

2019 Fieros in the Village Car Show

June 29th, 2019 marked "Fieros In The Village," our annual car show in Canterbury Village!

It was a pretty sunny and hot day, and if it was your first time at this show, you had to follow good directions to get to the back of the village and find us, but with the summer sun, that location was a fantastic idea. We were up in the hilly area of the village, right by the shops, and we had plenty of trees for shade. There was even a hint of cool breeze. There were many Fieros lined along the driveway, and plenty of MFC members around to discuss our favorite cars!

This year we found a very large tent already set up and were told we could use it as we pleased ... a very pleasant surprise! Our excellent group of volunteers set up shop under the cool shade of the tent and other watchers were also welcome to enjoy the shade.

At this year's event we initiated a new classification system of Stock, Custom, and Modified (those with a non stock engine swap). Stock and custom were separated by 4 or more changes from pure stock. These changes were things like custom: paint, wheels, radios, seats, scoops, interiors modifications, and other changes from stock. We generally followed the classification guidelines from the 35th anniversary using only 3 categories instead of their dozens of categories. Stock and Custom were beauty contests and Modified was an engineering evaluation as well as a beauty contest.

In prior years we had as many as a third of the cars entered had non stock engines this year we had only two (2) such entries? The split between the stock and modified was not as clean as it should have been; three or four stock cars should have been in the custom classification ... the honor system did not work so well. The final tally included 17 Stock, 6 Custom and 2 Modified. Our total entries numbered 25 Cars.

Chuck Lozen and I evaluated the Stock class on a 50 point scoring system; again an interpretation of the national scheme. The competition was very tight with the spread between the top three cars was only 3 points. The other two classes were much easier to judge due to the limited number of entries.

I won't point out my favorites, but there really were some gorgeous cars present. I could take snippets of so many cars, from the unique refinished interiors, to the new LED head and tail lights, to some of the incredible motors swaps, to some of the beautiful restorations and ... design my "perfect" Fiero. If customization and modification aren't your "thing," and you like Fieros looking as original as possible, there were several cars that looked showroom new, even though all cars were driven to the show.

After a bit of chatting, cleaning, and fun, the cars were judged by our MFC judges and the following awards were given out:

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(1) Peoples Choice:

Robert Holtz

(2) Best Female Owned Fiero (National Award)

Pam Maier



(3) Stock number one:

Rick Jarosz

(4) Stock number two:

Ron Moen



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(5) Custom number one:

Brian Welch

(6) Custom number two:

Robert Holtz



(7) Modified number one:

Roger Fagnani

(8) Modified number two:

Mike Maier



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(9) Highest mileage (254,988 miles):

Brian Welch

(10) Longest distance (Clovis, New Mexico):

Jason Spade



In addition to the awards, we gave out door prizes that were contributed by a number of classic car vendors. One of our most significant contributors was our old standby the Fiero Store; this organization has been a steady supporter for many years. Other supporters included: Hagerty Car Insurance; Turtle Wax; J. C. Taylor Classic Car Insurance; and Maguire's. I hope everyone enjoyed these gifts. We are very pleased to have so many generous classic car contributors.

Along with the door prizes, we had a 50 / 50 raffle and Kaye Dafforn won the \$74 prize. Kay can no longer lament that she never wins anything.

We also had Michigan Fiero Club sponsored gifts which included embroidered hand towels along with a dash plaques that were given to every entrant.

Our plan is and has always been to make the value of the gifts, awards, and club expenses exceed the value of the entry fees. I think we once again met our goal

We want to thank everyone that came. How about we let the car pictures speak for themselves ...

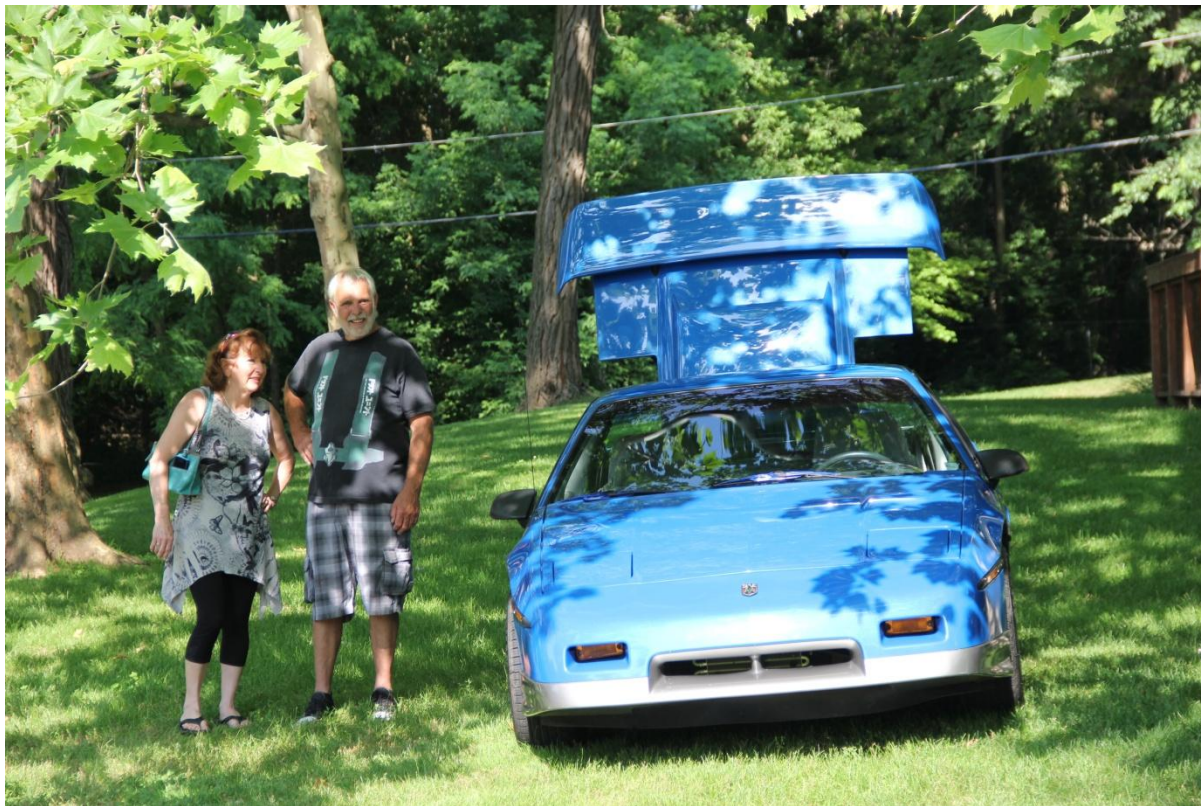
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This was a great show and everyone seemed to have a good time. The unfortunate part of the show is all the hard work it takes to get to the final result. As a Club, our average age seems to be getting older every year and the work effort seems to be borne by the same general group of members. Long story short, this is likely our last Michigan Fiero Club sponsored car show.

There are so many car shows in Southeast Michigan that our future schedules will be filled with shows put on by other folks. We have been invited to so many shows that we are having trouble deciding which ones to put on our very full schedule. Driving to a show with a prepped car is much more fun than weeks and weeks of planning and prize gathering as well as hours in the hot sun judging cars, registering entries, selling club paraphernalia, and giving out prizes.

I would like to personally thank the many Club members that have made this show possible and also thank all of you that came to support this and our many previous car shows.

Here are pictures of some of the many Club members that made this 2019 Michigan Fiero Club Car Show possible:

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... and of course thanks to those of you that entered and or visited our event.



Once again Louise Magaw took all the lovely pictures and we did not get a picture of her; thanks Louise, your tireless efforts are very much appreciated.

Thanks again to everyone,

Roger

Roger Fagnani
President
Michigan Fiero Club