

*Big Chief's Corner*

## Contribute With Attendance

If you missed the last meeting, shame on you. I hinted at this in last month's column. Now I'm delivering the broadside.

A car club is only as good as the members. A member can only get out of a car club what he puts into it. If you don't show up you're not just hurting yourself, you're hurting the club.

We have over 50 members on the rolls as of this writing. So why is it that I see the same 15-20 people at every meeting? Why is it that I see those same people at every event? Why is it that those same people end up carrying the load for everyone else?

It's because you (and you folks know who you are) are not participating. This keeps you from enjoying the fellowship of club members and keeps that same core group of folks doing all the work.

When you joined this club you made a commitment. We don't expect everyone at every meeting but, if you live in the central Arkansas area, we'd appreciate seeing you at one of the events or meetings 3 - 4 times per year.

And I don't mean just show up, say hello and go home. Call the officers prior to any event you can attend and ask how you can help. Try to pitch in and share the load.

For those of you who live outside the central Arkansas area, please don't misunderstand. I realize the limitations of trying to travel a great distance to attend. Do we want your attendance? YES! Any time you can, please show up.

I know meetings are boring but they are necessary. Meetings are the only way those fun events get planned and executed. If you attend you can understand the work involved and offer your unique talents and abilities to further the club. You'd be amazed at how many times a discussion at a meeting has led to members providing invaluable help to the club.

It has been just over two years since this club was formed. In that time we've made incredible strides for a fledgling organization. I'm very, very proud of what we've achieved.

So, why this rant? Because, after January 1st, I will no longer be your president, a first for the club and for me.

The highly capable group of officers who are taking over need and deserve your full support. They will be taking time out of their busy lives to make this club work for your benefit.

Don't you think they deserve to have your help? I do.



President Chris Ritter congratulates President-elect Wayne Major after the regular meeting.

## New Officers Take Lead In '04

The Arkansas Pontiac Association will start the new year with some fresh faces in leadership positions.

Wayne Major will be taking over as president of the club. Helping Wayne out in the vice-president's slot will be Tony Riddick. Tony graciously accepted the job after Bryan Blocker, who won the popular vote, asked to be excused due to his business obligations.

Beth Helmstetter also stepped in to help after Velma Spradlin asked to be excused from the voting. Beth has agreed to take on the secretary's job. David Payne will be continuing as our treasurer.

Elections weren't the only business attended to at the meeting. David Payne delivered a treasurer's report that showed the club with a \$1,404.32 balance in the sponsor account and a \$934.73 balance in the general fund.

It was agreed that the club will donate \$1,400.00 to Arkansas Children's Hospital at the end of the year. This money must come out of our sponsor account as stipulated by our non-profit status.

Wayne Major delivered a

report on the Big CruiseFest. The club was awarded a plaque for their work at the event and has been asked to be the host club for next year's event. Members voted to add this event to our club sponsored event list.

Stacy Major reported that the Little Rock holiday parade is looking for cars to participate. Chris Ritter reported that he had fielded a similar request from Hazen city officials. Both events are on December 6th and Ritter agreed to post both to the calendar of events. Members can find contact information on the web site and in this newsletter.

Ritter opened the question of pro-rating dues. Currently, members renew dues on an annual basis in January of each year.

After some discussion it was agreed that we will not pro-rate dues but will allow anyone who joins the club in the last quarter of the year to carry over until the following year.

This will accommodate those who joined the club after our car show. David Payne will be working to identify those individuals from this year so their membership can

carry over.

Next up was a discussion of attendance at the meetings. Ritter worried that perhaps the meeting day and time was preventing some members from attending. The members voted to leave the time and date alone.

Ritter opened the floor to talk about the upcoming year's events. No one wanted to cut back on the type of events the club was hosting. It was decided to try to maintain our current level of hosted events.

Member also asked Ritter to post a poll to the web site to see what feedback he could get from non-members regarding the kind of events they like best.

Ritter reported that Paul Crutchfield has agreed to take on the racing chairmanship again in 2004. Ritter has volunteered to plan the Poncho Power Tour for 2004. Other chairs are open and the new officers are requesting volunteers.

Velma Spradlin reported that Children's Hospital is in need of some small items for the children, including coloring books, large markers, small toy cars, current release music CDs, etc. A list of those items was distributed and members were asked to bring something for the children to the club holiday party where it will be collected.

When the donation of our money is made we will also deliver the items that are gathered. Ritter will arrange that meeting.

A club holiday party will be held on December 13th at Bruce Rhoads' home. The club will be providing the ham and turkey. Members who wish to attend are asked to contact Tammy Ritter (501-803-9219) and bring a side dish.

### Ho Ho Ho, Christmas With Indian Joe

If you're looking for a Christmas present for that Pontiac nut in your family, might we suggest these trick bookends? Jerry Spradlin has created these Indian Head specials and is selling them for \$10.00 per set. That money goes to our club's general operating fund. Contact Jerry at 501- 329 - 5519 or email wescon@conwaycorp.net



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# Axle Codes For Second Gen Firebirds

By Mark Potter

(Mark has provided the Arkansas Pontiac Association with this information regarding rear axle codes for 1970-1981 Pontiac Firebirds. Thank you, Mark. - ED)

## AXLE CODE LOCATION

On passenger side front (forward) axle tube ~three inches from differential. Letters are 1/4" high.

Year Code S/P Ratio

1970	GRX	S	2.73
	CRY	P	2.73
	GOS	S	3.07
	GOT	P	3.07
	GOE	S	3.08
	GOF	P	3.08
	GOU	S	3.31
	GOV	P	3.31
	GOK	S	3.36
	GOL	P	3.36
	COW	S	3.55
	COX	P	3.55
	COZ	P	3.73
1971	GZG	S	2.73
	CAG	P	2.73
	GXG	S	3.08
	GYG	P	3.08
	CKG	S	3.42
	CJG	P	3.42
	CGG	P	3.73
	CBG	P	4.10
1972	GZG	S	2.73
	CAG	P	2.73
	GXG	S	3.08
	GYG	P	3.08
	CKG	S	3.42
	CLG	S	3.42
	CMG	P	3.42
1973	GZG	S	2.73
	CAG	P	2.73
	GXG	S	3.08
	GYG	P	3.08
	CLG	S	3.42
	CMG	P	3.42
1974			

	GZG	S	2.73
	CAG	P	2.73
	GXG	S	3.08
	GYG	P	3.08
	CLG	S	3.42
	CMG	P	3.42
1975	PGG	S	2.56
	PTG	P	2.56
	PAG	S	2.73
	PUG	P	2.73
	PCG	S	3.08
	PWG	P	3.08
1976	PJG	S	2.41
	PSG	P	2.41
	PAG	S	2.73
	PUG	P	2.73
	PCG	S	3.08
	PWG	P	3.08
	PDG	S	3.23
	PXG	P	3.23
	LDG	P	3.23
1977	PJG	S	2.41
	PSG	P	2.41
	PHG	S	2.56
	PTG	P	2.56
	PCG	S	3.08
	PWG	P	3.08
	PDG	S	3.23
	PXG	P	3.23
1978	2PJG	S	2.41
	2PSG	P	2.41
	2PHG	S	2.56
	2PTG	P	2.56
	2PCG	S	3.08
	2PWG	P	3.08
	2PDG	S	3.23
	2PMG	S	3.23
	2PXG	P	3.23
	2PPG	P	3.23
1979	2PJG	S	2.41
	2PSG	P	2.41
	2PVG	P	2.41
	2PHG	S	2.56
	2PTG	P	2.56
	2PAG	S	2.73
	2PUG	P	2.73
	2PRG	P	2.73

	2PCG	S	3.08
	2PWG	P	3.08
	2PQG	P	3.08
	2PDG	S	3.23
	2PXG	P	3.23
	2PPG	P	3.23
	2POG	P	3.42
1980	2PJG	S	2.41
	2PSG	P	2.41
	5PVG	P	2.41
	2PHG	S	2.56
	2PTG	P	2.56
	2PAG	S	2.73
	2PUG	P	2.73
	2PCG	S	3.08
	5PQG	P	3.08
	2PWG	P	3.08
	2POG	P	3.08
	2PDG	S	3.23
	2PXG	P	3.23
	5POG	P	3.23
	2PBG	S	3.42
	2PYG	P	3.42
	5POG	P	3.42
1981	PJG	S	2.41
	PSG	P	2.41
	PVG	P	2.41
	PHG	S	2.56
	PTG	P	2.56
	PAG	S	2.73
	PUG	P	2.73
	PCG	S	3.08
	PQG	P	3.08
	PWG	P	3.08
	PDG	S	3.23
	PXG	P	3.23
	PEG	S	3.42
	PYG	P	3.42

## Mark Your Calendar

**December 6**  
Hazen Christmeas Parade

They're looking for cars to participate.

Starting at 4:30 p.m. They will be lining up at the Riceland Foods parking lot that is on the West end of town. It is right by Hwy 70 when you come into town. They are asking that they you start lining up about 3. They are going to try and announce all the cars in the parade this year so they need a little info about each one.

Contact Connie Swaim  
870-255-4915  
cjswaim2000@yahoo.com

**December 6**  
Little Rock Holiday Parade

Contact Angela England at 501-370-3300

**December 13**  
APA Christmas Party

The club is providing the ham and turkey. Bring a side dish and a smile. Contact Tammy Ritter at 501-803-9219 regarding what to bring. Instructions on how to get to Bruce Rhoads' house are on page three of this newsletter.

**December 21**  
NO APA MEETING  
Merry Christmas!

# I HAVE... U NEED...

Dusty Palmer is selling his 1975 Trans Am. The engine is out of the car right now. The heads are ready to go with a full port job by Bryan Blocker and all new hardware. It has new 3.42 gears and a rebuilt front suspension. He's sacrificing it for \$2,500. Call Dusty at 501-851-6191.

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

Full set KYB shocks for second generation Trans Am - \$35.00. Chris Ritter - 501-803-9219





# Arkansas Pontiac Association Membership

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• John Brooks	171 Tower Loop	Lonoke	AR	72086	501-676-2725
• Russell Butler	914 West Holland Ave.	White Hall	AR	71602	870-267-1772
• Matt Burgess	1020 Crosspoint Rd.	Conway	AR	72034	501-730-0757
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• Dan Joslin	7 St. Thomas Drive	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-1544
• James Lane	9016 Leatrice Drive	Little Rock	AR	72227	501-223-9691
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• James Maison	8301 West 23rd St.	Little Rock	AR	72204	501-312-9419
• Wayne Major	3900 North Cedar	North Little Rock	AR	72116	501-758-5840
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• Vance Morgan	720 Carter Drive	Marion	AR	72364	870-732-6101
• Dusty Palmer	29 High Trails Dr.	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-6191
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• Tony Riddick	15015 Claude Dr.	Little Rock	AR	72206	501-888-3096
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• Wayne Stiles	PO Box 160	Centerville	AR	72829	479-576-4001
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• David Templeton	11 River Road West	Mayflower	AR	72106-8414	501-851-0891
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• Emanuel Williams	10412 Sardis Rd	Mabelvale	AR	72103	501-455-1721

## Driving Directions To Holiday Party



Proceeding south on I30 from Little Rock:

1 – Take exit 128, Mablevale Rd. and Otter Creek Rd. This is the first exit after the I430 exit and is located in one of those gosh awful construction zones. Make sure you're over in the right hand lane and be ready for it.

2 – Proceed down the service road past Cal-Ark Trucking. You're still in the construction zone so be careful out there.

3 – Take the exit (right) for Vimey Ridge Rd./ Shannon Hills Rd. This will put you on Vimey Ridge road with a sweeping right hand turn that takes you back over I30, heading south.

4 – Cross the railroad tracks and keep going straight until you reach the intersection with County Line Road. There will be a service station on your left and a Dollar General store on your right. Turn Right on to County Line Rd.

5 – Look for the South Fork Ranch subdivision on your left. Turn left onto Southfork Dr.

6 – Turn left onto Rocking Horse Lane.

7 – At the stop sign turn right onto Meadowview Dr. Bruce's house is the last house on the left side of that block. It's the corner lot. The address is 13125 Meadowview Dr.

# 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.

## President

Jerry Spradlin \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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