

## HAS ANYONE SEEN MY FIERO?

### VAFA January Meeting By Bob Carlson

For our anniversary meeting, it was decided to that we'd again meet at "The Grate Steak" in Norfolk.



The restaurant's website says that the Grate Steak experience offers something no other steak house can - the option to cook your own steak to perfection. But, at both the dinner tables everyone decided that, when it came to a dinner out, it was best to leave the driving (err...cooking) to the experts. So, we all let the restaurant grill team prepare our dinners and settled with just making our own salads. The bonus was that gave us more time to get reacquainted, compare projects and in general shoot the breeze. We had a good showing of members this month from as far away as Morehead



City, NC, and welcomed a new member "Rodney Dawes" of Newport News to the club. Welcome Rodney! . It was also good to see that the spouses  
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### Virginia Snow Fall By Bob Carlson

This January has been an unusual month in Virginia...at least on the east coast at the beach. Snow on the beach is something that doesn't happen very often. It snowed enough to actually give the city a valid reason to shut down the schools. Too bad for the kids, it was the weekend. As I stood there at the window watching that cursed blanket of white on my Fiero get deeper and deeper, I'm



guessing the snow that I wouldn't be shoveling was somewhere around eight inches deep and still falling. I realized that this historic occasion needed to be documented. So I took a couple of pictures and called out to the rest of the club to send see if they could share my sorrow and pain with pictures of their Fiero snow drifts.

Rob was the first to respond with a picture of his GTO in the snow that he called "Cold Goat".



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of several members joined the fun. Thanks to all for taking the time to participate! Nine of our members paid their dues to renew their membership at the meeting and four members had already paid up for this year. So DON'T FORGET to keep your membership up to date. The dues for this year are still only \$5.00 (WHAT A BARGAIN!) and everyone who hasn't paid already (you know who you are) is 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 your check/Money Order out to: VAFA.

Back to the meeting. After the dinner orders were submitted and the general hubbub subsided, we got down to business. The President welcomed everyone for attending and talked about the status of the club (meetings, membership and dues). We discussed ideas for the next several meetings, but didn't set down any firm meeting plans. So, if you have an idea for a meeting location, let us know and join the fun. Mark Girard again invited VAFA members to the Colonial Capital Rods & Classics



[www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com](http://www.colonialcapitalrodsandclassics.com) show in New Burn, NC this year. The other show idea discussed was the third Annual Shamrock Show & Poker run in the Outer Banks, NC sponsored by First Flight Cruisers. [www.firstflightcruisers.com](http://www.firstflightcruisers.com)



Other topics discussed were the idea of choosing a charity to support as a club by holding a fund raiser. Maybe holding our own car show, either on our own, or in conjunction with a couple of the other local Pontiac clubs. We also discussed getting the club to become an associate club in the Pontiac, Oakland Club International (POCI). This would require ALL members to join POCI. Let us know what you think of these ideas.

About this time, dinner arrived and talking Fieros took second fiddle to food. So, as expected, club business ended for the duration of the meal.

As the evening wound down and folks started to think about heading for home, we had one last thing to take care of. As promised, the door prizes were doled out. Everyone picked one item from the grab bag and received a CD with copies of the 2009 VAFA newsletters.

(Beach Snow Fall continued)

Granted, it's not his Fiero. Rob has sense enough to keep her inside, (*Editors note: Unlike yours truly whose parts car is STILL taking up valuable garage space.*) but it is a Pontiac, so I'm adding it anyway. We ended up with 8-10 inches of snow at the beach and it hasn't dropped that much in quite a while.

Then a response from Jim came in. It's hard



to be sure, but doesn't look like he got as much snow at his place as we did near the ocean. But, it could be that he actually got less snow, or it might just be the fact that his Fiero is under a car port. But one thing is sure, Jim's doing a great job of shoveling that retched white stuff out of the way. If only I could get him to come to the beach.



Of course there were some scenes that didn't make your back ache from the thought of having to use a shovel. For instance, take a look at the last photo (thanks to the WAVY TV 10 Weather Blog posted on January 31st, 2010 by Jeremy Wheeler)



in the article...not a road, sidewalk or driveway in sight. Now that's where snow belongs. Well on mountains too for you skiing fans.

**The President's Corner**  
**By Rob Jensen**

Hey everyone

Hope 2010 is going great for you so far. I just wanted to pass along a BIG "THANKS" to all those who attended the VAFA anniversary meeting last month. What a great turnout. We all enjoyed some great food, some great company and great conversation. Again, this event has become the "Once a year" must. For those who missed it, I hope to see you next year. For those who made it, I expect you to attend a few, if not all, the meetings this year. We need your attendance and great ideas.

How about that SNOW! I love the pictures of the "Fieros under Snow" that were going around after the first snowfall. I've been here 10 years and that was the most snow I've seen here. I know it's done more in the past, but it's been years since I saw so much of the white stuff. I hope you all did ok. So did anyone drive their Fiero in the snow? How was it? I never have driven a Fiero in the snow. I bet it could be a blast, with all that power and weight over the rear wheels. It must feel like driving a 300 HP Fiero with all the ice/snow on the roads. I hope no one "bent" their pride and joy. Well, this spring after the snow clears and the roads get clear of sand and grim, we'll have to have another poker run to blow the cobwebs off the cars. I know I won't drive mine until the roads are clear.

Well, we have some great shows coming up. In March, some may make it to the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shamrock show" at the outer banks. In April, the "Wild Wheels Weekend" event is taking place down at the boardwalk, mostly. We also have some out of town events. The GM Nat's, Daytona, Dells and the trip to the Fiero Factory in Alabama are all yearly events that you must attend once in a lifetime. I hope to attend at least one myself over the next few years.

We had some great ideas passed around at the last meeting. Among them were helping out a Charity with a club fund raiser, supporting a local food bank, a trip out of state, maybe an overnight event, becoming a POCI associate club, and a poker run. All great ideas. Thanks and keep'em coming. See you all later this month at our meeting/event.

Cheers  
Rob

A photo to remember better days for Pontiac.



## 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](http://www.vpccc.org)) or the CCCHR website ([www.carclubcouncil.info](http://www.carclubcouncil.info)).

**03/06/10** - The City of Hampton is celebrating its 400th Anniversary and is planning a car show as part of their Hunt for Hampton History. From 9am-3pm at the Hampton History Museum and the Rupert Sargent Building. Everything from WWII re-enactors, a Buckroe Amusement park exhibit, model trains, and much much more.

**03/11-14/10** - First Flight Cruisers will host their 3rd Annual Shamrock Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show at the First Flight High School complex in Kill Devil Hills, NC.

2010 Shamrock Show Details:

Thursday, 11th - Sock Hop

Friday, 12th - Poker Run

Saturday, 13th - Shamrock Show

Sunday, 14th - 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

**03/13/2010** - Wheels of Yesteryear Myrtle Beach Open House located off 501N near Tanger Outlet Mall. Myrtle Beach's Muscle Cars and More Museum announces an Open House celebration beginning Friday, March 12th, Saturday, March 13th and Sunday, March 14th.

**03/27/10** - 3rd Annual York High School Falcons Car Show 10AM-3PM. Rain/snow date: March 28 12PM-4PM. This is a fundraiser for the High School's After-Prom event, sponsored by the PTSA.

**03/27/2010** - Gloucester Daffodil Parade. (Rain or Shine) Line up at 9am Parade starts at 10am. Vehicles should be decorated with Flowers Parade Masters – John & Peggy Corley

**03/28/2010** - Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers Presents "Gloucester Daffodil Festival Car Show" at the Gloucester Court House Circle. Gloucester, Virginia 23061. Show times from 10:00 to 3:00. All Years, All Makes and Models. Registration from 9:00 to 12:00. Awards at 3:00.

**04/10/2010** - Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust-off at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach, (Town Center) Show will be held at the corner of Virginia Beach Blvd and Constitution Rd by Kohl's Department store. Open to all Chevy or Chevy powered vehicles built prior to 1986.

**04/16-18/10** - ALL NEW Cruisin' Wild Wheels Weekend @ Virginia Beach Boardwalk features multiple events along the beautiful Virginia Beach oceanfront over three days! The municipal parking lot at 19th Street and Pacific Avenue will be the focal point of the weekend, when hot rods, street machines, classic cars, and trucks vie for prizes, and thousands of car enthusiasts and families view the 300 vehicles on display.

**04/24/2010** - Beach Ford Lincoln Mercury All Makes and Models Show at 1600 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA. Registration 9am - noon. Awards 3pm. \*THIS WILL BE A JUDGED SHOW\* Registration \$20 if received by April 10, 2010. Make checks payable to SEVMC. Mail to: SEVMC, PO Box 2193, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Registration \$25 after April 10, 2010.

### Local Cruise-Ins

*(Editor's note: The website doesn't list an end date for the Tuesday and Friday Cruise-Ins. So check the website or call the organizing club before you go.)*

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

**Saturday** Every Saturday night through November 15 (weather permitting) from 5:00pm-10:00pm. Corner of Nettles Lane and Armistead Avenue (by West Gate of LAFB), across from Russo Village Shopping Center, Hampton, VA. Vehicles 1987 and older welcome.

**VPCCC Monthly Meeting  
By Bob Carlson**



Because of a last minute change in location, there was no VAFA representative at the August meeting of the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, so we missed the meeting and an opportunity to pay our dues for the year. Our member Jonathon Snyder has volunteered to attend the meetings. (THANKS JON!) So not to worry, we'll pay the dues this month and with any luck I'll have some information for you in this column from now on.

**VAFA Visions**

The February VAFA monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2010 at the Quaker Steak & Lube Family Restaurant, located at 12832 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA 23608.



We were there last September and everyone liked the food and the “car guy” atmosphere. Come join us again and enjoy great food, drinks and service surrounded by classic stock cars, motorcycles and classic racing memorabilia. The Lube® serves over 70 million wings annually, has bottled sauces for sale, has won the title of “Best Wings USA,” and has over 100 local, national and international awards for their sauce recipes. See the next page for a map and directions to this month’s meeting. Please join us for the fun.

**CCCHR Monthly Meeting  
By Bob Carlson**



By coincidence, both Rob and I made it to the January meeting of the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads at Priority Chevrolet in Chesapeake, Va. We paid our club dues and joined in for the meeting. The council is looking for a charitable cause to support. A local representative of “Virginia Wounded Warriors Program” (VWWP) ([www.dvs.virginia.gov/woundedwarrior](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/woundedwarrior)) came and talked with the council about the program. This program is different from the Wounded Warrior Project which is a charitable organization to assist veterans. We are in Region 5 and the purpose of VWWP is to help all veterans recover from the effects of stress-related injuries or traumatic brain injuries. One of the main things they do is to help veterans find housing. They will be sponsoring a Military Stand-Down in May, a Car Show at NAB Little Creek on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and a 5K run in October. They also conduct training and provide information throughout the year. This isn't a charity, it's a government public service, but the cause sounds worthwhile. Let Rob or I know what you think of the idea and we'll take your thoughts back to the council.

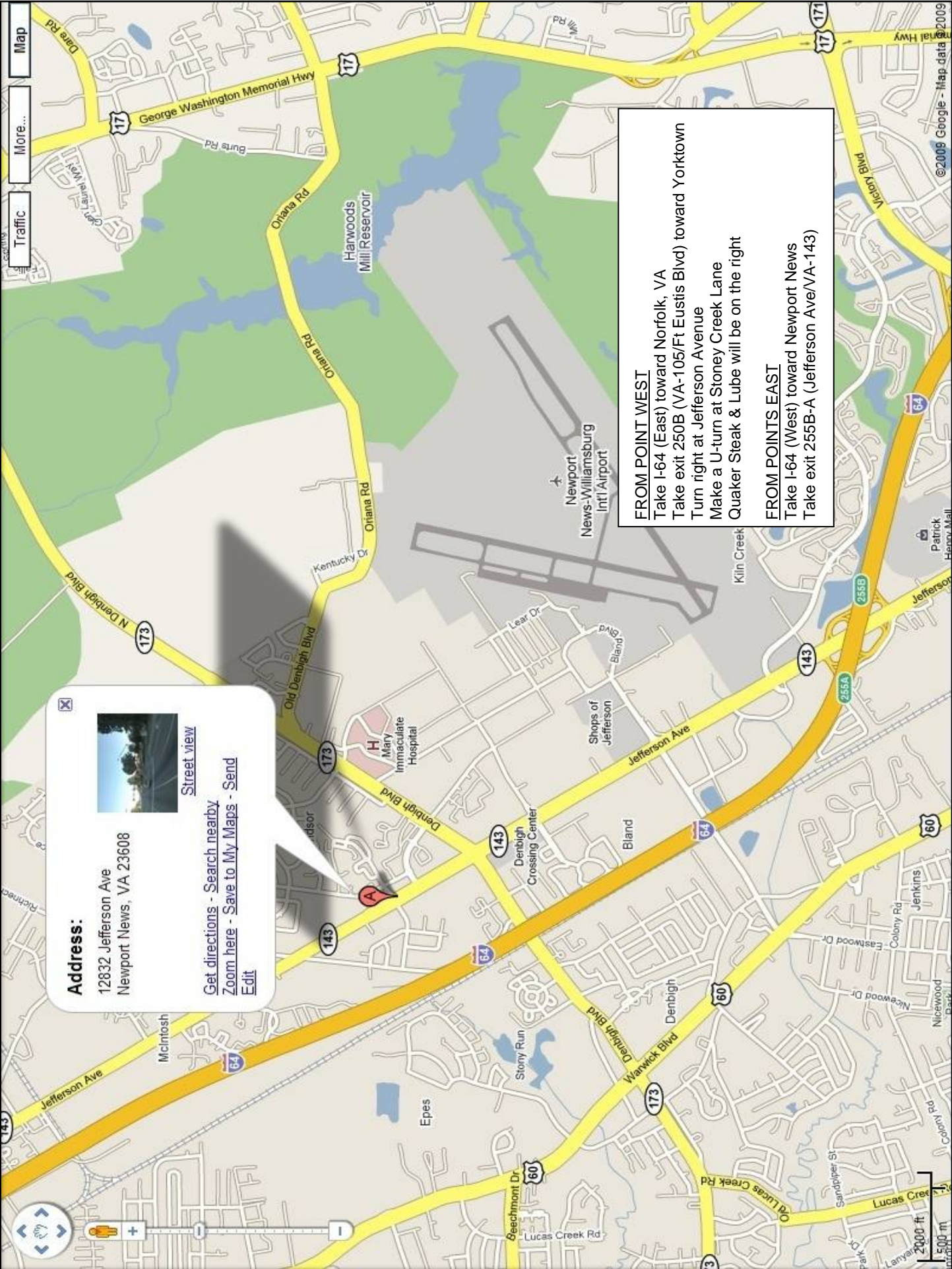
The other news from the council meeting was that they had a good showing at the HRADA Car Show with lots of public interest in the club vehicles on display.

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Take exit 250B (VA-105/Ft Eustis Blvd) toward Yorktown  
Turn right at Jefferson Avenue  
Make a U-turn at Stoney Creek Lane  
Quaker Steak & Lube will be on the right

**FROM POINTS EAST**  
Take I-64 (West) toward Newport News  
Take exit 255B-A (Jefferson Ave/VA-143)

