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## MEMBER OBITUARY

*It is with much sadness that we share the news of Harold "Wayne" Pillion's passing.*



**Harold "Wayne" Pillion**

**( November 01, 1948 - August 05, 2023 )**

**PILLION, Harold "Wayne";** of Clarkston, born November 1, 1948 in Oaks/Miracle, Kentucky to Floyd and Sadie (Wilder) Pillion, passed away suddenly of natural causes on August 5, 2023 while doing what he loved: cruising Woodward in his 1964 Pontiac Catalina convertible.

Husband of Barbara for nearly 50 years; father of Terina (Jim Wright) Pillion and Jeffrey (Amy) Pillion; papaw of Tristan (Amber Maday) Jackson; brother of Charles (Judy) Pillion, Doris Jean Eldridge, Carol (Boyd) Lee, and Michael (Teresa) Pillion; brother in law of Richard Parker and Vanessa Pillion; and he also leaves many additional dear family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Floyd Pillion Jr., Betty Jackson Parker, Ray Pillion, Joyce Ann Pillion and Lois (Keith) Wilder.

Wayne was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He retired from General Motors after 37 years. He enjoyed classic cars, was a member of the Pontiac Widetrackers Car Club, and will be remembered as a person who loved helping everyone. He will be missed by all.

Friends may visit Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston on Wednesday, August 9th from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday, August 10th at 12:30 p.m. with visitation starting at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside service with military honors at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery will follow. Please leave a memory or condolence at the online guestbook below.

<https://www.wintfuneralhome.com/obituary/harold-wayne-pillion>

Hello Widetrackers,

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer so far. I have had a good show/cruise season so far as well. I have seen many wonderful cars and trucks out there and been fortunate enough to win a few awards.

Myself as well as one of our new members (David Sisson) were picked as one of the top 25 at the Sloan Museum Autofair. We were both pleasantly surprised to say the least.

For those who missed out July meeting, we had a special guest. Tim Dye stopped by with an amazing surprise. Tim brought the last Pontiac produced. It was a 2010 Pontiac G6. He told us the story of how he discovered this car and how he managed to acquire it for the museum. I have included a few pictures to show case this awesome find.

Something I was not aware of is that on many car final models, the assembly plant will let the fine folks who build it, to sign the car. This particular car has been signed in the trunk area under the carpeting. Tim feels that there is probably more signatures under things like the headliner, hood insulation, under the carpeting, and possible inside the door panels.

While Tim was there he asked the club if we would like to see the 2026 POCI Convention happen in our backyard.

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# 2023 ANNUAL SPRING DUST-OFF

The 2023 Annual Spring Dust-Off is in the books, and was a great success. While a change of venue can create some issues, our new show location

worked out quite well. With an event this good at the new location, the future for the Dust-Off is quite bright indeed.



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## 2023 ANNUAL SPRING DUST-OFF



## WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE



### Berkley

#### Friday, August 18, 2023:

- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: **CruiseFest Classic Car Parade**, On West 12 Mile Rd., between Coolidge & Greenfield Rd.
- 4:00 PM – 9:00PM: Official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, West 12 Mile @ Woodward Avenue

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023:

- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, West 12 Mile Rd @ Woodward Avenue

### Birmingham

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023:

- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: **Birmingham Cruise**
- S. Old Woodward & Maple to Lincoln
- Classic Car Show, Interactive Sponsor Displays, Retail & Food Vendors
- **ALL DAY:** Official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise

### Ferndale

#### Friday, August 18, 2023 – Nine Mile Rd & Woodward

- 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM: **Ferndale Emergency Vehicle Show**
- 5:00 PM: **Official Woodward Dream Cruise Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
- 5:30 PM: **Lights & Sirens Cruise** (begins at the corner of E. Nine Mile Rd & Woodward Ave. north to 11 Mile Rd and back).
- 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM: **Kids Car Club & Play Zone**
- 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM: **MMRA's Quarter Midget Racing Cars**
- 1:00 PM – 9:30 PM: **Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage**
- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, food and merchant vendors

## WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 @ Nine Mile Rd & Woodward**

- 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM: **Mustang Alley**
- 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM: **Kids Car Club & Play Zone**
- 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM: **Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage**
- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, food and merchant vendors

### Royal Oak

**Friday, August 18, 2023:**

- 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM: **Performance Park Classic Car Show**
- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, Vendors & Food Court

**Saturday, August 19, 2023:**

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM: **Cruise In Shoes 5k Run**
- 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM: **Performance Park Classic Car Show**
- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, Vendors & Food Court

### Pleasant Ridge

**Saturday, August 19, 2023:**

- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, Woodward & Oakland Park Blvd.
- 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM: **Ford Bronco Show**, Woodward & Oakland Park Blvd.

### Pontiac

**August 18 & 19, 2023:**

- **M-1 Classic Car Parade**
- **Pontiac Classic Car Show**
- Live entertainment and other fun activities.
- **ALL DAY:** official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise, vendors & food court.

## WOODWARD DREAM SHOW

**2023 Woodward Dream Show**

Friday, Aug. 18 & Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023



Presented by Comerica Bank

Sponsored by WLLZ and Meijer

The Corvette Anniversary Exhibit	Live Music Friday & Saturday
Ramcharger/MOPAR Display	Fun Kids Activations
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## For Sale

### FOR SALE

1965 Tri Power. Professionally rebuilt carburetor. Ready to bolt on. Comes with manifolds, gas lines, and intake. **\$1850**

**Call Ken Orlowski (586) 243-5398**

### FOR SALE:

1979 301 engine \$250 OBO 1965 326 \$450 OBO

**Contact Arnold at 248-330-0209**

### Parts Wanted:

1969 Pontiac Grand Prix door panels manual windows, A/C set-up from condenser to evaporator.

**Bill Gupton**

**810-338-4196**

**wmgupton@gmail.com**

### 1933 Pontiac Parts Wanted

1 Radiator - 1 pair of front fender marker lamps - ANY rumble seat components - Thanks!

**Joe Tonietto - Tel: 248.761.9942**

**j.tonietto@gmail.com**

## For Sale

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### FOR SALE:

'67 GTO Ring and Pinion Carrier AXLE to AXLE 390 gear ratio, number matching '67 GTO.

Came out of my '69 GTO. Not positive traction. Guaranteed. \$300.00.

**Call Ken Vanniman (810) 664-2576 Lapeer**

### FOR SALE:

1968/1969 GTO parts. Some chrome, cylinder heads, air conditioning parts (no condenser), convertible interior parts, quarter extension chrome, etc.

Also 1st and 2nd generation Firebird parts. Call for details.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Of course we said yes since we have so many members who helped engineer and build the wonderful Pontiacs we all enjoy.

Tim asked us and Motor City POCI to draft a letter to help urge the folks at POCI to consider Pontiac, Mi for the convention in 2026. As of the writing of this column, we have been invited to the Pontiac Transportation Museum to visit with the POCI convention staff and show our support for the museum as well as POCI in the bid to get this convention. I will fill you in more in my next column so stay tuned.

I hope to see you at the shows and cruises that I manage to attend this year. So if you see me before I see you, stop by and say hi. Always a pleasure to see my fellow club members.

Respectfully , Tim Mays



## WIDETRACKER ADMINISTRATION

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 POCI number if you have one and it's not listed on the Membership Roster. Thanks!



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Hardship requests must be sent to the President, Tim Mays, in writing at: [TMAYS247@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TMAYS247@GMAIL.COM)

## 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 Robin 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 Robyn Marsh**

**(810) 348-4619**

[horsesitter1@yahoo.com](mailto:horsesitter1@yahoo.com)

### 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 \$11. ***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!**

If you are not yet a member of POCI and would like to check out our monthly magazine, *Smoke Signals*, please email or call the club office and we'll mail you a free copy and an application form to join up.

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.

See more details on our website [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org). Call 877-368-3454 or email [pociworldhq@aol.com](mailto:pociworldhq@aol.com) (say: Free Smoke Signals please! and include your name and mailing address).

Paul Bergstrom

POCI Club Office Manager



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Aug 12	<b>WIDETRACKER'S CLUB MEETING</b> 5:30pm	Golling Buick GMC, Lake Orion, MI
Aug 12	<b>Roadkill Night</b>	Pontiac, MI
Aug 14-19	<b>Back to the Bricks</b>	Flint, MI
Aug 18-19	<b>Woodward Dream Cruise</b>	Woodward Avenue from Pontiac to Ferndale
Aug 18-19	<b>Woodward Dream Show</b>	M1 Concourse
Aug 25-27	<b>Trans Am Nationals</b>	Dayton, OH

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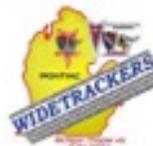
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These great folks  
make our club run!  
Thank them when  
you see them.



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## MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS

CHAPTER #16 of POCI

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dues are \$20.00 per year due each May 1st.** (If joining for the first time, dues will be pro-rated at \$1.70 per month)  
**Please complete and return this application along with payment made out to "Michigan Widetrackers":**

### MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS

4993 E. Harvard Ave  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
Attn: Membership

**INDICATE:** NEW MEMBER or RENEWAL; CASH or CHECK (Check # \_\_\_\_\_) Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide your Classic or Collector Vehicle information (if needed, use the other side):

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Please visit their website ([www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)) to review "Why Join POCI?"

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**"Why Join POCI?"** POCI's full-color, monthly magazine **"Smoke Signals"**, which is devoted to Pontiac, Oakland, and GMC vehicles and their owner; access the newly updated website [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) for a wealth of information; the **POCI Technical Advisor Program**; the **POCI Library**, a massive collection of Pontiac, Oakland and GMC literature and the **Annual POCI Convention** which rotates annually to various locations in the USA attracting members and cars from all over the world.

The POCI Membership application is available online; please visit their website ([www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)). Annual USA Membership: \$45.00; Canadian \$74; includes two free Associate Memberships (except E-memberships), including mailing our SMOKE SIGNALS monthly magazine.

Electronic membership (e-membership): \$25.00 per year (USA funds).

Payment may be made online with Credit Card or Pay Pal or make a Check or Money Order payable to "POCI".

Mail to: POCI World HQ, PO Box 68, Maple Plain, MN 55359 USA along with the POCI application.

For our records, please notify our Membership Coordinator when you receive your POCI#.

POCI #: \_\_\_\_\_ POCI# Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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