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“A Pontiac Celebration– 2012” a Huge Success!

For the second time, “A Pontiac Celebration” drew Pontiac lovers from throughout the Northeastern United States for a fun filled weekend to enjoy the cars and people of our great hobby. As by design, this “Celebration” is to showcase the great cars that we love so much, and to perpetuate the hobby by sharing them with everyone. Pontiac Clubs of all stripes are invited, and together bring a mixture representing every era and type of Pontiac from throughout the 84 years of Pontiac’s colorful history.

Our thanks goes to the following Pontiac Clubs for their help and support: Yankee Chapter- POCI, Overhead Cammers Chapter- POCI, Connecticut GTO Club, National Firebird & Trans Am Club, Pioneer Valley GTO Association, Nutmeg Chapter- POCI, Pontiac-Oakland Club International, GTO Association of America, Little Rhody Chapter- POCI, Pioneer Valley Firebird Association, New England Fiero Association, Charter Oak Firebird & Trans Am Club, and an extra special thanks to the Long Island GTO Club of New York and the Long Island Pontiac Club- POCI, who supersized the ferry out of Long Island with literally a boatload of Pontiacs to hit the shore and cruise on in to Warwick. What a bunch of energetic Pontiac lovers!

But, beyond the obvious fun of enjoying all these great Pontiacs, and visiting with all the dedicated people who bring these pieces of iron to life, “A Pontiac Celebration” reaches out beyond the hobbyplace and pulls all the members of our community together for an even greater cause– helping the fight against childhood cancer. Once again everyone rallied together and with all their energy we were again able to donate thousands of dollars to the two children’s charities we support: Alex’s Lemonade Stand foundation for childhood cancer and The Tomorrow Fund helping children and families affected by cancer.



With show costs held as low as we possibly can, and not one penny going to anything beyond actual costs of services, we bring a family-style event to everyone, and they answer with their generosity in donations and purchases that support the charities. Raffles for some great products displayed under a tent in the show field, a Florida Vacation Package, and much more showed our “Pontiacs with a Purpose” motto at work. Everyone can be proud of being part of such a successful event, for such a worthy cause.

Registration check-in began Friday morning and ran through the afternoon as excited people rolled into the host hotel. Then at about 5:00PM the “Teddy Bear Cruise” began. Besides the Pontiacs already populating the grounds, cars of every type from the surrounding community can to enjoy Cruisin’ Bruce Palmer doing his DJ presentation that is known up and down the coast, and outdoor food and drink stands of late summer brats, burgers, beer and more. Attendees brought toys and stuffed animals for the kids and loaded them into the back of a ‘67 Executive wagon for delivery later to the kids at The Tomorrow Fund clinic. Also a special “Thanks” to Tina Adreani who knitted hats for the kids— word is that they really loved them!

Besides the fun of a great Fall evening of cars and car people, attendees had a good chance at winning one of the many attractive trophies specially prepared for the “Teddy Bear Cruise.”

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**Pontiac Enthusiasts
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Long Island GTO Club of New York and the Long Island Pontiac Club- POCI stormed the Orient Point (east Long Island) ferry to hitch a ride to Connecticut for the Pontiac Celebration.

Saturday morning dawned a little on the hazy side, but all reports had been for sunshine throughout the day. And by mid-morning the clouds burned off, and the sun came peaking out for a wonderful show day. Registration stayed busy as new arrivals continued through the morning.

Meanwhile out on the show field the crew was busy checking everyone in and getting them to their assigned spots. But it didn't take long for the relaxed atmosphere of a beautiful day and a bunch of even more beautiful Pontiacs to fill the air. Besides people prepping their own cars, they strolled the grounds and visited with many more who were also enjoying the day. Cruisin' Bruce Palmer entertained everyone with great music and took care of all the announcements for seminars, raffles, etc. He did a great job helping keep everything organized and flowing smoothly.

There were quite a few more vendors over 2010, offering everything from car items to arts and crafts. All reported brisk business, and a few even went home with "treasures" they hadn't expected to find. The seminars were a new addition, and we apologize for not having them as prominently displayed as we should have. While most were well attended, we, as organizers, learned how to do it better next time. Watch for even more in 2014!



Just a small portion of the vendors who did a brisk business at A Pontic Celebration- 2012.

The afternoon raffle results were orchestrated once again by Cruisin' Bruce, who did a great job announcing winners and stirring up excitement—which means money! We are happy to share that we made a good deal of money from these raffles for our two children's cancer charities. Our thanks to all who donated items, and to Ray Hogan and Arleen Cello who managed it all.

As the show day wound to a close, and participants hurried about to get their voting ballots turned in, preparations began for the evening BBQ banquet dinner and the awards presentations. Once again our theme of casual and family fun prevailed as friends and families gathered in the atrium and the room became a-buzz with discussions of the day, and no doubt predictions of winners from the very competitive show. It was apparent, however, from everyone's smiles and laughter that all considered themselves a winner at A Pontiac Celebration— 2012.

Following a great meal, Rick DiGiacomo introduced special guests and speakers, and then again with the help of Cruisin' Bruce Palmer, set right to the much anticipated announcements of the car show winners. It was no small job to select specific cars to award out of so many great entrants. In addition to the show classes, we had a number of Speciality Awards given out in specific categories. New for 2012 was the "Kid's Choice Award" given out in special memory of longtime Pontiac hobbyist Ken Deming from Massachusetts. We were so fortunate to have Ken attend A Pontiac Celebration in 2010, but sadly lost him soon after. Our special thanks to Noel and Starr Evans from Connecticut who helped Ken so much, and helped make this special award possible. Enjoying, and sadly remembering, the people of this Pontiac hobby is what helps make it so special.

The evening ended with a promise to come together again in 2014 for another Pontiac Celebration— Eastern Regional Meet. We are happy to again report that we were able to donate many thousands of dollars to our two children's cancer charities. . . all from the wonderful Pontiac hobbyists who not only enjoy their special cars, but use them to help an even greater cause. Our sincere thanks to all who attended, and enjoyed themselves. You have our promise of an even better time in 2014.

Following you will find a display of all our great Show Sponsors who help make this event possible. Please consider these businesses first when you need something for your hobby. There is also a listing in another article of the many show winners who we congratulate for their accomplishments.

Once again PontiacRegistry.com is happy, and proud, to host such an event for such a worthwhile purpose. Our thanks to all who helped make "A Pontiac Celebration— 2012" a huge success. See you all in 2014!



There was no shortage of beautiful, well deserving awards in many classes for excited participants.



A new addition, and pleasant surprise to everyone, was the giveaway raffle of "State Baskets." State Baskets representing 13 attending states were given away as a "Thank You" from A Pontiac Celebration— 2012.

A Special "THANK YOU" to the following companies who have helped support
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The 2012 show field proved that there is certainly diversity in our hobby. As illustrated by this beautiful original 1930 Pontiac contrasted with the 1934 "Rat Rod." Our apologies if it is just unfinished, and not an "official" Rat. But either way, it wore some very well executed modifications, and best of all, it was out being enjoyed. The '48 and '41 Pontiacs are great show cruisers too.





Pontiacs from the early '50s through the mid '60s came out in large numbers. Of special interest was the seldom seen 1952 Sedan delivery complete with a 1949 Indian motorcycle and Indian/Pontiac "artifacts" displayed on the trailer. The black 1950 Chieftain Deluxe convertible was a true Survivor in every respect. It had an interesting history, including past ownership by the Leland family of Lincoln fame. Pontiac wagon lovers found lots to enjoy too!

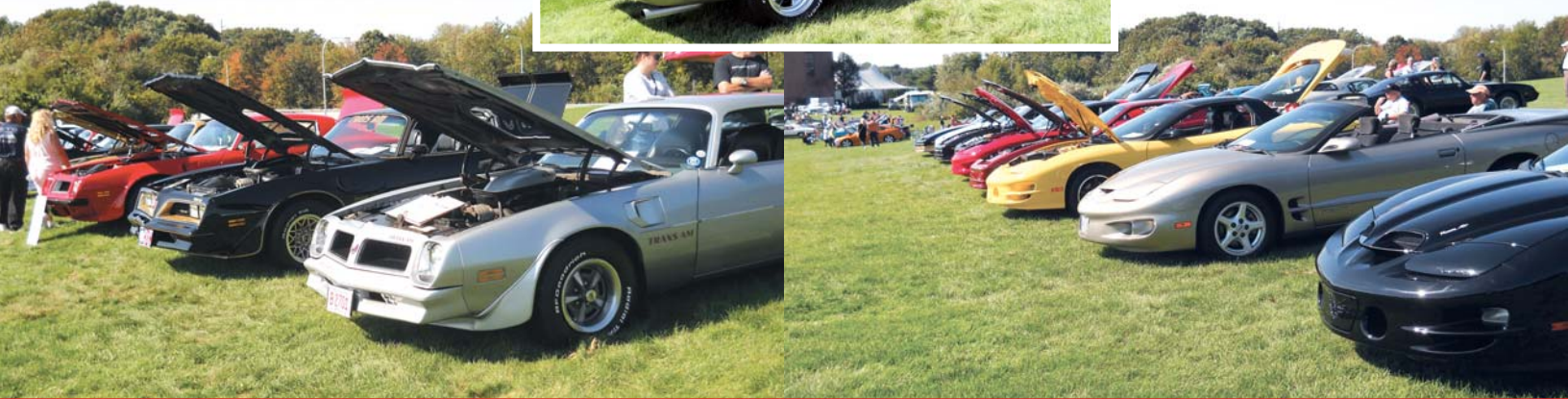




A big Grand Prix turnout always proves that Pontiac ruled the road (and industry) when it came to the combination of luxury and performance. And Pontiac hobbyists today still enjoy that successful mix.



Once again the GTO Clubs from the surrounding states came out in full-force to support "A Pontiac Celebration." The quality and variety of their cars was impressive!



From first year to last built, Firebirds and Trans Ams decorated much of the show field. The rare Esprit that showed up sported some unusual colors– silver bottom, red top, with orange, black, and white striping– ya just gotta love the ‘70s!

A large contingency of Fieros proved you don’t need to be a big car to make a big showing!



Surely the most unusual “Pontiac” at A Pontiac Celebration– 2012 had to be this American Motors AMX that is secretly riding around on an entire late-model GTO. Yes, it is the AMX that ate the GTO. To study the work involved to mate two unit-bodied cars together is amazing. Even the entire interior– including dash– are GTO!

It might be argued that this isn’t really a Pontiac (and we didn’t see the title), but since we are all about fun... we hope you enjoyed it!



"A Pontiac Celebration– 2012" Show Winners

When 235 beautiful cars and excited attendees show up to an event, represented by 15 states and Canada, it is difficult to pick "winners" from such a group. Though it sounds cliché, everyone who participated was a winner in helping support our children's cancer charities. But in the final analysis, the Car Show voting produced some great signs of peer appreciation in the following categories.

CLASS	1st PLACE	1st Runner-Up	2nd Runner-Up
A) 1909–48			
Pontiac & Oakland.....	Mike Kelley '30 Pontiac	John Bace '41 Streamliner	George Schneider '48 Torpedo
B) 1949–60			
Pontiac– All	Steve Peluso '60 Bonneville	William Powell '52 Sedan Delivery	Joe Cutter '50 Chieftain
C) Wagons– All	Wheeler Bradley '57 Safari	Noel Evans '57 Safari	Wilf Kaszanits '65 Bonneville
D1) 1961–64 Full-Size	John Cappleman '61 Bonneville	Raymond Oliveira '62 Bonneville	Joe Renaud '64 Catalina 2+2
D2) 1965–70 Full-Size	George Venditti '70 Catalina	Dan Fiore '69 Catalina	John Pagliarni '66 Catalina
D3) 1971–2010 Full-Size	George Disque '73 Bonneville	Peter Christofaro '73 Grandville	Armand LaFrance '78 Bonneville
E1) 1962–72 Grand Prix	Steve Peluso '67 Grand Prix	Bob Lassman '63 Grand Prix	Phil Page '71 Grand Prix
E2) 1973–2010 Grand Prix	George Disque '77 Grand Prix	Rick Grinchell '79 Grand Prix	Mark Pataluch '70 Grand Prix
F1) 1961–72			
Mid-Size/Compact	Dick Sevigny '67 Tempest	Greg Clark '62 Tempest	Mike Daugherty '71 Lemans
F2) 1973–2010			
Mid-Size/Compact	Gary Hecklen '77 Can Am	Keith Wood '09 Solstice	John Dacrvz '08 G8
G1) 1964–65 GTO	Jeff Goldstein '65 GTO	Paul Zona '65 GTO	Bob Corazzini '65 GTO
G2) 1966–67 GTO	Mark Nowak '67 GTO	Mark Kelly '67 GTO	Perry Kaiser '67 GTO
G3) 1968–70 GTO	Bob Murphy '69 Judge	Mike Burkholder '70 Judge	Jim Meissner '69 Judge
G4) 1971–74 GTO	Joe Guerra '73 GTO		
G5) 2004–06 GTO	Jim Soldo '06 GTO	Art Johnson '05 GTO	Tracy Bergantini '04 GTO
H1) 1967–69 Firebird	Dave Brady '69 Firebird	Richard Roberts '68 Firebird	Mark Robitaille '67 Firebird
H2) 1970–81 Firebird	George Berg '73 Formula	Pete Slota '73 Firebird	
J1) 1969–73 Trans Am	George Berg '70 Trans Am	Gary Trombino '71 Trans Am	Rick Holloway '71 Trans Am
J2) 1974–78 Trans Am	Derek Fletcher '74 Trans Am	John Kunasek '78 Trans Am	Charlie Barron '78 Trans Am
J3) 1979–81 Trans Am	Kenneth Usry '80 Trans Am	Fil Ferrauto '80 Trans Am	Star Theodosigu '79 Trans Am
K) 1982–2002			
FB/TA/Firehawk/GTA	Rick Campana '00 Firehawk	Harry DeBernardo '79 Trans Am	Jim Napolitano '78 Trans Am
L) Fiero– All	Brad Bradley '88 Fiero	Gerald Antunes '86 Fiero	Laraine Coffey '86 Fiero
MODIFIED CLASSES:			
M1) Fiero– All	Andrew Virzi '87 Fiero	Marc Tessier '88 Fiero	Lawrence Wheeler '88 Fiero
M2) 1926–63– All			
(except GTO/FB/Fiero) ...	David Czubak '37 Pontiac	Brian Riley '55 Star Chief	Carmelo Piccione '34 Rat Rod
M3) 1963–2010– All			
(except GTO/FB/Fiero) ...	Keith Lechner '71 Tempest	Ben Zanni '66 Grand Prix	Warren Klahra '66 Tempest
M4) 1964–67 GTO	Steve Fenimore '65 GTO		
M5) 1968–74 GTO	Louis Adreani '69 GTO	Jerry Cote '68 GTO	Adam Grynnowicki '68 GTO
M6) 2004–06 GTO	Steve Morton '06 GTO	Scott Huyghe '69 "AMX" GTO	Tracy Bergantini '04 GTO
M7) 1967–78			
Firebird/Trans Am	Richard Beer '78 Trans Am	John Burgess '69 Firebird	Jason Burgess '70 Firebird
M8) 1979–2002			
Firebird/Trans Am	Tom Yannone '81 Trans Am	Jim Oliver '79 Trans Am	Carlos Martins '89 Trans Am
SPECIALITY AWARDS:			
Best of Show	Jeff Goldstein '65 GTO	PontiacRegistry.com Choice	Tom Yannone '81 Trans Am
People's Choice	Wheeler Bradley '57 Safari	Best In-Process Trophy	Becky Peluso '64 Lemans
Ken Deming– Kid's Award	Paul Melanson '58 Chieftain	Fiero Award	Mark Tessier '88 Fiero GT
Charlie Lebevre– 1966 GTO Award	Mark Kelly '67 GTO	Club Participation Award	Long Island Chapter- POCI
Survivor Award	Joe Culter '50 Chieftain		