

MICHIGAN FIERO CLUB 2018 SPRING DUST OFF

This year our destination was Grand Rapids, Ohio. That's right **Ohio**, not Grand Rapids, **Michigan**. After we all got our minds around going South instead of West we were on our way.

The group gathered in Putnam Township Square in downtown Pinckney (corner of E. Main St. and Mill St.) at 8:45 A.M. Saturday, May 5th, 2018. There was plenty of parking adjacent to the downtown square. We talked for a bit looked at each other's cars and met an old time member that we have not seen for years.

Robert Holtz was a past president of our club over a decade ago and now lives in the Lansing area. He has attended some of our recent shows ... his Restomod 1985 (?) Fiero GT is a visual work of art. The blue paint is beautiful, the custom side air scoops are very well integrated into the body work and the interior is as good as I have ever seen ... this car represents many hours of effort by a skilled artisan. The motor is a hand built 3.1 liter V6 bored and stroked. Bob is in the blue sweat shirt to the right of the blue car. Diane his date for the Dust Off is in pink to the left of the blue car.

Marion (in blue) could not make the whole trip, but it was great to see her at the Pinckney stop; Kirk was solo for the rest of the trip. Lou and Sue stopped by on their way to Chicago in one of their many excellent Fieros, a White 1988 Formula.



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Another shot of the of the Pinckney crowd:



After the initial meet and greet we then proceeded to our next pick up point in Chelsea, Michigan; Ok that's a little West of Pinckney, but then we headed South!

In Chelsea we met another old time member: Chuck Lozen Jr. Chuck has a beautiful Red 1988 Fiero GT. We also picked up Dick and Kay Dafforn at this stop. Dick's work in progress (as he calls it) is looking better every time we see it.

Along with those already mentioned, was Kirk in one of his yellow cars, an over head cam 3.4 liter Restomod; Sue and Don (our trip organizers) were in there ever improving Silver 1987 GT; and Layne and Roger in their White 1985 GT V8 Restomod. If you have been taking notes, half of the Fieros in the caravan were Restomods! The movement is gaining ground!

My Red 1985 GT restoration had to stay home in the lonely garage ; maybe next time? The V8 NorthStar Restomod is such a great trip car that the stock GT gets left behind more often than not.

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Chuck Lozen Jr.'s 1988 Red GT was excellent!



From Chelsea, we all headed South to Grand Rapids Ohio on as many back roads as we could find. Actually as many back roads as Don and Sue could find. As is our usual practice we chatted on our mobile radios and had a great time, eventually finding lunch at Knucklehead Kafe - 24208 Front St. Grand Rapids, OH.



Somehow the girls missed the photo opportunity at lunch? The guys had to fill in.

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After lunch we talked cars again and the girls went shopping ... did you not see that coming?

Don and Sue's 1987 GT:



Another photo shot of Bob's Blue Restomod:



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A learned discussion on the World Political scene ... as it relates to Cars!



We also made a detour to Rita's Dairy and Deli - 24030 Front St. Grand Rapids, OH for ice cream ... boy was that ice cream good!

By now it was mid afternoon and we all had several hours to travel home more or less depending on the route. The group broke up and went their separate ways

Hope you all enjoyed this excellent trip. The skies were sunny; the temperature mild; and the company excellent. Once again Don and Sue did an excellent job pulling this 2018 Spring Dust Off together ... many thanks.

I hope more of you can join us for next year's event.

All the best,

Roger Fagnani