

The 30th Anniversary of the Ames Performance Tri Power Pontiac Nationals

The 30th Anniversary of the Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals proved to be the largest of all time! The pent-up demand, following the cancelation of the 2020 event, was likely the cause for our record-breaking show. There were 12,204 spectators in attendance over the course of the weekend, the weather was almost perfect, although the Sunday forecast may have discouraged those who waited until then. Despite the unfavorable predictions, the entire event was blessed with dry weather and pleasant temperatures.

Once again, this year, the swap meet activity proved to be a reliable indicator of the event to come. We had so many advance inquires, we extended the swap field to add an additional 25 spaces; but, by early Friday morning, we only had 11 left and those were quickly sold. All told, we had 251 vendors on 436 swap spaces, plus 44 cars for sale in the Car Corral. We have sold out the swap meet in the past, but never as early as Friday morning! Sign up early next year; having already expanded the swap field to 436 spaces, we have no plans to add any more.

Car show participation was up this year, as well; by 2:00 Saturday afternoon, we were down to about 20 spaces left to park show cars! Thankfully, we didn't run out of space. The final tally on show cars, both judged and display, was 644 for the weekend!

The Firehawk Club held their 27th annual Firehawk Rally with us; and there was club participation from the Little Indians Chapter, the Overhead Cammers, the Early Times and 2+2 Chapter, all from the Pontiac Oakland Club International. We really appreciate their attendance and the cars they bring for display.

The race side of the event was equally busy this year, with a total of 428 cars making runs down Summit Motorsports Park's well maintained quarter mile during the weekend. A stroll through the race pits offers another opportunity to see a wide variety of beautiful...and fast Pontiacs! The total car count between the race and show was an astonishing 1,072 vehicles, breaking the previous record by nearly 30 participants! This number would have been even bigger if our Canadian friends had been allowed to attend, hopefully next year we will get to see them again.

We want to thank Pontiac people everywhere for making the 30th Anniversary of the Ames Performance Tri Power Pontiac Nationals the social event of the year for the Pontiac world!