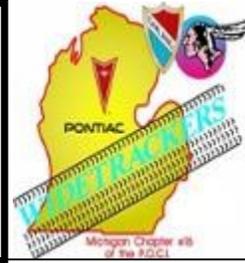




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## FLASHBACK!



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Richard Obach—Stuart, FL

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MICHIGAN WIDETRACKERS

CHAPTER 16 OF POCI

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Thanks to long time members (founding, if I recall my club history correctly) Rich Gabriel and Anna Maria Calianno for sending these images (cover, and below). Rich came across this January 1989 issue of Smoke Signals, and the article below was listed for our Chapter update. Enjoy a trip down memory lane!

**Michigan Chapter** is still searching for that perfect club name. Names so far are: Wide Trackers, The Chief, and the Tread-Setters. The newsletter almost didn't get out last month (Dec) because editor Robert Beatty's house was broken into and several thousand dollars worth of items were taken. Hope everything is o.k. now. The club will hold their Winter Party February 4th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone attending is asked to bring 2 photos of their car for a "Photo Car Contest" with awards to be presented. **For chapter info, contact Mindy Murray, 2144 Koper, Sterling Heighs, MI 48310**

**When I first started publishing The Tracker, I had the pleasure of sitting down with some of the clubs earliest members (if I recall correctly Rich and Cindy Gabriel, John and Anna Maria Calianno, Wade Cleffman and Carol Hendrix, Mike and Mary Woody...my apologies if I've forgotten anyone else who was at that gathering) in hopes of capturing our club history. Unfortunately, a garage fire cost me my notes, and my memory has done the rest of the damage. My early attempts to trace and document the clubs history met with limited success, as the stories of it's history varied somewhat depending on who you asked!**

**But for today's look back, I'll just say that our club had a pause in it's existence. This 1989 article seems to be referring to the re-birth of the club c1988 (we can trace our roots back to the late '70s, but that story is for another time), and the club was still working on a name. We were able to get our low Chapter #16 back, which I think is pretty nice.**

**While my hand written notes were lost in the fire, a tote of "club history" did survive, so I'll try to include a few "historical" items from time to time. Dave**

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

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Hello Widetrackers,

So as many of you know, I have been out of commission for a while now. I Had a surprise medical issue develop. I somehow got a bacterial infection on my spine which had to be operated on to drain the abscess. I am healing nicely with the help of my lovely wife and nurse maid. She was wonderful throughout this whole adventure. So I want to thank her first and foremost.

I greatly appreciated the cards, prayers, visits and well wishes from the club. It helped more than you will ever know. I also want to give a big thank you to **Don States** for filling in while I was out. He is a wonderful VP and has been a great help.

I hope you all have had a good show/cruise season so far. I know storage time is just around the corner. So if you can, get in as much time with that special piece of history as possible.

I hope those that went to Frankenmuth this year enjoyed it as well as the Golling shows and the Motor City POCI show at Baker. It is nice to see that we had a pretty good turn out at most of these events and hope to have even more show up for next year.

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Just so you all know, we have made a few donations to the charities that Golling is supporting at their shows like Kops for Kids and The Lake Orion veterans memorial. And as the holiday season approaches we will be sending out more donations to our usual charities.

It is also that time of year again where we look for self-nomination forms for all board position. Yes even my position. LOL! So if you are interested and would like a form, please contact myself or Kent Woiak. The forms need to be turned in by 10/31/24 and the election process will take place at our November meeting.

This summer has not been ideal since we have passing of a few members. Please keep their families in your prayers and thought. They will all be missed by many.

Sincerely,  
Tim Mays



## LARRY KING OBITUARY

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***It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Larry King who died at his home in Lake Orion on September 13th 2024. We thank his many friends for their love and support of Larry during his life, and pray for his wonderful family and wife Pam, he will be dearly missed by all. Larry was special and one hell of a guy not just to his family and friends, but to everyone he met. "Rest in peace" buddy!***

***Your friend Don States***

Larry Thomas King

October 25, 1953 - September 13, 2024

King, Larry Thomas, Heaven has gained an angel with his passing. Larry passed peacefully at home on September 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family by his side.

He was born in Pontiac, MI, on October 25, 1953. Larry lived in Lake Orion for over 70 years and retired from GM Truck and Bus.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John T. and Barbara M. King, his brother Rick King and many

## LARRY KING OBITUARY

other loved ones.

Larry is survived by his best friend and loving wife of over 50 years, Pamela (Killinger) King, 4 children, Kevin King, Jaime King, Kristie (Jason) Battershell and Ryan (Kaley) King, his beloved second Mom, Gladys King, and 7 brothers and sisters in his blended family, Frank (Cindy) King, Kimberly (Gary) Starr, Willard Lynn (Brenda) King, Janice (Tim) Weber, Mickey (Denise) King, Lundy (Kim) King and Viola (Scott) Morgan. In addition, Larry had 8 beautiful grandchildren; Patrick, Mason, Paxton, Grace, Lilly, Nick, Lucas and Silas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry served in the U.S. Navy and was a proud patriot that loved America. He loved classic cars, classic Rock & Roll, but more than anything, he loved people.

After retirement, Larry drove for North Oakland Transportation (NOTA) for many years ensuring the elderly in the community were taken care of. On his days off, it was common for Larry and others, to pick up those same elderly people that had no family and take them to dinner. He was always doing odd jobs for people who needed help.

Larry was a Child of God, who loved our Heavenly Father with his whole heart and soul. He touched many lives and will be missed and remembered by everyone.

## CLUB OFFICER SELF NOMINATION

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Good Evening Widetrackers,

It's that time of year again for self-nomination for Board positions. All positions are open, so if you would like to be a Board Member, Treasurer, Secretary, VP, or President, contact Kent Woiak or me for a self-nomination form. If you decide to fill one out, it is due back to Kent by 10/31/24. The Election will take place at the November meeting.

Happy Cruising!  
Tim Mays

**CLUB OFFICER SELF NOMINATION**

Michigan Widetrackers, POCI Chapter #16

Self-Nomination And Acceptance

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby nominate myself and accept such nomination for the office of:

(select one only)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Director

At the election of officers at the December meeting 20\_\_\_\_

I affirm that I am a member in good standing at the date of this signing.

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

**Signup period is from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> until Oct31st.**

**This form is also available for download on the club website. Dave**

## FALL COLOR TOUR

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Hello Widetrackers,

This year's fall color tour will be hosted by yours truly. I have planned for us to meet at Murphy Elementary in Metamora on OCT 20, that is a Sunday. **We will be meeting at 12:00pm** and will be headed to Diehl's Orchard in Holly, Mi **promptly at 12:30pm**. I will distribute maps at the meeting place.

Here are a few things to note:

- There is a gas station at Pratt Rd and M24 so you can fuel up and have a potty before we meet so we are all ready to go.
- The route will take approximately an hour and is filled with trees so we can see all the colors (provided mother nature co-operates).
- **The road to the orchard is approximately 3/10 of a mile and is dirt.**
- The orchard has designated a parking area for our classics and we will have a pavilion to sit under with picnic tables. Please bring chairs just in case.
- The club will be furnishing cider and doughnuts as usual. There will also be a BBQ truck on-site for those who wish to have some. This will not be provided by the club.

Please contact me if you plan to attend so I can have a head count to provide enough cider and doughnuts. **I need your response by 10/12/24.**

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. (248) 836-8646 or by email.

Hope to see you there,  
Tim Mays

**WHAT WERE THEY SMOKING?!**

What Were They Smoking?! Pontiac Creates A Bizarre Dealer Training Video for Its 1971 Lineup



<https://tinyurl.com/2d3rexj8>



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!

### Tequila Guacamole

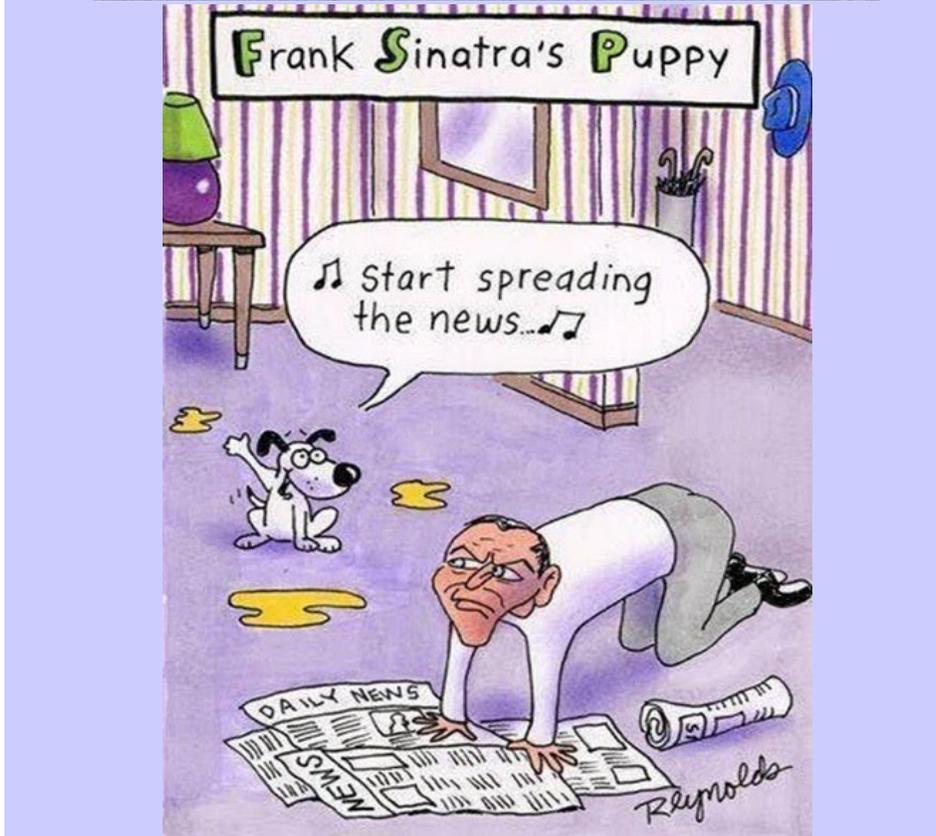
- ¼ cup finely chopped white onion
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped jalapeño, seeds removed
- ¼ cup chopped tomato, seeds removed
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon silver tequila
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 medium avocados
- Tortilla chips for serving



**1. Combine onion, jalapeño, tomato, lime juice, tequila and salt in a medium bowl.**

**2. Add avocados and mash with a fork or potato masher to the desired consistency. Serve with tortilla chips.**

# THE LAST LAUGH



Hello Widetrackers.

Those with sharp eyes will notice (drum roll please) the T/A is on the ground! She rides and handles the best she ever has during my tenure as caretaker. The pics below show her at the Trans Am Nationals (Tipp City Cruise) in Dayton in August, and of John Schinella's signature under my hood! Happy day!

Our website is updated with **Color Tour** and **Officer Self Nomination** information. If you can never quite make the time to get to a club event, this Fall Color Tour is one I highly recommend, and my favorite activity of the year. <https://miwidetrackers16.org>

Speaking of the website, here's a glimpse at how we are doing per GoDaddy. That's 911 views since we opened

Here's how you're performing Last 12 months ▾

Site Visitors

911

+ 162 (last 30 days)

the new site in late April (it's a rolling 12 month number, but we have not been open 12 months yet), so a little more than 5 months ago. And 162 views in the last 30 days.

For a club with 100 members, that means folks are stopping by quite a bit more than once a month, and we're

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR & WEBMASTER**

attracting some other visitors as well (I had a prospective member write to us just this past week). I think that's pretty good.

I'm less certain exactly how to interpret this stat, as GoDaddy defines this field as comparing us to similar sites, but that also includes some retail. Still, the message seems to be that the new site is well received and seeing traffic.



You're one of the top-performing sites. What is this score?

I hope to see you on October 20th for the Fall Color Tour.

P.S. Did I mention there is free cider and donuts on the color tour? Just sayin'...

Dave

**POCI16Track-**



## 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 Orłowski (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**

**62GP Red with pearl metal flake clear coat 2019. 1974 400 with 1967 casting code 143 heads. Rebuilt by Rat Tech Engine Service 2024. Rebuilt auto trans 2023. Edelbrock intake and carb. Hi-Torque mini starter. Aluminum radiator. 8 Lug wheels relined 2014. New bucket seats, padded dash headliner. Other improvements, some extra parts. Tom Shubert 810 922 9621 red62gptom@gmail.com. \$37,500**

### 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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Starting with calendar year 2020, *The Tracker* will be delivered **BY EMAIL ONLY.**

If your email information is incomplete, please send your information to Clarice at: [CLARICE.HUMPHREY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CLARICE.HUMPHREY@YAHOO.COM)

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 586-293-0662 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

## CLUB EVENTS

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Beginning  
April 30 4-  
8pm

### **CULVER'S OF LAKE ORION SUMMER CAR CRUISE**

Culver's of Lake  
Orion

Second  
Saturday of  
Each Month

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

Golling Buick GMC,  
Lake Orion, MI

(Contact an officer to con-  
firm dates)

October 20,  
2024

### **WIDETRACKER'S FALL COLOR TOUR**

Meet at Murphy Ele-  
mentary in Metamo-  
ra. We will be meet-  
ing at 12:00pm.

December,  
date TBD

### **HOLLY JOLLY FOLLY & ORION AREA LIGHTED PARADE**

Downtown Lake  
Orion

January 4th  
and 5th,  
2025

### **51st ANNUAL DETROIT SWAP MEET**

Suburban Collection  
Showplace. Novi, 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.miwidetrackers16.org](http://www.miwidetrackers16.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](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 "Scuzz Scuzz", 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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