

No Virginia, You Can't Powder Coat A Fiero!

August Meeting at Precision Powder Coating By Rob Jensen

What a great meeting! For those that missed it, let me bring you up to speed. We all met at Precision Powder Coating shop in Virginia Beach.



We started inside a large room filled with all kinds of huge equipment. As we looked around we were

filled with all kinds of questions. "What the heck is that?" "What do they do in there?" "Damn look at all those squirrel cages." Soon we were given the "nickel" tour and the company President, Lou Amati, explained it all to us. We started out sitting down at a large conference table, while the Lou and



his shop supervisor explained the powder coating process and the benefits of powder coating over conventional paint. They showed us examples of powder coated metal parts, showed us the rainbow colors they have available and also discussed the ceramic coating process for exhaust pieces. That is some great stuff. I recently had them ceramic coat my exhaust parts in the chrome and the exhaust (see Powder Coating on page 2.)

The President's Corner By Rob Jensen

Well gang, another month down, another newsletter off the press. So far, so good. I hope you all were impressed with last months input. I know it was a long time coming. Our goal is to get these out to you all the first week of each month. Hopefully with some input from you, we can make this newsletter even better. Ok, so what have we all been doing this last month? I know many of you have projects. Let's hear about them. Try to give me something that you're working on. Anyone doing a motor swap? Al, I know you have a new

motor going in your GT? Let's hear about it. Clay, what's happening in the world of autocross? Bob, how's that old grey coupe coming along, she missing a motor yet? I'd like to have some input from each of you on what you're doing so we can all share in the event. It looks like the Virginia Fall Classic is coming along nicely. We will have more about that event later in the newsletter. Keep October 25th open for the show. There are a lot of other things happening with this event, so watch the webpage for more info. When I get a chance, let me tell you about my time at the Richard Petty Driving Experience. Ok, read on for some great (see Prez on page 3.)

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turned out great.

When we were done, he walked us around the shop and explained each step in the powder coating process. We saw the huge media blasting room that they have. Next we saw the large oven that he bakes the product in. We saw the huge 800 degree furnace that he uses to bake off old paint/powder coat before they apply the powder. Finally we watched as the shop supervisor powder coated a VW bug gas tank. WOW, it goes on so



fast and clean. And 20 minutes later it is done. What a great invention. We also got to see the shop that he leases next door. Inside were three awesome racecars in various stages of build. He has a Mustang with the whole "pro street" treatment. It was in for some kind of work. Also, an old MOPAR was being built, or rebuilt into a monster with a HUGE hemi motor. Finally in the early stages of a "Pro Mod" build was a Camaro. It was

great to see them in the stages that they were, because each was at a different stage and you can really get a feeling for the time, effort, brains and MONEY that goes into each. After making sure we had seen all the shop had to offer, and seeing a few of the last stations for the powder coating we finally took our leave of the shop. It was a great time, and I'm sure we all learned something from the experience. I can tell you for a fact, if you need some powder coating done, they can help you out. I have had a few things done and they always take care of me.

VPCCC Happenings

Here is a sample of the events and shows coming up this month. See the VPCCC website for details.

09/13/2008 Taste of Suffolk Car Street Festival and Car Show Antique cars, hot rods, muscle cars and trucks from all across Hampton Roads and beyond will roll into Suffolk for the First Taste of Suffolk Car Show.

09/13/2008 Auto Trader Gravedigger Auto Trader Gravedigger limited space show ... contact your club's VPCCC delegate for more info.

09/13/2008 Charles City County Annual Fair Car Show Rescheduled September 6 Car Show. Charles City County Fair Car Show. Presented by the Charles City Hot Road Association.

09/20/2008 TIDEWATER WINGS AND WHEELS SHOW At the Virginia Beach Airport & Military Aviation Museum, for a spectacular show of antique, classic and special interest vehicles; combined with historic vintage aircraft of the Fighter Factory. Show cars (25 years and older)

09/27/2008 SE VA Street Rods 16th Annual Charity Car Show and Picnic

09/27/2008 2nd Annual Guinea Jubilee Gloucester Car Show All Makes, All Models and All Years Welcomed Activities Car Show, Seafood Festival, Crafts, Parade, Kids Rides, Games and Fireworks. Guinea Jubilee Fairgrounds Bena, VA.

09/27/2008 Wings and Wheels 2008 Antique Aircraft fly-in and Motorcar show at W75 Hummel Airfield. Exhibits, Crafts, displays, Blue grass band, children's carnival, and Chesapeake style food available. Antique and modern aircraft rides.

09/27/2008 Second Annual Bethel Bruins Car Show 1062 Big Bethel Rd. Hampton, VA Bethel High School. All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome.

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news. And again, remember to bring two things to the next meeting, one new member and one new idea for a club event. Thanks for making this club better with your support. - Rob

**Virginia Fall Classic
Sponsored by the VPCCC**

The Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, in association with the City of Newport News, invites you to attend the *6th Annual Virginia Fall Classic*

Va Fall Classic



(VFC). The VFC is a 3 day charity event held to benefit the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) and their facility in Newport News, Virginia. CHKD is a full-service pediatric regional referral center serving southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. It was founded in 1961 on the philosophy that children deserve the highest quality of medical care. This year's event will be held from Friday, Oct. 24th, through Sunday, Oct. 26th.

Friday, Oct. 24th, there will be a **Kasual Kruz-In and Dinner** beginning at 4:30 p.m. (rain or

shine) at Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., 12500 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA. There will be food (proudly donated by Outback Steakhouse), music, prizes, cars, trucks, and much, more. Space is limited, so please RSVP by Oct. 1st. The cost for the dinner is \$7.50 per person. We are also planning a **"Trick or Trunk"** for the kids.

Saturday, Oct. 25th, the **Open Car, Truck & Bike Show** will be held at Newport News Park (NNP), 13564 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA. There will be hundreds of interesting cars, trucks, and motorcycles; display vehicles; music; food and craft vendors; an auction; children's activities; and much more! Register before Oct. 1st and receive a free gift! Gates open at 8:00 a.m., with registration continuing until 11:30 a.m. Show participant plaques will be given to the first 300 registered vehicles. Judging ends at 1:00 p.m., and award presentation will begin at 3:30 p.m., with numerous specialty awards to be presented. Entry fees for the car show are \$20 for the first vehicle, and \$10 for each additional vehicle (from the same registered owner). Rain date for the show is Sunday, Oct. 26th.

Sunday, Oct. 26th will be the annual **"Fall Fun Run."** We will take a slow, laid-back cruise through some of the most beautiful and historic scenery that this area has to offer. We will meet at the NNP Ranger Station, and head out at 1:00 p.m. The route will be announced the day of the cruise. The entry fee for the Fall Fun Run is \$10 per vehicle. Please note that if the car show on Saturday is postponed to Sunday due to inclement weather, the Fall Fun Run will be cancelled.

For more information and updates, or to register online via **PayPal**, please visit **www.VAFallClassic.org**.

The 5 year total donation to CHKD from this event is over \$140,300. **Our goal this year is \$50,000! Please come out and help us make this goal a reality.**

I realize that many are having to shorten their list of car shows that they are able to attend this year, so I would like to ask that you **PLEASE** mark this event on your personal and/or club calendar as one of the events that you definitely plan to attend this year! After all...**It's for the babies!!**