

Chief Loud Mouth Speaks

Putting It All In Perspective

Man, what a month. First I broke a push rod in my Trans Am. Then the air conditioning compressor died in Tammy's Trans Am. THEN some south end of a north bound mule stole my pick up truck!

Why am I writing about all this in a Pontiac newsletter? Because I need to vent and because it's times like this that I have to step back and realize what's really important.

You see, I was sitting on the couch last night watching the evening news. A report came on about four children, ages 9 - 16, who'd been shot. They were all being treated at Children's Hospital. That sure made my problems seem insignificant.

While I hated to hear that the children were injured I was thrilled that they were at Children's Hospital. It made me proud that we work so hard to host a car show that benefits such a great institution. If one child in need gets treatment because of our efforts we can feel like we've made a difference.

Our third annual car show is roaring down on us. September 25th is just around the corner and we all need to be sure our calendars are clear for that day.

We will be doing our annual cookout the night before at the park. At that time I'll do another of my impromptu classes on how to judge cars. We will also do a walk around of the grounds for everyone to get the lay of the land.

It's hard to say how many cars we'll have this year but our reputation is growing. We will need each of you to help in some manner that day, whether it be working registration, parking cars or judging.

Please remember to be polite and cordial to our guests. No one likes coming to a show and having rude or abrupt behavior from the host club members. Take every opportunity to make them feel at home and thank them for their attendance.

Our objective for the day is to raise money. Don't be bashful about encouraging folks to take part in the silent auction, the wipe out board and the 50/50 pot. Registration fees will bring the bulk of the proceeds but those fund raisers will be the icing on the cake.

We also need to talk up our sponsors and those who supply our door prizes and auction items. Without their support none of this would be possible.

It will be hard work and people can be demanding. Don't get angry. Remember the four children.

Home Stretch For Fall Events



Stacy Major talks about the show while Wayne Major looks on.

President Wayne Major's call for participation was rewarded with a big turnout of members for the August meeting. There were 36 members and guests at the monthly gathering.

Treasurer David Payne reported that the club bank accounts appear to be in good shape. The club operating fund has a balance of \$952.16 and the sponsor fund has a balance of \$1884.00.

Major began the meeting by asking Chris Ritter to deliver a report on trophies for the upcoming Wheelin' and Healin' Car Show. Ritter said that the large trophies were sandblasted and ready for paint.

Blocker's Performance will be shooting a paint test and working up a price for painting the trophies. If they can do the job economically, Ritter stated he would prefer they paint the rods/pistons for added durability.

Stacy Major reported that she was shopping around for the engraved plates to stick to the trophies. She also pointed out that more goody bag and door prize items were needed.

A few jobs were assigned to members who will be working the car show. Tammy Ritter, Laura Blocker and David Payne will be working registration again this year. Mary Ritter volunteered to take over running the 50/50 pot. Stacy Major

will run the wipe out board again.

Parking cars for the show will be handled like last year. Any member who isn't working another job will be expected to help our guests find a spot to park. Members will be asked to work as judges when the parking is finished.

Jerry and Velma Spradlin will be providing the tables again and BPR will be bringing down their inclosed trailer for the club to work out of the day of the show.

Stacy Major reported that the Boy Scouts had not responded to her request to be the food vendors. David Payne said he would contact Mr. Mason's BBQ to be the food vendor.

Chris Ritter announced that the annual cook out on the Friday night before the show would take place. This will be on September 24 at the Lake Willastien Park. He will begin cooking at 5:00 p.m. Members who can drop in after work can eat and join the walk through of the grounds.

Tony Riddick presented several examples of the dash plaques for the event. After two rounds the voting was tied for which design to use. A coin toss decided the matter and Riddick will be purchasing the plaques for the goody bags.

Ritter reported that member Dennis Shearon had volunteered to take care of the "Look, Don't Touch" cards with the club logo. He also volunteered to cover the cost of the

printing. The club offered it's thanks for the help.

Stacy Major delivered a short report on the Cruising For The Cure event hosted by CAMS Car Club that will take place on September 17 and 18 in North Little Rock. If any member can help with registration or parking while attending this event, please contact Stacy.

Carol Dolan from the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau took the floor for an update on the Big Cruisefest event. The APA will be the host club for this event.

The Big Cruisefest has been heavily promoted in auto enthusiast magazines, she reported. They also expect quite a bit of coverage from Channel 7 regarding the two custom motorcycles being built especially for this event. She expects the film crews to be on site for the APA car show and they will use that coverage in with the motorcycle coverage.

One major change in logistics came regarding the use of the pavilion area on Saturday. The Farmers Market group had originally intended



to move for the day. They will now be on site so we will not be parking cars in the pavilions on Saturday.

Ritter pointed out that the APA only had the bare minimum of workers needed for this event. Several more members volunteered to help on the spot. Carol will be having special T-shirts made for those who will be working the event so they can be easily identified by those attending the event.

Wayne Major will supervise the parking for the Big Cruisefest. He reported that he intends to use the entrance at the east end of the park but if traffic begins to back up they will open the west gate to ease the flow.

There will be overnight security for the event. Members who want to can leave their cars for the duration of the Cruisefest. All club cars will be parked together near the blue top picnic areas.

Ritter reported that there was no change in plans for the Poncho Power Tour in November.



Sandblasted rod/piston combos line the bench at BPR, waiting to be painted.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 25TH IS THE THIRD ANNUAL WHEELIN' AND HEALIN' CAR SHOW

This is our club's annual car show and all members are expected to attend. We also need your help at the regular meeting on September 19th to stuff goody bags. Don't forget to bring your car so you can take part in the participants vote portion of the program. Members need to be at the Lake Willastein Park in Maumelle by 8:00 a.m. If you haven't been assigned a job you will be given one the day of the show. If you're not assigned a job, pitch in and help where you see the need.

We will be doing a cookout on Friday, September 24th at the same park. Chris Ritter will be cooking burgers beginning at 5:00 pm. The club will be providing the burgers, chips and drinks. We will hold a session on how to judge a car after we eat. Then we will have a walk through of the show grounds and a discussion of the logistics for the next day's show.

This is our opportunity to raise money for Children's Hospital. Lets remember to keep a smile on our faces and a pleasant attitude with the folks coming in for the show. We know how some people can be but a positive attitude gives a positive air to the entire show. That's what keeps them coming back. Be sure to thank everyone you see for taking the time to come out and participate. We want them to come back the next year so we can continue to grow and raise even more money to aid the needy children who seek treatment at ACH.

Mark Your Calendar

September 8

Cruising In The Rock
It's every third Thursday night from 5 - 9 pm at the River Market pavilions in downtown Little Rock. There's no charge for this event. There are door prizes and awards for the best motorcycle, truck and car. The APA is the host club for this event and all members are encouraged to attend.

September 19

APA Meeting
Our regular meeting is at 2 pm at the Aerospace Education Center (where the Imax theater is). We will be stuffing goody bags for our show the following weekend. We need your help. If you have items for the bags or door prizes you need to bring them to this meeting. Pitch in and help.

September 15 - 19

Petit Jean Fall Meet/Show

Petit Jean Fall Antique Auto Swap Meet & Car Corral Sept.15-18th. Museum of Autos 501-727-5427.

September 16 - 19

Street Machine Nationals
16th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Fall Street Machine Nationals Car Craft presents Street Machines and More! Springfield, MO
<http://www.familyevents.com/calendar/calendar.asp>

September 16 - 19

Cruising For The Cure
Pre-registered cars are welcome to come to a special party on Friday night. Bring your cars down and enjoy cruising up and down historic Main St.

Stacy Major is asking for help at registration if you attend. 501-603-7429
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APA's Last Sonic Cruise In for 2004



A great bunch of cars and some great weather helped make our last one a great one. (Photos, clockwise from top right,) Frankie Rider brought out his ultra-rare notch back GTA. Marty Ritter's Firebird was sporting some new paint. This Mustang drew a crowd. Even the bikers are finding us. The stalls were full and we overflowed to the parking lot. Bruce Rhoads' car says it all.

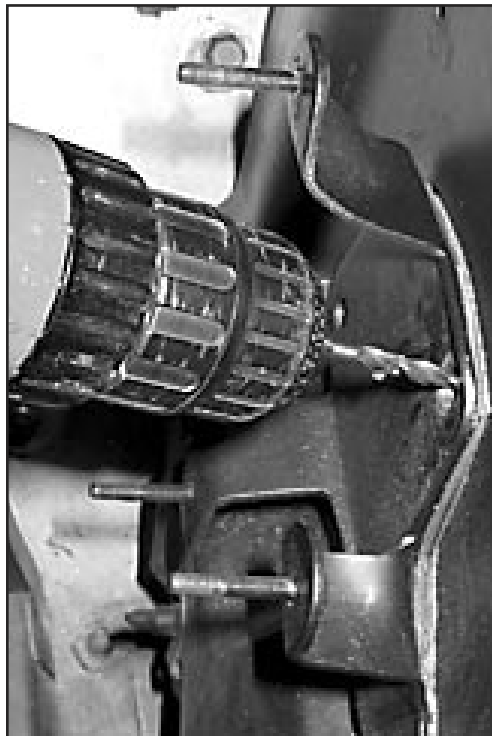


Pumping Up Those Low Vacuum Woes-Part II

(Ed - The following was written by Chris Ritter for High Performance Pontiac magazine. We would like to thank them for allowing us to re-print this information in our club newsletter. This is the concluding portion of the article that started in the July newsletter.)



6 – Back home we began looking for the best place to mount the pump. We wanted it to be inconspicuous so we chose to mount it on the inner fender, just behind the core support on the passenger side. The muffler for the air conditioning system would normally mount in this location. There is a nice flat spot with several holes pre-drilled that we will utilize some for mounting the pump. This meant we would have more of a reach to connect our hoses and wiring but it kept the pump out of site.



7 – We were only able to utilize one of the existing holes in the inner fender. A 3/16th drill bit was used to create the other two mounting holes.



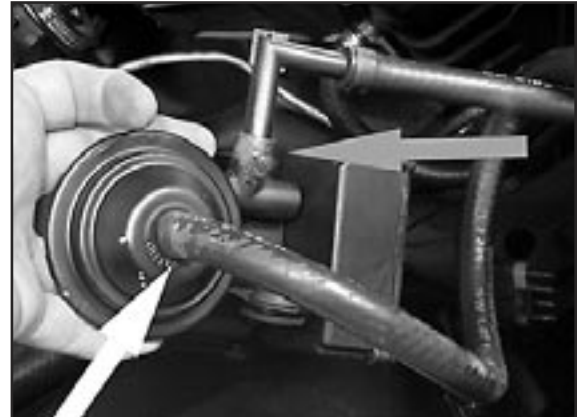
8 – Once the bracket was mounted, the pump can be bolted to it for test fitting of lines and wires. It is a good idea to use some type of closed cell foam as a sound insulator between the bracket and inner fender. We found that an old computer mouse pad works well for this application.



By Chris Ritter

9 – The hard plastic vacuum lines worked like a charm. We were able to mount them with one of the brackets pulled from our donor vehicle. Flexible vacuum hose was used on either end to connect to the pump and pressure switch.

10 - The line from the T fitting (red arrow) between the pressure switch and the pump runs to a manifold vacuum source. The out-bound line connects to the nipple (yellow arrow) on the vacuum pot at the pump and to the booster check valve on the terminating end.



11 – Once our hoses were routed we turned our attention to the wiring. The first step was to put an end on our ground wire and find a good place to attach it to the frame. There was an open bolt hole on the sub-frame within easy reach of our wire we utilized. Make sure to clear the paint and get good metal to metal contact for a good ground. A dab of die-electric grease will help avoid corrosion and keep that ground good for years.

12 – For a clean installation we elected to route our wires across the inner fender, along the firewall and push them through to the fuse block inside. A volt meter was used to locate a constant power terminal and a switched power terminal. Remember, the red wire goes to constant power (battery voltage) and the black/white wire goes to switched power (only on when the key is in the run position).

These wires could also be spliced into the engine wiring harness. We decided to do it the hard way in order to avoid cutting into a very nice engine harness.



13 – All that was left to do was install a wire loom on our wires and tie it off. The complete job is neatly tucked away and the routing of the hoses and wires creates a very clean installation. In this final image you can see the pump (red arrow) on the inner fender and routing of the hoses and wire loom (yellow arrow) prior to reinstalling the fender brace.