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A FIERO IS REBORN **Aaron Ordway's Miracle Car**

Aaron Ordway bought this '88 GT, his first Fiero, in May 2005.



But the history of this car begins well before that when the previous owner was hit by a truck in 1999 (the GT was considered a total). However, he had become very attached to the car – he wanted to have it rebuilt anyway!



Therefore, the black GT was sent from Seattle to the Fiero Factory in Alabama, as they had a low mileage black '88 coupe with a perfect chassis (but poor body panels). They did a ground-up restoration using that chassis. Two 1/2 months later, it looked like this.



Although Aaron bought this car on Memorial Day weekend in 2005 with the sole intent to do an engine swap, the swap wasn't started until May 2007. The brand new crate engine is from a 1995 Grand Prix GTP. The heads were ported and polished, and a lightened set of lifters were installed along with a newer style intake manifold. The engine was fitted with a home-built intake using a Northstar throttle body and huge 42.5 lb injectors. He then built equal length headers to feed the air to water inter-cooled, dual ball bearing, Garrett turbocharger.



Exiting the turbo Aaron built his own 3" exhaust utilizing Mercedes AMG tips. Aaron wanted to retain the stock Getrag 5 speed manual transmission, so, a custom 8 lb billet aluminum flywheel and SPEC stage 3 Kevlar clutch were fitted.



With the exception of the exhaust tips the car looks completely factory stock. While he has updated the factory gray leather interior a bit using gauge overlays, and improved the sound system with a Kenwood double-din MP3 player – only an avid Fiero enthusiast would be able to tell that this shiny black beauty isn't factory stock. That is, until he starts the engine!

What a sleeper! Once Aaron finishes tuning it, this special car will see plenty of time on the dyno and at the quarter mile, so stay tuned!



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PERFORMANCE CORNER

Before we can talk about improving performance, we need to determine what it really is. Is it going fast in a straight line or at high rates of speed? Or maybe cornering hard without drama, or just getting better mileage? Well, this author thinks that performance is any or all of these, depending on what each individual owner demands from his car.

Let's take a moment to discuss making a Fiero go faster in a straight line or obtaining higher rates of speed. This takes power - and there are as many thoughts on how to get more power as there are

Fiero owners. It could be through engine swaps, super or turbo charging, "beefing" the stock engine, or even simply giving the car a good tune-up.

What about handling?

No easier to detail than increasing power was - with one exception. Any Fiero will handle better by installing better tires! But it can progress from that to installing or upgrading a rear sway bar, possibly adjustable shocks, or



What is Performance?

spring swaps, even entire suspension re-engineering (again, depending on the owners tastes).

And with the price of gas being what it is,, I think mileage is on all our minds.

What is performance to you?

Doesn't matter, In a few weeks, our club website will experiences some revamping - and you will find that all of these aspects of performance will be discussed in detail. Check the website main menu out periodically!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The second quarter of 2008 has seen the highest amount of new member applications to date. Sixteen new members have decided to join, and participate in our fast growing car club. You may remember in the last edition of Pegasus Online, I told you that it was my desire to become the largest independent Fiero club in the country. This recent flurry of activity has taken us even closer to achieving this goal.

I would personally like to call on each and every member to make the summer of 2008 one of participation and growth.

I don't believe for a moment that anyone joins the MHFC unenthused. If you consider yourself a member, you should be active within the club and participating in as many events as possible. Our discussion forum sees activity from approximately 20% of our total members. This is not a statistic I am proud of. If you are a member, it would seem that you would want to visit the forum often and contribute by posting your ideas and opinions.

Our club has numerous events coming up, and I'm thrilled at the prospect of meeting each and everyone of you. The friendships we develop through this

club are more valuable than gold, so let's work as a team to make it all worthwhile.

Warm regards,
Robert Probst
MHFC President



There will be no Vice-President's Report in this issue

TREASURERS REPORT

Hello all,
Just a friendly reminder. We are now ready to accept the \$25 annual membership dues. Payment can be made via PayPal to: george.ryan@sbcglobal.net or Personal Checks/Money Orders can be mailed to:
Mile High Fiero Club
352 N. 42nd Ave.
Brighton, CO 80601.
Thanks

Changes, Changes, Changes!

Have you noticed that there have been at least three profiles of members and their cars published in each of the previous issues?

While this club would not exist without members or their cars, featuring three in each newsletter might be a bit of overkill in a publication with just four pages containing just a few articles.



Winds of Change

This is also the last technical article, as MHFC will introduce another venue for technical reference in the near future.

In this issue, we only have one profile and introduce you to the last elected officer, our Treasurer - Don Middleton.

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Editorial

Also, the Calendar of Events will be not be listed in this quarterly newsletter. For the sake of currency,- it will only be available on the club website.

Instead, Pegasus On-Line will have more content describing club activities with more photos, we'll have contests, and just plain fun!

Don't go away!

SHOWTIME!

SHARKY'S -04/04/08



Does that Mustang wanna be a Fiero?

CARLISLE - 05/17/08

Robert Probst

1st place -
Custom
Notchback



HERITAGE SQUARE - 05/04/08



Basil's Fiero-based Scorpion
parked between stock bodied Fieros

MEMBERS POSING AT JUNE MEET



Club Activities - Spring 2008

SONIC DRIVE IN - 06/08/08



CHECK YOUR FRONT BALL JOINTS

We've all heard about how important it is to have good front ball joints. But how do we know if they are bad?

To find out if you really need ball joints, jack up each side in turn, using the car's side post jack. Then, use a pry bar under the lower A-arm to pick up each wheel. Any movement of the lower A-arm after contact and before the wheel moves

indicates a bad lower ball joint or pivot bushing.

To check the upper ball joint, Shake the wheel in and out by grabbing it top and bottom.

Then check the rod ends by shaking the wheel at the 9 and 3 o'clock positions. Movement indicates need to repair or

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replace.

Wheels should be pointed straight ahead while you are doing these checks.



Member Profile

How did I get into Fieros you ask?

Well, I guess it was about 10 years ago, I sort of fell into them...

I was looking for a small car to have as a daily driver. I was looking at a VW Karmann Ghia, always loved the look of those cars, still do. I was looking at a '65 Ghia, when the owner told me about his other love - The Fiero...

I started looking around, found a guy selling 2 Fieros, both '84's. A Red SE with a blown engine and a White Coupe

with an excellent engine. I decided to go ahead and get the Fieros. I swapped out the engines and started driving the Red SE around. Found Wkayl and the old MHFC group, and have been hooked ever since.

I am currently on my 8th Fiero, a 1987 GT. It is currently stripped down to the absolute bare frame, slowly getting some mods done to it and being painted. I am thinking about going with the a Countach body, and Steampunking it.

Don Middleton

I absolutely love these cars! Nothing like being asked if I am driving a Ferrari, yes I have been asked more than once!

KlingonFiero





CLUB OFFICERS

President	Robert Probst
Vice President	Tammy Kosley
Secretary/Treasurer	George Ryan
Event Coordinator	Christine Hammack

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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 club

We're on the Web!
www.milehighfieros.com



FIERO TRIVIA

A Contest

How well you know Fiero history? Well, answer these questions for a chance to win a years membership! That's right, the member with the most correct answers will have their 2009 dues paid. E-mail your answers to: cadero2dmax@hotmail.com

7. What was the base sticker price for the base Fiero Coupe for each of the five years of production?
8. What 3 distinctions did the Fiero Indianapolis pace car hold?



1. Hulki Aldikacti is considered the "Father of the Fiero". What country is he from?
2. In 2007 what TV show featured the Fiero?
3. How many 1990 prototype Fieros were made by GM?
4. What was the claimed (and EPA proven) mileage of the 1984 Fiero with the M17 transmission?
5. In 1988 a GT had the lowest drag coefficient of any American car. What was it?
6. What does the word "Fiero" mean in Italian?

9. Did the Fiero ever win the title "Car of the Year" or "ten Best" honors? If so, what year(s)?

In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by drawing,
 Winner to be announced next newsletter

Finally we have located a qualified repair shop on the front range. They go by Hi-Lo Performance, and here is a quote from their brochure:

"If you are a Fiero collector, restorer, or just want your Fiero fixed right - contact Ken or Bret at Hi-Lo Performance. We are members of the Mile High Fiero Club, own Fiero cars,, and specialize in quality undercar and drive train repair.

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