

Big Chief's Corner

A Season For Change

As the year winds down and we put our major events behind us, it's time begin thinking of who our new officers should be. I want each of you to take some time to reflect and consider who can lead our group in the coming year.

You will find a form in this month's newsletter to write in your nominations for the 2004 slate of officers. This form should be mailed back to me at the address on the form.

After the nominations are in I will put a form in the October newsletter for everyone to vote. This is the best way I know to provide everyone the opportunity to have their choices recognized and voted on.

If you are nominated for an office, please, don't reject the call. Our club is going strong and continued leadership is essential. This is an opportunity for you to help guide our club as we continue the phenomenal growth experienced in the past two years.

This is also an opportunity to bring some fresh ideas to the table. It's your chance to have your vision for our club's future in front of the membership, an opportunity to bring in your abilities to benefit the group.

Now for the do as I say, not as I do part of this column. I'm going on record in this column as saying that I will not be your president next year.

I owe it to my wife and extended family to cut back on the time I invest in my hobby. Tammy has been fabulous in supporting me, even to the point of being the club secretary this year. She has been a saint but I have to make more time for them.

I also think it's time for a new hand at the helm of APA. I don't want this to turn into the "Chris Ritter Car Club".

Don't misunderstand. I'll still be here for the club. I fully intend to continue producing the newsletter and maintaining the web site, with your approval of course. I intend to participate in as many club events as I possibly can.

I need a break from the day to day leadership role. I need to be able to skip a club event if it conflicts with a family event. I want to be able to enjoy the club events more by not being the "man in charge" all the time.

It has been a great honor to serve as president of this club since that day, under the pine trees in Maumelle. We've come a great distance. Now we need a new set of leaders to carry us down the path to club maturity. Answer the call.



Owners put a shine on their rides prior to judging at the Wheelin' and Healin' car show.

Wheelin' And Healin' Big Success

Second Annual Show Raises Money For Arkansas Children's Hospital - Growth Of Show Impressive

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: I'd like to take this space to thank each of you for your contributions to make this show the screaming success that it was. Without the participation of the membership, our sponsors and donors this would not have happened. Thank you all so very much!

The Second Annual Wheelin' and Healin' car show, sponsored by the Arkansas Pontiac Association to benefit Arkansas Children's Hospital was successful in raising \$1,103.00 for the charity. With the addition of the remaining sponsor money in the car show account club president Chris Ritter said he anticipated a check for approximately \$1,500.00 being presented to ACH.

The show was held at the Lake Willastein park in Maumelle on Saturday, September 27. The lake front site provided show goers with a scenic backdrop for the classic, antique and modern show cars.

A total of 70 cars attended the show. 52 of those were registered for judging while the remaining 18 cars were owned by APA members.

The member cars are not eligible for judging. They were part of a popular vote competition. Those with judged cars are allowed to vote for their favorite club car.

Winner of Best Pontiac In Show went to Gena Lowery with her 1980 Trans Am Pace Car. Best in Show honors went to Mike Callie in his stunning

1957 Bel Air convertible. There was a tie for top honors in the popular vote for APA. Wayne and Stacy Major's 1967 GTO shared the limelight with Jerry and Velma Spradlin's custom 1957 Chieftan.

In addition to the registration fees, money was raised through a silent auction, wipe out board and a 50/50 pot. All participants received a goody bag and dash plaque. Many went home with a door prize courtesy of our donors.

Two non-APA-members distinguished themselves in their contribution to this year's event. Gordon O'Steen provided entertainment for the show, mixing golden oldies with music trivia to keep the crowd smiling.

Chris Branson came to the club's rescue on Friday night preceeding the Saturday show. The grounds for the show had not been mowed by the city. Chris retrieved a riding lawn mower and mowed the show area by the light of member's car headlights that night.



Did you ever wonder how all those goody bags get all that stuff in them. Come help next year!

Poncho Power Tour Rolling

The 2003 edition of the Poncho Power Tour is set for the weekend of October 18th and 19th.

PPT Chairman Ed Helmstetter is encouraging participants to make their reservations at Sam's Town Casino for the night of the 18th. The phone number is 800-456-0711.

Cruisers will be leaving from the Imax Theater parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the 18th. This is the same place we have our

regular meetings at 3301 E. Roosevelt Rd.

The route for this year's trip will be east on Highway 70 to the intersection with Highway 49 in Brinkley. From there we will turn south to Helena. A stop is planned in Helena for the Delta Cultural Center. We will then proceed across the river and north on Mississippi 61 into Tunica.

Tune up the cars, invite your friends and come along for the ride!



APA President Chris Ritter (left) presents Best Pontiac In Show winner Gena Lowery her trophy for showing her 1980 Pace Car Trans Am.

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APA Parks Cruisin' For A Cure

The APA earned the praise of host CAMS car club for working the morning shift, parking and helping register cars for the Cruisin' For The Cure event, September 13th in North Little Rock.

Working the event were Jerry and Velma Spradlin, Wayne and Stacy Major, Chris and Tammy Ritter, Bryan Blocker, Bruce Rhoads and David Payne.

An estimated 250 cars attended the event. CAMS president Sid Short was happy



Wayne Major and Cara Haynie cruise for a cure.

with the turnout considering the wet weather leading up to the show.

APA's Jerry Spradlin won a trophy for the best "Kemp" car at the show. Jerry has promised to share with us what a "Kemp" car is when he figures it out.

Volunteers will be needed again next year. This is a high profile event for CAMS and for the APA. It also gives us the opportunity to promote our show. Please make plans to help next year!



A quick afternoon shower was the only rain during the day.

Mark Your Calendar



October 11
Christian Car Club Show

Christian Car Club will hold their annual car show in Cabot on Saturday October 11th. Contact APA Member Claudio Garcia or Geoff Schwark for more information or Bob Morris - blm281@aol.com

October 18
Poncho Power Tour

It's the Lose Your Money tour! We don't care what you drive. Come cruise to Tunica and spend an evening giving the good citizens of Mississippi your money.

We will leave on Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. from the parking lot of the Imax theater located at 3301 East Roosevelt Rd. (our regular club meeting place)

Make a room reservation at Sam's Town Casino. That's where we'll be staying. Phone number is 800-456-0711.

There will be a stop in Helena for the Delta Culture Museum. The rest of the ride will be up to the group

October 18
Big CruiseFest in the Rock River Market Amphitheater & Pavilions
Contact Carol Dolan 370-3201 for more info

Carol need help with parking and what not. If any APA members are not going on the cruise to Tunica, please contact her to offer your help.

October 18
Jonesboro Swap meet/Show

Crowley's Ridge Cruisers
www.crowleysridgecruisers.com
Registration is \$25.00
Giving away 2 Chevy motors, door prizes, vendor displays, 50/50 pot, wipe out board, etc.

Craighead County Fairgrounds
Jerry Hall - 870-802-1802

October 25
Rock City Antique Cruiser's Show in Jacksonville

3rd annual Antique Car & Hot Rod show.
Benefits Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
600 W. Main St.
Jacksonville, AR

Darrell Burns - 501-982-4954
darrellaburns@hotmail.com

October 25
Automotive Trade Show

Pulaski Technical College
3000 West Scenic Drive
North Little Rock

www.pulaskitech.edu

Car and bike show
Automotive flea market
Model car show
Kids coloring contest
Door Prizes

Call 501-812-2259

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.Cara Haynie has 1991-92 Camaro ground effects, z28 wing and emblem perfect shape, 2 door pieces, rear bumper fascia, lower side skirts, front air dam, side rear pieces, spoiler has gaskets.emblem are in GM bags(dash, rear panel and side skirts) \$500.00 - 501-231-6907

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

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Welcome new members Gordon Gondek, Roland and Ginger Chavez, Tim Huddleston, James Lane, Gary Lockard, James Maison, Charlie and Tacy Hoover

Arkansas Pontiac Association Membership

Butch Allumbough	156 Honey Hill Rd	Searcy	AR	72143	501-268-2905
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	15 South Church Street	Vilonia	AR	72173	501-529-8020
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
Paul Crutchfield	343 Highway 291 North	Prattsville	AR	72129	870-699-4425
Roland Chavez	#4 Sharondale Ct.	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-2870
Michael Cherry	271 Stringham Rd.	Searcy	AR	72143	501-742-5756
Lance Davis	9144 Puddin Ridge Rd.	Ozark	AR	72949	501-667-3535
Marvin Dunnahoo	2044 Horseshoe Loop Rd.	Little Rock	AR	72206	501-888-8084
Lynda Flieg	49 Rosewood Dr.	Beebe	AR	72012	501-882-6070
DeWayne Ford	2199 Hwy. 133 N.	Crossett	AR	71635	870-354-3224
Claudio Garcia	251 Deer Acres	Cabot	AR	72023	501-843-0731
Marshall Glasgow	608 Nabholz Road	Little Rock	AR	72201	501-454-9898
Gordon Gondek	19101 Hidden Hills Lane	Little Rock	AR	72223	501-821-1500
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
John Heringer	5601 Westview Dr.	North Little Rock	AR	72116	501-753-9598
Robin Hood	3226 Drayton Woods	Bartlett	TN	38134	870-761-5699
Charlie Hoover	169 Oak Tree Rd.	Damascus	AR	72039	501-335-7608
Tim Huddleston	701 Ruth Drive	Bryant	AR	72022	501-847-2883
James Ireland	7810 Preston Dr.	Little Rock	AR	72209	501-565-1602
Dan Joslin	7 St. Thomas Drive	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-1544
James Lane	9016 Leatrice Drive	Little Rock	AR	72227	501-223-9691
Jonathan Lobb	19 Crepe Myrtle Place	Little Rock	AR	72210	501-455-1175
Gary Lockard	107 Miramar Dr.	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-1079
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
James Matchett	25 Blackstone Circle	North Little Rock	AR	72118	501-753-6108
Vance Morgan	720 Carter Drive	Marion	AR	72364	870-732-6101
Dusty Palmer	29 High Trails Dr.	Maumelle	AR	72113	501-851-6191
David Payne	33 Ferncrest Dr.	Little Rock	AR	72223	501-821-3979
Jeff Pugh	7553 Rush Lane	Harrisburg	AR	72432	870-578-5674
John Ramey	P.O. Box 276	Wrightsville	AR	72183	501-397-7545
Brian Ray	PO Box 25212	Scott, AFB	IL	6225-0212	501-843-0960
Bruce Rhoads	13125 Meadowview Dr.	Alexander	AR	72002	501-455-5545
Tony Riddick	15015 Claude Dr.	Little Rock	AR	72206	501-888-3096
Frankie Rider II	399 Radio Tower Road	Locust Grove	AR	72550	870-668-3724
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
Wayne Stiles	PO Box 160	Centerville	AR	72829	479-576-4001
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

Nomination Of Officers For 2004

President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Member making nomination _____

Members are asked to complete the form above and return it to club President Chris Ritter either by mail or at the next meeting, Arkansas Pontiac Association - 18 Turquoise Dr. - Maumelle, AR - 72113

Wheelin' and Healin' 2003 - A Photo Tour



An overview of the show field gives an indication of how much the show has grown this year. There were 52 registered show cars.



What could be better than having the Best In Show winning car (above) at the Wheelin' and Healin' car show? Ask owner Mike Callie and he'd probably tell you that it would be having a couple of cute young ladies to grace your seats (left).



The Arkansas Pontiac Association club cars were out in force for the show. 18 member cars greeted show goers at Lake Willastein.



The Pontiac content was strong again this year. Winner of the Best Pontiac In Show was Gena Lowery with her 1980 Trans Am Pace Car (above) Flames never go out of style (right) but while many paint them on the hood this hot rodder took it a step further, cutting the flame design into his engine cowl.



It was another big year for trucks at the show.



Lake Willastein is a scenic the location for the event.