

Chief Loud Mouth Speaks

Why I'm In This Car Club

OK, I admit it. I ran out of gas. Yep, I ran that sucker dryer than a bar at a convention of retired sailors!

We were all headed to the cruise in after the last meeting when it happened. See what you miss when you don't come to meetings?

You also missed seeing a line of club members in their respective Pontiacs immediately pull over to help. Every one of them stopped to make sure I was OK.

Rather than have the entire cruise in on hold while I found a gas can, I asked the rest of the crew to go ahead and Matt Burgess and I made a run to the local Harvest Foods.

They didn't have gas cans but a 2 gallon kitty litter jug worked just fine (and now Matt has some oil dry for his garage). We couldn't find a funnel either. Matt, being the smart one in this dynamic duo, pulled out an empty fuel additive bottle from his trunk. We cut the bottom out of it, dumped the gas in the tank and were on our way.

After the cruise in Geoffry Schwark, Matt and I worked on a timing problem with Matt's car. I'm sure the car hops wondered what we were up to as various parts of air cleaner and tools landed on the grass next to the stall where Matt was parked.

When I got back home that night I had a call from another club member. Gary Lockhard was calling to tell me his car had overheated in west Little Rock and that's why he wasn't at the meeting or cruise in.

He had called another member, Bryan Blocker, regarding the overheating. Bryan recommended that he let the car cool down and not drive it anymore if he didn't have to.

Gary decided he'd rather not try to make it home so he gave me a jingle. On Monday evening I hooked up my trailer we went to pick up his car where he'd parked it. Luckily he was very near his office when it overheated so it was safe overnight.

It was a whirlwind couple of days. We definitely had some fun playing with our cars and even more fun laughing at my silly mistake. You can bet Wrong Way Tammy is rubbing it in.

So, there you go. That's why I'm in this wonderful car club. Everyone is helping everybody else. That's how it's supposed to work. Ain't life grand?



Geoffry Schwark (left) and Christopher Alter (right) display the new club banner.

Trophy Ideas Wanted

The Arkansas Pontiac Association grew with two new members who joined at the April meeting. The two, Christopher Alter and Jonathan Westergn were invited to the meeting by Lynda Flieg.

Vice President Tony Riddick presided over the meeting. President Wayne Major was out of town.

Treasurer David Payne reported that our sponsor account had a balance of \$954.00 and the club treasury had a balance of \$925.00. He also announced that we would be transferring the club accounts to Twin City Bank. Twin City Bank has also agreed to a \$300.00 sponsorship of the club.

Tony Riddick reported that he was working with local Sonic Drive In managers to attempt a poker run. He has three locations

committed to the event so far. He will update us at the next meeting.

Chris Ritter gave a report on the APA drag racing event. Club members fared well against the outside competition. Dewayne Ford won both the heads up and bracket division. Daniel Sullivan was the runner up in the bracket division. Ritter asked that everyone be sure to thank Wayne and Patty Stiles for contributing the trophies for the winners.

Geoffrey Schwark reported that his daughter, Stephany, is doing very well since her accident. He thanked the club for its support and help.

Jerry Spradlin delivered the club's new banner. The banner had the names of all the current sponsors and featured an larger APA logo in the center.

Chris Ritter and Tony

Riddick reported on the new guidelines for what constitutes sponsorship of the club. Ritter has copies of the new sponsorship forms for anyone who needs them.

Ritter then took the floor to talk about the APA car show. He showed a mock up of a trophy that featured a gold painted valve. He asked all members to be thinking of ideas for a trophy that would result in little to no cost for the club.

Additionally, he asked that they begin considering what events would take place at this year's show. Possible events include the return of the wipe out board, silent auction and vendors. Additional events will be considered at the next meeting.

He also asked members to be considering food vendors for the show. Last year's barbecue was well received by most but there were some who wanted more variety.

Cruising In The Rock Off And Running

Good weather and a great location had enthusiasts out in

numbers for the first Cruisin' In The Rock at the River Market Pavillions on April 15.

Sponsors counted 117 classics, customs and muscle cars registered at the event. Cars filled both pavillions and overflowed into the river front park near the amphitheater.

The Arkansas Pontiac Association is now the host club for this event. Club members Wayne Major, David Payne, Tony and Kamong Riddick and Chris Ritter attended the cruise in.

All members are encouraged to attend these monthly cruise ins if possible, wearing your club shirt if you have one. This is a high profile cruise in that allows the APA to promote the club and its events.

The Cruisin' In The Rock event for May will be on Wednesday, May 12 from 6 - 9 p.m. This is a change from the regularly scheduled third Thursday night. The event date was changed due to a scheduling conflict.



David Russel with the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau interviews one of the participants at Cruisin' In The Rock for a video about women and hot rods.

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster's Plea

As editor of this newsletter and webmaster of our internet site I'm always in need of material. If you place in a car show, please give me information and photos. If you do some work to your car, turn it into a tech story with photos. If you have any type of material that is appropriate for our newsletter or web site, please help. New members need to give me photos and info on their cars for member pages on our web site. Thanks for your help.



Congratulations to Lynda Flieg who's GTO was a top ten trophy winner at the Goodsell Truck and Accessory car show in Jacksonville on April 17. She was a winner out of a field of 90 cars in the popular vote show.

Mark Your Calendar

May 1

Toad Suck Car Show
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Bank of America, downtown Conway. Call Harrell 501-329-9207 or Jeremy 513-0232.

May 8

Indian Nations Pontiac Show
5th Annual Indian Nations Pontiac and GMC Show will be May 8th at Ernie Miller Pontiac in Tulsa. This is hosted by the Indian Nations Chapter of POCI. Contact Chris Ritter if you're interested in joining him for the trip to this show. 501-803-9219.

May 12

Cruisin' In The Rock
Rivermarket Pavillion Downtown Little Rock Door prizes and director's choice award. This is a Wednesday night and that's a switch from the normal third Thursday night schedule. Take note. This is a club event and all members who can attend should do so, wearing club shirts if possible.

May 15

Vilonia Car Show
It's a smallish show but well

received by the participants. Trailered cars have their own class so the rest of us stand a chance. 100 point judging with a goodie bag and dash plaque for the first 100 cars.

Ken Redding - 501-796-2385
James Edwards - 501-851-6060

May 16

APA club meeting and cruise
Regular meeting will be at 2 PM at the Aerospace Education Center. Attendance was WAY down last month so make the effort. We'll expect to see you there.

It will be followed by our cruise in at the Sonic on Highway 5 (Otter Creek).

May 21 - 23

Pontiac Southern Nationals
<http://www.dapa.org/calendar/psn-2004.htm>

This is the big, national event for Pontiacs in the south. In past years the show has been

in Dallas on Saturday and the race is in Ennis at the Texas Motorplex on Sunday. This year the entire event is taking place in Ennis. In addition to the show on Saturday there will be an all makes muscle car race. Sunday is Pontiac racing only. Club members Daniel Sullivan, Dewayne Ford, Tammy and Chris Ritter. Any other members who wish to attend should contact Chris as soon as possible at 501-803-9219.

May 21 - 23

Heritage Park Car Show
At the Heritage Park in Piggott, Arkansas. Cash drawings and prizes. Jeff and Lori Peace - 870-598-2383 Tony and Sandy Pace - 870-598-2168

May 29

Mt. Ida Car Show
information@mtidachamber.com
That's all I have on this one. Anyone who wants more information will need to email them or call the Mt. Ida COC for more.

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Welcome our new members, Christopher Alter and Jonathan Westergn.

Arkansas Pontiac Association Membership

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Butch Alumbough	156 Honey Hill Lane	Searcy	AR 72143	501-268-2905
Bryan Blocker	15 South Church Street	Vilonia	AR 72173	501-529-8020
John Brooks	171 Tower Loop	Lonoke	AR 72086	501-676-2725
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Marty Ritter	5310 Prospect Rd.	Jonesboro	AR 72401	501-933-7428
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Dennis Shearon	5917 Cypress Creek Dr.	North Little Rock	AR 72116	501-753-4844
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Wayne Stiles	PO Box 160	Centerville	AR 72829	479-576-4001
Daniel Sullivan	522 Ray Young Rd.	Carlisle	AR 72024	501-920-8950
Jonathan Westergn	744 Firolane Dr.	LRAFB	AR 72099	940-642-7323
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Joshua Williams	34 Sharon Circle	Greenbrier	AR 72058	501-679-5619

APA's First Sonic Cruise In - 2004



Winner of the Club Choice award was Gary Lane for his 1947 Chevrolet truck (right). Cruising is all about sitting (above) and visiting (far right).



Winners of the Car Hops Choice award were James and Wanda Hallman for their 1954 Studebaker (above).

