

PONTIAC ORPHANS GET TOGETHER

Pontiacs in the Park Lite By Bob Carlson

Back at the end on May there was a great (I'm told) get together at the Virginia Motorsports Park in Petersburg called "Pontiacs in the Park".



It's billed as the "Largest Pontiac Show on the East Coast". There was all Pontiac drag racing, a car show, swap meet and even a Test-N-Tune session. Well, not to be out done; in July, Pontiac owners in Hampton Roads, led by the 757 GTO Club, celebrated their own "Pontiacs in the Park" and welcomed VAFA members with open coolers and grills. It was Chesapeake City Park, and there was no racing, no car show, vendors or swap meet. Not even a test and tune. Instead there was a Picnic



sponsored by the GTO Club of Tidewater. Rob Jensen (who also owns a 2005 GTO and is a member of the GTO club) along with Bob Carlson,

Jonathon Snyder and his wife, Bill Turner, and Bill Benton all enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings and sides along with car guy conversations on a sunny, hot day. Two Fieros also



mixed it up with a variety of other Pontiacs. There were at least four GTO's and one Grand Am and



even one of them foreign cars.

The food was good, the conversation was better and a great time was had by all. I want to pass on a BIG THANK YOU to all of the members of the GTO Club of Tidewater who welcomed us Fiero owners and I hope we can make this a regular summer event for our clubs.

The President's Corner
By Rob Jensen

Hey gang, how are we all doing this month. Hope you're ready for a great summer. The heat is on and it is getting warmer each day. That makes for great driving weather. I hope you've all been gettin' out and driving your Fiero's. I haven't had a lot of email traffic this last month, no stories about anyone doing anything exciting, please pass your Fiero stories around. What have you been doing? Where have you been lately? I took a trip with my family up to New York, and when we passed through Carlisle, Pa while the "GM Nationals" were going down. We drove through the Carlisle exit at about 8:00 am and saw a few cars headed to the event. I saw 3 Fieros, one was an orange GT, the other two were red, one GT and one Formula. Also passed a beautiful 66 GTO and a 68 Buick GS.

So thanks to all who attended the last meeting. It was great to see a turnout of five members, and some new faces this time. For those who missed it we shared a meeting/picnic with the 757 GTO club again. It was a great turnout and overall we had about 13 members from both clubs show up. I was hoping for a little more talk between the clubs and I hope if we do it in the future we can get the two clubs talking all things PONTIAC. Now that Pontiac is done, we need to stick together.

So what does everyone think about the mighty "GM" and its decision to kill Pontiac? I for one was shocked. I remember when they killed Olds, and I really never saw this coming. How about you all? I was also shocked to see it happen so fast. I was looking up the new Solstice Hard Top, and they have already stopped taking orders for new ones. The last one will be built in September and that's it. They also stopped taking new orders for the Vibe. The last word was that the folks who work in the California production plant were given their pink-slips and are going to be out of the job about 6 months earlier than planned. I just don't get it. Keep GMC and Buick, and kill Pontiac. Well we have a few good ideas for meeting over the next few months, please make every effort to attend and continue to attempt to bring a new member. See you all on Saturday.

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. They have a new meeting location at Coxton's Collision Center (Gold Team, Suite D) at 1609 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA. Please let us know if you can help out.

They are also kicking off the planning meetings for this year's Virginia Fall Classic. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Comfort Inn near Patrick Henry Mall. Event dates are 10/23-25/2009. This year they are working to have a Monster Truck at the VFC

CCCHR Monthly Meeting
By Bob Carlson

I was able to attend the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads meeting on June 30th at Priority Chevrolet in Chesapeake. The guest speaker was Mr. Rudy McDaniel from "More Than Coins". Rudy is also a member of Peninsula Mustang Enthusiast of Tidewater Virginia. More Than Coins (www.morethancoins.com) is a veteran owned business providing professional quality coins, pins, medals, patches, lanyards and magnets. Rudy brought along some samples to pass around and they looked good.

The next order of business was to review the proposed revisions to the council By-Laws. The two big items were raising the dues to \$15.00 per club per year, and changing the election to stagger election of officers so of they don't all change at the same time. Check out the changes for yourself at (www.carclubcouncil.info/bylaws_proposed.htm). Let me know what you think, and if you have any comments I'll forward them to the council leadership. The revisions will be voted on at the next monthly meeting

The council reported on the charity and community support it is involved in. Finally, the council outlined upcoming events. These events are highlighted in the newsletter "Hampton Roads Happenings" section.

Hampton Roads Happenings

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

07/18/2009 - 2nd Annual Que and Cruz by Small Country Campground and the Zion Cross Roads Fire Department. It's a KCBS Sanctioned contest and Car Show. Proceeds benefit the Small Country Children's Christmas fund and the Zion Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Dept.

07/18/2009 - Fun in the Son Church Car Show by Peninsula Mustang Enthusiast in support of CHKD and Fun in the Son Church at 2424 N. Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA. All makes & models. 8:30-2:30

07/18/2009 - 1st annual Thomas Nelson Community College Car Show to benefit the college automotive program at the Hampton campus, 99 Thomas Nelson Drive, in the parking lot adjacent to the interstate. 9-11:30 rain or shine.

07/25/2009 - Children's Lighthouse Charity Car & Bike Show to raise awareness and support for the many young children who are exploited daily in Cambodia at Bethel Temple Assembly of God 1705 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA.

07/26/2009 - MCT VFW Honor and Support Show at Knuckleheads Witchduck Rd Virginia, Beach. Registration begins at 9:00 AM.

08/01/2009 - USCG Car Show for CHKD Yorktown VA by Peninsula Mustang Enthusiast in cooperation with the USCG Chief Petty Officers Association at the USCG Station Yorktown, 11:00-4:30. Open to all years, vehicles, makes and models.

08/01/2009 - Surry County Car Show at Surry Community Center 205 Enos Farm Drive Surry, VA. 9:00-4:00.

08/01/2009 - Brandy Station Vol. Fire Department Fair and Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show. co-sponsored by the Culpeper Cruisers at Brandy Station Fair Grounds, 20057 Fleetwood Heights Road, Route 685, Brandy Station, VA. 10:00-3:00. All Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles.

08/01/2009 - 3rd Annual Back to School Bash Car, Truck & Bike Show at the Quaker Steak & Lube, 12832 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA. All makes, models, and years of vehicles. 9:00-3:00.

08/01/2009 - MCT Annual Summer Show and Swap Meet at Chesapeake City Park for the Oasis Food Bank, CHKD, Susan B. Komen Research

Foundation, Oasis Food Ministry, and VFW Post 9382 in Suffolk, VA. Registration begins at 9:00am
08/08/2009 - 8th Annual Classics at Lee Hall Mansion, 163 Yorktown Road, Newport News, VA. to benefit historic preservation. 10:00-3:00. Open to all makes, models & years.

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!!

Friday Cruise-In at Ironbridge Sports Park ~ Chester's Newest Hot Spot! ~ Every Friday April 3rd through October from 5pm-9pm. Ironbridge Sports Park is a family entertainment facility and great food from The Iron Grill. 11400 Ironbridge Rd Chester, VA.

Friday Let's Talk Cars! Friday Night Cruise-In! Hosted by Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers. Every Friday night April 3, 2009 till October. The cruise-in starts a 6pm at the Gloucester Main Street Center, Gloucester Courthouse, Gloucester, VA

Friday Smithfield Friday Cruz-In, sponsored by Smithfield Lions and NAPA Auto Parts. First and third Friday, April thru October (wx permitting) at 1802 C South Church Street, 6-9 PM. \$1 donation car entry. Music by Tom Norris, Food & Drink from Don's Hot Dogs.

Friday Langley Christian Church 175 Fox Hill Road Hampton, VA will be hosting a Friday night Cruise-in Every Third Friday night 6-10pm. Weather permitting May through October.

Friday 1st and 3rd Fridays 5:00 until! Fat Fredas in Colonial Beach at Washington and Hawthorn St.

Saturday Every Saturday Night April 4 thru Sept./Oct? - The Southern Knight Cruisers, Inc. Car Club is working with Hardee's of Old Stage Road (1901 W. Hundred Rd. - Rt. 10) in Chester, VA. DJ's "Wolf Man" John Newton, and "Rock-It Man" John Ronkartz, playing 50-70's music.

Saturday Cruise-In at New Town located in Williamsburg at the intersection of Ironbound Road and Monticello Avenue. Every Saturday evening until October 3rd from 4-8pm. Open to all years, makes and models. \$2 donation will go to CHKD.

Saturday Bruster's Saturday Night Cruise 2008 on route 610 Garrisonville Road in Stafford VA. At the Bruster's ice cream parking lot in the back. Weather permitting, 3-9pm. Every Saturday, all summer!!!

VAFA Visions

The July VAFA meeting will be held in conjunction with a local Cruise-In. Please join us at the Classic Cruisers Car Club's weekly Cruz-in located at Hampton Roads Harley Davidson, 6450 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA. We'll be meeting at 5:00 for a quick bite to eat at George's Family Restaurant, 5704 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA.



It's about a mile down the road from the Cruise-In.

As an added bonus, knowing many of you are either military, have family members or friends who are, VPCCC has announced that during the month of July the Pin-up Angels will be working with the Classic Cruisers Car Club to raise funds to send care packages to the troops. They also hope you'll consider coming out. Since the vehicles have to be over 20 (1989) to show all of our Fieros now qualify to be there. The Cruise-In runs from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

Please see the map below for directions to this months meeting.

