

CRUISIN' VIRGINIA BEACH CAR SHOW

Car Show Adventures By Bob Carlson

It was the day of the show. The 11th annual Virginia Beach Cruisin' Virginia Beach Car Show. A beautiful day. The weather was perfect...and of course, I was running late. We had all agreed to meet up with the 757 GTO club at the Virginia Beach Pavilion at 7:30 am and leave at 7:45 am to go to the registration desk together. Because at this show, you drive in together, you park together. You drive in separately, you park separately. So it was all arranged. It was the perfect plan. But someone (I guess it was me) forgot to tell my Fiero to be ready.

You see, the day before I'd been out of town for work and was supposed to be home early on Friday with plenty of time to get her ready. Well, apparently the weather and the airlines weren't on speaking terms Friday, so it was pretty much dark by the time I got home. No problem, I say. I'll just get her packed up tonight; get up early and run up to the local car wash in the morning. Then I can touch her up once she's parked on the boardwalk.

Morning arrives, alarm doesn't go off. Did I set it...Yea. Did I turn it on...OOPS! So now it's late, but there may still be time. I disconnect my Battery Tender (great product by the way), hop in and turn the key. She fires right up...and dies. It's been awhile since I started her, so I shrug and try again. She fires right up...and dies. There's time to try one more time, before checking for codes and breaking out the manual. I turn the key and again she fires right up, but this time, stays running. Not running well, but running is good. After nursing her along for a couple of minutes she settled out and it was time to go. Off to the car wash to take care of the dust accumulated by sitting around in the garage. So I get to the car wash and it looks like everyone in Virginia Beach had the same idea.

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VAFAs April Meeting By Bob Carlson

The VAFAs meeting was held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Cruisin' Virginia Beach Car Show.



It was attended by Rob Jensen, Bob Carlson and Jim Albright. We were all caught up in the Car Show on the boardwalk so the meeting was short and sweet. Jim provided a treasure's report on club funds and we discussed his on-going efforts to complete the not for profit organization paperwork. Due to the low membership turn out lately, the members present decided to table the process for the time being. We will re-examine the necessity of completing the paperwork periodically and resume in the future.

We also discussed upcoming events. Rob is planning to take his Goat to Pontiac's in the Park at Virginia Motorsports Park in Petersburg, VA. The event is scheduled for May 29th – 31st, 1009. You can contact Rob for details or visit their website at: www.pontiacsinthepark.com. Our next meeting is planned for May 16th at Outlaw Rod & Custom in Norfolk, VA. Details will be put out once arrangements are complete. The following month we are planning to meet at the Cruise-In at the Hampton Roads Harley Davidson in Yorktown, VA (6450 George Washington Memorial Highway).

Finally, we talked about the club website. Since one of the benefits of the website is that every paid member has a VAFAs email address, we agreed to begin the process of moving distribution of the newsletters from personal addresses to club email addresses. So, if you haven't paid your dues, in the near future you won't receive the club newsletter.

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The line of cars stretches around the building. That's just not going to work. The show will be over before I'm through, but I take her to a show like this. There are a couple more car wash outfits on the way to the show, so off we go. Well, like the old saying, "the third times the charm". There's an Exxon Station with a touchless wash. Perfect! She's CLEAN, She's running, I'm on my way. I pull into the Pavilion at 7:45 am, just in time to catch the group and go to the check in area together.

After checking in at the registration desk Jim and I followed Rob and the rest of the GTO club onto the boardwalk at 14th Street and drove down to a nice open area near 12th Street. The GTO



club was in the front with Rob's red 2005 GTO



acting as the link between the new and the old world Pontiacs. Jim and I parked our '88 Fieros



right behind them. Once settled there, we lined up

along the rail and everyone got down to work cleaning up their cars. You know all those last minute touch ups you need to complete to make a car "show ready".

After finishing the clean up (and before the crowds and Judges get here) Rob, Jim and I decided to take a walk down the boardwalk and check out all the rides. Cars stretched from 8th Street, all the way up to Neptune's Statue on 31st Street. There



was a GREAT selection and a lot to look at. Here are two examples of American Iron on display.



The President's Corner
By Rob Jensen

Well for those who could not make it out to the car show at the beach, you missed a good one. Thanks to members, Bob Carlson, Jim Albright and Rob Jensen for showing up. We had a great turnout, and I'm sure that Bob, Jim and Rob will tell you that they had a great time. Bob and Jim spent the day with the local GTO club and as fellow PONTIAC fans; I can say that more than one of the GTO guys were glad to have them there. Today we realize that the PONTIAC clubs need to stick together. Anyway, the day started out REAL EARLY at about 7:30 on Saturday morning. We all met up at the Convention Center and then headed off to the registration booth on 18th and Arctic. After a few minutes filling out paperwork, we headed off to 14th street for entry on to the boardwalk. What a great feeling to be driving on a spot normally reserved for foot traffic. Soon we found a great spot to set up shop, and we parked the cars and headed off for a quick bite to eat. Upon returning to the cars it was time to detail the rides in anticipation for the big show. We had a great spot again this year, and took full advantage of it when it came time to answering questions about our cars. Bob and Jim were representing the PONTIAC FIERO in all its glory, and what a perfect combination of cars. Bob's 88 coupe next to Jims 88 chop-top GT. They were like Fiero bookends, for the 88 year. Both cars being white and 88's helped out when talking about Jims chop-top, and when Jim opened the trunk to show off that 383 "Ram Jet" the crowd just appeared out of now where. Between you and me, if I was Jim, I'd have that trunk open all the time, but he is right, with it open it does take away from the lines of the car. Jim had a book with many pictures of the build at the ready for those with questions.

Fast forward about 6 hours and it was time for the trophies. Bob, Jim and Rob, with the GTO club, all headed off to 14th street for the honors. This is where the story takes an ominous turn. For some reason unknown to us, the folks in charge of the event started to create car class's that were unknown to us at the beginning of the show. For instance, because 5 GTO's showed up, they gave them their own class. And at the same time, they created a Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac class, but forgot to add PONTIAC to it. So in the end Jim

and Bob, were cars without a class. I think they got screwed, but they were both great about it. So I would like to just say, Thank You to both Bob and Jim and say that I think you were both overlooked during this show. I hope next year, if there is a next year, that you guys will not get the same treatment. Let's make a pact that next year we will have at least 5 Fiero's in this show. Then we get our own class.

Let's chat for awhile about the club... How are we doing? What are we up to? Well I'm glad you asked. We have the following events planned. (insert next 2-3 months events here). Our next meeting will be at "Outlaw Rods and Customs" located here? (<http://outlawsrc.com>). We also plan on a late summer/early fall picnic with the 757GOAT and Tidewater Trans Am club (we Pontiac folk need to stick together). I think Bob mentioned a get-together (pool party) at his house this summer. I know we still need to do some work on the 88 coupe to get it out of his garage. Other updates, we talked about the dues and what we are doing with them. Remember to pay up, we are going to start off by not sending you a copy of the newsletter. You don't want this to happen and we don't want to loose you. Please pay up and make your past dues right. We also plan on some updates to the webpage. Al has finally worked out the permissions to allow Bob and Myself to get into the page and make changes. So, if you have ideas, please pass them. Finally, take a moment to ponder your level of interest in this club. For the last 5 meetings we have only had 3 members showing up to the monthly events. "Three members does not make it a club". We need your participation in monthly meetings and events. If the events are not up to your liking, then show up for the meeting and then excuse yourself. If you have ideas for the meeting/events then please pass them. I sometimes wonder if the issue of non-participation is because of the location, time of day or planned event. But it's a catch-22 in that without the missing members telling us what you want to do, we have no other choice than to decide the event, then you see the event and decided not to show. OK, enough of that. I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th. Have a great month.

Cheers
Rob J.

VPCCC Monthly Meeting By Bob Carlson

There was no VAFA representative at the March meeting of the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, so we missed a great meeting. We didn't even get notes this month, so VAFA really NEEDS a volunteer to attend the monthly VPCCC meeting on the peninsula. Please let us know if you can help out.

VPCCC Happenings

Here are the upcoming local shows and Cruise-Ins for the next month. Details are available on the VPCCC website (www.vpccc.org).

05/17/2009 - Mustang Club of Tidewater will host their Spring Car & Bike Show at Bayside Harley-Davidson, at 2211 Frederick Blvd, Portsmouth, VA. All makes and models are welcome!

05/23/2009 - ED'S Rods and Recks Open House at 2320 Mohawk St. Norfolk VA from 8am to 3pm. Stop in for NSRA safety inspections and have your car put up on a lift for an underside check.

05/23/2009 - Muscle Cars for Missions - Grafton Baptist Church will hold its 5th annual car show, from 10am-2pm at 5440 George Washington Hwy, Yorktown, VA.

05/23/2009 - Locust Grove UM Church/Gloucester Car & Craft Show at 1832 Windsor Rd. (Rt. 3), Dutton, VA. 10am - 4 pm. All makes & models.

05/30/2009 - Monitor Lodge is hosting it's 1st Annual Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle at Hampton Chevrolet 1073 West Mercury Blvd Hampton VA from 9am to 2pm. Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles, 1980 and older.

05/30/2009 - Fourth Annual Relay for Life Car Show from 11am-3pm at Main Street Center, Gloucester, Virginia (In front of Library). All makes and models.

06/06/2009 - 1st Annual MEDDAC Classic Car Show from 8am-1:30pm at McDonald Army Health Center, FT Eustis VA DoD ID card required.

06/07/2009 - 17th Annual Beachcombers Corvette Club Car Show at Colonial Chevrolet, 6252 VA Beach Blvd., Norfolk, VA. All makes and models.

Local Cruise-Ins

Tuesday Every Tuesday night, the First Flight Cruisers of the Outer Banks, gather at the Hooters of Kitty Hawk for a cruise-in. Starting at around 6:30 until 9:30-10:00. Come join us!!

CCCHR Monthly Meeting By Bob Carlson

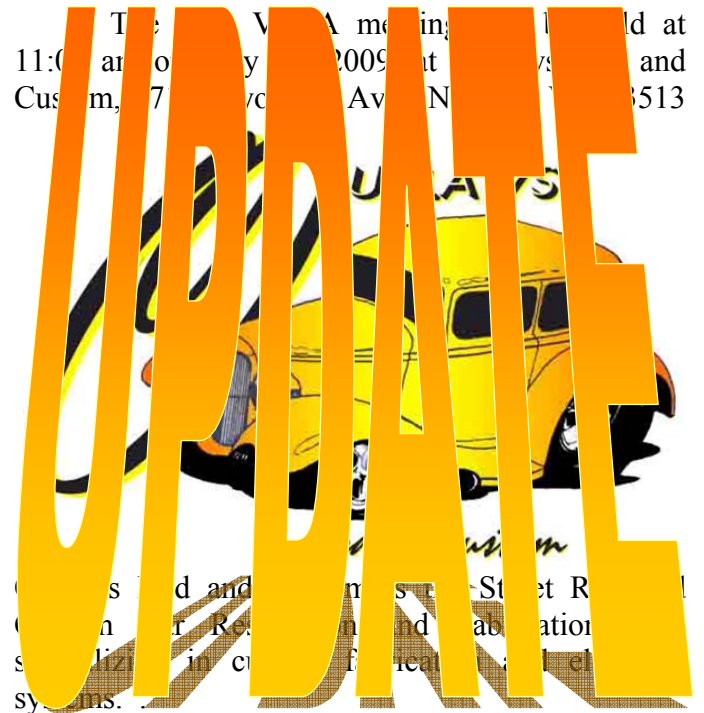
There was no VAFA representative at the March meeting of the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads at Priority Chevrolet in Chesapeake, Va. and unfortunately, no one from VAFA was able to attend. The minutes haven't been published or distributed. Let's hope for better luck this month.

VAFA Membership Dues

The dues for this year were set at \$5.00 (WHAT A BARGAIN!) and everyone was asked to pay as soon as possible. Dues may be paid in person, or mailed to the club address at: 2133 Upton Drive, Suite 126 - Box 204, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Make checks/MO out to: VAFA.

VAFA Visions by Bob Carlson

The VAFA meeting will be held at 11:00 am on May 16, 2009 at Outlaws Rod and Custom, 7117 W. Ocean Ave. Norfolk, VA 23513



Unfortunately, we had to cancel the meeting at Outlaws Rod and Custom this month. Instead, the VAFA meeting will be a Tech Session at 12:00 pm on May 16, 2009 at the "Fiero Corral" at my place. The address is: 2408 Lillipond Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. There is a map on the last page of the newsletter. We will be dismantling something from my '88 parts car to show everyone how it's done. DON'T MISS IT! Remember, VAFA NEEDS YOU!

- 1: Start on I-64/HAMPTON ROADS BELTWAY
- 2: Take the INDIAN RIVER RD EAST exit (EXIT 286A if coming from I-64W)
(EXIT 286B if coming from I-64E)
- 3: Merge onto INDIAN RIVER RD. 1.6 mi
- 4: Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto FERRELL PKWY. 2.4 mi
- 5: Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto ramp. 0.4 mi
- 6: Merge onto PRINCESS ANNE RD/VA-165 S. 5.0 mi
- 7: Turn LEFT onto PRINCESS ANNE RD/VA-149 E. 2.1 mi
- 8: Turn LEFT onto HUCKLEBERRY TRL. 0.9 mi
- 9: Turn LEFT onto LILLIPOND LN. 0.1 mi
- 10: End at 2408 Lillipond Ln Virginia Beach, VA 23456

