

*Big Chief's Corner*

## Psyched Up And Ready

I admit it. I was scared. I thought this club was going to fall flat on its keester when we started planning this car show. I'm feeling better now. You can send the boys with the straight jacket and big hypodermic needles back home.

Things have come together in the last month. We have a good supply of door prizes. We have enough goody bag items to not be embarrassed. We have trophies and dash plaques. We have a food vendor. Most of all, we have a plan and the members who are willing to pull it off.

Now I'm getting psyched up about the show and the Poncho Power Cruise a few weeks later. This is going to be fun, which is what we wanted all along.

I'm very excited by the response I'm getting from other car clubs and individuals who have told me they plan to attend our event. Being a startup event and butting heads with another established local car show means our turnout might be low. Somehow I doubt that it will be but, even if it is, we are now adequately prepared for either eventuality.

I also look forward to opening some eyes about Pontiacs and the people who own them. I think we have consistently impressed the local car clubs with our turnouts and attitude during this year. Now I want to make the same impression on the public that attends and those who come from outside our area to show.

We are fortunate that the City of Maumelle has allowed us a location for this show without charge. I'm encouraged by the help the Parks and Recreation Department has provided in helping us set this event up. I'm hoping that next year will mean greater things from them. A well run event would go a long way towards next year's cooperation. Let's give the city something to brag about.

The interest from Pontiac owners outside our immediate area has surprised me. I've had calls from Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. Some said they'd try to make it. Others asked that we try not to schedule on the same weekend as the Pontiac Uprising in Arkansas City, Kansas. That's something to note for next year's show schedule. Perhaps an all Pontiac show is possible for Arkansas?

I couldn't help but get excited about the Power Cruise when I pulled out the map. There are some fantastic, scenic highways calling our name. I can't wait to see our cars lined up and cruising through the splendor of autumn in the Ozarks.

I know we've all been working hard for this car show and the cruise seems like an appropriate way to wind down the year. A reward, if you will, for our efforts. What could be better than a fall weekend in the mountains with your sweetie? Oh, yeah, you can bring your spouse or significant other as well. <grin>



President Chris Ritter talks with members during the September meeting about preparations for the October 5th car show in Maumelle.

## APA Gears Up For October Events

The September meeting of the Arkansas Pontiac Association was primarily about the month of October. With the APA car show and Poncho Power Cruise looming on the horizon members focused on preparations for those events.

The meeting opened with a report on the status of the club treasury. Treasurer Dusty Palmer reported that the current balance is \$954.36. It was also reported that Dusty has been added on the club bank account and David Templeton has been removed, completing that switch.

Dusty also reported that the paperwork for non-profit status was progressing. He has finished the work on incorporation papers for the state and those have been filed. He is now working on the Federal paperwork.

President Chris Ritter reminded members that September 21st was the date for the Cruisin' For A Cure event. APA had promised ten volunteers to work this event. Ritter had a list of six who had committed and will seek an additional four. Those who work the event were asked to meet at the AllTel Arena parking lot and arrive at 8:15 a.m.

The subject of a new meeting place was next on the agenda. Bruce Rhoads had contacted a local restaurant but, because of our Sunday meeting time, this did not look promising. Ritter reported that the Aerospace Education Center had a room available. Ritter was instructed to secure this room if possible.

It was also decided to move our meeting time from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This would allow more time for people attending Sunday church services to make the meetings.

Ritter then passed around information on the

1876 Inn in Eureka Springs. This hotel was chosen as the overnight spot for those attending the Poncho Power Cruise. Ritter will block off ten rooms for the APA for the night of October 26. Members will be responsible for making their own reservations.

Ritter reported that plans for the October 5 car show were coming together. Members should expect a call in the coming weeks to confirm their attendance and let them know what task they will be assigned to.



Brain Ray showed a printed sample of the dash plaques and Ritter showed a printed sample of the trophies. Both expect the finished product to be ready well in advance of the show.

Ritter warned members to be prepared if there was a large turnout. Additional judges will be needed and he will appoint members to help with this.

A plea was made for more awnings, tables and chairs for the event. Jerry and Velma Spradlin offered several folding tables and Ritter will pick those up. Members were asked to bring their folding chairs.

Several members brought in additional goody bag items and door prizes. Ritter is gathering all of those at his house. Anyone with these items are asked to let Ritter know so arrangements can be made for those to be delivered to him.

It was decided to have pre-show meeting on Friday afternoon, October 4 at the Lake Willastein park in Maumelle. Members who can attend are asked to be there by 6:00 p.m. A walk through for things that will be done the day of the show is planned. Any initial setup that can be accomplished at this time will be done.

## Poncho Power Cruise Set For October 26, 27

Gas up and get ready, the Poncho Power Cruise is set to roll on October 26 and 27.

If you want to join in the fun you need to reserve your room for the overnight stay at the 1876 Inn in Eureka Springs. Contact them by phone at 800-643-3030 or email at inn1876@mynewroads.com. Reservations must be made no later

than October 23rd.

A block of 10 rooms have been set aside for us. Please tell them that you are with the Arkansas Pontiac Association. Room rates are \$69.99 for two adults. The room has two double beds and are non-smoking. If you need arrangements other than these it will be up to you to them. Each reservation is up to the member

attending. There is a heated pool and whirlpool on site.

Members who participate are asked to meet at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Conway the morning of the 26th. Departure time is 9:00 a.m. If you intend to eat breakfast prior to departure, please arrive early enough to be ready to leave by that time.



# Home Depot, Tony Stewart NASCAR Backdrop for APA

On September 14, the North Little Rock Home Depot provided a backdrop for a display of Arkansas Pontiac Association Member cars and the Tony Stewart NASCAR Pontiac Grand Prix.

The variety of Pontiacs on display

had shoppers walking through, checking out the club cars and asking questions.

Children were allowed to build their own NASCAR replica toy cars and race them on a track set up by the Tony Stewart team.

A variety of Arkansas Pontiac Association club cars lined the parking lot around the display of the Tony Stewart NASCAR Grand Prix (top, left). Frankie Rider's daughter, Erin and wife, Jami, seem to be discussing Frankie's cleanup job on his pristine third generation GTA (top, right). One of our newer club members, Ken Trantham, had a run in with a deer on the way to the event (above) causing some damage to the front of his 1967 Firebird. He hopes to have it back in shape in time for the APA car show.

## SALE OR TRADE

### CARS.....

1977 Can Am project car. Is running but needs full restoration. Original drive train. Some rust. Rear spoiler not on car but is with it. Some extra parts. Call Tim Howard (501) - 732 - 7448

### PARTS.....

Doug Nash tunnel ram intake. Two four barrels. In good condition. Make that race car look as good as it goes. Asking \$600.00 Contact John Ramey - (501) - 397 - 7545

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.

### 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

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendar

October 4th

APA Car Show Prep Meeting - Lake Willastein  
Members who can make it are asked to meet at 6:00 p.m. for a walk through and set up meeting to prepare for the show.

## October 5th APA Car Show

9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. - Lake Willastein, Maumelle  
This is the big one. All members need to attend to help us put on the best car show central Arkansas has ever seen.

**Please be there by 8:00 a.m. to help set up.**  
Call your friends, call your neighbors, call the dog, we need them all.

Chris Ritter - 803-9219

October 17th

River Market Cruise In  
River Market District - Downtown Little Rock  
6 - 8 p.m. but folks start arriving by 5 p.m.

## October 26th & 27th Poncho Power Cruise

If you want to go you need to make room reservations at the 1876 Inn @ 800-643-3030. Rooms must be reserved by October 23. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Conway and depart at 9:00 a.m.

This is the departure time. If you intend to eat breakfast there, allow yourself enough time to eat prior to our departure. Chris Ritter - 803-9219

## WHERE IS THE NEXT MEETING GOING TO BE?

I promise, this is the last time that I will move the meeting site this year. The next meeting will be on November 17 at the Aerospace Education Center, 3301 E. Roosevelt Rd. in Little Rock. To get there, take the Little Rock National Airport (Airport Road) exit off I440. Go north (toward the airport) and turn left on Roosevelt. Go west on Roosevelt until you see the center on your left. We won't have a meeting in October due to the car show or December due to the holidays. This will be our last meeting so we will be electing new officers. Show up for this one or be elected in absentia. (Just joking)