

April 2019 BAC Meeting

Cruisers,

After some rainy days, the weather cooperated for a comfortable cruise to our usual monthly meeting venue for the April meeting on the 10th. It was an excellent turnout. We tried out a new parking arrangement this time, parking in front of the Hampton in a grassy area on the right. Drivers had to take care to dodge the large mud puddle on the turn in, but I think everyone kept their cars dry. Special interest cars took the front row while the future classic SUVs parked behind.

The meeting started with a special color guard procession by the Elgin Junior NROTC followed by the Pledge and the National Anthem. Dinner was provided by the staff of the Olde Town Restaurant. The meeting also featured a "Your Life with Cars" presentation by Greg Antonichuk. He and wife LaRae's lives were filled with many vehicles, but the story focused on Greg's favorite car in the early years in Saskatchewan, his first love, his 1976 Pontiac Lemans Olympic Edition Sport Coupe. That's a mouth full so I hope I got it right. Anyway, Greg gave up that car many years ago, and always regretted it. But about a year ago, he became aware of almost an identical Pontiac, in Canada, and was able to make the purchase. The story then gets a little ugly when the shipper totally abuses the car during transit to Texas by allowing several types of fluids to leak from the car above the Pontiac on the trailer and destroy the paint job on Greg's LeMans, including spreading the damaging fluids in the interior of the car. After insurance and fresh paint, the car is back to being a love of his life.

Bill Szelag presided over many announcements, a raffle for a couple very nice prizes, a book sale of some great car related books, a table competition that involved identification of car related words for each letter of the alphabet, a reveal of the car show logo and tee shirt design, some throwback pictures, and discussion of the upcoming Club Picnic at the Wilsons' home on May 18th which will include lots of bocce ball action. Can't miss that opportunity.

The slides from the meeting are attached along with a link to google photos of the meeting. If you happen to have pictures of our meetings or of any car related activity or happening that you would like to share with the club members, feel free to forward those to me so I can include them in future SHOUT OUT editions. We would love to have more stories from anyone and everyone.

Happy cruising.

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