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The Prez Sez

This is your proud President just wanting to thank everyone for his or her club participation over the year! I believe we really did well as far as promoting the Comet. This turned out to be a good year for Comet East! I hate we're not having a fall Charlotte show to end the year. But Franklin turned out great!! I hope everyone has had a good year and will have a good winter and have their cars ready for the spring

I have been somewhat discombobulated this year. I don't seem to be prepared for any of the events that I want to attend. I make it there OK but I seem to have forgotten to pack some important paper or article the club needs. Maybe it is the after effects of moving our household a week before Christmas after twenty-four years in the same place. (Hint: timing really is everything.) Or maybe it is from switching to Day shift after 26 years on nights. In either case I hope I get over it soon.

On the brighter side,

Charlotte show! I have my work cut out for me, as I have to put a new engine in my 65, the block has cracked. Plus I have my 64 to work on! Let's all keep in touch over the winter!

I would like to give a special thanks to Bill Adams, Tom Wooley, Bart Whatley, my good friend Pete Girard, Don [Harding] our website director, all of the Comet East members and so

many others who's names escape me but have got involved, helped with getting our shows together and participated in our functions!! I certainly hope that you'll tell all your friends about our club to get more members and participation at our shows! We got the trophy [for best club participation] presented to me at Franklin and I was extremely proud of that! Let's continue working together and grow! Once again thanks everyone and I'll see you in Charlotte!! Rock & Roll!!

Tim Morley,

Editors Corner

membership is currently at 126. We have members from Maine to Florida to Louisiana and Canada. We also have a few members on the "left" coast and at least one member in the Phoenix area. Comet East is continuing to grow and if you watch the Comet List (an email based discussion group on Yahoo) you can see the potential for lots more growth.

I still need content for the newsletter. I'm running out of Ideas and things to write. If you have repaired your car and solved a vexing problem, let your Comet friends know how you did it.

Even if you didn't do anything unique it may help someone make his or her car better. Send me a photo of your car and a couple of paragraphs about it so everyone can see your pride and joy. If it is done, send before and after pictures. If it isn't, send a current and tell the club your plans. Need Parts? Send a letter or place an ad (its free). Selling your Comet or some extra parts? An ad will let club members know. Lets put something in this rag.

Tom





The winners



Ken Noland's 64 Pro-Street



The winners: Red, White & Blue



Terry Zimmermann's 65 Caliente



In spite of the rain (again) a wonderful time was had by all that attended. We sat under the big tent and enjoyed the company of our friends and made new ones. The annual business meeting on Friday night was sparsely attended due to the thunderbolt shootout at the drag strip, but we managed to do some business anyway.

The leadership decided to increase the BOD to three members that will serve three years each in a rotating fashion. That means that a BOD position will come open every year in the hope that others will come forward to serve. Danny Mansfield

was elected to fill the newly created spot after the attending members approved the change in the bylaws. Bill Adams will be stepping down at the end of this term and someone will need to step up to fill his position. The members also decided to require that an outgoing president give out the trophies at his or her last annual meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the club balance was \$2860.06 and that expected expenses would likely be for printing and postage costs plus the cost of trophies and awards for this and upcoming events.

The Award Winners

Comet East Show Winners:

3rd Place	Larry & Dawn McFarland	66 Capri
2nd place	Tom Church	65 404
1st place	George Stieley	65 Caliente
Best Interior	George Stieley	65 Caliente
Best Paint	Tom Church	65 404
Diamond in the rough	Ken Noland	64 Pro Street
Danny Peiffer "Eyecatcher"	Dick Harrington	65 Cyclone
Mike Everett "Peoples Choice"	Terry Zimmermann	65 Caliente
Spectators Choice	John Mondy	65 Wagon
Owners Choice	Chester Dlugolecki	65 Cyclone

Carlisle awards:

1st Place	Larry & Dawn McFarland	66 Capri
2nd Place	Bill & Cheryl Larson	67 Comet
3rd Place	Tom Balthaser	65 Cyclone
Celebrity Pick	Larry McFarland	66 Capri
Celebrity Pick	John Mondy	65 Wagon

Chester Dlugolecki's Ice Blue 65 Parked next to the Club Tent



Franklin, KY August 21, 2004

Comet East was invited to participate in the 42nd annual Southern KY region AACA Meet in Franklin, Ky on August 21, 2004. The town of Franklin in Simpson County, KY was to host a cruise-in on the square Friday night then the show would be held on Saturday at the county park.

Friday was a dreary, rainy day. It rained off and on all the way down to Franklin. It let up for a while in the late afternoon but started again as evening fell. The cruise in had to be called off. We were disappointed to say the least.

Saturday dawned kind of gray and overcast with a bit of coolness in the air. We ventured out to make our way to the Simpson County Park where the show was to be held. A line of 5 Comets wound its way through the town and out to the park.

On arriving, we were greeted by members of the Southern KY Region of AACA. They had prepared a separate section for us near the ball fields. The location was near a line of trees that provided shade in the afternoon and it was well drained and dry. We set up the tents and began to prepare for the show.

There was plenty of foot traffic coming by to look at the cars and we talked about our rides with many good folks. Pat passed out several club membership applications and I must have given out a dozen contact cards.

The afternoon turned out quite sunny and warm. We gathered around the club tents about 4 and gave away some door prizes, trophies and plaques, and held a 50/50 drawing (aka 1/2 & 1/2. sell raffle tickets, draw one at the end, winner and club split the proceeds). All in all I'd say everyone there had a great time.



And the winners are:

Club Awards:

Best Interior	Rich Pinewski	1965 Caliente 4Dr
Best Paint	Bob Brummit	1965 Cyclone
Owners Choice	JL Duncan	1965 Cyclone
Best Daily Driver	Jerry Bennett	1961 2Dr
Danny Peiffer Eyecatcher	George Curray	1965 Caliente
Mike Everett Spectators Choice	Charlie Caldwell	1964 Cyclone
3rd Place	Joe Wall	1964 Cyclone
2nd Place	Charlie Caldwell	1964 Cyclone
1st Place (Best of show)	Mary Mansfield	1965 Comet Wagon
Most Unselfish Competitor	Selma Feifer (Tim's Mom)	
Farthest traveled	Rich Pinewski	1965 Caliente 4Dr

AACA Awards:

Top 4:	Oldest	Jerry Bennett	1961 Comet 2Dr
	3rd	Charlene Bensheimer	1963 Comet Convertible
	2nd	Danny Mansfield	1965 HI-PO Cyclone
	1st	Mary Mansfield	1965 Comet Wagon
Farthest Traveled		Rich Pinewski	1965 Caliente 4Dr

Hard Luck Award JL Duncan

Presidents Award Tim Morley

Comet East won the Club Participation Award with 16 Comets in attendance.





Member's Rides



Stewart Harding's 1963 "Sportster"

I had hoped that I might get to the meet in Kentucky and meet some of you folks, but unfortunately, I wasn't able to find anyone else from this area anywhere that was going and at my age I didn't feel that I should make that long a trip by myself. I have been to quite a few National meets with the Early Ford V-8 Club that I have belonged to for 25 years, and I really do enjoy going to them. I know you will have a great time.

I bought my Comet about a year ago and although I saw it on eBay, I bought it directly from a dealer in Virginia who had purchased the car from an estate. I had thought that I was going to get the history and paperwork on the car but as it usually turns out, I didn't get much more than hearsay. But I have been very pleased with the car. Supposedly, the gentleman that owned it had spent a lot of money on a custom interior, and had the car painted. It appears as though the car has been well maintained, and mechanically is very sound.

I have cleaned and detailed the car, particularly under the hood. The entire cooling system was restored w/new radiator; New Shocks; New radial tires; All electrical system, including [a] radio that works; Taillight bezels re-chromed; Air conditioner was rebuilt w/new condenser, compressor & lines; Dual spot lights and fender skirts were on the car.

I have driven the car about 1500 miles, the longest trip being 480 miles and it is one of the nicest cars on the road that I have ever had. We have a trip planned for next month to Northern Arkansas and Missouri, about 400 miles.

Sorry that I won't get to attend the meet. Have a good time.

Stewart Harding
Tulsa, OK

Car for Sale

For Sale: 1967 Cyclone GT convertible "S" code 390. This is a beautiful recent (2002) restoration. Laser straight. New basecoat /clearcoat original red paint with black interior. Automatic with console and bucket seats, power steering, power disk brakes,

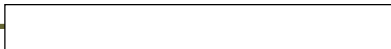
power top, factory AM/FM, correct original fiberglass scooped hood, correct GT wheel caps and steering wheel, flowmasters----rarest model Cyclone produced (378). No disappointments, gorgeous \$22,500. (815) 621-7271 Rockford, IL

Parts for Sale

- 1) A 6T msd ignition box. That was updated 4-4-04 from MSD and has not been used since updating. Just like a 6a unit but with an attachment to hook up the msd soft touch rev control. Cost new 175.00. Asking 75.00 firm plus shipping.
- 2) Also the headliner bows from a 65 comet. Also fits a 64 comet. 65.00 plus shipping.
- 3) A 64 Falcon console. Fair to good condition. 100.00 plus shipping Blue in color.
- 4) A re-cored radiator for a full size 64 Chevrolet used 30 minutes. Excellent for a engine test stand 100.00 plus shipping.
- 5) Custom built aluminum radiator for 64 Comet. Exact dimension for a 64 comet. Size: 17 3/8 inches wide 21-1/4 inches tall 3-1/4 wide 2- 1" coolant rows. Tanks on top and bottom. Water pump opening on top of radiator on passenger side. Bottom water pump opening on driver's side. COST NEW 400.00 LIKE NEW. Used 3 hours, Asking 350.00 plus shipping and small packing fee. Thank you Kenny in Michigan. email address: kcnoland@peoplepc.com

Comet Tech

Tip: If the inside rear view mirror portions breaks. Take the mirror to an automotive glass shop and have the mirror only replaced for about 10.00.





Guidelines for Judging

(effective date 1/2005)

This is intended to furnish a uniform guideline for judging cars at Comet East meets. While every show does not have to offer awards, the local organizers of major shows are encouraged to include them in the club activities. The purpose is to foster a spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie. Awards will be presented when possible.

Selection of Judges:

1. The club president has the option to appoint the judges for each event or to delegate this authority to a club member.
2. Individuals selected should be fair and impartial in the performance of their duties as judges.
3. Judges may be non-members or members of Comet East
4. More than one person must be appointed to judge.
5. *The decisions of the judges are final.*

Awards Categories:

1. Each judged event must offer a minimum of five (5) awards: 1st Place (Best in Show), 2nd Place, 3rd Place, the Danny Peiffer "Eye Catcher" Award and the Mike Everett "Owners Choice" Award.
2. Other optional awards are: Spectator's Choice, Farthest Driven, Best Paint, and Best Interior.
3. Other special category awards may be presented as determined by the president or vice president or their representative.

Rules:

1. Each car entered in the show will be eligible to be judged. The owner may withdraw his or her car from judging.
2. All cars will be judged by the criteria set forth in the rules.
3. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place cars will be judged based on the points awarded in each category with the highest number of points winning. Points from 1 to 10 will be awarded in each category with 10 being the highest ranking. An exception to numerical point assignment is acceptable when using non-member judges who have their own criteria.
 - A. Judges will inspect the condition of each car: 1) exterior: paint and bright-work 2) interior: upholstery and dash (the trunk is considered part of the interior) 3) under-hood: engine and engine compartment.
 - B. It is the responsibility of the owner to have his or her car ready for inspection. The hood and trunk lid should be open. The top should be up on convertibles.
 - C. In the case of a tie, the judges or designated substitutes will re-inspect the cars in question and make a final determination as to the winner.
4. The winner of the Danny Peiffer "Eye Catcher" Award will be determined by a person or persons designated by the president or the event organizer. The car chosen should not be one selected in the top three. The Danny Peiffer car is chosen by subjective criteria. It is a car that may not have all the technical qualifications for a top three ranking. Never the less, it has a special look that makes it stand out in a crowd. This car has the "WOW!" factor.
5. The Mike Everett "Owners Choice" Award is given to the car that receives the most votes of the owners who have cars in the show. Each owner will receive one (1) ballot for each car he or she has entered in the show.
6. The Spectator's Choice award is given to the car that receives the most votes by people visiting the show field.. Ballots must be distributed during the judging time with necessary instructions.
7. The appointed judges will determine the Best Paint and Best Interior awards.
8. The president or vice president or their representative will determine naming of judges and the criteria for all other special awards.





Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

Moving?

Remember to let the club secretary know if you change your address, phone number or email address. Also let us know if you get an email address. You may write the secretary at the address on the front page. Or you may phone or email. Letters, postcards and email are best, but the answering machine is (almost) always on.

April 7-10, 2005 Charlotte Autofair

Four-day swap meet and auto show. Thousands of vendors and cars for sale. Club participation on Saturday and Sunday at Lowes Motor Speedway. Contact Bill Adams for more info. Or <http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/index.htm>

June 3-5, 2005 All-Ford Carlisle

Giant swap meet and car show Site of Comet East annual business meeting last two years. For info: www.carsatcarlisle.com Or contact the editor

July 15-17, 2005 Syracuse Nationals

Members who attended this show in 2004 enjoyed a show with ~6000 cars, fireworks and truck pulls. Info at: <http://www.rightcoastcars.com/> Or contact Dick Harrington.

July 20-23, 2005 Bowling Green, KY Comet East Annual Meeting

In conjunction with the International Edsel Club Annual Meeting. More Details as they become available.

If you have an event in your locality that others might like to attend, please let the editor know with as much detail as you can get and as far in advance as possible (sometimes my lead time is quite long). We'll try to get some Comets out to visit you.



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