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Club Talk

19th Annual Tulley Pontiac-Buick Show at Anheuser-Busch



Even the famous Budweiser Clydesdales popped in for a quick peak to see who would brave the threatening weather during their morning exercise routine.

Unfortunately, the average car enthusiast wasn't as likely to brave the elements as our equine pals.

When the registrations were tallied, only 46 intrepid and damp souls ventured out for our nineteenth annual event. Actually the weather on Sunday was much drier than when we dropped by Saturday to put up the tent during what seemed like monsoon conditions.

The folks that did make the trip, however, seemed to have a great time plus we still had entries from as far away as Connecticut and even Canada! We also had representation in the majority of the classes. In addition, several folks attended the show that we've never seen in prior years. Hopefully they will be able to experience the show under sunnier skies in the future.

There were a few other challenges involving this year's show that fortunately we were able to react quickly enough to avoid further complications. When our usual DJ, Keith, was unable to make it, Bob Whitcher was able to recruit one of his friends, Alan, to fill the void. Alan did an excellent job of playing the music, making announcements and challenging the guests with interesting car related trivia questions throughout the day. Another potential "hiccup" occurred when the town of Merrimack opted to enact/enforce new and restrictive ordinances involving public events. This essentially shut down our grill at the last minute. To compensate, we enlisted the aid of the folks at D'Angelo's in Merrimack. With each registration we handed out a menu with a choice of "lunch box" (sandwich, drink, and cookie), which was to be turned into the registration tent by 11:30. Just over an hour and a half later, lunch had arrived and was distributed.

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July 23rd Meeting!!

The Nor Eastern Pontiac Club is have a Family Cookout meeting on Saturday July 23rd and you are invited! It will be held at Jerry and Mary's home at 156 Crowley Rd, Candia NH. If needed, contact the Plantes at (603) 483-8329. There will be the usual fare that will include Burgers , Hotdogs and soft drinks. We will also have chips and such but you can bring anything else you would prefer if so inclined. The grilling will start about 11:30am and the chilling soon thereafter. A pool will be provided but bring your own suit and towel.

There will be a meeting around 1pm where there will be a recap of the June Bud show as well as discussions about future activities, Garage Tours, a possible Car show in September in Somersworth, and an Invitation from Steve Ames to see his collection.

Just reply and let us know how many you are bringing, so we can know how many we are feeding.

I will also keep you informed of any further agenda changes as I hope we could have a cruise night or some other trouble we could get into.

Grand Canyon Valle Airport

On a recent trip this April, Sue and I headed out to Arizona to see the Grand Canyon. If you ever get a chance to see this natural wonder, I highly recommend you do it!

Always on the look out to try something different, we signed up for a tour package that included a helicopter tour of the canyon plus other nearby attractions. One of the stops along the way was the Grand Canyon Valle Airport (<http://www.valleairport.com/>) . This airport was the original travel stop for people interested in visiting the Grand Canyon area. They have several vintage planes in their collection, including a very rare Ford Tri-Motor. The collection also includes several classic cars housed in both the main building plus the hangar.

Of special interest to the Pontiac crowd is this 1939 Pontiac wagon. This is the original vehicle used to transport guests arriving in the canyon area. Below is the story of the wagon from their website (<http://www.valleairport.com/woodie/woodie.htm>).

The Woodie Story

Call it kismet, destiny, fortune or just dumb luck, but I own the Woodie of my dreams. In the mid-70's I bought half interest in Grand Canyon Airlines. The company, originally known in its first three years as Scenic Airways, had been founded in 1927 by J. Parker Van Zandt. Early on I was fascinated by the company's colorful history which purports to be the world's oldest air tour company. I set out to collect company memorabilia and meet former owners. With but one exception, Mr. Glover E. "Roxy" Ruckstell, I met with each of the former owners. In the late 70's I dragged my wife to Tucson to meet Walt Douglas who owned the company in the thirties.

Mr. Douglas was a spry octogenarian and had a hangar full of classic airplanes and vintage cars. This was the first time I'd seen Grand Canyon Airlines' 1939 Pontiac Woodie. Though Mr. Douglas appeared to have fallen on hard times, he was adamant that he didn't want to part with any of his toys and rejected my offer to buy the Woodie.

From that time through 2007 I kept thinking how cool it would be to own a '39 Pontiac Woodie. I own vintage aircraft like those flown by Grand Canyon Airlines: a 1929 Ford Tri-motor 5-AT, a 1927 Stinson Detroit SM-1B, and a 1929 Travel Air A-6000-A. But the '39 Woodie eluded me. I placed ads in car collector magazines, went to vintage car shows and talked to a lot of car people. There are many Woodies around, but few '39 Pontiacs.

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It worked out well, since by the time folks finished eating and wandered around a bit more it was time to hand out trophies. Judging by the happy faces as they received their awards it appeared that we had once again achieved a good show. This seems even more apparent given the continued loyalty of many of the participants year after year, especially given the weather conditions the last three years in a row. To better deal with this scenario, we were speaking with the folks at Tulley's regarding the possibility of moving the show back to their expanded dealership location in the future. This would give us the flexibility of a rain date as needed. In addition, we would have the option of a swap meet, which isn't possible with the current location. This is one of the many topics of discussion for our July 23rd meeting.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thanks all those members who volunteered their time and energy to help make this year's show a success. Enjoy the photos!



Jack & Jill White's Safari Wagon



This plate pretty much says it all....



A nice first generation Firebird



A 1977 Can Am braves the elements

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An early Buick sedan in Class A



The registration tent - open for business!



Dick Krafton's 1969 GTO



Bob Whitcher's 1964 Grand Prix

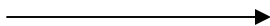


At left, a Fiero GT with an absolutely stunning paint scheme.

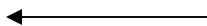
This was the only Fiero to make the show, but it would have been a show stopper even if it was in a jam packed class!

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At right, a 1970's Grandville



At left, a last generation GTO modified with Judge stripes (looks good!)



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



2011 Pontiac - Oakland
Club International Conv.
July 5 - 9, 2011
Bowling Green, KY

September 25, 2011

25th Annual Nutmeg Chapter Spring Show
At Barberino's Car Country
Wallingford, CT.

Contact: Mike O'Neill at (203) 266-7089

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July 30, 2011

Little Rhody Chapter Spring Show
Hurd Auto Mall
Johnston, RI.

Rain or shine

Contact: Dave Perron

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The Woodie Story (continued...)

In May 2007 I was sitting in My office at Grand Canyon when my assistant Carolyn rushed in and said that she had an urgent call from a friend in Reno. The friend, Steve Hamilton, is a serious car collector. Steve's collection includes Bugatti's, Roll's, Delahey's and much fancier cars than one that would have chauffeured air tour passengers at the Grand Canyon. Steve owns a large medical instrument manufacturing company, www.hamiltoncompany.com in Reno and he recounts that on this day an employee cornered him knowing that he collected cars and asked him if he had any interest in a Woodie. Steve queried him on the make and date but the fellow said he didn't know. All he knew was that he had met an elderly woman in a Laundromat and she said she was trying to sell a car that was part of her inheritance and that it spent most of its life at Grand Canyon. Steve's antennae went up with the mention of Grand Canyon and within the hour he was at her doorstep. Steve was beside himself when he saw the Grand Canyon Airline's logo, a Thunderbird, on the door of the car. He knew that not only was this a '39 Pontiac Woody it WAS the original Grand Canyon Airlines Woodie. As dawn broke the next morning I was airborne in my Cheyenne heading to Reno. Ms. Firelee Douglas was delighted to show us the car. All the pieces were there, but it had aged and not well. Ms. Douglas and I agreed on a price and the Woodie was mine!

The car was shipped to Randy Clark at Hot Rods and Stuff in Escondido, www.hotrodscustomstuff.com. Two years later and countless man-hours of careful restoration have brought this piece of history back to the Grand Canyon. It is now at home on display at Valle Airport under the wing of the Travel Air.

I have to keep pinching myself to know that I'm not dreaming.

John R. Seibold

Owner



The 1939 Pontiac Woodie in its prime, ready to ferry passengers



A close up of the woodie



The woodie as found



The freshly restored woodie

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

www.nh-gto.com

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