

NEFA News

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Pretty sure we're all in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season right now. Once Thanksgiving is over it seems like Christmas and other religious and seasonal celebrations are right around the corner and closing fast. We're putting up our decorations, finishing or just starting our gift shopping, making dough and baking cookies and other tasty treats, planning menus for parties during the season and purchasing supplies for said parties. So many items on the "to do" lists and what seems, at times, so little time with our busy lives. But don't fret and don't agonize. The holiday season is supposed to be a time to enjoy our friends and families and if a few things don't get done on the "to do" lists it's really OK. So sit down, have a cookie and enjoy the holidays.

Gwen



Left: Jerry Antunes gold Fiero
Center: Ray Paulk's white T-top
Right: Bob Umberger's medium red metallic Fiero
photo credit: Bob Umberger

November 20, 2011

NEFA Holiday Party/Annual Meeting

The holiday party was once again a wonderful time with good food and, of course, good friends. If you didn't attend you missed a great time. A big thank you to Jerry and Jackie Antunes for organizing and securing the same location as last year, the Travelodge in Sturbridge, MA. And a big shout out to Bob Aceto for procuring some great Fiero raffle prizes.

The food on the buffet was delicious and the conversation enjoyable. It's always wonderful to spend a day catching up with our Fiero friends. Time always seems to fly when NEFA members get together.

With the party portion of the day behind us it was time for the annual meeting. Ray Paulk took the floor in his position as Acting President. He reminded us



Happy raffle winners

photo credit: Phil Randolph

that the hard copy Fiero Pride is not being published any longer.....hasn't been for most of 2011 for more than one reason, cost being high on the list and the fact that MAFOA no longer has a publisher. For those members unaware of the partnership that NEFA and MAFOA have had over the years, NEFA was the original publisher of the Fiero Pride, but when Fred, a founding NEFA member and the person who designed all the original artwork and published the newsletter decided to retire from the position after several years, MAFOA took over the position of publisher and produced the Fiero Pride for several more years until 2011 when their publisher decided to leave the position, leaving the Fiero Pride up in the air. There are hopes that in the future the Fiero Pride will once again be published. In the meantime, NEFA does have this eNews, It goes out to all members on a regular basis and best of all.....it's free.

The next discussion was dues for 2012. Actual membership has been \$5.00 since NEFA was born at Kick Hill Farm on March 11, 2000 with thirty Fiero enthusiasts in attendance and has not been raised since. With renewed excitement for NEFA in 2012, it was decided that to have more flexibility and be able to be more active as a club, that dues should be raised. It was unanimously voted to raise the NEFA dues for 2012 to a flat fee of \$10.00 per family.

In an email to Gwen after the meeting, Bob Umberger made a good point. Membership in NEFA provides its members with a discount at the Fiero Store. And also for those who insure their vehicles through classic/collector insurance policies, most are happy that you belong to a club.

It was also decided that starting in 2012 that NEFA would discontinue the practice of collecting and sending MAFOA membership monies to MAFOA. As much as NEFA encourages members to join MAFOA, it was just a lot of work. If NEFA members are interested in joining MAFOA, please go to <http://mafoa.com/> for information about joining.

Electing officers for 2012 was next on the agenda. The results being:

President: Ray Paulk *(No longer just acting, Ray has returned as President. For those who do not know, Ray was NEFA's very first President.)*

Treasurer: Andy Virzi *(Andy has done a wonderful job as NEFA's Treasurer and everyone was happy for him to continue in the position.)*

Membership Director: Ray Paulk *(Ray will now hold two positions as he will continue as NEFA's Membership Director also.)*

Activities Directors: The trio of Jerry Antunes, Bob Aceto and Gwen Randolph.

eNewsletter Director: Gwen Randolph *(The membership is encouraged to write articles or news of interest. If you don't think you write well, Gwen will help. **Please contribute to the NEFA News. Let's make it grow to be better and better!** Please send news or articles to pran@cox.net.)*

Web Master: Brian Smith *(Brian has done a bang up job as NEFA's Web Master for the past several years and we are happy that he will continue working his magic.)*

Next to be discussed was 2012 activities. Lots of ideas were thrown out on the table. A new idea and quite popular is the idea of a destination cruise, spending a weekend in an area instead of just a one day cruise. It will be interesting to see if we can get that idea off the ground. Check out the NEFA Happenings section in this eNews for a complete list of activities that were discussed at the annual meeting in addition to the previously listed activities available to members. The TBA dates will be addressed and finalized after the holidays so stay tuned. If you have any other ideas for activities, please contact Bob Aceto rpaceto50@aol.com, Jerry Antunes gma4real@yahoo.com or Gwen Randolph pran@cox.net. As Ray has said, "If you don't like what your club is doing, don't complain, jump in and help. This is volunteer work for all of us. We do it for the passion of the Fiero and the camaraderie with our friends in the club."

We need everyone's help.



NEFA Happenings

March 30 – April 1, 2012 – Florida Fiero Weekend. Daytona International Speedway. Sponsored by the Florida Fiero Council. Check out the Space Coast Fieros website for more information. <http://floridafieros.org/daytona2012/>. Always a fun weekend with Fieros and fun Fiero friends.

May 2012 - Date TBA - Heritage Museums and Gardens. Sandwich, MA. <http://www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/> In May if possible because the gardens are in bloom. You also won't believe the car museum! We can eat picnics on the grass.

May 2012 - Date TBA - Nutmeg Chapter P.O.C.I. Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Sponsored by Nutmeg Chapter P.O.C.I. - Wallingford, CT.

June 2012 - Date TBA - Buick-Pontiac-GMC Car Show. NH. In conjunction with the Nor'Eastern Chapter P.O.C.I.

June 3 – 16, 2012 - 2012 Fiero Tour. Sponsored by Capitol City Fieros and Space Coast Fieros. Check out the Space Coast Fieros website at: <http://spacecoastfieros.com/calendar/2012tour/> for more information. Plans are still being finalized, but if you are interested in a wonderful trip across the U S, seeing Mt. Rushmore and other beautiful areas in the middle and western states and having fun with other Fiero folk, consider this trip. Phil & I are definitely going.

July 2012 - Date TBA - Hemmings Museum <http://www.hemmings.com/aboutus/tour.html>, Bennington, VT. They publish the bible for selling classic cars.

July 2012 - Date TBA, but always end of July - Autos of the World Car Show. Goddard Park, Warwick, RI.

August 2012 - Date TBA - NEFA Swap meet. Date and location to be determined.

Summer 2012 – DATE TBA - NEFA Picnic. Date and location to be determined.

September 21 - 23, 2012 – A Pontiac Celebration II – Eastern Regional Meet. The Pontiac Celebration in 2010 was successful in raising \$8,000 for the two children's Cancer charities they support, The Tomorrow Fund and Alex's Lemonade Stand. Because of this success, the sponsoring group has now decided to have this show every two years. The 2012 weekend is modeled after the 2010 show with some added activities this time around, including a wine tasting I'm told. Go to <http://www.pontiacregistry.com/> and click on the 2012 celebration link for more information. As in 2010, there will be a class for Fieros. We had Fieros from CT, NY, FL, MA and RI in 2010. Let's fill the field once again. I have been asked to gather the Fieros in 2012 as I was in 2010 so if you have any Fiero questions please email Gwen at pran@cox.net.

September 2012 - Date TBA, but usually last Sunday in September - Nutmeg Chapter P.O.C.I. Fall Car Show and Swap Meet. Wallingford, CT.

October 2012 - Date TBA -Fort Adams Car Show, Fort Adams State Park. Newport, RI. Fantastic location overlooking Newport Harbor.

October 2012 - NEFA Fall Leaf Peeper Tour. Route and date determined by peak foliage color.

November 2012 - Date TBA - NEFA Holiday Party and Annual Meeting.

Summer 2013 - 30th Fiero Anniversary show – Sponsored by the Midwest Fiero clubs. Mark your calendars. More information to come as plans are finalized. Tentatively to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Just some of the ideas for columns that we are hoping to create with everyone's help.

Tech Tips We are looking for tech tips that can be shared with other Fiero owners. Send your tech tips to Gwen at pran@cox.net.

*If you have information regarding cruises and shows in your area or news that is Fiero related, please share. We appreciate your input. Send your information to Gwen at pran@cox.net.

For Sale Advertise your sale items.....Fieros or Fiero related. Send your sale item information to Gwen at pran@cox.net. The NEFA eNews goes out to a wide audience.

We can make this eNewsletter the best! All we need is everyone's input!



Don't forget to check out the NEFA website
<http://fieropride.com/indexnefa.php>