



# PEGASUS ONLINE!

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## MEMBER PROFILE

George Ryan

Our featured member's love affair with the Fiero began in 1984. Although it took a while until he got his first one, he has owned 24 Fieros (including parts cars and race cars) since

Some of the highlights of his Fiero "career":

1. 1996 – Founder/President of **Tulsa Fieros**.
2. 1997- Founder - **FieroRacingList**.
3. 2002 –Founder- **CaderoOwnersForum**.
4. February 2004 **Grass-roots Motorsports** published a 7 page Fiero article he wrote.
5. 2002-Founder/Director **CFOGi Performance Division**.

- a. Chairman of Water-

ford Hills track day (20th Anniversary).

- b. Conducted Drag races and an autocross at Fiero Factory Swap Meets.

- c. Jointly initiated the Wheatstock concept with John Stricker.

- d. Designed the course,



and heavily involved with the Wheatstock autocross.

- e. Fiero suspension and handling columnist in **Pegasus Ranch**.

6. Editor of **Pegasus Online**.

Now semi-retired, our featured member still can occasionally be found at a track or autocross.

However, he tells us *"As I age, I find myself content just being around other Fiero folk - bench racing, swapping lies, and enjoying my 85SE Cadero. And I truly appreciate the opportunity to be associated with the fantastic members of the Mile High Fiero Club!"*

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## OFFICERS

### Vice Presidents Report

Happy New Year! Just a quick note to let everyone know where we are as far as membership. We have 68 members on our roster and hope to keep that number growing steadily. If you're out and about and see a Fiero, please tell them about our club or put a card on their windshield. 2008 will be great, so the more, the merrier! Also, if you have a change

of either an e-mail address or phone number, please let me know (click on "contact us" on the website homepage).

### Treasurers Report

First, I would like to thank all the attending club members for electing me as Treasurer. I hope to be able to reward your confidence by doing my very best for the club.

**UPDATE** This article edited 07/15/08 due to resignation of Don Middleton as Treasurer. George Ryan was appointed as interim Secretary/Treasurer until the next officer election in December.

I have opened an MHFC account at the Public Service Credit Union. It includes a savings account and a regular "Free" checking account. I have also opened a PayPal account for donations, the email address is: [george.ryan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:george.ryan@sbcglobal.net).

As of this writing, we have received 2 donations, One from LarryFiero and one from cadero2dmax.



2 Dole Pineapple IMSA GTU cars in the pits in 1985.

A Goodwrench car on track in 1987.



## Performance Corner

The Fiero was the first American car to win in IMSA GTU competition, doing so in only its seventh competition - the series' 1984 visit to Michigan International Speedway.

The wide-bodied Fieros continued to run strong in 1985, and rocker John Oates—half of the duo Hall & Oates—co-drove one of the cars at IMSA's Road America event.

(Unfortunately, third gear broke while Oates was driving, sending the car into a guardrail.)

A Spice-built GTP-class Fiero made its debut for 1986, and the car ran strong in IMSA Camel Lights competition, taking the pole position the first time out. (Photo Below)



In 1987, the Pontiac Fiero won the IMSA Manufacturers Cup, the first car of any type to take the cup from Mazda after a 16-year domination. That year, Fiero won nine of 16 GTU races, held the pole in 11 of them, and set 10 of the fastest race laps. The Fiero won more than 40 professional races in the 36 months that it competed at that level.

Next – Grassroots Racing and the Fiero

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

In this column our Event Coordinator will publish a calendar of upcoming club activities.

At the November meeting, Christine Hammack was appointed as MHFC Event Coordinator. She is working very hard to come up with interesting and fun activities, from cruises, dinners, family barbeques, shows, show-n-shine, performance events, etc.

But Christine needs your input. What does the membership want to do this coming year?

Please contact her at [RedChristine@msn.com](mailto:RedChristine@msn.com) with any thoughts or ideas.

Some things in the works:  
(a) The 25th Fiero Reunion in Michigan this summer

- (b) The Gunnison Car Show and Weekend
- (c) A dyno day
- (d) A family Barbeque
- (e) Drag racing for Fieros
- (f) A "super cruise"
- (g) Tech Sessions

Got any more ideas? Drop Christine a note . . .

In future editions, we will feature a regular calendar in this column.

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## EDITORIAL



"Oh, the winter doldrums when we can't get out to play with our cars!"

This newsletter is your newsletter. And this column is your column - similar to the "Letters to the Editor" columns in your local daily papers.

Please feel free to submit your requests, blogs, etc. to me via e-mail at the following address: [caderno2max@hotmail.com](mailto:caderno2max@hotmail.com).

Oh, the winter doldrums when we can't go out to play with our cars! Well, a good snowstorm can provide an opportunity to jot down a blog about anything involving Fieros or our club; a suggestion, comment or -yes, even criticism.

Got an idea for a get-together or event? Know of a great show that we could attend? Or perhaps you

would like to host an event of your own! Want to request a tech session, or care to share a Fiero story?

This is the place!



## Officer Profile



*"My appreciation of our members runs deep. They are all truly nice people with a spirit of adventure."*

Hello, my name is Robert Probst and I am honored to have been elected to the position of the Mile High Fieros Club President. My love for this little car began in the mid 90's in San Diego California, where my wife and I stepped out of a restaurant only to see a beautiful black Fiero GT in

the parking lot.

This mental image stuck with me for months, until I finally spotted one on the side of the street for sale.

Needless to say, it was mine before the day ended. Since those days I've owned several Fieros. Some were designed for performance and others for show, but regardless, they were always on the front line with the local Fiero clubs across the west.

## Meet Your President

That brings us to now, where the Mile High Fiero Club boasts almost 70 members with a contingent of Fieros that continue to turn heads at car shows and public events. My appreciation of our members runs deep. They are all truly nice people with a spirit of adventure.

2008 promises to be the best yet!  
Sincerely,

Robert W. Probst  
President,  
MHFC



## Technical Info

### Fix That Temp Guage!

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#### STOP IT FROM PEGGING ON START

The Fiero temp gauge is famous for "pegging" (violently moving to it's maximum range) when the engine is started. This sudden acceleration of the needle can be more than annoying; over time it can loosen the needle such that it becomes inaccurate or falls off. Most just fall off.

Why does the gauge "peg"? The factory wiring applies a full 12 volts across the temperature gauge when

the ignition key is turned on. This momentary connection is called the "Bulb to "Start". This Test" position shows at a glance that critical warning lights are functional. Unfortunately it appears that GM made a mistake and connected the Bulb Test feature to the temperature gauge instead of the Temperature Warning light.

The fix is simple and requires no

wire cutting, splicing, or soldering. Just swap two wires at the sensor and two wires at the instrument cluster. That's it! The result is the Bulb Tester is applied to the Temperature Warning light, and the Temperature Gauge works normally.

For detailed info on doing this repair, go to [www.fierosails.com/](http://www.fierosails.com/) and locate "temp gage" in the menu.

*"The fix is simple and requires no wire cutting, splicing, or soldering"*

## Memories



## Cripple Creek

This column and the following two pages are dedicated to the fantastic memories the Mile High Fiero Club created during 2007.





A row of Fieros staged for judging at the Gunnison Car Show in August, 2007



"A good publicity night for the Fieros. I enjoyed sitting in my lawn chair and seeing young people walk up to the front of the car with a puzzled look on their face wondering where the engine went to. It amazes me how many people have not seen our cars."

Tammy

## Memories

## Gunnison



Caravanning to the Show!!



## Memories

## Grocery Warehouse



Just a weekly Saturday afternoon gathering of local car enthusiasts at a parking lot in Colorado Springs, - well attended by MHFC.



## Memories

## MedVed Pontiac



"We had a very good turnout"  
Robert



# Memories

## Cruisin' & BBQ'n

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6/10—Cruise to Pine, CO



7/14—BBQ and Family Day



*"Great weather, a curvy mountain road, and a Fiero . . . doesn't get much better than that!!!"* Leon  
(About the cruise to Pine June 10th)



*"What a great drive"* Glenda



*"The event was an absolute blast"* Ron

*"The food was awesome, and the hay wagon ride across town was a kick. I especially enjoyed the tour of old town and the museum."* Robert  
(About the BBQ & Family Day on July 14th)

# Memories

## Trail Ridge Cruise



*"It was a great day and really fun to see so many Fieros. I especially liked the one lane section where park visitors were forced to drive slow enough to appreciate our cars."*  
Glenda

# Memories

## Garden of the Gods



*"We had a good turnout for this show-n-shine with 11 cars. The cloud cover kept us cool and we only had a few spits of rain. Thanks to everyone who came out!"*  
Tammy





<b>President</b>	<b>Robert Probst</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Tammy Kosley</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Don Middleton</b>
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	<b>Christine Hammack</b>
<b>Editor</b>	<b>George Ryan</b>

Mile High Fieros is an organization of Pontiac Fiero owners, drivers, and/or enthusiasts that have joined together to exhibit our enthusiasm and love for our marque.

It is our intent to share that enthusiasm with the public by way of participating in activities, exhibits, auto shows, and performance events throughout the State of Colorado.

Any member, prospective member, or interested party is invited to contact either an officer (listed to the left) or member via the "Contact Us" button (on our website menu) for further information about our organization.



## MEMBERS RIDES

### "TROPHY GIRL"

In this monthly column one of our member's Fiero will be featured. Some months it may be a project that is in progress, other months it could be a completed car.



**WINNER AT THE GUNNISON CAR SHOW  
"SPORTS CAR ORIGINAL" CLASS.**



This month the editor's choice is the "Trophy Girl's" 1986SE. Tammy Kosley has owned this Fiero since new! This award winning car now has about 83,000 miles. The only modification she has to her spectacular Fiero from showroom new is the installation of a different radio "so I could have a CD player".

