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**A. C. Dodson and his son, A. C. II, on Power Tour 06. See the Power Tour story in a future issue of Fiero Pride. Photo by Gwen Randolph.**



## Upcoming Fiero Events

**January 2007: NEFA Holiday Party** - Date TBA.

**March 23 - 25, 2007: Florida Fiero Weekend 2007** - No Judging. Just get together to have fun. Check out <http://floridafieros.org/daytona2007/> for event and lodging information.

*\*\*Please check out the calendar page at [www.fieropride.com](http://www.fieropride.com) for updates regarding these events and any other events that are scheduled during the year.*



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# Brake Check

As they say, all good things must come to an end. My five years as President of MAFOA have been a good thing for me. I have learned a lot about the Fiero community, particularly in our region of the United States. I have made a lot of life-long friends and hopefully, I have contributed to the hobby as well.

by Jennifer Goss,  
President, MAFOA

In the five years I was president a lot has changed in the world and the Fiero Community! We saw the Fiero community gather at the 20th Anniversary Show, we've held more Fieros at Carlisle shows and we've added a swap meet to our annual list of events. We've learned a bit about organizing and experienced some growing pains as well.

Unfortunately, the Fiero community seems to be getting smaller. Perhaps it is the fact that our cars are now over twenty years old (most of them), or perhaps it is the economic slowdown our country is experiencing. Either way, attendance at events across the country is down. We need to turn that statistic around in 2007! There's no better place to start than right here!

Our challenge as a club for the upcoming year is to make an effective transition to our new Board of Directors and to promote a resurgence of the Fiero community. I hope you will catch some of our new President, Robb Leppo's enthusiasm for the great ideas he has for our club. He will be aided by Mike Mayer in the role of Vice President. Other new board members include Bruce Walters (newsletter), Corey Leppo & Ellen Pepper (Activities), and Vin Latus (Sponsorship). Bruce Homeyard (Treasurey) and Tom Derr (Activities) will be staying on in their current positions. Bruce will also be taking on the responsibility of Merchandise. I will be working on Membership with the assistance of Matt Goss. The position of webmaster is currently open.

I would also like to thank outgoing directors Denny Lambert, Jeff Ramberg and Clint Nichols. All three of these guys dedicated many years to the growth of our club and without them it would not be where it is today. Additional thanks goes out to Steph Lambert, Rick Stewart and Matt Freed for their assistance during this past year.

Speaking of open positions, a major change is about to take place! Fred Clarke, our publisher for numerous years is retiring to Florida! Lucky Fred! Thanks to Fred we have had a beautiful newsletter publication since we became sister clubs with NEFA. We appreciate all of his hard work and will miss him dearly. What we are now looking for is a publisher to work with the newsletter directors from NEFA and MAFOA. Previous publication experience is not required, however one should be familiar with a program that can be used to create newsletters (Adobe, Microsoft Publisher etc.) The publisher will receive articles from the newsletter directors and will then assemble them into a newsletter that will be e-mailed back to the appropriate newsletter directors for e-mail distribution to members. The few printed copies of the newsletter that will be mailed can be distributed by a method decided up by the publisher and the appropriate newsletter directors. We are desperate for a publisher and if one is not found, distribution of a newsletter may be severely delayed! Please help the club out today!

Included in this newsletter are copies of the 2007 MAFOA Membership Application. Please fill it out and return it to me, your new membership director, as soon as possible. One change to note is that starting in 2007 all

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# ***Cruisin'***

During the fall, my favorite time of the year, our Japanese Dwarf Maple tree is especially beautiful when its leaves turn Crimson Red. It has resided at

**by Gwen Randolph,  
President NEFA**

our house for more than twenty years now and has grown into the beautiful umbrella shape that this variety of maple is noted. It sits not far from the kitchen window above my sink so I get to admire it often. I love fall with its glorious change of color.

Unfortunately, the drawback is that the beautiful colors are short lived and the leaves soon start dropping off as they are right now from the maple tree, leaving bare branches and cold weather and, of course, the dreaded leaves to remove from the ground. Our cruise nights and car shows are put on hold until spring and especially up here in New England we'll hunker down for the coming winter. Some of us will cover up our Fieros and put them away for the winter, while others, like Phil, will keep driving. There is no wrong way to enjoy your Fiero.

NEFA held its annual meeting on November 12. We have a need for a Webmaster. Eric Schneck has moved to AL and has too much on his plate at the moment to continue in that position so we are looking for someone to take over. If you are willing to assume the Webmaster position please contact me at pran@cox.net.

We also discussed a need for activities people and it was decided to ask members living in different areas to help out by suggesting activities that we could do in their area. Again, I ask that you contact me with your suggestions. If everyone is willing to help out, our club can have some fun activities for the coming year. Remember, this club is only as good as its members. If you have some ideas for "things to do" don't be shy about speaking up. How about another tech session during the winter? Our last one was quite successful. All suggestions are welcome. What interests you? Just let me know.

December 31 means that your membership is due for 2007. Our membership year runs from January 1 - December 31. Membership fees will remain the same as last year. It was also voted that due to the rising printing and postage costs that the Fiero Pride will be sent out in the eNews format. The advantage of the eNews is that you will receive the newsletter in color. We are hoping that our members will understand this and supply us with an email address that we can use to deliver the e News to you.

To repeat what Jen Goss said in her Brake Check column - Fred Clarke, our Fiero Pride publisher for many years is retiring from that position. Fred has created a wonderful publication and we thank him for all his work. Because of Fred's retirement, we are actively seeking someone who will take on this job. This position works directly with the Newsletter Directors from both clubs. The Newsletter Directors collect and edit newsworthy articles from their member clubs and four times a year hand over this information to the Publisher who works their magic and gives the finished product back to the Newsletter Directors for distribution. This is an important position and if NEFA and MAFOA can't find someone it will severely impact the distribution of our wonderful newsletter. We need your help. Please contact Jen or myself.

In the meantime, enjoy the downtime, whether you have a new Fiero project in mind, you are tweaking something on your current Fiero or if you are finished with your Fiero project and are enjoying the fruits of your labor.



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newsletters will be e-mailed to you to save on the rising costs of printing and not raise our dues. The e-mail copy will also be in color and can be printed from your home computer. If you would like or would need your newsletter snail mailed please note that at the bottom of your membership application.

As I draw my last "Brake Check" to a close I'd like to say thank you to the many people over the years who made the office of the President an enjoyable experience. Thank you to my husband, Matt, for putting up with me and some of the more difficult aspects of the job. Thanks to my Dad for getting me into Fieros in the first place (or perhaps I should say Mom since she "won" the car!) and for hosting all of the Tech Days. Thanks to Denny & Lynn Lambert for all for all of the support they have given me through the years. Thanks to Tom Derr for his honest guidance. Thanks to Bob Schlag for getting me involved in the first place! Thanks to the Homeyards for keeping the money in order and always volunteering. I could keep listing but will just say thank you to all the volunteers and board members along the way who helped me maintain my sanity. Lastly, thanks to all of the members of this wonderful club for making owning a Fiero and participating in MAFOA a lot of fun!

I wish you all the best of luck in 2007 (especially Robb!) and hope to see you in the Spring!

# 7th Annual PA Tech Day

Submitted by: **Jennifer Goss**

On Saturday, October 21 the seventh annual "PA Tech Day" was held at the home of the Gilbert family in Oley, PA. For the seventh time Jim and Cyndi opened their home to Fiero nuts from up to six hours away! This year's Tech Day was also the location of the MAFOA Annual Meeting.

The morning started out with some yummy breakfast options and a chance for attendees to catch up with each other on recent events. Following breakfast, Jim led an insightful tech session on how to replace a sunroof gasket. Paul Young graciously "donated" his car to the project. While the task itself was a bit more involved than originally anticipated (due to some hidden rust), participants learned what to do and the things to look for when replacing their gaskets. By the end of the day Paul drove home with a non-leaking sunroof!

The tech session was followed by a potluck lunch that included Illonya Homeyard's famous chili. Many of varieties of food were available and everyone walked away full. After lunch a brief business meeting was held. The events of the past year were recapped and an election of the Board of Directors for 2007 took place. The board for 2007 will be: Robb Leppo (President), Mike Mayer (VP), Jennifer Goss (Membership), Bruce Homeyard (Treasurer), Bruce Walters (Newsletter), Tom Derr (Head Activities Director), Ellen Pepper (Asst. Activities Director), Corey Leppo (Assistant Activities Director) and Vin Latus (Sponsorship Director). Matt Goss was elected to be in charge of the website; however, he has had to step aside to help Jennifer with membership due to some unexpected changes in scheduling. The position of webmaster for MAFOA is available so if you are interested in helping the club out please let us know! Jeff Ramberg will be passing the merchandise duties off to Bruce Homeyard and was thanked for his many years of service to the club. Denny Lambert, Clint Nichols, Steph Lambert, Rick Stewart and Matt Freed were also thanked for their service to the club in the previous year(s).

Following lunch participants in Tech Day were treated to a road rally through the scenic and historic Oley Valley. Five teams were up to the challenge and results are: Bruce Walters & Denny Lambert (first), Bruce Homeyard & Salena Derr (second) and Dave & Bill Fanning (third). Congratulations to the winner's! Everyone was able to enjoy some great ice cream at the Oley Dairy at the conclusion of the rally.

All in all another successful PA Tech Day! We can't wait until next year!

## NEFA MERCHANDISE

Show your NEFA support with our official merchandise. Go to [www.fieropride.com](http://www.fieropride.com) and click on the NEFA "Show the Experience" Fiero. Click on "Merchandise" and follow the simple directions.

**T-SHIRTS:** Our T-shirts are 100% white cotton and pre-shrunk so you don't have to worry about buying them oversize unless you like them that way! The NEFA logo is on the left front breast and again in larger font on the back with [www.fieropride.com](http://www.fieropride.com) under the logo. \$12.00 plus \$4.00 S & H.

**SWEATSHIRTS:** A NEFA sweatshirt will keep you toasty warm on those chilly nights. Sweatshirts come in light blue

and gray. \$20.00 plus \$5.00 S & H.

**WINDOW DECALS:** "Share the Experience" with a NEFA decal. Each decal measures 3" x 5". \$6.50 plus \$1.00 S & H.

**BEVERAGE GLASSES:** Enjoy your favorite beverage and "Share the Excitement" as you drink out of your very own 16 oz. clear glass complete with NEFA logo. A discount is given when ordering 4.

*Don't have/want a PayPal account? No problem! Our downloadable order sheet will be online soon. In the meantime, feel free to email any of our directors for more information.*

# The Fiero Store-y

**Submitted by: Phil & Gwen Randolph**

What you know today as The Fiero Store started out as a small Opal car niche business in the garage of Richard (Smitty) Smith in Tolland, CT, in 1981. Working as Leader Industries, he maintained his interest in Opal cars until he purchased an 85 Fiero GT. Smitty had followed the Fiero and decided in 1991 to start The Fiero Store in that same garage. Leader Industries and The Fiero Store finally outgrew the garage and moved to its present location in Stafford Springs, CT. Matt Hartzog purchased the business in 2005 continuing the overall mission of The Fiero Store to keep Fieros on the road.

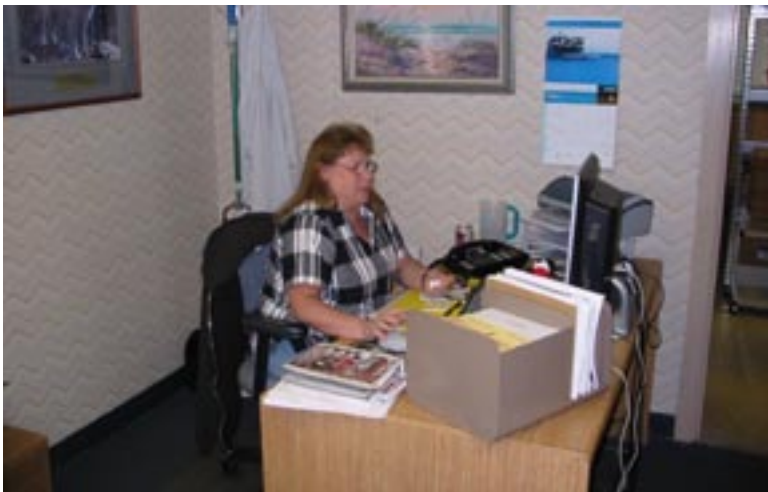
Phil & I had visited The Fiero Store a few years ago and while there to pick up a part were given the grand tour. Phil felt that other Fiero enthusiasts would be interested in seeing what The Fiero Store looks like too, so in August we asked and Matt agreed to sit down with us to answer questions that we had gathered from emails I had send out to both clubs.



**Matt Hartzog**



**The Photo lab**



**Rose the receptionist**

*Fiero Pride: How many full time employees do you have working for The Fiero Store?*

**Matt:** Nine

*Fiero Pride: How many own Fieros?*

**Matt:** Several have in the past and I love the look of the Fiero, but presently no one owns a Fiero.

*Fiero Pride: Please tell us more about Leader Industries*

**Matt:** Leader Industries is an umbrella corporation. Besides The Fiero Store we have T.A.S. Auto Parts, which specializes in 94 - 03 Honda Accord parts. We also have a company that creates and hosts Internet sites and designs catalogs for clients.

*Fiero Pride: Do any of your employees visit Pennock's Fiero Forum?*

**Matt:** We are well aware of, keep an eye on and advertise on PFF, but don't post.

*Fiero Pride: Do you ever envision The Fiero Store getting into the business of doing engine swaps for people with no time?*

**Matt:** No, we'll leave that up to the experts.

*Fiero Pride: How does The Fiero Store determine what new products to produce?*

**Matt:** We balance the demand for a particular product with the cost to produce that product. The Fiero market is small so we hope people will understand that it costs a premium to develop and produce products.

*Fiero Pride: Where does The Fiero Store look to get products made?*

**Matt:** We have a good relationship with GM and they are still our largest supplier. The Fiero Store also has a very reliable contact that informs us when any vendor that produced Fiero parts is scraping any tooling.

*Fiero Pride: How did you find the GT lens dies?*

**Matt:** Our reliable contact is the reason we were able to acquire the GT lens dies. These dies were a major score for us.



**Justin the R & D and prototyping person**

*Fiero Pride: Does The Fiero Store attend car shows?*

**Matt:** We would love to attend car shows. Unfortunately it's tough because we get calls from all over the world and going to shows would mean missed calls and missed business. Actually, because most people don't know what I look like, I have attended some shows without anyone knowing I was there.

*Fiero Pride: Tell us a little about The Fiero Store.*

**Matt:** Most of our business is done via the Internet with customers all over the globe from as far away as Iran and Zimbabwe. We are really big in Northern Europe, but the U.S. and Canada generate most of our business. The Fiero Store is very concerned and wants to make sure that you have a secure site when making purchases on our website. Because of our concern and even though we have had lots of security, we are working on a major ground up overhaul of our website, which should be finished by the end of the year. We hope that customers will be patient during this time as there could be a delay while placing credit card orders.

*Fiero Pride: How big is The Fiero Store facility?*

**Matt:** We presently occupy 5,500 sq. ft. We store our overstock in the trailers out back and rotate the stock in and out of these trailers. Our businesses are growing and we will need a larger facility in the future.



**Miguel in the Shipping Dept.**

*Fiero Pride: The Fiero Store can be difficult to find. It's as if you are hidden in plain site.*

**Matt:** We try to keep a low profile. That's why we have no signage on the building.

*Fiero Pride: Tell us a little about your R & D work.*

**Matt:** I have to say that Bob Parker of Kick Hill Farm has been an immense help to The Fiero Store going back to when Smitty was the owner. Bob's input has been an integral part of The Fiero Store.

Right here on site we have Justin who is our R & D and prototyping person.

*Fiero Pride: Is there anything you would want to pass on to the Fiero community?*

**Matt:** Yes, I feel strongly about keeping the Fiero market thriving. You don't have to buy from us at The Fiero Store, but please support Fiero vendors when making your Fiero purchases.

*Fiero Pride: Can you let us in on any new products you have in development that*

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**The Parts Department**

# **The Mid Atlantic Fiero Owners Association**

Thanks for your interest in MAFOA. We are a growing local club with members throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, and West Virginia. Members also live in other states, as well as Canada and Europe.

We publish a quarterly newsletter, hold meetings, and attend local car shows, as well as Fiero-specific events. We host a Fiero show in Carlisle, PA in May (all members, including family memberships, get a free entry!), and a fall show, and we have a few Tech Days and other gatherings throughout the year. Watch our website for the latest info ([www.fieroprider.com](http://www.fieroprider.com))

We have arranged for discounts on parts and/or labor at several Pontiac dealers and Fiero parts vendors. We have a good technical knowledge base to share among members. We maintain a website where we announce upcoming events and other club news, as well as maintaining a member-only e-mail list for the latest info and info-sharing. Membership dues are only \$15 per year.

You can join our associate club, NEFA, for an additional \$5. If you are member of another Fiero-Pride affiliated club (New England Fiero Association) you can become a non-newsletter member of MAFOA for only \$5 a year.

We maintain a database of members and their Fieros. Please help us by filling in the blanks on this form. If you have more than one Fiero, attach an extra sheet, and answer the same questions.

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## **2007 Member Registration**

# Tell us about yourself and your Fiero



New Member  Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse B'day: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Club Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiero Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Car Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about us?

**ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL NOW BE SENT**

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**REQUEST OTHERWISE HERE:**

**New Member:** Tell us about your Fiero(s). Include additional sheet if more than one..  
**Current Member:** Use this section for any updates.



Year: 84 85 86 87 88

Model: GT SE Formula

Coupe Sport Coupe

Indy Pace Car Rebody

Engine: 2.5I(4-cyl) 2.8I(V6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Transmission: Automatic 4-spd 5-spd

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Roof: Sunroof T-Tops Plain

Options: A/C Cruise Tilt PW PDL Wing

Console Gauges Cassette Subwoofer

Rear Def Pwr Mirrors

VIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the Original Owner? Y N

Do you own other Fieros? Y N



This form is valid until December 31, 2007.

## Questions?

Please feel free to call or drop a line if you have any further questions. This is a club for the members, so we welcome any input into the club.

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Insert check (**payable to MAFOA**), tape or staple the ends closed, place stamp on the front and drop it in the mail.

Standard membership: \$15  
 (Designates MAFOA as your primary club if you also join NEFA)

Family membership: \$2 for each additional member if there is a current Standard Member in this household. You will not receive a copy of FieroPride with this membership option. Attach names of family members.

FieroPride Associate Membership: I am already a member of a FieroPride affiliated club (NEFA) but would like to be a non-newsletter member for \$5

Sign me up for NEFA tool: For an additional \$5 you can join our associate club NEFA as a non-newsletter member! (New England Fiero Association).





# Tell us about yourself and your Fiero

## Payment Options

Send this form with your check or money order (payable to NEFA) to:

Ray Paulk, Membership Director  
New England Fiero Association  
19 Ben's Way  
Hopedale, MA 01747

If you have any questions, you can also email Ray at: ray@fieropride.com

New Member  Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please include so you can receive the latest NEFA information. And don't forget to update if you change your email address. Just notify the President, Vice President or Membership Director. You don't want to miss out on club updates.**

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Please feel free to contact us. This is a club for the members so we welcome your input.

Gwen Randolph, President -gwen@fieropride.com

John Haddock, Vice Pres. - john@fieropride.com

*all memberships and renewals are subject to review*

This form is valid until December 31, 2007.

**New Member:** Tell us about your Fiero(s).

**Current Member:** Use this section for any updates.

	Example	Fiero 1	Fiero 2
Year	88	_____	_____
Model	GT	_____	_____
Roof	T-Top	_____	_____
Ext. Color	White	_____	_____
Interior	Tan	_____	_____
Engine	3.4L V6	_____	_____
Trans.	3 Spd Auto	_____	_____
Wheels	Custom	_____	_____
Mods:	3.4 Engine	_____	_____

\*\* If you have the Fiero sickness and own more than two, please attach an additional sheet.\*\*



**As a member you are encouraged to join the Pride eGroup at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mafoa/> to receive the latest NEFA/MAFOA news via email.**

**Please check all membership options that apply**

**NEFA membership:**

**\$15.00** - Your membership includes four issues of the Fiero Pride eNews, in color.

Email required: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEFA Associate membership:**

**\$5.00** - You will not receive the Fiero Pride eNews with this membership.

**Sign me up for MAFOA too!:**

**\$5.00** -Join MAFOA (Mid Atlantic Fiero Owners Association), our associate club, as a non-eNews member!

Total NEFA memberships: # \_\_\_\_\_

Total NEFA Associate memberships: # \_\_\_\_\_

Total "Sign me up for MAFOA too": # \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Money Order (payable to NEFA)

Cash

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# ***New England Fiero Association***

Thanks for your interest in NEFA, a club in its 7 th year with members representing all the New England states and beyond. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year (this includes four issues of the Fiero Pride eNews). NEFA publishes the quarterly Fiero Pride in association with MAFOA (Mid Atlantic Fiero Owners Association).

NEFA attends local car shows as well as Fiero-specific events. An annual swap meet, tech sessions, just hanging out enjoying our cars and both northern and southern New England state cruises in the fall during peak foliage are part of NEFA's schedule during the year. A NEFA website is maintained where we announce upcoming events and other club news. Bookmark the NEFA website, [www.fieropride.com/nefa](http://www.fieropride.com/nefa). As a member you will also have access to the Fiero Pride Forum, a place for members to discuss topics, ask questions and receive information about club - both NEFA and MAFOA - activities.

You are also encouraged to join our associate club, MAFOA (Mid Atlantic Fiero Owners Association), for an additional \$5.00 (this is a non eNews membership). Joining MAFOA gives you even more opportunities to have fun with your Fiero, such as member discounts. Just check off the "Join MAFOA" option on the reverse side of this form.

We look forward to seeing you at a future event.

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***RAY PAULK, MEMBERSHIP  
NEW ENGLAND FIERO ASSOCIATION  
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Hopedale, MA 01747***



# **2007 Member Registration**



**The 87 GT test mule**



**Trailers to store overstock**



**The Fiero Store**

## **The Fiero Store-y, Continued**

*you haven't announced to the general public?*

**Matt:** These are on our wish list: We are in negotiations to make a stock looking Fiero console. We are also trying to get coolant tubes and cheaper V6 exhaust manifolds made.

**Fiero Pride:** *The Fiero Store is noted for its prompt delivery. Can you tell us a little about your shipping procedures?*

**Matt:** Our shipping department consists of one dedicated person and during peak times we will use 4 - 5 floaters. We use both the United States Postal Service and UPS. The Postal Service picks up orders at 4:00 p.m. Call in your order by 3:00 p.m. and your order will get shipped out the same day with the 4:00 p.m. shipments. UPS picks up at 5:00 p.m. Call in your order by 4:00 p.m. and your order will leave that day with the 5:00 p.m. shipments.

**Fiero Pride:** *Do you have any stories that you'd like to share with us?*

**Matt:** The answer to one question in particular that is asked of us is - Yes, The Fiero Store does make a living selling Fiero parts.

**Fiero Pride:** *How many requests for donations does The Fiero Store receive on an average year?*

**Matt:** We get requests for donations from approximately 25 shows a year.

We asked and Matt very nicely gave Phil and I a tour of the facility so that we could take a few photos to show everyone just exactly what The Fiero Store looks like inside and out. Club members had asked specifically for photos of people they talk to on the phone so they could place a face with the voice.

Phil & I want to thank Matt and The Fiero Store staff for letting us interrupt their day. It was enjoyable and most informative.

# The Evolution of my 1988 Fiero GT

Submitted by: Larry Wheeler



My 1988 GT was purchased in 1996 and repainted the original white. The original engine (with only 54,000 miles) had a dead cylinder and was replaced with a remanufactured 3.1 L engine in time for the FOCOA show in Nashville in 1997.

## Photo 1

I had the opportunity to obtain some gold lace wheels, so they were added in 1998. The 3.1 L engine was problematic and I wanted a reliable driving car, so the 3.1L was replaced with a crate 3.4L, Borla exhaust and a T440 automatic transmission for economy driving in 1999. Along with some chrome pieces and powder coated intake and

valve covers the engine looked like new. A wood grain dash applique was added in 2000 for something different, and a 1998 Grand Prix am-fm/CD radio in 2001. I still had a stock appearing 1988 Fiero GT.

The car externally looked stock and at some shows I attended, no one seemed to know what class I'd be in: stock, modified or custom. To ease the decision process I added a hood graphic in 2002, which forces it into at least a custom class. It took me a long time to locate the "Spooky" design by going to used comic book stores and purchasing many 10 cent comics for several dollars. I finally found a cell I liked in one of the books and with the help of Photo Shop and a graphics place, Spooky became a reality.



## Photo 2

By 2004 I had been retired for two years and moved to Florida with Spooky. At that time I added a chrome cruise control vacuum can and Mr. Mikes leather seat covers that I purchased from Frank Martin who had used them in his green DRAGON 87 GT. Except for the Spooky graphic the car still looked stock. In 2005 I went on the HOT ROD Power Tour and no changes were made to Spooky. I also had moved to my new home in Palm Bay and now had three Fieros to care for.

I was purchasing a chin spoiler for my 1988 Fiero IMSA coupe; however, after getting it, the chin spoiler was several inches narrower than the IMSA's wide body front. The chin spoiler was a little rough fiberglass piece. With the aid of Bondo glass filler I added more material and sanded. I sprayed primer-filler, spot putty and sanded. More spot putty and more sanding. I wet sanded, cleaned the spoiler, then



more spot putty and more primer-filler. Did I mention there was some sanding? I removed the old fascia from the car and found the fascia bracket rusted through and ordered one through Quality Pontiac in Cocoa (a Fiero friendly parts department).

## Photo 3

I had the original front fascia in storage since 1997 and took it to the Bumper Shop in Sanford, Florida where it was reconditioned.

## Photo 4 and Photo 5

It was time to do some cleaning and repainting under the front fascia. Using a brass "toothbrush" I tried to clean off the surface rust, then painted Por 15 over the surface metal.



**Photo 6**

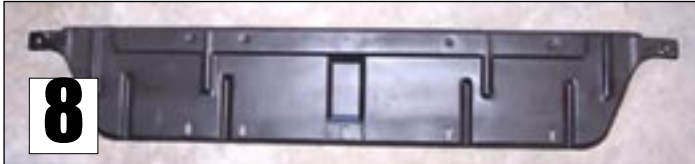
Then it was time for some trial fitting of the chin spoiler to the refurbished fascia. I found another use for a Fiero jack.

**Photo 7**

I also needed to clean up the mounting bracket for the rear of the chin spoiler to the radiator.

**Photo 8**

It was also time to fit the other brackets in place that attach to the chin spoiler. These pieces came from the removal of the stock air dam.



**Photo 9**

Holes were marked on the spoiler and drilled for mounting. Then it was back to some fitting to see how and where the spoiler would mount to the bottom of the fascia. I chose to use 7/16inch (10 mm) bolts with a large washer and wing nuts washer combination on the bottom. There are ten of these holding the leading edge of the chin spoiler to the bottom of the fascia. The rear bracket mounts to existing 7/16 inch (10-mm) holes in the bottom of the radiator, while the bracket-chin spoiler is held on with 1/4 screws. The side brace bolts into an existing bracket underneath the headlight bucket with the 7/16inch bolt-wing nut combination. I disassembled the fascia and chin spoiler and took them to a paint shop. Once back, I reassembled the pieces.



**Photo 10**

Two new black darts were put in at the front of the rounded molding and the GT nose emblem was reinstalled. The Fiero store's new turn signal housings were purchase and installed along with new turn signal bulbs. The new front was reattached to the Fiero.



**Photo 11**

Frank Martin stopped over and we reinstalled the hood.

**Photo 12**

A Florida winter project completed.



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Bright Red w/Gray Interior. Factory Options List: V-6 2.8L-Sunroof w/Shade-Auto-Premium Sound System w/Sub-Woofers-Power Windows-Power Locks-Power Mirrors-TiltWheel-A/C-Drivers Side Lumbar (very rare)-4 Wheel Disc Brakes-Rear Spoiler-Cloth Seats. Only 59K Miles on this 3rd Owner Car. Whats New: Engine(All Radiator Hoses-All Belts-Thermostat 160degree w/ Sending Unit-Alternator-Poly Engine Strut-Wires-Plugs- PCV-Ignition Module- K&N Aircleaner-Cap-Rotor) w/Synthetic Oil-Antifreeze-Brake Fluid. Chassis: KYB Struts & Shocks-Fiero Store Lowering Springs-Poly Bushings (all around front & rear)Tierods front-rebuilt rack w/brass bushing-Upper & Lower Balljoints. All new hardware.

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## FIEROS FOR SALE

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