

Big Chief's Corner

Coming Together

I was talking with Geoff Schwark at the last Sonic Cruise In. He commented on how far the club had progressed in the past two years.

We talked about how the club started with approximately 30 Pontiac enthusiast gathering under the pine trees at Lake Willastein park in Maumelle. We agreed that it had come a long way in a very short time.

What we didn't talk about are all the little things I've seen happen in the past two years that tell me this club is really starting to gel as a group. Those instances of club members helping each other out in times of need.

There have been multiple instances of people volunteering to help work on fellow club member's cars. Also many instances of someone needing a part and a member coming to the rescue.

This kind of sharing of resources and abilities is the heart of a club. It builds the relationships that last a lifetime and go beyond the common interest of our passion for cars.

I'm also noticing the more experienced members, the ones with knowledge and ability, passing their hard earned expertise on to the less capable members. This is one area that I feel we could take advantage of more than we have.

One of the things I'd like to see us do this winter, when we can't take our cars out to play, is to have some "how to" workshops. Have a day long or afternoon session where, for instance, we learn the right way to refinish and repaint a Rally II wheel. Or maybe we could do a session of the proper way to adjust valves? I think you get the idea.

We will need a couple of things in order to hold these sessions. One will be club cars that need fixing. Another will be a location big enough and properly equipped to do the work.

I'll be working on locating a spot for us to hold one or two of these events this winter. If they are well attended and you folks like the concept I'll try to arrange more.

A quick shift of gears now. I want to remind the members that we have set a date for our annual car show. It is going to be on September 27. Please make plans to be there and help out. Also, start trying to round up door prizes and goody bag items. We have a few things from last year but need more. We are non-profit, so beg hard. <grin>

Car Show, Treasurer Top List

Election of a new treasurer and a report on the progress of the car show planning topped the discussions at the May meeting of the Arkansas Pontiac Association.

Treasurer Dusty Palmer fulfilled his promise to stay on in that office until the APA's non-profit status was realized. That was approved by the IRS so Ritter opened the floor to nominations for a new treasurer. There was only one nomination, for David Payne. He was elected by a unanimous vote.

President Chris Ritter delivered a report regarding the car show. The show date has been changed to September 27 to facilitate securing the park and a DJ for the entertainment. Ritter has begun the process of securing the park with Maumelle Parks and Recreation.

The car show flier is ready for distribution as soon as Arkansas Children's Hospital gives their approval. Ritter discussed some minor class changes based on last year's attendance.

Jerry Spradlin reported that he had a CNC machine capable of creating a mask if we chose to make our own trophies. Ritter presented a few designs for consideration. Velma Spradlin and Stacy Major will be checking into blanks for blasting and report on that at the next meeting. (NOTE: Bryan Blocker says he has a sandblaster the club can use, saving that expense.)

Race Chairman Paul Crutchfield reported that we will be the featured club at a Pontiac only heads up race at the Centerville Dragway. This



APA member Jonathan Lobb, Jerry Spradlin, Ed Helmstetter and James Matchett look over possible designs for the car show trophies.

race will be on Saturday, August 23 so all racers and members who can attend should make plans to be there. This event is being sponsored and hosted by members Wayne and Patty Stiles of Centerville Dragway at no cost to the club.

Sonic Cruise In chairman Wayne Major had nothing new to report. The first cruise in was very well attended and it was recommended that no changes be made to the format.

Poncho Power Tour chairman Ed Helmstetter reported that the Mountain View bed and breakfast he was talking with required a two night minimum stay. That

was more than he felt we could commit to so he will be checking other locations including Eureka Springs, Memphis and Tunica.

Ritter reminded members that Pontiac Southern Nationals, sponsored by the Dallas Area Pontiac Association would be held June 13, 14 and 15 in Dallas. Those who have indicated they will be attending are Bruce Rhoads, John Ramey, Dane Hart, Chris and Tammy Ritter, Frankie Rider and Jonathan Lobb.

There will be no APA meeting on June 15 due to the members being in Dallas. The cruise in will go ahead as scheduled.

Cruise In Numbers Down, Enthusiasm High



APA President Chris Ritter handles the microphone duties while presenting awards at the second Sonic Cruise In sponsored by the club. Attendance was slightly off due to the threatening weather conditions.

After a weekend full of tornadoes and soaking thunderstorms the sky cleared for the second APA sponsored Sonic Cruise In.

The number of cars attending the even was down, an estimated 40 cars. Helping to up the numbers was a local all Mustang show that broke up shortly after the cruise in began. Many of the Ford faithful dropped in to see us.

As always, a Car Hop's Choice and Club Choice trophy were presented along with free food coupons from the Sonic drive in for their Cook's Choice and Manager's Choice.

Club member Jerry Spradlin won the Car Hop's trophy with his "Half Breed" custom 1957 Chieftain and David Stroncek

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won the Club Choice trophy award with his stunning 1970 1/2 Camaro.

Our next Sonic Cruise will be on June 15th from 4 - 6 p.m.

Due to a schedule conflict with Pontiac Southern Nationals, we will not have a meeting prior to the cruise. Most of the officers will be in Dallas attending that event.

If you are in town and can attend the cruise please pitch in and help.

Sonic Cruise Chairman Wayne Major asks your help in letting those who attend know that we do not want them to park on the inside rows. This will allow Sonic's regular customers to have access while the cruise is going on. Please help get the word out.



This Corvette had to have a "Bow Tie Bandaid" applied after an accident due to a brake failure.



The club Pontiacs filled one side of the Sonic with examples of classic Poncho iron.

Mark Your Calendar

June 7
Quitman Fest
 City of Quitman
 \$6,500 in cash prizes. (Best in Show and Sponsor's choice - remainder of cash is given on drawing basis - 1st, 2nd, 3rd are trophy only) Proceeds benefit Quitman's future Sports Complex.

Cars must be older than 1977 models.

100 point judging - Dash plaques to first 100 entries

\$20.00 to enter.

Information contact Barry or Thelma Alumbaugh - 501-589-3017 or email tdalumbaugh@yahoo.com

June 10 - 14
Petit Jean Swap Meet
 Museum of Automobiles Annual Swap meet. It's a big one so take your walking shoes and lots of cash.

June 13 - 15
Pontiac Southern Nationals
<http://www.pontiacsouthern-nationals.com>

Friday through Sunday event. The show is on Saturday and racing on Sunday.

June 14
CAMS Sonic Cruise In
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Sonic on Kiehl in Sherwood.
 501-834-1108
<http://www.camscarclub.org>

June 19
Cruisin In The Rock
 River Market district - Downtown LR
 5 - 9 p.m.
 501-370-3201
 Door prizes and merchant award.

June 28
Rollin' on The River

This is really a three day event with things kicking off on Friday night at 6:00 p.m

with a reception. It appears Saturday is a show day but they don't give awards until Sunday at noon. \$500 for best of show car and truck.

Terry Altman
 479-968-8188
 Rick Taylor
 479-890-2662
 Registration is \$25.00 day of show, \$20.00 pre-entry. River Valley Rodders is sponsoring.

NO JUNE APA MEETING

Since many of the members will be attending the Pontiac Southern Nationals, there will be no meeting on June 15.

We will have our monthly cruise in at the Sonic on Stagecoach from 4 - 6 p.m. If you are not going to Dallas, Please attend and help out.

Welcome new members Dennis Shearon and Marshall Glasgow

Arkansas Pontiac Association Membership

Eddie Anderson	16817 Raines Rd.	Little Rock	AR	72210	501-455-3515
Jonathan Badgett	118 CR 4866 South	Dayton	TX	77535	479-466-3014
Bryan Blocker	118 Mirimar	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-0612
John Brooks	171 Tower Loop	Lonoke	AR	72086	501-676-2725
Russell Butler	914 West Holland Ave.	White Hall	AR	71602	870-267-1772
Paul Crutchfield	343 Highway 291 North	Prattsville	AR	72129	870-699-4425
Michael Cherry	271 Stringham Rd.	Searcy	AR	72143	501-742-5756
Marvin Dunnahoo	2044 Horseshoe Loop Rd.	Little Rock	AR	72206	501-888-8084
Lynda Flieg	49 Rosewood Dr.	Beebe	AR	72012	501-882-6070
Claudio Garcia	251 Deer Acres	Cabot	AR	72023	501-843-0731
Marshall Glasgow	608 Nabholz Road	Little Rock	AR	72201	501-454-9898
Dane Hart	12303 Woodbourne Dr.	Little Rock	AR	72211	501-225-8878
Cara Haynie	4614 Kerr Station Rd.	Cabot	AR	72023	501-231-6907
Ed Helmstetter	715 Trevino Drive	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-8370
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Jonathan Lobb	19 Crepe Myrtle Place	Little Rock	AR	72210	501-455-1175
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Chris Ritter	18 Turquoise Dr.	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-803-9219
Marty Ritter	5310 Prospect Rd.	Jonesboro	AR	72401	501-933-7428
Geoffrey Schwark	450 Deer Creek	Cabot	AR	72023	501-941-2834
Dennis Shearon	5917 Cypress Creek Dr.	North Little Rock	AR	72116	501-753-4844
Jerry Spradlin	2802 College Ave.	Conway	AR	72032	501-329-5519
Daniel Sullivan	522 Ray Young Rd.	Carlisle	AR	72024	501-920-8950
David Templeton	11 River Road West	Mayflower	AR	72106-8414	501-851-0891
Ken Trantham	350 Cagle Rock Circle	Russelville	AR	72802	479-968-8849
Archie Williams	9725 Cochrane St.	Mabelvale	AR	72103	501-455-1721
Emanuel Williams	10412 Sardis Rd	Mabelvale	AR	72103	501-455-1721



New member Dennis Shearon arrived in style, cruising the lot in this stunning 1968 drop top GTO (above).



Jerry Spradlin (above, right) collects his Car Hop's Choice award. His car (right) attracted plenty of gawkers throughout the day.



David Stroncek (above, right) grabbed the Club Choice Award with his 1970 1/2 Camaro Z28. The car is owned by his mother, Marilyn

