

THE BIRD FEED



Western Michigan Firebird Club

"Keeping the Dream Alive"

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The Inside Track

Scott van Tamelen, WMFC President

Hey Everybody- Hope you've had a chance to get the Firebirds out of storage and back on the road again. I know a few of us did as we attended the GVSU car show. It felt good to get behind the wheel again after the long winter.

We weren't as fortunate though for our Paradise Motors shop tour, with the rain and snow mix that was coming down that day no one chose to drive their Firebird to the event. The tour was great and it was neat to see the restorations that were in process. For those who missed it, we've been invited to make another visit this summer, so watch for more details in the upcoming months.

This month's meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 7th @ 6pm. We'll be meeting at my warehouse where you'll get a chance to see our small collection of cars. The address for the warehouse is 4280 Blue Star Highway Holland, Mi 49423. If you have any problems finding it feel free to call me 616-450-8450, but if you Google map the address it should give you a good idea of the location.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the Hamilton Memorial Day parade. Club members will be participating in the annual parade held in downtown Hamilton, Mi. The parade route is a slow moving 1 mile venture and usually doesn't take very long to travel thru, so no fears of overheating. We'll be meeting north of town and arriving as a group to the parade line-up. I hope we can get a nice turn out for this event, it'd be cool to have a line of Firebirds.

See below for more details on the parade.....



2011 GVSU Car Show pics



Paradise Motors shop tour pics



Firebird History

25th Anniversary TA production info.....

Production of the 25th Anniversary TA was announced on Jan 7, 1994.

It would be built on the highly contented Trans Am GT package (RPO #-Y83 for coupes and Y84 for convertible), and also sported a bright white interior with "25th Trans Am" embroidery on the front seatbacks and door panels.

The 25th Trans Am paid tribute to the first 1969 Trans Am, with its blue center stripe and white paint scheme. Other exterior styling cues included the gray 25th door decals, blue Trans Am door badging, and specific 16" 5 spoke white wheels with the anniversary decal on the center cap. In order to get the 25th Anniversary package RPO #-B71 would have to be chosen at time of ordering, and the buyer would have to pony-up an additional \$995 over the price of the Trans Am GT.

The 25th TA would also carry on Pontiac's long standing tradition of serving as the pace car for the 1994 Daytona 500.

Production numbers break down as follows:

Coupe

1750 - Total

338 - Hardtop

1412 - T-top (CC1=\$895)

128 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

1622 - Auto (MX0=\$775)

879 - Cassette (UT6=\$350)

871 - CD Player (UP3=\$226)

Combinations:

Auto/Hardtop/Cassette- 254

Auto/T-top/Cassette- 600

Auto/Hardtop/CD player- 68

Auto/T-top/CD player- 700

Manual/Hardtop/Cassette- 4

Manual/T-top/Cassette- 21

Manual/Hardtop/CD player- 12

Manual/T-top/CD player- 91

Convertible

250 total

0 - Manual 6spd (MN6)

250 - Auto (MX0=\$775)

51 - Cassette (UT6=\$350)

199 - CD Player (UP3=\$226)



Welcome new members

I'd like to welcome Dave Gerling and his wife Sheryl to the club...

Dave and Sheryl come to us from Spring Lake, Michigan. They own a beautiful 1967 Firebird convertible. Welkom aboard guys, hope to see you at some future WMFC events!!!



Welcome new members

I'd also like to Welkom Joe Lebioda and his wife Annemarie to the club.....

Joe and Annemarie come to us from the Kentwood area. They own a 1989 Trans Am that's powered by a 305 V8 linked to a manual 5-speed transmission. The car has 30,400 original miles on it. Can't wait to see your ride in person guys, welkom aboard!!!



Events to remember

WMFC May Meeting

Saturday May 7th, I'll be hosting the May club meeting at my warehouse where you'll have chance to see our small collection of vehicles, and listen to me ramble on about each of them.

Time: 6pm Saturday May 7th

Location: 4280 Blue Star Hwy Holland, Mi 49423

McFadden Motors Car Show

On Wednesday May 4th McFadden Motors in South Haven, Mi will be holding their 6th Annual car show. The show runs from 5pm to 8pm and includes door prizes, trophies, and free food.

I usually always attend this event and if anybody else would like to join me on such late notice, feel free to call or email me and we'll arrange for a place to meet-up together.

Location of show: 11628 M-140 Hwy
South Haven, Mi

Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

On Monday May 30th club members will be participating in the annual parade thru downtown Hamilton, Mi.

We'll be meeting at the Rock Island Restaurant 1816 M-40, Holland, Mi 49423 @ 8:15 am.

From there we'll travel as a group to the Hamilton High School so that we can be staged in the parade line-up.

Remember to bring a bag of candy as the kids along the route have grown to expect it.



Upcoming Events

WMFC Monthly Meetings:

May 7th, 2011- Scott's Garage Tour 6pm @ 4280 Blue Star Hwy Holland, Mi 49423

June- TBD yet, we may be combining this meeting with the MiFbody show

WMFC Official Events:

Monday May 30th Hamilton Memorial Day Parade Hamilton, Mi

Saturday June 4, 2011 MiFbody Meet & Greet- Bakers of Milford, Milford Mi

Monday July 4th, 2011 Grandville Fourth of July Parade and WMFC party Grandville, Mi

Saturday July 23rd, 2011 WMFC "Cruise to Woodward"- Time is still TBD

August 26-28, 2011- 2011 Trans Am Nationals, Dayton Marriott Hotel, Dayton, Ohio

October 2011 WMFC Color Tour cruise- time, destination

Other Automotive Events:

May 1st, 2011 48th Annual Mendon Dust-Off, Mendon High School Mendon, Mi

May 4th, 2011 6th Annual McFadden Friendly Motor's Cruise-in South haven, Mi

May 21-22, 2011 100th Anniversary Indy Pace Car Reunion, Indy 500 Speedway, In

May 28th, 2011 Lane Automotive Car Show Coloma, Mi

June 3-4, 2011 Soaring Eagle Car Show, Mt. Pleasant, Mi www.soaringeaglecasino.com/carshow.htm

June 4, 2011 5th Annual Ionia Classic Car & Truck Show – Ionia, Mi

June 4-11, 2011- Hot Rod Power Tour – Florida to Detroit

June 10-11, 2011 8th Annual Central Lake Cruise & Car Show Central Lake, Mi www.joelshooks.com

June 11, 2011- 8th Annual Moose Classic Car Show, Sparta, Mi

June 11, 2011 31st Annual Vicksburg Old Car Festival - Main St. Vicksburg, Mi

June 11, 2011 6th Annual All Chevy Show, Kool Chevrolet, 3770 Plainfield Ave Grand Rapids, Mi

June 12, 2011 Leila Carboretum Car Show – Leila Arboretum and Gardens – Battle Creek, Mi

June 18, 2011 2011 Holland Car Show - Outlet Mall East Parking Lot 12330 James St. Holland, Mi

June 18, 2011 11th Annual Classic Car Show - Downtown Nashville, Mi on M-66

June 25, 2011 8th Annual Covered Bridge Downtown Car Show – Centerville, Mi

June 25, 2011 11th Annual Comstock Daze - 8415 East H Ave. Kalamazoo Mi Noon-???

Other Automotive Events continued:

June 26, 2011 1st Annual LLWC Summer Classic Car Show - Corner of Hoffman & US131 Three Rivers, Mi 12-4pm

July 9, 2011 19th Annual Benefit Cruise and Car Show - Taco Bell 5560 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, Mi

July 9, 2011 Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show Lawton Mi www.adamscarshow.com

July 16, 2011 Todd Wenzel Classics & Camaro Show Hudsonville, Mi

July 16, 2011 Wayland Car Show, Wayland City Park, Wayland, Mi

July 22, 2011 National Baby Food Festival Cruise-in, 5pm – 7pm, Fremont, Mi

July 24, 2011 Great Lakes-Great Chevys ALL Chevy Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi

Aug 6, 2011 Red Barns Spectacular Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi

Aug 7, 2011- 5th Annual Apple Peel-In Car Show, Greenville, Mi

Aug 13, 2011- 21st Annual Del Shannon Memorial Car Show, downtown Coopersville, Mi

Aug 13, 2011 11th Annual Make-a-Wish Car, Truck & Bike Show, American Legion Post 298, Battle Creek, Mi

Aug 14, 2011 11th Annual Deanos Car Show, Allegan, Mi

Aug 20, 2011 Augusta Village Car Show, Augusta, Mi

Aug 20, 2011- Woodward Dream Cruise – Metro-Detroit area

Aug 26, 27, 2011- 7th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise, thru Grandville, Wyoming, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Mi

Sept 5, 2011- 7th Labor Day Cars for Cancer Car Show, along the Lake Michigan beach, Muskegon, Mi

Sept 9, 2011 Trendway Benefit Cruise-In 13467 Quincy St. Holland, Mi 6-9pm

Sept 11, 2011 17th Annual Muscle Cars Plus Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi

Sept 17, 2011 Freeport Fun Day Car Show, Freeport, Mi

Sept 17, 2011- Holland Rescue Mission Benefit Car Show, Holland, Mi





The Western Michigan Firebird Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the classic Pontiac Firebird through a passionate interest in keeping the Dream Alive.

Meetings:

The WMFC holds monthly meetings throughout the year. The times and locations may vary, so please see the upcoming events page or check out our website for specific times and locations. http://www.wmfirebird.com/Recent_Upcoming_Events.html

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If its Firebird related there's no better way to get it in front of the target market than here.