a series of bows clips, glue and trim to install the headliner. You can do it, too, but bear in mind that this is not a quick afternoon job to tackle before you go to cousin Smitty's wedding. So, plan for the better part of a day if you're starting at 9 am with a coffee in hand.

Since our 1970 A body was stripped clean down to nothing during the disassembly years ago, it means that we could jump right into the installation of the headliner. Before you install the actual headliner, you can also install the sound deadener or insulation that was used by General Motors if you'd like. We installed DEI Boom Mat on the headliner for sound deadening, but we bypassed the jute that was originally installed from the factory. The Boom Mat was just held in place with its own adhesive. If you are installing the jute, then you will need to use contact cement.

The first step was to unbox our headliner and let it lay out for a couple days to relax the folds in it. Going forward, there are two schools of thought on how to proceed: steam the headliner now, or steam it once it is installed to tighten it up. We will be going with the second option once winter is over.



Lay everything out and let it rest for a couple of days to relax the folds. These have been in boxes for a while, and will look like a brand new shirt from JCPenney.

Once the headliner had sat out for about week, we then started to put the bows into the headliner. Take care in where you put your headliner bows. They have to go in following a specific order, or the headliner will not sit correctly. Note that for our application, the centre bow did not fit into any holes on the roof structure, but clipped into place along the centre brace.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

See [miwidetrackers16.org](http://miwidetrackers16.org) for more specific times and info!


|              |                                |   |
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| Feb 8        | Club Meeting, 5:30pm           | Golling Buick GMC                               |
| Feb 7-8-9    | Chrome and Ice Indoor Car Show | Dort Financial Credit Union Event Center, Flint |
| Feb 28-Mar 1 | Detroit Autorama               | Cobo/TCF CENTER                                 |
| Mar 14       | Club Meeting, 5:30pm           | Golling Buick GMC                               |



As you can see, there are a TON of activities planned for the coming months! The club is always looking for new and exciting places to visit in addition to our favourite go-to's! If you've got an idea of somewhere we should see, pass your suggestions on to a member of the social committee—they'd love to hear from you. After all, the club is only as good as you want to make it!

## New Members—Welcome!

**Robert & Mary Walker— Swartz Creek**  
**Earl & Kathy Smith— Clarkston**



For those who don't know her, this is the lovely lady who takes care of all things paperwork for us! (We love you, Clarice! ♥ )

Anyone needing membership packets, contact Clarice Humphrey at (248)628-4280 or email [clarice.humphrey@yahoo.com](mailto:clarice.humphrey@yahoo.com) .

Reminder: Send Clarice your POCl number if you have one and it's not listed on the Membership Roster. Thanks!

## Club Products for Sale

It's a new year, and a new cruise season, so, why not consider some Widetracker apparel? The club can help you out! Just see Tom to place your order. Or, you can always bring in your own items to get the club logo put on them. You can have your items nicely embroidered, or silkscreened. It's a great way to show your Pontiac love, advertise the club and bring in new members!

**Contact Tom Clees**  
**(248) 891-7809 or (248) 505-6953**  
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### NAMETAGS!

Are you new? Do people keep asking you who you are? Do you need a nametag? New or replacement magnetic backed nametags can be ordered from Bill Coombe for a nominal cost of \$10. **We order the week before the monthly meeting, and you can either pick yours up there, or ask a friend to grab it for you if you can't attend in person. Sorry, but we don't send them through the post.** (We'd hate to see them damaged!!)

See him at the meetings, or contact him by phone at 586-293-0662 or via email at: [bcgrandmarquis@gmail.com](mailto:bcgrandmarquis@gmail.com)

## A PSA From POCI

Help us KEEP THE PONTIAC LEGACY ALIVE!

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POCI is the largest Pontiac club in the world! Our monthly magazine has great articles, you will get access to our technical advisors and the best classified ads (on-line and in our magazine) for Pontiac, Oakland and GMC vehicles and parts for sale and wanted.

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Paul Bergstrom  
 POCI Club Office Manager



## Heads Up

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Insert the bows into the cloth sleeves on the headliner. These sleeves will have to be trimmed back about an inch past the end of the bow for proper installation.



Before bringing in the headliner all of the screws for the seat belts, rear-view mirror, dome light and sun visor were pre-installed.

Next, we rolled the headliner up and started the installation with the rear-most bow. There are a group of three holes on either side of the roof for each bow to go into. Select the hole that holds the headliner closest to the roof. If you select one that is too low, then the headliner will flap in the breeze on your test run down the I-75.

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The headliner bows fit into these holes on the roof frame. Just be warned that aftermarket bow kits are a little larger in diameter, which can make it fiddly to get the bow in.



The centre bow is installed into clips that are mounted into the roof frame. They are a little tight, but if you use a rubber mallet and a flat head screwdriver, then you can use a little percussive assembly to drive them into place.

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## The Last Laugh

Q: Did you hear about the two peanuts walking through town?

A: One was a salted!

Q. What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A. A meltdown!

Q. What did one blade of grass say to another about the lack of rain?

A. I guess we'll just have to make



## The Last Laugh

Did you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again.

From the "Who needs seatbelts?" department...



I ONCE KNEW A MAN WHO WAS ADDICTED TO BRAKE FLUID. HE SAID HE COULD STOP AT ANY TIME.

## Heads Up

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Once the headliner was in the car on the bows, we started to glue the perimeter down. You can use contact cement, or the much more friendly to use 3M Super Weatherstrip adhesive. Since it was the first headliner that we had ever done, we used the 3M product. Your headliner may have extra material in some places, so you may need to size it up and trim it a little before laying the glue down.



PUI recommends using the contact cement for all of their headliners. Since this was our first install, we communicated with some people on the Interwebs, and decided to go with the 3M Super Weatherstrip adhesive was used.



A small amount of the adhesive was poured into a cup, and then a brush was used to apply it to the edges where the material was to be glued.

We started at the back window to glue it down. A small amount of the 3M product was brushed onto the perimeter strips on the roof, and the headliner was pulled into place. We then used bulldog clips to secure the headliner in place and allow the adhesive to dry.

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Raid the nearest office supply store for all of the binder clips/bulldog clips. You will need about 50. (FYI, Staples is cheaper than a specialty store for these things).

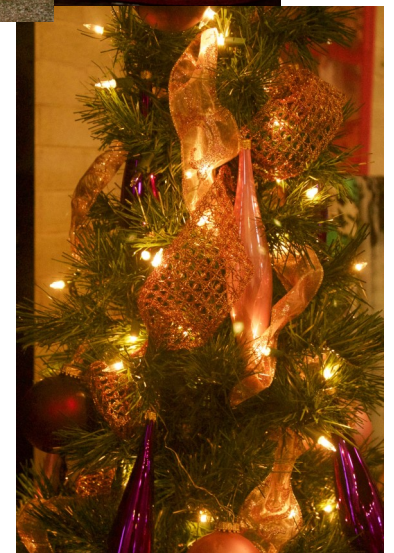
A little trimming may be needed to make your headliner fit. This looks like a lot, but only an inch or so was really trimmed away.



The glue was applied a couple of inches at a time, and then the headliner was held in place with bulldog clips. We then left the headliner to dry for a couple of days.

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Sunvisors, dome light etc.

Later on down the road, when the weather is a bit nicer, we will be steaming the headliner so it will get a little tauter. Also, before we began, we fastened down all of the electrical wires for the dome light with hockey tape. You would be surprised how good that stuff is for holding electrical to cars. Also, we found it is much easier to install the headliner with no seats in the car. You can maneuver around without having to do yoga and bending into various pretzel shapes.

Job complete. You can now give your arms a rest and celebrate.

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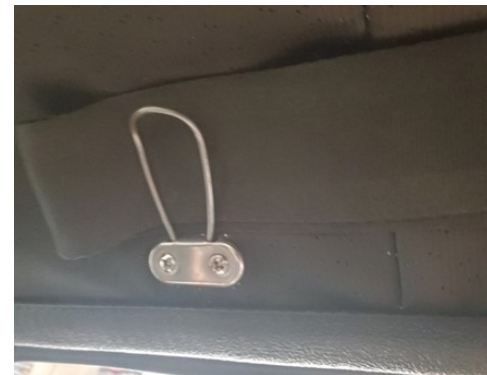
After a couple days of drying time, all of the headliner trim was installed. There is no real secret technique to installing the trim - just push really hard until one piece slides into place, and then force the rest to do your bidding. There is a headliner tool that you can buy, but we didn't use it.



Although we bought this tool, we did not find it useful. Um...wait...Actually, it was the most useful tool for the install, and it can be yours for just \$5.00!

Once the trim was in place, we stood back to admire our work. You may be asking, "Why are there no pictures in this article of the trim?" Well, because all you would have seen in the picture was a black blob surrounded by more black. But, trust us - the trim went in perfectly.

Remember all those mounting screws and bolts that we preinstalled into the roof? Now was the time to start finding them, and using a very sharp utility knife, we exposed the heads of the bolts or screws. We then mounted all of the interior hardware.

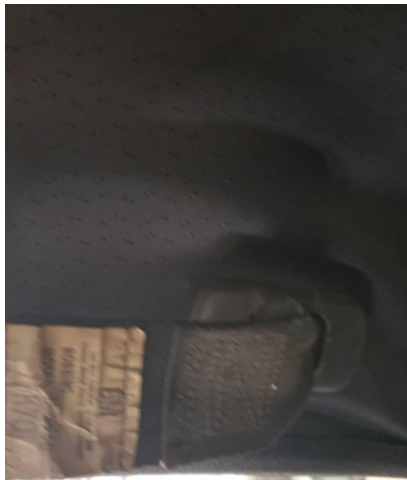


Seatbelt trim can now be installed.

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Shoulder belts.

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We are sorry to announce that Widetracker member Paul Deesen Sr., age 89 of Lapeer, passed away on December 29, 2019. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on June 5, 1930. He graduated from Franklin Lane High School in 1948 and enrolled in the Pratt Institute, where he received his bachelor's degree in Industrial Design. Paul served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He was a Design Engineer for General Motors for 42 years.

Paul was trained as a photographer in the Army and this continued to be passion of his throughout the rest of his life. Paul like to travel with his family. Alaska, Hawaii, the Grand Canyon, and Utah are only a few of the exotic places Paul and his family visited over the years. Even though Paul was an automotive designer, he loved to draw other things as well, such as airplanes. He was a devout member and greeter at Judson Baptist Church in Burton, Michigan.



Paul is survived by his wife Fran Deesen of 28 years; his children Kathy FlorCruz, Jeff (Pam) Jolly, Ken Deesen, Jere Jolly, Paul (Denise) Deesen Jr., Elizabeth Chorlian, Jaclyn Cool, and Puff; his grandchildren Vanessa, Lindsey, McKensie, and Chase; his nieces Phyllis Whittam, Patricia Daub, and Priscilla Devine.

# For Sale

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Asking \$30k



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Nearly all original. Added headers and beefed up rear tire gear but have all original parts. Great driver/survivor car.

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Asking \$27k but will consider all reasonable offers

Contact Tim Andrews  
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# Widetrackers Drive-Thru

(Well, We Are an Eating Club With a Car Habit...)



Whenever the Widetrackers get together, there is always food with fellowship. Our monthly pot-luck suppers are always an amazing sight to behold, and over the course of the night *someone* is bound to ask *someone* for a recipe.

The Widetracker Drive-Thru is a chance for members to share some of their signature dishes with the group, and maybe you can find a new favourite among the offerings!

## Artichoke Dip

- ▽ 1 (8.5oz.) can artichoke hearts in water
- ▽ 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ▽ 1 cup mayonnaise
- ▽ Lemon juice
- ▽ Tabasco
- ▽ Garlic powder
- ▽ Paprika

1. Pre-heat oven to 325\*.
2. Drain artichokes thoroughly and mash.
3. Add cheese and mayonnaise, mix well.
4. Season to taste with lemon juice, Tabasco, and garlic powder.
5. Put in small casserole dish (1.5 qt.).
6. Top with paprika.
7. Bake for 30 minutes at 325\*.
8. Serve with bread rounds or crackers.



Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Just email it to us!  
Dave Todd at [poci16tracker@gmail.com](mailto:poci16tracker@gmail.com)

# EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE

On December 6, a group of the Widetrackers and their guests visited the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The house was beautifully decorated for Christmas, while also displaying several rooms decorated as it was for a debutante ball held in the house in 1969.

After Touring the house, the group then



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spent some time walking the grounds, which include 87 acres.

The visit was rewarding and offered a glimpse into a world of wealth and privilege from another era. The Widetracker group then convened at the Blue Goose Inn for lunch, good cheer, and a rest before heading to the Holly Jolly Folly later that evening.



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