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MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS  
CHAPTER 16 OF POCI  
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## **PRESIDENTS COLUMN**

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**Hello Widetrackers,**

**With summer fast approaching, it is time to get those beautiful Pontiacs out washed and polished up and head out to some cruises and shows. With that being said, lets not forget our Spring Dust-Off. Make sure you are registered and ready for the show. There will be a new DJ this year and of course your favorite Widetracker Pontiacs will be present and waiting for you.**

**Recently myself and a few other Widetrackers had the pleasure of accompanying the West Michigan Chapter on their Dust-off cruise to this side of the state. We met up at Stahl's Museum on Saturday May 3rd and got to look at all the fantastic vehicles and other pieces of automotive history on display there. Once we finished there we drove over to Jack Frost Auto Museum and checked out their awesome displays. They even had a car show going on despite the threat of rain and cool weather. On Sunday May 4th, we met up again. This time it was at the Pontiac Transportation Museum where we were given an exclusive tour of the entire museum guided by our own Brian Dougherty as well as Tim Dye. It was really awesome to hear the history behind many of the vehicles and upcoming plans at the museum. I hope many will make it to the Phase 2 Grand Opening on May 17th.**

**PRESIDENTS COLUMN**

**I will be sure to be there and check it out. Be sure to check out the pictures taken with the afore mentioned events (Starting on the next page...Ed.)**

**I will be attending this year's POCl Convention in Louisville, Ky. I can't wait to get a look at what we will be having here in Pontiac next year. I will make sure to include some of the details so we all have a better understanding of what will be needed of us to help out to make that event a great 100 year celebration in the next issue of the Tracker.**

**I hope to see more Widetrackers out and about this summer and don't forget to make sure to attend the Golling shows this year as well as Motor City POCl's show later in the year. Let's make sure they know that we support them as well as they support us.**

**I also want to thank the Dust-Off committee for all their efforts to plan this years show. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to make our show a success so if you have new ideas or suggestions, make sure you try to attend future meetings. We can always use fresh ideas and volunteers to continue success in the future.**

**Happy cruising,  
Tim Mays**

## GO WEST!

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**Photos from the West Michigan POCI visit to the Stahls Automotive Collection and the Jack Frost Museum.**





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## GO WEST!



Too good to not share 🤗

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
  2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
  3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
  4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
  5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
  6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
  7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
  8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
  9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
  10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
  11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
  12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
  13. I run like the winded.
  14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
  15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
  16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
  17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
  18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
  19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
  20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
  21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- Which one is YOUR favorite?



## PTM WHEELS OF TIME



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### WHEELS OF TIME: EXPLORING PONTIAC'S HISTORY

FIRST THURSDAYS 7 - 8:30 PM  
TALKS - TOURS - Q & A

Join us as we explore the legacy and impact of Pontiac's  
historic vehicle manufacturing industry.



FREE ADMISSION  
Donations Appreciated  
Memberships Encouraged

#### MAY 1: *The Pontiac Automobile - The Successful Creation and Early History*, Larry Mihalko

Exploring the launch of the Pontiac brand in 1926,  
highlighting the car's immediate success, the  
construction of the Pontiac factory on the north side of  
town, and the rapid advances in design and technology  
through the mid-1930s.

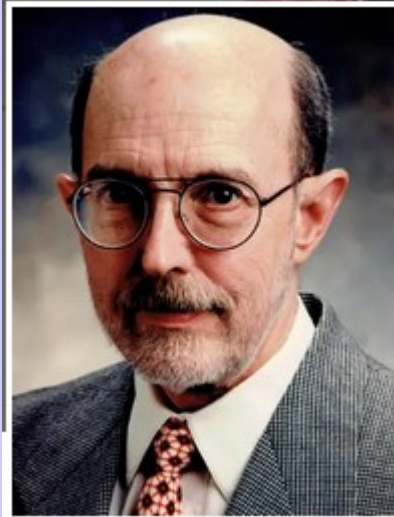
#### JUNE 5: *Notable Knights of the Draw Knife: Stories of Pontiac's Earliest Vehicle Makers*, Carol Egbo

**PONTIAC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM ~ 250 W PIKE ST, PONTIAC**

## WILLIAM LEE PORTER, JR. OBITUARY

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Detroit Automotive Designer, Teacher of Industrial Design, Automotive Design and Design History, Lecturer, and Collector of Arts & Crafts Antiques, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025 in his Whitmore Lake MI home surrounded by his wife, family and loved ones.



Bill was born May 6, 1931 in Louisville KY. As a precocious artistic child with an early interest in automobiles and airplanes, William L. Porter graduated from DuPont Manual High School before completing his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Louisville, majoring in Painting & Art History with a minor in psychology and honored with membership in the Phi Kappa Phi and Woodcock honor societies. He was drafted into the US Army during the Korean War, where his minor in psychology credentialed him for interviewing and placing new recruits into diverse Army divisions.

Bill had a 37-year career as an automobile designer for General Motors. Starting in 1962 as the Assistant Chief Designer of the Preliminary Design Studio, in 1963 he became the Acting Chief Designer of the Development Studio.

Among the side projects of that era was an aerodynamic rear-engine dragster initiative, the first of its kind, that was abandoned when General Motors disassociated itself from automobile racing. In 1964, Bill was promoted to Chief Designer of the Design Development Studio and in 1965, became Chief Designer of Advance Design Studio #2. As Chief Designer at the Pontiac 1 Studio from 1968-1972, Bill's contributions include the 1969 GTO Judge and the 2nd-generation Firebird Trans Am that debuted in 1970; these cars are prized by automotive enthusiasts today. As Chief Designer of the Advance Pontiac Studio from 1972 to 1980, Bill led a team responsible for the development of concept-car and pre-production designs, including the body form of the 3rd generation Firebird/Camaro that debuted in 1982. He accepted the position of Chief Designer for Buick in 1980, which he held until his retirement in 1996.

You may read Mr. Porter's full obituary at the following link.

<https://tinyurl.com/4ka8y3m4>

Ladies/Gentlemen:

If you haven't attended any of our monthly membership meetings, or you haven't read the minutes of the meetings or the Wide-trackers' Newsletter(s); or you have been living under a rock, you may not be aware that the Club's Annual Spring Dust-Off is on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Golling Buick GMC, in Lake Orion. The flier/Registration Form is on our website [miwidetrackers16.org](http://miwidetrackers16.org); should you not already have one.

It is a mystery to me why each year so many of our members don't register and bring their beautiful classic Pontiac, Oakland, GMC, Buick or Oldsmobile vehicles to the Dust-Off. I personally thought that is one of the reasons why we have our classic cars or, in my case a future classic car, was to show them or cruise with them.



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So, this is my personal challenge to all the members to register and bring your car/truck to the Dust-Off and help make it a success.

Best regards,

Dan Kane

Dust-Off Committee Chairman

## 36TH ANNUAL SPRING DUST-OFF

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### Michigan Widetrackers

Chapter # 16 of the P. O. C. I.

### 36th ANNUAL SPRING DUST-OFF

Golling Buick GMC, 1491 Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360

Saturday – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Pontiac – Oakland – GMC – Buick – Oldsmobile**

Vehicles of all Ages

Featuring:

Award Plaques for Top 30 Vehicles and Best of Show Trophy

\$25 Driver Ticket prize every half hour

Music with D.J. Scott Kool

Swap Area, Vendor Displays, Car Corral, Food Available, (NO RAIN DATE)

Dash Plaques - Door Prizes – 50/50 Raffle – Chinese Raffle "Good Stuff"

Registration – Admission	Schedule of Events
Pre-Registered Vehicles: \$15	Registration..... 8:00am - 12:00pm
Pre-Registered Vendor / Swap Space: \$20	Vendor & Exhibit Setup ..... 8:00am
Day of Show Vehicle Registration: \$20	Spectator Gate Open ..... 9:00am
Day of Show Vendor / Swap Space: \$30	Voting Ends ..... 1:00pm
Car Corral: \$10	50/50 Drawing ..... 2:15pm
Spectator Admission: \$4	Other Raffle(s) Drawing(s) ..... 2:20pm
Jr. Cruisers (15 Years and Under): Free	Awards Presentation ..... 2:30pm

SHOW CONTACT: Dan Kane / 248-396-6848 / [kanedanielx@gmail.com](mailto:kanedanielx@gmail.com)

VENDOR CONTACT: Jim Larson / 248-877-1963 / [larson1026@comcast.net](mailto:larson1026@comcast.net)

Pre-Registration Ends JUNE 7, 2025      Show Updates @ [www.miwidetrackers16.org](http://www.miwidetrackers16.org)

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: Pontiac / Oakland / GMC / Buick / Oldsmobile (circle one) Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Swap Space(s) \_\_\_\_\_, # Corral Vehicle(s) \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make Checks Payable To: MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS    Mail Form/ Check To: Clarice Humphrey, 4993 E. Harvard Ave.,  
Clarkston, MI 48348

You can also view and download the flier on our website  
at <https://miwidetrackers16.org/>

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248-693-5900

**ColTer****Precision, Inc**[www.colterprecision.com](http://www.colterprecision.com)

248-274-9569

**Addison Tree and Outdoor****Services**[www.addisontree@gmail.com](mailto:www.addisontree@gmail.com)

248-830-1080

**1<sup>st</sup> Car Show of the Perfecta Pontiac Car Shows**

Michigan Widetrackers Annual Spring Dust-Off,  
Motor City POCl Summer Roundup,  
(Prizes awarded for attendance)

**Charities Supported by Show Proceeds**

Oxford/Orion FISH Pantry

The Refuge - Lapeer

Gleaners Food Bank

Grace Centers of Hope

Forgotten Harvest

Veterans Esteem Team

Light House Emergency Services - Clarkston

Stone Soup Food Pantry

Orion Veterans Memorial

Easter Seals

Lake Orion Police Association

Stahls Automotive Foundation

Lake Orion Lighted Parade Group

**Participant Judged Show****Widetrackers Members not eligible to vote...**

## FOR SALE

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### 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

**SOLD** ~~'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**

### 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

### 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 issue.

**1. Floor jack with set of 4 stands. \$65.00**

**2. Trailer with tandem axles, 10' x 4', Michelin tires with matching spare. Wheels from 2002 Grand Marquis. \$1,200**

**Contact Bill Coombe**

**WANTED: 1998 Pontiac Trans Am--side skirts green color preferred but any color is fine.**

**Contact Alex Azarovitz at 248-953-2585**



## 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](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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Special requests for a paper copy of *The Tracker* will be considered by the Board of Directors in hardship cases, on a case by case basis.

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

## CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Before you know it, Christmas will be here! Why not celebrate with 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 586-443-6005 or via email at: [bcmkx2017@gmail.com](mailto:bcmkx2017@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



## CLUB EVENTS

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Second  
Saturday of  
Each Month

### **WIDETRACKER'S CLUB MEETING** 5:30pm

(Contact an officer to con-  
firm dates)

Golling Buick GMC,  
Lake Orion, MI

June 6th

### **Back to the Bricks Pro- mo Tour**

Flint to Mount  
Pleasant, Michigan

June 6th

### **Bowtie Nationals & GM Invasion**

Summit Motorsports  
Park 1300 State RT  
18, Norwalk, OH

June 14th

### **Michigan Widetracker's 36th Annual Spring Dust-Off**

Golling Buick GMC,  
Lake Orion, MI

June 15th

### **EyesOn Design Car Show**

Edsel & Eleanor  
Ford House 1100  
Lake Shore Road,  
Grosse Pointe  
Shores, MI



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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Associate Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: \_\_\_\_\_

**MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS MEMBERSHIP - [www.michidtrackers16.org](http://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 / XXL / XXXL 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](http://www.poci.org)) to review "Why Join POCI?"

### PONTIAC OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP - [www.poci.org](http://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](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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