

Beautiful Weather Set New Records for the 33rd Annual Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals!

Having set records for spectators and participation last year, along with an incredible display of early Super Duty cars; we came into our 33rd event with one thing we can't control, a fabulous weather forecast for the weekend...and loyal Pontiac people responded by setting new records!

It was apparent to everyone in attendance that the car show was bigger than ever, and that was born out by the actual count! There were 691 cars on the show field...an all-time record! Once again, we revised our show parking and proceeded to utilize all of it by 2pm on Saturday afternoon.

David Butler, from Butler Performance was responsible for a couple of very interesting cars in their manufacturers' midway space; YouTube sensations Junkyard Digs and Pole Barn Garage brought their respective cars for display, both having driven 1,600-mile round trips to attend! We look forward to seeing what Butler's have in store for next year!

Don Keefe's Poncho Perfection display class came within a few cars of setting a new record count, as well; the same was true for the car corral, which ended up 3 cars short of resetting the record.

The swap meet was sold out by the end of May, the fourth year this had happened before the event even opens for spectators on Friday morning. The sign-up for next year has already begun, and we are honored to have the largest Pontiac swap meet in the country!

We came into this event without the 1-A Auto "Chief of the Pontiacs" due to a late rain shower last year on Sunday evening. We ran the 2023 final round of racing at noon on Saturday, and Ron Baisden, of Columbus, Ohio won the "Chief" honors. He has previously been the overall event winner twice, in the early years before we created the current program. Congratulations Ron!

The racing action was hot and heavy all weekend, especially in the All Pontiac.com Super Pro class, which saw a nice increase in car count. The Kauffman Quick-16 also benefitted from these additional race cars. The popular Tin Indian Performance wheelie contest was won by Ken Feber, from Auburn, IN in his '74 GTO.

The 2024 1-A Auto "Chief of the Pontiacs" is Rick Shofner, from Athens, IL. He races a '67 Firebird.

The dates for next year are the 18th, 19th & 20th of July; mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss a minute of "Pontiac-ing" with all your Norwalk friends and acquaintances!