

Big Chief's Corner

Wanna Race?

Ever been to a drag strip? Want to go? Here's your opportunity. March 29th is race day for the APA and all members, whether you race your car or not, are welcome to attend.

As a matter of fact, non-racers ought to make the trip just for the laughs. There's always some good-natured jawing going on in the pits. It's also the place where we spend a lot of time talking Pontiacs and getting to know our fellow members. We always have visitors dropping by to find out what this "Pontiac club" thing is all about.

I recommend you pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. Bring your lawn chairs and the sun-screen if it's a sunny day. It doesn't take long to get sunburned out there. Bring a Frisbee or soccer ball for the kids. The pit area is a large, open field so there's plenty of room for them to romp.

The price is right. It only costs \$5.00 to attend and \$10.00 if you want to run your car. It's a test and tune day, which means you aren't really racing anybody, just the clock. It's a great way to run your car out and measure just how fast it really is.

You can also learn how to race in a no pressure environment. Make a mistake? Who cares? You can ask Wrong Way Tammy, she'll tell you. The veteran racers in our club can show you the ropes if you've never raced and want to.

The great thing about the Centerville Dragway is they understand the newcomers. You won't find a more congenial, helpful staff. If you don't understand something, ask. Our club members and the track staff will answer with a smile and a helping hand.

Don't be embarrassed if you don't have a fast car. Heck, I've seen them run everything from Volkswagens to four-wheelers down the track. It's as much fun to watch the slower cars as it is the drag cars. I think we all have more in common with the street car running 15 seconds in the quarter mile than the nitro-methane burning racecars.

I'll give you another excellent reason to attend. You'll be supporting one of our sponsors, Centerville Dragway. Wayne and Patty Stiles took one of the few weekends that they have free all year and came to one of our meetings to sign up as sponsors and meet us. That's dedication that deserves recognition.

They're offering us the oppor-

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Several APA members cruised to the Sonic on Stagecoach Road after the meeting to check out then new cruise in location. Next month is the first official cruise in at this location.

Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!

Arkansas Pontiac Association revved up for another season of cruise ins at Sonic

The March meeting found the APA with a bank balance of \$1026.91. Treasurer Dusty Palmer was unable to attend due to illness so President Chris Ritter reported that the IRS is still stalling the non-profit status based on the car show proceeds. They still haven't given a final answer so the club continues to wait.

Race day is set for March 29 at the Centerville Dragway. Members who will attend are asked to meet at the Cracker Barrel in Conway at 10:30 a.m.

The Hot Rod magazine Power Tour will be in Memphis on May 30. Ritter will investigate the route and the possibility for APA members who are interested to join up with them for a day.

APA monthly cruise ins are set to begin in April. Wayne Major reported that the Sonic Drive In on Stagecoach Road will be the location. Sonic will be providing a trophy for the car hop's choice award. APA will have some door prizes to give away. Sonic will also be giving away free drink coupons to attendees.

Ritter suggested that the club try to team with CAMS car club for a trip to a drive in theater in Mountain Home. That trip is still tentative and Stacy Major will update the group when she has details.

The car show date has been set for

October 18th. Ritter reported that his meeting with Carol Dolan resulted in the River Market area being offered for the show at no cost to the club.

Ritter is working with Amy Brantley of Arkansas Children's Hospital to get approval to use their name in promoting the event. Once he secures that permission he will try to locate sponsors to pick up the cost of the show so that all the proceeds can be donated to ACH.

Ed Helmstetter offered several choices on possible locations for the Poncho Power Tour. The group voted to have Ed investigate something in the Mountain View region for the end of the year. Ed promised to have some details for that location at the next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled on April 20, which is Easter Sunday. It was decided to forego the meeting but still have the cruise in. Ritter will visit with club members at the cruise in to help keep projects for the year moving forward.

After the meeting a few of the members drove out the the Sonic Drive In on Stagecoach Road to introduce themselves to the manager. It was decided to try to keep most of the stalls open for customers and park cruisers on the parking lot behind the business.

APA Member Wins Trophy At CoolFest Show



Bruce Rhoads and Wayne Major (back to camera) visit during the CoolFest car show.

Congratulations to APA member Wayne and Stacy Major for collecting a first place trophy with 1967 GTO during the recent CoolFest car show at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

Judges cited the excellent paint and interior as deciding factors in the score at the 100 point judged show. This was the Major's first top finish since a recent repaint and freshening of the cars appearance.

Also attending the show were James Matchett, David Payne, Chris Ritter, Tony Riddick and Bruce Rhoads.

Ritter, Rhoads and Riddick also volunteered as judges for the competition, judging cars built before 1975. We appreciate their efforts.

I HAVE... U NEED...

Tony Riddick has an LS1 engine for sale. You can call him at 501-888-3096 or email him at: Rockylightfoot@aol.com

Ken Trantham is moving to Kansas for a new job. Sorry to see him go. He has a bunch of OHC6 parts he needs to leave behind. Contact him at 479-968-8849 or email kenneth.trantham@mail.atu.edu.

Lynda Flieg is looking for a radio for her 1970 GTO. Call her at 501-882-6070.

Anyone who knows where to locate a gas tank for a 55-57 Pontiac should contact Terry Rollans at 501-568-6735 or his cell at 416-2881.

Daniel Sullivan is looking for a dash pad to fit a 1968 Tempest. Contact him via email at thevadar@hotmail.com

If you have items for sale, trade or need something, contact Chris Ritter @ critter@ardemgaz.com or 501-803-9219

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Members Mike and Deborah Cherry drive this stunning 1967 GTO.



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 tunity to have a "Pontiac" day at the track this summer. That's the kind of support you can't buy for a car club. How can we say thanks? Let's show up and have a good time.

It will also be fun to see how our club members' fare in the categories race chairman Paul Crutchfield has established. He's decided to keep track of several vital statistics regarding our racing endeavors. Some are expected, such as low elapsed time and highest mile-per-hour. Others are less glamorous and should make for some fun teasing as the day progresses.

Have I convinced you to come? I hope so. You see, there's another benefit to these track outings I haven't discussed. It's good for membership. We always meet fellow Pontiac owners at the track who don't even know our club exists. Let's be there and show them what we're all about.

Mark Your Calendar

NOTICE - NO REGULAR MEETING!



April 5
Manila Lions Club Show
 Manila (Northeast Arkansas) near Blytheville. No details on this one, you'll have to call.

Kay Stags - 870-486-2281

April 12
CAMS cruise in
 501-834-1108 or camscarclub.org
 6-8 p.m. - Sonic on Kiehl Ave.

11th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show
 AR Museum of Natural Resources

Sheri Neely
 3853 Smackover Highway
 P.O. Box 7

Smackover, 71762
 (870) 725-2877
Sheri.Neely@mail.state.ar.us

Cruise the past and enjoy a revue in chrome and steel from 10-3 p.m. Walk through the Outdoor Oilfield Park; see the vehicles and talk to the owners of vintage Americana. Friends of the Museum's concession stand will be open. Admission: Free

April 17
Cruisin in the Rock
 Little Rock River Market
 6 p.m.
 Door prizes.
 At the pavilion in the River Market district, downtown Little Rock.

April 20
NO APA MEETING!!!
 THERE WILL BE NO MEETING PRIOR TO THE CRUISE!!!

This is Easter Sunday. We will not have a meeting but will have our cruise in as scheduled.

Cruise in is at 4:00 p.m. at the Sonic on Stagecoach Road (highway 5, at the Otter Creek community). Door prizes, car hop and club choice award.

April 26
Heber Springs 7th Annual Car Show

Hosted by North Central Arkansas Cruisers

On the courthouse square in Heber Springs. Registration 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Judging begins at noon. Fee - \$20.00 (\$10.00 per additional entry)

Classes for pre-78, 78 and up, mini trucks and trailered vehicles along with special awards.

Dorr prizes, entertainment, drawing for 350ci motor, goody bags and dash plaques.

Call - Betty Lindsey - 870-948-2192 or Roger Carter - 501-362-7955