

Big Chief's Corner

Thank You

To any spouse who's endured Pontiacitis

I did it again. I intended to spend a half day in the garage working on the new traction bars I was building for my car. There wasn't much left to do. I'd be done by noon, I thought. At a few minutes after 4:00 p.m. I finished.

I'd like for all you folks who've done exactly the same thing to please raise your hands. Uh-huh, that's what I thought.

Now, I'd like for all the spouses of those who've endured this nonsense to stand up and take a bow.

This column is a tribute to my wife and all the wives/husbands who put up with this addiction. Face it, we're all junkies. We're hooked on Pontiacs and our spouses have to live with the monkey that's on our back.

I've been VERY fortunate to be married to a woman who not only puts up with my hobby but also participates. She's been a saint to tolerate my all day sessions in the garage and my insane willingness to drive half way across the country at the drop of a hat for some Pontiac event.

Now I say thank you. Thank you for allowing me to de-stress with multiple hours in the garage. Thank you for all the hours at the car shows and races when you were bored out of your mind. Thank you for being there for me while I started this car club. Thank you for being a wonderful, supportive wife in all these endeavors.

I suspect many club members feel the same way. Any of us who have spouses that suffer quietly should take this opportunity to thank them.

We should realize that this is a two way street. For every hour you spend drooling over the latest parts catalog, she or he might be longingly gazing at the latest Dillard's sale circular or Edwin Watts golf catalog. They have interests as well.

This is why we need to pay attention. The next time you're in route to a car show and she wants to stop at the outlet mall on the way, DO IT!!!

Besides, you might find some cool Pontiac die cast cars in one of the toy stores.



Dad's who bring their children to the meeting are special! Rachel Blocker, Eric Ray and Jared Blocker (L to R) came with dad to attend.

Father's Day Meeting Held

Father's Day holiday didn't deter the members from showing up for the June meeting at the Maumelle Sonic. The meeting began with quick review of last meeting's minutes and a treasurer's report from Dusty Palmer. He announced a balance of \$1058.00.

President Chris Ritter gave a brief report on the trip several club members made to the Pontiac Southern Nationals. Three members returned with awards in their respective classes.

Bryan and Mary Ann Ray reported that the club shirts were in. Those who attended the meeting received their shirts and Ritter took the remaining shirts to attempt delivery to as many members as possible prior to the next meeting.

Ritter then reported that the use of the Lake Willastein Park for the October 5th car show appears to be very close to final approval. He went on to display a flyer for the car show that detailed classes and how to register. Club members approved the flyer and all were encouraged to help start distributing them to raise interest in the meet.

Club members discussed whether or not to allow club cars in the show for judging. It was decided to only allow display of club member cars and make them ineligible for trophy competition.

With a final count on trophies now available, Brian Ray agreed to re-visit the price of trophies based on the volume we would need. It was decided that the Best in Show and Best Pontiac in Show would be awarded trophies and all other awards would be plaques.

Ritter brought up the subject of needing door prizes. It was agreed that all members should help canvas for donations of door prizes to be given away the day of the car show.

Velma Spradlin asked club members for suggestions on the type of music to be played by the D.J. during the show. It was agreed that a mix of modern, oldies, classic rock and country would be acceptable.

Ritter requested suggestions for a fun event for the group. Members agreed that May's cook-out was a success and wanted to repeat that event. It was agreed that the July 21st meeting would be held at Lake Willastein at 1:00 p.m. The menu will be hot dogs and hamburgers. Those planning to attend were asked to sign up for a food item.

After announcements of upcoming events the group broke up the meeting. Several members then caravanned to a CAMS car club cruise in at the Fort Roots V. A. Hospital where they distributed flyers for the October show.

New Web Features Gives Users Control of Postings to APA Site

If you haven't visited the web site (www.arkansaspontiacs.org) a visit is in order. Two new features are in place to improve communication between members.

The first feature was added a few months ago. It is a bulletin board system that allows you to post a message and have others respond to it. You can get there by clicking on the "APA Forum" text in the navigation bar on the left side of the home page.

This system does require you

Arkansas Pontiac Association Calendar						
July 2002						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 POCI Nat'l's Charleston WV
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 APA Monthly Meeting - 1:00pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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An interactive calendar of events is open on the APA website to view and post events.



Chris and Tammy Ritter are the owners of this 1974 Super Duty Trans Am. The car features a Cordova top, a rare option for that year's Super Duty offering. The frame off restoration took 3 1/2 years. The engine is .030 overbore for a 462 cubic inch displacement. The stock intake was swapped for a Performer RPM using the BHVIS unit for a functional shak-

er. The exhaust has been upgraded with Hooker Super Comp heddgers, an X pipe and a full 3 inch, mandrel bent system. Traction is enhanced with some custom built, adjustable traction bars. The car recently ran an 8.31 in the eight mile. Interior modifications include a Kenwood CD player and custom dash insert.

New - continued from I

to register before you can use it. After that you can simply log on with the user name and password you choose and access the forums to post topics for everyone to read and respond to.

The newest feature is our online, interactive calendar of events. The link from our home page to this is the "Upcoming Events" button in navigation frame on the left side of the home page.

Anyone can view this calendar to scroll through the months and see what events have been posted. Only specified users will be able to post to this calendar of events.

If you wish to post something to the calendar, please contact Chris Ritter at critter@ardemgaz.com or call 501-803-9219. He will set up the permission for you to use that feature. This is for club members only.

Mark Your Calendar

July 9th-13th
Pontiac Oakland Club International
Annual Convention
Blacksburg, Virginia
www.poci.org

July 16th
Cruise for The Cure photo shoot.
Gator's Barge and Grill - 10:30 a.m.
North Little Rock river front.

This is on a Tuesday morning. We need your help if you can make it. This is to promote the event.

July 21st
Regular Meeting - Arkansas Pontiac Association
1:00 PM
Lake Willastein - Maumelle -Picnic/Cruise in to follow - Contact Chris Ritter if you are coming to the picnic. 501-803-9219 or critter@ardemgaz.org

SALE OR TRADE

CARS.....

1972 LeMans. Over \$10,000 invested but will sacrifice for \$7,500. Dealer paperwork comes with it. Very nice car. Call Shane Shelton at fbodyman@iwon.com or call 501-315-3881.

PARTS.....

Set of 7M5 and 4X, 455 heads. \$50 for each pair. Call Bryan Blocker at 501-529-8020.

Complete set of five, 15X7 rally wheels off a 1977 Grand Prix. Trim rings and center caps included. \$100.00. Contact Claudio Garcia at 501-843-0731

1971 date code, #96 heads. Good condition. \$200.00. Bryan Blocker - 501-529-8020

Edelbrock Torker II aluminum intake. Barely used. Unported but water crossover has been separated. \$180.00 Bryan Blocker - 501-529-8020

Full length windage tray. \$40.00 Bryan Blocker - 501-529-8020

Bare subframe for first generation F-body. Good condition. \$150.00 Bryan Blocker - 501-529-8020

PARTS.....

455 short block. 1973 date code. Standard bore standard crank. Slight side on top of cylinder. Includes oil pan and damper. Windage tray. \$425.00 Chris Ritter - 501-803-9219

Header panel for 1974 Trans Am. Refinished and ready for final prep work/paint. \$125.00, OBO. Chris Ritter - 501-803-9219

1969 GTO standard differential. Code WC. 2.78 gears. Solid housing with good 28 spline axles. \$100.00. Call Bryan Blocker at 501-529-8020.

YOUR ADS WANTED!

If you are a member of the Arkansas Pontiac Association and have cars or parts to trade or sell, let an officer know. These ads are a service to our members.