

Michigan Fiero Club Canterbury Car Show 2017:

Our **Fieros In The Village 2017** Car Show was a success in spite of the rain showers that plagued us most of the day. We had 21 entrants: 7 GTs, 4 Formula cars, 4 Coupes, 1 High End GT Restomod, 4 SEs and 1 1984 Indy Pace Car.



4 of the GTs sported upscale engines with the Chevy 3.4 liter V6 being the most popular conversion. This conversion is a very interesting one in that the conservative 20% plus gain in horsepower (HP) and torque leaves most Fieros still inside the design limits of the original 2.8 liter V6 car; this is especially true for the 1988 GT and Formula cars that had better Factory suspensions and brakes than the earlier GT models.

Once you substantially exceed a 20% gain in HP and torque you began to run into the need to upgrade suspensions, tires, wheels, brakes, cooling systems, fuel systems, transmissions, clutches etc. This is a whole new level of modification and investment.

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My White 1985 GT was the only car that definitely fell into the High End Restomod category. This car has a 4.6 liter NorthStar V8 and 300 HP (more than double the 140 Horsepower that came with the original factory V6 engines). The rest of the car is totally rebuilt. Last year we had 4 High End Restomods.

This 2017 Fiero Car Show had a total of 4 cars with converted engines as compared to 7 cars last year ... the rain kept some of last year's Restomods safe in their home garages. Over 30% of the 2016 entrants were sporting upscale engines; for 2017 the number was about 20%.

Any of you who know me will realize I am an ardent believer in the Fiero as a Restomod. Our lovely mid engine sports cars would have been in production much longer than 1984 through 1988 if GM had seen fit to put 200 horses in front of the rear axle ... replacing a 2.8 liter 140 HP engine with one that costs about the same dollars and produces close to 200 HP seems like a no brainer. The conversions to engines that have over 200 HP are in another league, cost wise, due to the changes needed for safety, drivability, durability, and handling.

All this talk of modified Fieros should not over shadow the classic crowd for there were many exceptional Fiero classics on display at this year's show.

In fact, the **Overall People's Choice Award** went to a Superb Classic 1988 GT, entered by Rick Jarosz. The following are pictures of Rick, his lovely red 1988 GT and the reward he received:

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This car looks just like it came off the showroom in 1988!

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Rick Jaroz (on the right) getting his People's Choice Award.

The other guy in this picture is me, Roger Fagnani; your Club President.



Another major trophy, the Founder's Award, went to Tim Evans another active club member with a long history of service to our membership.

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The third major trophy went to Garry Taylor. He won the Don Schroeder Award named after one of our original members. Gary's continuous contribution to the club is outstanding.



Kurt Schmitter won the Mid-West Fiero Club Best Custom Interior award with his Yellow 1988 Formula

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Kurt's yellow 88 Formula:



We missed a picture of the interior ... our bad!

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The winner of Best Restomod Award and the Best Engine Award both went to my High End White 1985 GT Restomod with a 32 valve 300 HP Cadillac NorthStar V8 ... almost every system under the body panels has been modified to enhance performance, reliability or safety.



The Restored 1985 Red GT on the left is also owned by me.



It's amazing how well the Cadillac 4.6 Fits in the Fiero.

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Best Custom Wheels
went to Lou Oles for
his 1988 Black
Formula Fiero.



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Best Paint went to James Allard's excellent 1987 GT Restomod; he is in the process of many additional improvements.



Mark Brown won the Best Aero Notchback and the Longest Distance Travelled Awards with his beautiful blue 86 SE. Mark drove 259 miles to be with us!

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Nice painted stripes and detailing.

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Larry Brow won the highest Chassis Odometer Reading with over 200,000 miles. His car is the white one in the middle ... looks pretty good for all those road miles!



Larry has changed the engine to a later model larger V6, So he is officially part of the Restomod crowd!

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The Fiero Store in Connecticut graciously sent us four \$25 gift certificates ... we drew additional tickets from the 50/50 ticket bowl to award these prizes. They also sent us a box of their latest catalogs which we distributed to all who attended.

We will also use these catalogs at our upcoming Crusin Hines event the end of August. This event annually draws 5,000 classic cars and we have our own dedicated spot right on the parade route ... Join us Sunday August 27th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM!!

Here are two of the happy Fiero Store gift certificate winners:



Gary Taylor (in grey)



Layne Fagnani

Here are two more happy winners:

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Floyd Dobson



Don Connors



And here is the 50/50 winner Chris Harbowy (on the left) with his wife Pam (in green) and our tireless event organizer Sue Connors (in Pink).

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Chris Harbowy (in red) also won Best Fastback GT.

His car showed well even in the rain!



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Dick Dafforn won the Best Work in Progress Award. This car has come a long way from when we first met Dick and Kay.

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David Marnell (in the hat)
won the Best Notch Back
Award with his White
1984 2M4



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Some additional car pictures; hope we got a picture of everybody who attended this event:



We were 5 cars shy of last year's attendance. Several owners who had indicated they would show up stayed home due to the heavy rain forecast.

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All things considered, a pretty good day. Some of us likely got awards that might have gone to other cars that could have attended ... I know the High End Restomod Guys are always stiff competition; being the only one had its advantages.

All of these awards were the result of the entrants and attendees voting for their favorite cars by category. There were many excellent cars that did not get awards and may well have been winners with a different group of voters. It was a great collection of Fieros put together by very dedicated owners for everyone's enjoyment.

Like we said before, the weather could have been better but all those who attended seemed to have a good time. The cars were lined up under the trees surrounding Canterbury Village in Lake Orion, MI . Almost everybody won something; many prizes were given out by multiple drawings throughout the day. Everyone seemed to look forward to next year's event. Why don't you plan on joining us for our 2018 Michigan Fiero Club Car Show!

All the Best / *Roger Fagnani*