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MEMBER PROFILE

When the editor asked Larry Torres what got him into a Fiero, he penned the following (in his own words):

"Thank you for asking me why a Fiero.

I had been divorced for some time and then my daughter left home and got married. I wanted something fun to drive.

One day I saw someone coming on to I-70 from Ward Road with a black SE. I then started looking for a '88 with Ttops. I found 2, one needed work and the other was gorgeous but costing a pretty penny. So I choose the one that needed TLC.

Now I have my first Fiero but I started to work all this overtime and no time to work on her. So I decided to buy the car that did not need any repairs with the intent to sell the first one.

The first car came from Ohio, the second came from Washington State and the third (yes that is 3) is from Ohio as well. I know I am sick, you don't have to tell my neighbors.

Anyway, talk about road trips, getting them home was so much fun.

Ok, the <u>best</u> part on having a Fiero that it is a gorgous car. To have young hotties honk and waving at this old guy is what it is all about."



Larry's "Twins"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In our NEXT ISSUE:

- Member Profile : To be Determined
- Performance Corner:
 Improving Fiero Handling
- Officer Profile :
 Don Middleton (Treasurer)
- Technical Info: Checking front ball joints
- Member's Rides: Editors Choice

March in the Rockies means the first taste of spring and warmer weather. This also means that the Mile High Fiero Club starts warming up for 2008 events. The list of cruises, shows and events are already filling up our 2008 calendar. Our club has continued to grow each and every month, with ten new members since the last newsletter in December. I'm ecstatic about

the prospects of becoming the largest independent Fiero club in the U.S. and we aren't that far away from achieving it.

Given the fact that we are located in the center of the country, hundreds of miles away from other clubs, we stand alone in many of our functions.

Do we enjoy the notoriety that clubs like Space Coast Fieros and MAFOA? Probably not, but the quality of our cars are

equal in stature to these larger clubs and organizations. For this reason, I'm proud to be the President of the Mile High Fiero Club and will do my utmost to bring us into that "Elite" category this coming year.

Regards,

Robert W. Probst

MHFC President

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PERFORMANCE CORNER

In the last issue, we chronicled the terrific racing success the Fiero enjoyed at the professional level. In this issue we will do the same for the grassroots racing successes of our favorite car.

At the grassroots level, the V6-powered Fiero has been competitive in Solo II autocross competition from the outset, winning the 1987 SCCA C Street Prepared Ladies title with Pat Hines behind the wheel. In 1989 Todd Rupp won a D Stock national championship with a similar car. That same year, Rickey Hines drove a Fiero to a C Street Prepared national title. The V6-powered Fiero was re-classed to C Stock for the 1990 season and continued to do well on the national scene until 1993.

The 90-horsepower, 2.5-liter, fourcylinder Fiero was never very competitive in either the Stock or Street Prepared categories. This Fiero was always considered (and classified) as a sports car, and its commuter car background was never considered by the SCCA when classifying this car.

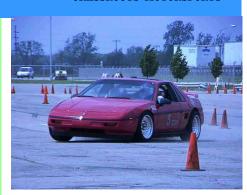
Perhaps the most visible autocross Fiero would be the tube-framed, Fiero-bodied, Rover V8-powered E -Modified car driven by the Tamandli brothers. This car won five national championships between 1992 and 2001.

Thanks to an abundance of torque, the V6 Fiero also really shines in SCCA ProSolo competition, where the drag-race start is paramount; the car literally jumps off the line. National ProSolo titles have been won by Todd Rupp and Eric Eckman.

The Fiero can also be found on major road racing circuits competing in SCCA and NASA Club Racing. It is classed in either the SCCA GT2 or Improved Touring categories (ITA for the V6 or ITB for the 4 cylinder).

In addition to Solo & Club Racing, Fieros can be found in off-road competition, on drag strips, & circle tracks.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CHECK THE MHC WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES

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OFFICER PROFILE

For those of you that don't know, I'm one of those rare original owners. Yep, I bought my SE on March 31, 1986 in Pueblo when it was time to trade in my '79 Rally Sport Camaro.

When I drove it to work the next day and told my co-worker I had a new little red sports car, she thought I was playing an April Fools joke on her.



Tammy with her brand new 1986 Fiero. (taken in 1986)

Almost 22 years later, I still love it with all my heart. There's no better feeling than being behind the wheel, cruisin' around town, jamming to

my 80's music.

Some personal info about me..... Curtis and I have been married for 19 years and have two teenage sons. I'm

Vice-President TAMMY KOSLEY

a clerical sub for the school district and enjoy line dancing, bowling and matinee movies with my mom.

I've really enjoyed how our club has grown and look forward to lots of great events with fellow Fiero fanatics this year.

Best wishes,

Tammy Kosley

VP - MHFC



Tammy with the same Fiero in 2007.

TECHNICAL INFO

The one single **MOST IMPORTANT** thing you have to do, is clean both sides of the surfaces to be bonded, with toluene. This is available at any hardware store. The adhesive is 3M Plastic Emblem & Trim Adhesive from Auto Zone.

If there is any old foam present at the interface or joint, remove it with a scraper. Or better yet, try using dental picks that are available from most small tool supply houses and through many mail order catalogs.

Don't get in a hurry. Repeat...don't get in a hurry. You don't want to do it twice!! Been there, done that. Once you get the surfaces clean, do a test set up. Put the pieces together, with your clamps or other tooling, exactly like you will want them assembled. The adhesive sets up pretty quickly, but you do have time to adjust things a bit.

Once you know exactly how you're going to assemble and clamp things, go over the surfaces to be glued again with a toluene wipe on a rag or paper towel. The toluene will attack the vinyl, so be careful not to slop it around. It actually needs to attack the vinyl, but not too aggressively. Toluene will melt the plastic part too, so just use it as a wipe. It more or less tackifies the mating surfaces, which is what you want. That's what makes the glue work.

Now, apply the adhesive to both mating surfaces and spread it around evenly. Bring the mating surfaces together and clamp. Come back tomorrow, to a just-like-new part.



RE-BONDING INTERIOR TRIM

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hurry. You don't
want to do it twice!!

If you get too much "squeeze out" when you tighten the clamps, you can use a little toluene on a rag to wipe it off. Again, not too much because if you use too much it will soften the joint you just made.

The trim on top of the top of the radio housing on this Fiero is pulling away from it's base, these guidelines can be of assistance repairing this type damage....

President Robert Probst

Vice President Tammy Kosley

Secretary Treasurer George Ryan

Event Coordinator Christine Hammack

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



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www.milehighfieros.com

MEMBERS RIDES

While Christine Hammack has owned Fieros since 1989, she didn't acquire the one being featured until 2000. It was a white 1987 GT 5 speed at that time.

In 2003 Christine painted the car yellow and



installed aftermarket wheels; then she took the car to the 20th Anniversary Celebration for its first show. That weekend was instrumental in motivating her to build a custom "hot rod" - something often perceived to be a "guy thing".

Five years later, that once mundane white GT has evolved to this - -



The car now has a Chevy 350 V8 with a beefed 4T60 auto transmission. The body has been lowered, has custom



scoops and 17" wheels. The interior

includes a custom dash with Autometer gauges and leather seats.



Handling is held in check by a Sport front suspension, and a custom Koni

coil-over rear suspension with bump steer kit. The car is fast, and so Christine



installed 13" Wilwood brakes to help stop the car. And this is just the highlights, there is so very much more to

this car.



Christine has been very successful in

proving that girls can own/build/drive custom hot-rod Fieros . . . and may have even beat the "guys" at their own game!

Make it a point to check this car out at our next MHFC event!!