

Chief Loud Mouth Speaks

Had Fun Tonight

I had fun tonight. A group of members showed up at our sponsor, Crain Pontiac, for a display of cars. They were doing a sales pitch that showed off the new G6 and were doing their best to move a few GTOs while they were at it.

While they were selling cars I got to do something I rarely get to do these days. I talked to my fellow members. I actually had time to visit with the members and discuss what was going on with their cars, their families and their lives.

We have some COOL third generation cars in the club. Frankie Rider was there in his notchback GTA. Have you ever seen one of those? Ron Nichols brought out his wild custom Firebird. I didn't get to ask what he did but it's firing up with authority and idling with a thump. Former members Charlie and Tracy Hoover had their 15th anniversary car there. I saw that car when they first purchased it. Man, talk about a transformation.

The second generation Firebirds were not well represented. If it hadn't been for David Payne in his 1978 Trans Am there wouldn't have been any. I guess someone we all know need to fix his motor soon.

Jerry and Velma Spradlin were there in Jerry's '57. I can't tell you how thrilled I was to see Velma up and around. She's still not 100% but she's better. I'll keep saying a prayer and you folks should to.

Of course the old GTOs got a bunch of attention. Wayne and Stacy brought their awesome '67 and Bruce had his mean '67 setting close by. I can tell you that nothing beats the timeless lines of a classic GTO.

The Buick Division was represented by Ed and Beth Helmstetter. Ed's Reatta always causes people to stop and look. It's a hoot to see people trying to figure out what the heck it is.

Tony and Kamong Riddick rolled in with his stunning Firehawk. How could we have a gathering without Miss Emily running around and putting a smile on our faces? Tammy (who has the only running TA at our house) had her freshly polished Trans Am on site. If you wonder why I keep trying to make my car faster, ride with her one time.

I bring this up because I'm afraid that some times I become so involved in what I'm doing as a member of the club to promote the club and our events that I forget that you folks are what make this all possible. Honest, it's not that I'm ignoring any of you. Sometimes this stuff gets a little intense and I forget



The Little Rock skyline provided a great backdrop as River Front Park overflowed with great cars.

Big Cruisefest Big Time Show

October 15-17 were three days of work, fun and excitement at the River Front Park in downtown Little Rock.

The second annual Big Cruisefest In The Rock was another success story. Approximately 200 cars registered and another 50 were on and off the grounds throughout the day.

This event is sponsored by the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Arkansas Pontiac Association is the host club.

A huge vendors midway greeted participants. Thousands of visitors were able to view the cars and motorcycles while enjoying the food vendors, vendor displays and activities.

One of the big hits of the show was the flame thrower contest and neon contest on Saturday night. People lined both sides of the road to cheer for their favorite contestants.

Door prizes were another



The prestigious Legacy Award was presented to APA's Wayne and Stacy Major, recognizing their contributions to the hobby.

huge draw. Tammy Ritter and Tim Huddleston did a fantastic job of distributing the prizes on Saturday.

Sunday's prizes were issued by Carol Dolan and David Russel with LRCVB. Sunday's give away included big ticket items such as \$500 gift certificates to JEGS (a mail order parts supplier) and a crate 350 cubic inch Chevrolet motor.

The award ceremony featured car owners cruising up to the awards table, stepping out of their cars and receiving the awards. Spectators commented that they enjoyed being able to see the cars that were winning the trophies.

The LRCVB and the City Of Little Rock also took time to recognize every APA member who worked during the show. Each member was presented a certificate of appreciation from the city and Big Cruisefest mug.



APA member James Ireland found a vintage Pontiac to view.



Stacy Major, Wayne Major and David Payne (above, left to right) line them up and wipe off the dust during a display of the club cars at Crain Pontiac on October 26. The display was part of a sales effort to introduce the new 2005 models, including the new G6.

The event gave member Frankie Rider (left photo, on right) a chance to visit with former member Charlie Hoover regarding his 15th Anniversary TA. Guess who got the big balloon? Yep, Emily Riddick charmed the sales guys out of the best one on the lot (above).

Mark Your Calendar

November 6, 7

3rd Annual Poncho Power Tour

We will meet at the IMAX parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. We'll be taking the back roads to Mena where we will tour Street and Performance along with the auto museum at Brodix. Overnight is in Mena. Sunday will be a cruise down the Talimena Scenic Drive into Oklahoma before we double back to come home.

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November 19 - 21

Super Cruise - Mountain View Arkansas

There is no formal plan to this event. It's a show up and drive your car. Park and visit. Enjoy your neighbors and friends.

There are a few contests and give aways but the emphasis is on cruising and having a relaxed, enjoyable event.

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November 21

APA Meeting

2:00 PM

Aerospace Education Center
3301 East Roosevelt Road

This meeting is important. We will be voting for officers for 2005. Every vote counts so come to the meeting and cast a vote. We will also need to discuss plans for events to take place in 2005, how they will be funded and who will be responsible for

those events. If you don't attend the meeting you will still be asked to take on responsibilities in the coming year. Let's see a good turnout for this meeting!



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Welcome new members William Woods Chris Carney, Tommy Murillo, Ralph and Suzy Thomann

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to take the time to tell you how much I appreciate everything you do.

One of the comments I heard time and again at our car show and Big CruiseFest is how well this club works together. We are an oddity. We have members that actually pitch in and work when we have a cruise in, race or show. I had people who have been in the car hobby for 40 years tell me that they had never seen a club like ours. Man, how cool is that?

So I guess what I'm trying to say is thank you. That's to every one of you who has stepped up in the past year to contribute. We've taken on some mighty tasks and not once did I ask for help and be turned down. I know I'm not always polite when I'm stressed and running around barking orders and thinking that I'm in charge. I truly appreciate the fact that you all tolerate my fits of bossiness and still get the job done despite my efforts to screw it up.

I had fun tonight, thanks to all of you.



Members who worked during the Big CruiseFest show were asked to attend a lunch meeting on Sunday, October 24 with representatives from the LRCVB. Carol Dolan (right) and David Russell (second from right) were asking for feedback on how to improve the show in 2005.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

You may cast your vote for one person for each office. If there is only one candidate for the office they will be elected as an unopposed candidate. 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 19. You may also vote by attending the November 21 meeting.

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Amendment to bylaws

An amendment to extend all officer's terms to two years beginning in 2006

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Against _____

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