

Chief Loud Mouth Speaks

I'm Not Doing It

It's time for my annual "the car show is next month and here's what we all have to do" column. Do you folks have that one memorized now? Good, then I won't do it again.

Would you like to know why? Because I believe, as a club, we have matured to the point that I don't have to. You have proven that belief to be true. I've seen more contributions of time and energy from club members this year than ever before. For me personally and the club as a whole this is a very encouraging trend.

We have our annual show this coming month. I'm looking forward to it. We have some challenges to face with the change of location but I think we're really going to have a good time. We sure have the opportunity to make it a fun show based on the planning and preparation we've done.

I want to thank all of you who have contributed to make our show a go this year. There are so many who have helped that I hesitate to single out anyone for special recognition but I've got a few that I think we all need to say a big "thank you" to. If your name does not appear in this column please understand that we value your contribution just as much!

I'll start with Marty Ester and his wife, Barb. Marty has worked diligently to get the valves we're using for the trophies plated. He brought in the first batch at the last meeting. I can tell you it that the plating takes our trophies from cool factor to drool factor.

Tammy Ritter (and not just because she's my wife) deserves some praise. She has quietly set about organizing all the registration sheets and sorting all the door prizes. She's put up with smell of paint from my clear coating of the trophy bases and given up the guest bedroom for the stockpiling of all the show supplies.

Wayne and Stacy Major are high on the list as well. They have arranged our music and food this year. They've been instrumental in planning and organization. They've also beat the bushes and turned up door prizes for us.

Ron Nichols gets my vote for procurement officer. He has worked very hard to gather door prizes and goody bag items for our show. Thanks to him we will have a nice selection of items in the bags and for door prizes.

Tim Huddleston designed the dash plaque. The Spradlin's are always there when it counts. Tony Riddick came through with the valve idea and the porta-potties.

There are so many others and I don't have room. You all have done an outstanding job this year. Be proud and let's have fun.

Show Discussion Dominates Meeting

August was a meeting for finalizing plans for the Arkansas Pontiac Association's upcoming Wheelin' And Healin' car show. The annual show will be September 24 at the Jess Odom Community Center in

Tim Huddleston and featured a Martinique Blue, 1978 Trans Am.

Marty Ester wowed the members when he arrived carrying a box of the gold plated valves to be used for the trophies. He reported that all

the meeting there was a shortage. As of this writing we have an estimated 90 door prizes so no additional prizes will be needed. It was agreed the club would provide a \$50.00 cash award for the Best Pontiac In Show and Best In Show awards.

Tony Riddick reported that things were all set for the porta-potties to be used the day of the show. His contact is asking \$100.00 for the four units for the entire day. This fee was only to cover his costs and he waived his usual fees.

Stacy Major said that Gordon O'Steen is ready to provide music and the public announcement system for the event. She also said the Boy Scouts are prepared to provide food for the crowd.

Chris Ritter mentioned the need for additional awnings and tables. Jerry and Velma Spradlin offered the use of their tables again this year. It was suggested that Ritter talk to the Maumelle Community Center officials first and see if he could obtain tables from them and avoid having to transport the tables. Any member with a pop-up awning is asked to bring it the day of the show. Ritter also asked that members bring their two-way radios to the show.

Stacy Major suggested that a flier for the Sheridan Sonic Cruise In be placed in every goody bag. She also thought that it might be good to organize a caravan after the show to that cruise in. Anyone interested should gather after the show for details.

Tammy Ritter, Barbara Ester and Beth Helmstetter will take care of registration at the show. Tim Huddleston volunteered to take on distribution of door prizes. Velma Spradlin will be doing the 50/50 pot and watching the silent auction table. Stacy Major will do the wipe out board and it was agreed to up the price to \$5.00 per number.

Wayne Major announced that Carol Dolan with the Little Rock Convention and Visitor's Bureau wanted a meeting with the club to finalize plans for Big CruiseFest. The meeting was set for October 2 at 4:30 p.m. at the American Pie restaurant on Maumelle Blvd. Dolan will be buying pizza for the club during the meeting.



Members (left to right) David Payne, Ed Helmstetter, Barb Ester and Wayne Major look over the dash plaque designs and gold plated valves to be used for the trophies.

Maumelle. All members are expected to attend.

David Payne delivered a treasurer's report. He noted that the club has 46 paid members as of the August 21 meeting. Our newest members are Bobby Harper, Van Johnson and John Gray. The club operating account has a balance of \$1,716.00 and the sponsor account carried \$1,849.00.

Club members voted on several dash plaque designs. The winning design was submitted by

valves should be ready in time to finish trophies for the show.

It was agreed that members will stuff goody bags and finish assembly of the trophies at the next club meeting on September 18. Anyone who has not delivered door prizes or goody bag items to Chris and Tammy Ritter should bring them to this meeting.

There was some discussion regarding purchasing more door prizes for the show. At the time of

Delta Trust, Cruisin' The Ridge Deemed Huge Success



Despite the murderous heat (official high for the day was 101 degrees) the Cruisin' The Ridge event was deemed a roaring success by the organizers and club officials.

The Friday night event saw close to 100 cars in attendance. Style ranged from street rods to exotic foreign sports cars. Those attending were treated to door prizes, free ice cream and plenty of entertainment.

Organizers from Delta Trust, Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau and APA agreed that another might be planned next year but scheduled for cooler weather.

*Steve and Barbara Lee
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To
Daniel Brent Sullivan
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And the late Carroll Sullivan*



*On Saturday the 10th of September, 2005
At 6:00 p.m.*

*Landmark Baptist Church
517 East Third Street
Carlisle, Arkansas*

For those of you who might be confused this our very own Daniel Sullivan and his fiancee Brandi. They've been members for several years and have graciously invited all club members to attend their wedding. Daniel didn't want me to mention this but they are registered at Target and Wal-Mart if you're inclined.

Mark Your Calendar -

September 9-11
Old Town Cruisers show
Location: Van Buren, AR
For pre-1972 cars and Trucks.
\$20 pre-register (9/3/05)
\$25 day of show
Call 479-471-8350

September 10
CAMS Cruise In
Location: North Little Rock
The monthly cruise in on the parking lot between Frost Top and Advance Auto Parts on JFK in North Little Rock. 7 - 10pm.

Sam's Town Rod Run
Location: Tunica, MS
Cars must be 1972 and older.
This is the huge rod run at the casino with all the cash give aways. Unfortunately, they think a car has to pre-date 1972 to be cool.

outs as you leave the Sonic. People start arriving early in the afternoon and make a day of it. Anyone interested might want to cruise down after our car show. A word of warning, do NOT monkey around ANYWHERE except where they say it's OK. They will write tickets anywhere else in town.

September 9
Cruisin' In The Rock
Location: Downtown Little Rock at the River Market pavilions.
The APA and the LRCVB host this monthly cruise in. There will be door prizes and music. This has changed from the regular Thursday night slot due to a scheduling conflict. Please spread the word.

September 10
St. Theresa's Youth Car Show
Location: St. Theresa Church, 6219 Baseline Road
Get a free hat with every entry. This is a fund raiser for the youth group at the church. These are good kids doing good things. Let's support them.
10 awards and door prizes.
Matthew 501-416-4756

September 24
4th Annual Wheelin' & Healin' Car Show
Location: Maumelle, AR
This is the BIG ONE! It's our annual car show and each member is expected to attend. We start at 8:00am and, if everything holds true to form, we'll be done by mid-afternoon. If you don't have a job, we'll find one for you. Judges will be needed. Don't forget to bring your two-way radios. Any questions, call Wayne Major at 501-758-5840.

September 30 - October 2
Degraday Rod Run
Location: Lake Degray
Annual NSRA rod run. Top 10 awards, games, poker run, etc. Call Fred McCallister - 501-847-9733

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September 18
APA Meeting
Location: Aerospace Education Center
The car show is upon us. We need help at this meeting. We will be stuffing goody bags and finishing up the trophies. Please attend this meeting if at all possible.

September 17 - 19

September 24
Annual Sheridan Sonic Cruise
Location: Sonic Drive In, Sheridan
This is the annual cruise in at the Sonic Drive In. This is the one where the police usually allow burn

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OK, I don't get it. Every time it's REALLY hot outside we think we'll see fewer cars at the monthly Cruisin' In The Rock. Every time they make liars out of us! There were over 90 cars registered for the August meet and it was a hot time, literally. The next one is on Friday, September 9. Come on out for a cool time (we hope).

Final APA/Sonic Cruise In Swelters In August Heat



Wayne Major and Bruce Rhoads (top, left) found this 57 Chevy to their liking. The brutal heat had all the participants taking advantage of their free Route 44 size cold drinks provided by Sonic (left). Even with the uncomfortable conditions people still wandered the parking lot, looking at the cool cars, visiting and making new friends.



1 - The physical dimensions of the new aluminum radiator were virtually identical to the old copper/brass radiator.



4 - The only problem was this generic, square pipe plug that came with the unit. It won't clear the core support.



5 - The solution was a flush fit hex plug like you'd use in an intake manifold. Be sure to use thread sealer. You don't want leaks.



2 - Close examination of the new unit shows a few extra fittings that our stocker did not have. One allows the use of an extra sensor for electric fans. The black cap covers another hose opening used by GM trucks.



Aluminum Solution

By Chris Ritter

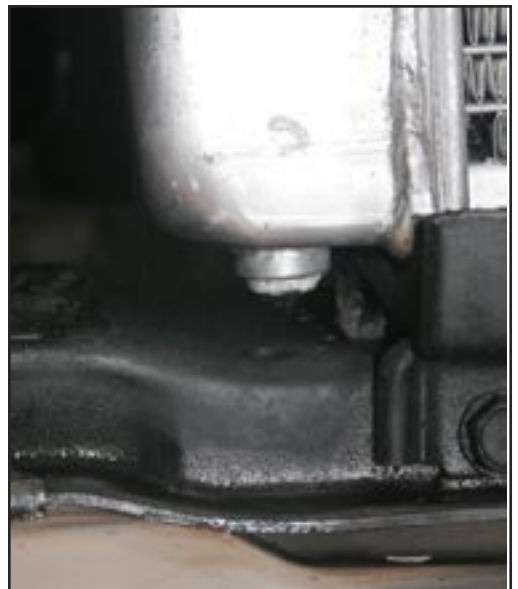
When my radiator sprang a leak at the club's drag race this spring I quickly fixed it with a layer of JB Weld on the leaking tank. It held for a few months but started leaking again.

Since my radiator was old and had been repaired before I decided to install a new radiator. I elected to buy an aluminum radiator. I did not have overheating problems but wanted to save a small amount of weight. Aluminum does cool much better than the stock copper/brass radiator.

I did the research and found prices ranging from \$225.00 to \$700.00 depending on manufacturer. I also discovered that the lower the price, the more modifications you needed to make it fit.

I located this vendor, Universal Parts, on Ebay. For a modest price, \$320.00 shipped to my door, I was able to install an aluminum radiator in my second generation Trans Am.

I chose this unit because it required the least amount of modifications for the price and had a built in transmission cooler for my automatic transmission.



6 - Here's the results for the plug swap. As you can see, it's a tight fit. The square plug would not have fit.



3 - The top radiator hose is stepped for 1.25 or 1.5 inch hose inlets. The 1.5 was needed for this application.



7 - Other than trimming a small section of the shroud next to the petcock to allow it to turn, it was a drop in fit.