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Club Talk

The Saga of Bob's Grand Prix (courtesy of Bob Whitcher)

I have always wanted a 1962 Gran Prix. I have never been able to find one in good condition that I could afford. On several occasions I have settled for different year/model "B" bodies. About 4 years ago I decided to look again for a good "driver". Again I settled for something else.

I searched POCI's and Performance Years' websites. No luck. On to E-bay. I found several different "B" bodies that looked good and put a bid in on one of them. I lost the bid. A day or so later I received an email from the "seller" stating that the sale fell through and being the 2nd highest bidder I could buy the car. Something didn't seem right! I found that the seller had other items for sale on E-bay and I contacted him. He emailed me right back saying the car was sold and had been picked up already. AH HA!! A scam! I contacted E-bay and they thanked me for the information but there wasn't much they could do. Gee thanks.

Not to be discouraged I contacted another seller about a 1964 G.P. It was a California car that was located in Idaho then. The owner was a young man who was starting a business. While he owned the G.P. he had lots of mechanical and interior work done to it. This included replacing the Roto- Hydramatic trans with a rebuilt Turbo 350. A big improvement! It also had all new brakes, tires, springs, shocks, exhaust, timing chain, carb, weather stripping, most of the interior and many other items. It had chrome wheels with baby Moon caps. It also came with a trunk full of extra parts.

When I first contacted him he said that there was some rot in the floor of the trunk but the rest of the car was good. I asked him "how much trunk rot"? He emailed me back that it had been a long time since he had the trunk open but he would look and get back to me.

A couple of days later he responded and said he was sorry but it was rotted more than he remembered. He insisted that the rest of the car was good. If the price was right I still wanted the G.P.

After several back and forth messages he gave me a "buy it now" price that was agreeable. Before I committed to buying I wanted to check on shipping. After shopping around I settled on a company that provided "Door to Door" pick up and delivery for a reasonable price. Please Remember This! A must for a car that was neither registered nor insured. Only catch was I had to wait until they had a full load of cars coming east. Not a problem. The seller was most helpful

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March Meeting!!

The May meeting will be held at Tulley Pontiac, Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH on Saturday, March 5th, at 2pm. We have a lot to discuss as a club, so please attend if possible!

The meeting is being held on Saturday to help prepare for our upcoming show at Anheuser-Busch in June plus discuss chapter officers and how to expand the membership. Please plan to attend if possible.

Thanks!

Matt Turner's 1963 LeMans Chosen as Eastwood's August "Car of the Month!"

Each month, Eastwood repair and restoration parts encourages folks to submit photos of their current cars/projects to their web site. The photos are then voted upon by people checking the site and the winner receives a \$100 gift certificate from Eastwood to be used for items in their catalog.

I was lucky enough to receive enough votes to win the prize for August! The small insert below was featured on page two of their "early winter 2010" catalog. In addition to the gift certificate, Eastwood also sent me the original artwork used for the catalog - pretty cool!

Finding items for a car of this year, especially a hard to find model like a LeMans can be quite a challenge and the items in Eastwood's catalog have come in very handy along the way.

The winners from each month then get voted upon to see who will end up as the "car of the year." Unfortunately I didn't win overall (the winning car was spectacular), but I still have "bragging rights" for August.

Customer Car of the Month

Matt Turner's 1963 Pontiac LeMans sports a 326 V-8 with 3-speed manual trans, a power top, power steering, and manual drum brakes. Some of the products used in his resto are: Alumina Blast, Radiator Black, and Stainless Steel Exhaust Coating. Nice work Matt!



See more of Matt's resto story and pictures online. See more restoration stories, and submit your car story, at: www.eastwood.com/car_of_the_month

Get your entry in before year-end for great prizes and discounts!

The Saga of Bob's Grand Prix (Continued...)

with the car's pick up at his house. He called the transport company with the time and location and had everything ready for them.

Two weeks later I received a call that the transporter was in the next town and would I come pick up my car? Did you remember? I paid for "Door to Door" and I was not going to go get the car. The driver (who spoke very poor English with an eastern European accent) said his boss wouldn't let him go down side streets with the truck and trailer. Seems in the past he had gotten stuck. I explained to him that on several occasions tractor trailers had come down the street and turned around at the circle at the end. He still wouldn't bring the truck down and I still wouldn't go get the car! Finally after arguing and getting nowhere he called his boss. He called me back and said he would deliver the G.P.

I walked to the end of my street so he wouldn't miss it. After watching several trucks go by what to my surprise do I see? A 1964 G.P. driving up the road. At least I know it runs. The driver had left his truck and trailer parked cross wise in the parking lot of a convenience store down the street. And what did he block in with said truck? Our local police chief's car along with about 5 other cars. Mind you he unloaded an unregistered car behind a marked police car and drove it down 2 main streets in town.

My wife came out of the house to look at my new project. She kind of just shook her head and walked away. The car really didn't look like much. The paint job was poor and it was covered with 2500 miles of dirt and bugs. But, it ran great and except for a couple of small dents the body was excellent. The project begins.

To be Continued:

Cruisin' Downtown 2010

One of the final events of the 2010 car season enjoyed by some of our members was the annual cruise held in downtown Manchester, NH in September. This year's event had the added attraction of an Elvis Presley convention being in town. Variations of "The King" could be seen at times wandering up and down the boulevard among the attendees. Mary Plante, a devoted Elvis fan, cheered Elvis on at every opportunity.

Jerry, Mary, Mark Tom and Matt met up at the start and were able to cruise together to our designated spots and park as a group. It wasn't much later that a photographer was taking photos of the Plante's Solstice. He way the buildings reflected in the gleaming hood made a perfect photo opportunity.

The assortment of cars lined the entire stretch of Elm Street from the National Guard armory to the intersection at the Verizon Center. The event has grown large enough to attract major vendors such as Snap-On Tools, who came with a tremendous rig which included an incredible 1957 Nomad wagon trimmed in what else-tools!

The Manchester SWAT team had one of their vehicles out for the general public to check over (how often do you get to sit in a police vehicle without the fancy bracelets?). Mary wasted no time going all the way up in the turret for a full view, possibly searching for Elvis.

The park had bands on stage to entertain folks, various street acts wandering about and all types of vendors. Quirk Chevrolet brought an assortment of new vehicles. The NE Mustang Club was also there in full force

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PONTIAC CRAFTSMAN

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1965 PONTIAC

TWO TYPES STEERING LINKAGE USED

To provide more tire clearance between the steering arm and tire, a second steering linkage was used in production (Note V.I. breakpoints below). Component parts of the first and second type linkages are **NOT** interchangeable, therefore, when the steering linkage or any part of the linkage is to be replaced, note the V.I. number and use second type parts on cars built after, and including the breakpoint; and first type parts on cars built prior to the breakpoint. This is very important as parts mixing could result in a malfunction of the steering linkage.

Identification of the first and second type parts may be accomplished by measuring the length of the tie rod and the tie rod end and checking the forging number on the steering arm.

First Type

Tie Rod 11"

Tie Rod End 5 - 3/16"

Second Type

Tie Rod 10 - 11/16"

Tie Rod End 4 - 3/4"

STEERING ARM

1st Type Std.

9778114 (M) R.H. (Forging #9778114)

9778115 (M) L.H. (Forging #9778115)

1st Type H.D.

9779601 (F) R.H. (Forging #9779601)

9779602 (F) L.H. (Forging #9779602)

2nd Type Std.

9781854 (M) R.H. (Forging #9781854)

9781855 (M) L.H. (Forging #9781855)

2nd Type H.D.

9781831 (F) R.H. (Forging #9781831)

9781832 (F) L.H. (Forging #9781832)

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TIE ROD

1st Type Std.
5679793 (Z) R.H.
5679794 (Z) L.H.

1st Type H.D.
5694065 (F) L.H.
5694066 (F) R.H.

2nd Type Std.
5695836 (Z) R.H.
5695837 (Z) L.H.

2nd Type H.D.
5696026 (F) R.H.
5696027 (F) L.H.

HOUSING ASSM. STEERING KNUCKLE TIE ROD END

1st Type Std.
5679465 (Z)

1st Type H.D.
5694067 (F)

2nd Type Std.
5679834 (Z)

2nd Type H.D.
5696526 (F)

The following is a complete list of plant breakoff points:

Arlington	5R 111809	Linden	5E 152663
Doraville	5D 114354	Pontiac	5P 209539
Kansas City	5X 146687	South Gate	5C 128238

Upcoming Events

June 12, 2011

19th Annual Tulley Pontiac-Buick-GMC Show
Anheuser-Busch Brewery
D.W. Highway, Merrimack, NH
Rain or shine!
Contact: Matt Turner (603) 679-5738
Or tstool17@yahoo.com
\$8 pre-register or \$10 day of show



May 15, 2011

25th Annual Nutmeg Chapter Spring Show
At Barberino's Car Country
Wallingford, CT.
Raindate: 5/22
Contact: Mike O'Neill at (203) 266-7089
Or chrisonell73@charter.net
<http://www.nutmegchapterpoci.com>

June 6, 2011

Little Rhody Chapter Spring Show
At Fiore Pontiac
Warwick, RI.
Rain or shine
Contact: Dave Perron
Or dp9849@aol.com
<http://www.littlerhodypontiac.com>

Cruisin' Downtown 2010 (Continued...)

A demonstration of the “jaws of life” was given by the Manchester Fire Department. Luckily, they carved up a foreign car so no one was too upset.

After lunch, we pretty much parked in our lawn chairs behind our cars and watched as the cars came and went, answered questions for curious folks strolling by, and listened as several people shared their “I remember when I had one of these....” stories.

Everyone had a great day. Tom and Matt left around five before the night time activities began including a cruise. Judging from the traffic starting to build up, it was a good time to escape.



Matt's 1968 GTO



The "Retreads" take a break



Jerry's 1966 GTO



Elvis posing in front of Mary's Solstice

Articles for the newsletter are needed! Any parts or cars you wish to buy or sell, or even services are more than welcome.

All ads are free of charge and anyone can submit one. Please keep in mind that if space becomes an issue, chapter members will have priority. Thanks!



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REALLY WANTED!!

Someone interested in being newsletter editor. Matt's job has him traveling a lot plus he already has two club positions. Give it a try! Contact Matt at: tstool17@yahoo.com



Have internet access? Would you like to see the newsletter in color? Go to:

www.nh-gto.com

To join the **Nor-Eastern Chapter** you must be a member in good standing of the **Pontiac-Oakland Club International, Inc.** The **Nor-Eastern Chapter** of **POCI** holds their meetings the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at various members homes, or as posted in Club Talk. **POCI Annual Dues: \$35.00** (Associate members \$2.00). Mail to: Pontiac-Oakland Club International, Inc., P.O. Box 9569, Bradenton, FL 34026.

Nor-Eastern Chapter Annual Dues: FREE! Mail to: Jean Camire, 166 Elmhurst Ave., Manchester, NH 03103.

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