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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

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Today this will be called the Vice President's column!

Hi I'm Don States. Filling in for Tim Mays as you most likely have heard. Tim is recovering from an infection near his spine. He will be out of commission for a bit. We all hope he gets to feeling better soon!

At the time I'm writing this, summer is halfway past. Woodward cruise is only 2 weeks from us, Frankenmuth Auto Fest is only 6 weeks away. Time is flying by.

The Dust Off on June 8 turned out great. Thanks to everyone and special Thanks to Dan Kane and Tim Mays! Those last minute changes are always so frustrating. Everyone stepped up and it turned out to be a big success. I hope we can do it again next year.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Friendship Park was a nice show with about 40 cars. Cops and Kids was good with 90 cars and another beautiful day.

The Pontiac Transportation Museum had a great turnout. That place gets more refined every time I see it. I can't wait to see where they place the bricks that the club bought.

There were multiple shows on Saturday. Oakland Park, Goodrich and we went to the one in Vasser. Over 300 cars. It's was hot and smaller than previous years with no swap meet. Lots of nice cars and prizes to be won.

Monday was the first Back to the Bricks Tune up party at The Hub in Davison. It was a great night for the get together with more Tune up parties all week.

Keep Driving! Don

DUST-OFF COVERAGE

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DUST-OFF COVERAGE



OBITUARIES

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I am sorry to share the obituary below for John McMullen. While John had many career and personal accomplishments, I will always remember him for his generosity to the club in hosting our Fall Color Tour. I took the pictures on the next page at his property, and on the road (in my rear view mirror) of John enjoying the color tour from behind the wheel of his big red Pontiac. R.I.P. Mr. McMullen.

John Basil McMullen of Lapeer, Michigan passed away on _____, 2024 at 96 years of age. Mr. McMullen was born April 3, 1928, in Flint, Michigan. After graduating from Flint Northern High School, John met and married Dora Dean in 1948. John and Dora were married for 64 years.

Following high school, Mr. McMullen attended Michigan State University and entered the workforce as a Milkman for Artic Seal Test Dairy. Soon after, John switched careers to become a car salesman at Summerfield Chevrolet, in Flint, Michigan. Working his way up from Sales Manager to General Manager, Mr. McMullen joined Frank Audette as a partner in opening Audette Pontiac. After years working together, John took over the Summerfield dealership and renamed it Somerset Pontiac GMC, which is now the Somerset Buick GMC located in Troy, Michigan.

Sparking his passion for all things automotive, John McMullen opened several dealerships with the Pontiac line. Mr. McMullen served on the General Motors Dealer Council and was President of the Metro Pontiac-GMC Dealers. John was an avid collector of antique and classic cars and had one of the most prestigious collections in the country. As recognition of his contributions, Mr. McMullen has been honored with a dedicated theatre in the Pontiac Transportation Museum in Pontiac, Michigan.

John enjoyed spending time with friends and family, golfing, boat racing, hunting and touring his antique cars. A man of many accomplishments even within his hobbies, John McMullen won the National Hi Point award at the 1965 world championships for X Hydroplane boat racing, with his M-14, "Hustler," and he had the world's record for the blown alcohol class at 171.10mph with "The Sting."

John McMullen is preceded in Death by his wife Dora (2012), parents John Basil and Muriel R. McMullen, sisters Marion R (Albert C.) Young, Arlene J. (Daniel D.) Hayes, and Vivian L (Ronald T.) Heidel. Mr. McMullen is survived by his two children Linda Kay Daniels and John McMullen III, five grandchildren, Cassandra Zetz, Shannon Daniels, Megan (Ernesto) Torres, Lauren McMullen and Taylor McMullen and his two great-grandchildren, Gavin Zetz and Sidney Zetz. He will be remembered as a kind, loving and patient father and grandfather.

Services will be private at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to The Pontiac Transportation Museum at 250 west Pike street in Pontiac, Michigan.

OBITUARIES



MOTOR CITY POCI

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Motor City POCI



Chapter 91 of Pontiac Oakland Club International

10th Annual Summer Roundup

NEW DATE - Saturday - Aug. 24, 2024

@ Bakers of Milford 2025 S. Milford Rd. Milford

Open to all Pontiac, Oakland, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC,

NEW THIS YEAR

→ Saturn Sky & (Cadillac/LaSalle pre 1999 only)

Awards – Must be present to Win

Top 30

Judged by Independent Judges

- Best of Show Best Paint
- People's Choice Best Engine
- Survivor Restored Stock (new)
- Joe Kocur ChadTough
- Bakers LaFontaine
- Curtis Excavating Sponsor Awards
 - Veterans Award (2)

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 50/50 sale ends
2:00 Awards, & 50/50
Great Door Prizes (30+) 50/50
DJ — requests taken Food Available

Charities we support other side →

Registration Day of Show \$20

Pre-registration \$15.00 (includes eligibility* - what it means) →

Payable to: **MOTOR CITY POCI**

Must be Postmarked By Aug. 17, 2024

Mail to: **MOTOR CITY POCI, P.O. Box 831, Walled Lake, MI 48390**

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____



***Pre-registration makes you eligible
for some terrific prizes, over and
above door prizes. See other side**

I accept and assume full liability for any loss to me and/or my property. I release the sponsors and their agents from liability from such loss or injury and agree to provide my own insurance.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUMMER ROUNDUP



The Perfecta Prize Give Away

(drawing to be held on August 24th)

June 8, 2024

The Michigan Widetrackers

June 8, 2024

35th Annual Spring Dust Off

@Golling Buick GMC, 1491 S Lapeer Rd, Orion Twp., MI 48360

For additional information go to our website: www.miwidetrackers16.org

August 24, 2024

Motor City POCI

August 24, 2024

10th Annual Summer Roundup

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

For additional information go to our website:

www.motorcitypoci.com Under Forms, click 2024

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 did not 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.

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

Attend 2 shows-you have a chance to win a \$200 Gas Card

WIDETRACKERS DRIVE-THRU

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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!

Woodward Ave: Totem Pole Big Chief and Little Chief Burgers

For the Sauce:

- ▽ 1 cup mayo
- ▽ 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- ▽ 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic or garlic powder
- ▽ 1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
- ▽ 1 tablespoon ketchup
- ▽ 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- ▽ 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

For the Burgers:

- ▽ 1 1/2 pounds pounds ground beef chuck
- ▽ 2 teaspoons salt
- ▽ 1 teaspoon black pepper
- ▽ 4 slices American cheese
- ▽ Sliced sweet pickles (the small gherkin kind)
- ▽ Shredded iceberg lettuce
- ▽ 4 seeded hamburger buns



1. Sauce: Combine all ingredients and refrigerate for at least 2 hours for the flavors to blend.

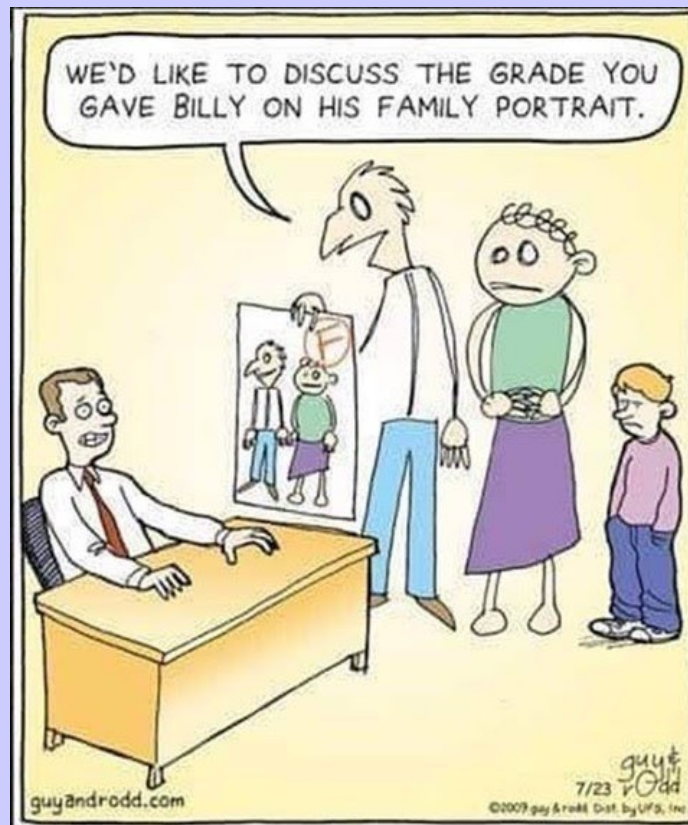
2. Burgers: Season the ground beef with the salt and pepper and form 4 patties out of the mixture. Grill to your desired "doneness" (we like medium for ground meats).

3. On the bottom of each burger bun layer a slice of cheese, a burger, a few slices of sweet pickle and a little shredded lettuce.

4. Slather the cut side of the top of the bun with the sauce. Place on top of the burger and enjoy!

NOTE: To make a "Big Chief", divide the meat to form 8 thinner patties, use 2 pieces of cheese for each burger and use the bottom halves of spare buns to "divide". Sauce all 3 buns.

THE LAST LAUGH



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hello Widetrackers.

Those with sharp eyes will notice I'm still flying the "up on jacks" photo of my T/A. Oh, wait, I said that last issue. Sadly it's still true. A few details to wrap up (install wheels and decide on re-using the factory spacers, install new serpentine belt, refinished wheels and new center caps, front wheel well liners, flush power steering, and probably a few other items), but very close to hitting the ground again. Break in the pads, get an alignment, and we'll be ready for the road.

By the time you get this, the website should be updated with Dust-Off photos. There are quite a few in this issue of The Tracker of course, but many more are available on the website. Stop by <https://miwidetrackers16.org> to check it out.

Motor City POCI's show flier is on pages 10 and 11. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend!

And please keep club President Tim Mays in your thoughts and prayers.



Dave

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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

'67-69 Firebird/Camaro Used radiator shroud. Good condition. \$80. Electric Fan only...like new \$30.

Contact Arnold at 248-330-0209

Parts Wanted:

1969 Pontiac Grand Prix door panels manual windows, A/C setup 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

1933 Straight 8 engines including transmissions and one high compression head.

Robert_patchett@sbcglobal.net

810-721-8282 home 317-498-6126 cell

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.

Call Don Smith 248-709-6857

Do you have something you would like to sell? Whole cars, parts, memorabilia? Making extra room in the shop for a winter project? No matter how big or small the item, all Widetracker members are allowed to advertise for free in the tracker.

Simply e-mail the tracker at:

poci16tracker@gmail.com with the details and photos. The ad will appear in the next available

WANTED:

1998 Pontiac Trans Am--side skirts green color preferred but any color is fine



POCI CONVENTION



WIDETRACKER ADMINISTRATION

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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)245-5401 or email 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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CLUB MERCHANDISE 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

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

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. Call 877-368-3454 or email pociworldhq@aol.com (say: Free Smoke Signals please! and include your name and mailing address).

Paul Bergstrom

POCI Club Office Manager



CLUB EVENTS

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Beginning
April 30 4-
8pm

CULVER'S OF LAKE ORION SUMMER CAR CRUISE

Culver's of Lake
Orion

August
24th

MOTOR CITY POCI 10TH ANNUAL SUMMER ROUND-UP

BAKER'S OF
MILFORD

August 23-
25

TRANS AM NATIONALS & TIPP CITY CRUISE

Dayton, OH/ Tipp
City, OH

September
6th—8th

FRANKENMUTH AUTOFEST

Heritage Park
Frankenmuth, MI

Sept 14th

GOLLING CAR SHOWS 2024

Golling Buick GMC

Come out to support the dealer
that supports your club!



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Thank them when
you see them.

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Primary Member: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Spouse/Associate Member: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Children: _____

MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS MEMBERSHIP - www.michidtrackers16.org

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: _____

New Member (ONE) Shirt, Available sizes: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL Shirt Size: _____

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

YEAR MAKE MODEL COLOR

*Michigan Widetrackers Chapter #16 of POCI encourages POCI membership for all club members.
 Please visit their website (www.poci.org) to review "Why Join POCI?"

PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP - www.poci.org

"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 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). 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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In God We Trust