

Big Chief's Corner

Where Are You And Where Do We Go Now ?

Did you have fun this year? If you didn't it wasn't from a lack of opportunity.

Looking back across our calendar for the past year I see events including racing, cruising, and showing. Our members had ample opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and fun that our car hobby brings to us.

These events don't happen without the dedicated efforts of the club chair people who organize these events. I'd like to thank all of you (you know who you are) for making it happen.

Now is the time to start planning for next year's events. I would like to hear what you liked or didn't like about this year's events. I also want to know if you wish to eliminate or add an event to next year's schedule. Jot down a few notes and bring them to the November meeting.

This type of feed back is essential to next year's officers. There's no way they can make this club fun for you if they don't know what you're thinking. Speak up and, while you're at it, pitch in as a chairman for an event.

For instance, last year or Robin Hood suggested some type of road rally. This event would require the skill of the driver and navigator to travel a set course in a prescribed amount of time.

This sounds like fun but would require someone to lay out a course, set the time limits for each leg and some type of timing system. None of these are insurmountable problems. They simply require planning and work.

One thing I questioned during the past year is that we're trying to do too much. Are we hurting club participation and attendance in all areas by providing too many events? People have busy lives and trying to have more than one club event per month may be keeping many from attending.

We need to make some hard decisions about what we intend to do next year. We need to make those decisions now and set our plan for the coming year.

Lastly, I think it's time for me to chide those of you who are not attending the meetings. Attendance is not mandatory but when you joined this club you made a commitment to it.

We understand if you can't attend all the meetings but you should make the effort when you can. We have a lot of decisions to make in the coming months and you need to be there. Please come to the November meeting.



The PPT long haul crew prior to departure from Aerospace Museum. Making this year's trip were (left to right) Tony, Emily and Kmong Riddick, David Payne, Tammy Ritter, Beth and Ed Helmstetter. Chris Ritter is not pictured (somebody had to shoot this photo).

PPT Rolls On The River, Tunica

The 2003 edition of the Poncho Power Tour rolled through the delta of eastern Arkansas, across the mighty Mississippi river and into the gambling resort area of Tunica, Mississippi on October 16 and 17.

The turnout was low for this cruise but the spirits were high as perfect weather and open roads awaited the group. Attending were: Tony, Emily and Kmong Riddick, David Payne, Tammy and Chris Ritter, along with Beth and Ed Helmstetter.

The group started from the Aerospace Education Center in Little Rock. They made their way out of the city and wandered along highways 70 and 49. Several photo stops were made along the way so participants could have a few memories for their scrapbooks.

The first official stop was in Helena Arkansas at the Delta Cultural Center. The Center offers visitors an opportunity to view the history of the delta and the Helena area in particular.

The group learned that the river city was once a jewel in

chain of Mississippi river towns that served that period's agriculture based economy. They also toured sections regarding the importance of the battle of Helena during the civil war and the development of blues music.

After lunch at a local diner, the crew was back on the road. Crossing into Mississippi the group blasted up highway 61 to the overnight stop of Sam's Town Casino.

After an evening of stuffing the one armed bandits in the casino, the tour returned to the road. The only official stop of the day on Sunday was for a short cotton picking expedition on the Arkansas side of the river.

The tour then swung south through the towns of Stuttgart and England before returning to Little Rock.

Plans are already in the works for next year's Poncho Power Tour. The 2004 route being considered includes a weekend cruise in southeastern Arkansas with an overnight stop in Hot Springs.



The PPT 2003 long haulers pose for a photo in front of a wall mural in Delta Cultural Center in Helena, Arkansas. The group toured the Center while passing through on the way to the overnight stop in Tunica, Mississippi.



Tammy Ritter leads the way as Poncho Power Tour participants roll out of Hazen. The group had made a quick stop for photos of the old buildings in the delta town. As always, frequent unscheduled stops were made when participants saw something of interest. That's what the PPT is all about, cruising and enjoying the countryside.

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APA Lauded At CruiseFest

The Arkansas Pontiac Association was recognized by the Little Rock Convention And Visitor Bureau for their help during the first CruiseFest at the River Market on October 18. Board of Director's member Wayne Major accepted the plaque on behalf of the club during the awards ceremony.

This was the first year for what spokesperson Carol Dolan hopes will be an annual event. The Convention and Visitor Bureau hosts monthly cruise ins at the same location



Wayne Major (left) accepts a club trophy from John Dolan (right).

(River Market pavilions) during the spring and summer.

Helping out were Wayne and Stacy Major along with Jerry and Velma Spradlin. Wayne's 1967 GTO was a fea-

tured car on stage during the event. Jerry's custom 57 Chieftan was used as a backdrop for several television spot reports throughout the day.

General Motors Engine Family Guide

By Mark Potter

(Mark has been a friend to the Arkansas Pontiac Association in the past. He provided the questions and answers for our most recent Pontiac quiz on the web site. He cautions that this list is probably not complete and he continues to gather information to expand this list. I thought it would

be good information, even if it is incomplete - ED)

By division, design and cubic-engine displacement
PONTIAC (1955-81)
287 - 1955
317 - 1956

347 - 1957
370 - 1958
389 - 1959-66
421 - 1962-66
326 - 1963-67
400 - 1967-79
428 - 1967-69
350 - 1968-77
455 - 1970-76
301 - 1977-81
265 - 1980-81

Mark Your Calendar



November 8
SaCari

Sponsored by CAMs to benefit the zoo.
501-834-1108

Pull you car into the zoo and have a photo made with the elephants, rhinos, etc.

November 15
Mountain View Gathering

Call (870) 269-4161

A classic and antique car gathering is planned. The event is to take place at Aunt Minnie's Mall. The show is a place for cars and people to meet and cruise up to another town. No awards are given. That evening a 50's type party is held in the White River Hoe-down. A very low

key event for folks to drive and enjoy their cars

November 16 ELECTION OF OFFICERS!!!

Regular APA Meeting

All members need to attend this meeting. We will be electing officers for next year. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Regular meeting. 2:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Aerospace Education Center, 3301 E. Roosevelt Rd. in Little Rock. Come in the main entrance and go downstairs. It's the meeting room between the library and theater entrance.

CHEVROLET (1955-on)
Turbo Fire (small block)

See **GENERAL**, Page 3

I HAVE... U NEED...

Cara Haynie has stock flat (not ram-air) black hood, will fit all Firebirds 98-02, painted 16x8 stock rims, not a scratch on any of it! \$200 for hood, \$200 for set of 4 rims. 501-231-6907

Four 1972 14" Pontiac Rally Wheels w/center cap (w/some surface rust). Four Trim rings (Good Shape). 4 Goodrich T/A Radial with much more than 1/2 of the tread -- (2) 14" R70 195; (2) R70 215. Call (501) 753-8860 N. Little Rock

Bare 1960 tripower intake with water neck. Looks like it mostly there. Chris Ritter 803-9219

KYB shocks for second generation Trans Am - \$35.00. Two front, two rear. Chris Ritter - 501-803-9219

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Arkansas Pontiac Association Membership

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General - Continued from page 2

265 - 1955-57	402 (a.k.a. 396, 400) 1970-72	455 - 1970-76	CADILLAC
283 - 1957-67	BUICK	OLDSMOBILE	First-gen OHV V8
327 - 1962-69	Nailhead V8	First-gen Rocket V8	331 - 1949-55
350 - 1967-on	322 - 1953-56	303 - 1949-53	365 - 1956-58
302 - 1967-69	364 - 1957-61	324 - 1954-56	390 - 1959-62
400 - 1970-79	401 - 1959-66	371 - 1957-60	Second-gen OHV V8
262 - 1975	425 - 1963-66	394 - 1959-64	390 - 1963
305 - 1976-on	Aluminum block V8	Second-gen Rocket V8	429 - 1964-67
Turbo Thrust (first generation big block)	215 - 1961-63	330 - 1964-67	472 - 1968-74
348 - 1958-61	Cast-iron small block	400 - 1965-69	500 - 1970-76
409 - 1961-65	300 - 1964-67	425 - 1965-67	425 - 1977-79
Turbo Jet (second generation big block)	340 - 1966-67	350 - 1968-80	368 - 1980-82 (V8-6-4, 1981-82)
396 - 1965-69	350 - 1968-80	455 - 1968-76	Aluminum block V8 (pre-Northstar)
427 - 1966-69	Second-generation big block	260 - 1975-82	390 - 1963
454 - 1970-on	400 - 1967-69	403 - 1977-79	429 - 1964-67
	430 - 1967-69	350 Diesel - 1978-85	472 - 1968-74
		260 Diesel - 1979	500 - 1970-76
		307 - 1980-90	425 - 1977-79
			368 - 1980-82 (V8-6-4, 1981-82)
			Aluminum block V8 (pre-Northstar)
			250 - 1982-87
			273 - 1988-90
			300 - 1991-94

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

You may cast your vote for one person for each office. Each member must sign this form at the bottom in order for the vote to count. Only one vote per member for individual memberships, two for each who have paid a family membership. Votes that are mailed in must be received no later than November 16th. You may also vote by attending the November 16 meeting.

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- Velma Spradlin _____
- Wayne Major _____
- Stacy Major _____

Vice-President

- Jerry Spradlin _____
- Tony Riddick _____
- Ed Helmstetter _____
- Bryan Blocker _____

Treasurer

David Payne has agreed to carry on as treasurer for another year.
Thank you, David!

Secretary

- Beth Helmstetter _____
- Velma Spradlin _____
- Linda Fleig _____

Board of Directors

- Mike Cherry _____
- Dennis Shearon _____
- Stacy Major _____

Member signature

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