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# Leon Hass - In His Own Words

# Featured Member

I only recently became interested in Fieros. I actually saw a personal ad for someone selling their unfinished Lamborghini replica kit, based on a Fiero frame of course. While I quickly realized there was more to finished than I wanted to tackle at that time it got me thinking about finding a Fiero that I could eventually use should I choose to do so. I found an '88 Formula that needed a lot of work and the seller promptly took my offer of \$600 leading me to believe I should have offered even less. I had that roughly a year and did a lot of fix up stuff on it...replacing broken/cracked body panels, replacing missing parts, and generally cleaning it up. I had many trips to the junkyard and was lucky enough to score red body panels to replace the ones I needed. I even converted it from no sunroof to a "factory" sunroof by replacing the roof panel and installing the stock glass. At one point the only panel on the car was rear clip. My wife recalls that the garage looked like the car had "thrown-



up" in it as I had parts strewn all around the two bay part of the garage with the naked Fiero in the center.

While this restoration was transpiring, and with my wife making rude comments about my "pink" Fiero (it was a faded red I swear!), I started casting my sights on a GT. I eventually found a beautiful, low mileage Burgundy/Silver '87 GT in Monument and bought it in October of 2006. I re-assembled the '88 and sold it for what I paid for it plus the cost of all the parts I installed on it...my profit being a good start on an education on how Fieros are put together. I now wished I had kept is since I realize everyone really needs several Fieros...the daily driver, the show car, the parts car, and the one currently being rebuilt.





I have not had to do much to my
'87as it was in such clean shape. I
fixed a loose brake line, replaced a
leaky water pump, and did general
tune-up items such as new plugs,
spark plug wires, coil, and belts. There
are lots of things I'd like to do with it

such as adding sway bars, replacing brake lines, fuel lines, vacuum lines, bushings and tie rods, etc. but no hurry on those. One of the rear quarter panels is cracked too so it'd be nice to replace it. I wouldn't mind adding some window tint, at least to the back, but also the doors but I am not sure if it would be worth it on the side windows without replacing the window glides and seals first as they would probably just scratch it up pretty quick. Probably the biggest "wish" I had for it was that it was a stick shift rather than an automatic. The automatic sure is nice most of the time but I sure would like to "drive" it sometimes, if you know what I mean. There are other mods that would be fun but since it is such a clean, low mile, original I hesitate to "molest" it. I guess that means I need an beat up '88 (like I had) that I can customize to my hearts content. 🛺



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- Featured Member Glenda Probst
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- New Year's Resolutions
- 2008 Year in Review

# OFFICER REPORTS



### From the President's Desk

Autumn is upon us and I think we'd all agree that 2008 was a pretty action packed year for our club. It's also a time where people tend to "Strategize" on winter projects to their Fiero. I know that I personally like to accomplish all of my modifications and rebuilds during the winter months so I can fully enjoy the spring and summer when we have activities planned. You may recall in the last edition of Pegasus Online that I talked about the MHFC becoming one of the elite clubs in the country. Well, he have undertaken some major strides in that direction.

Not only has our membership grown, but we have implemented a charter and by-laws that provides the much needed structure of a growing organization. Goals and objectives for 2009 are even more aggressive than this past year. Our hope is to have a well stocked online store launched before the holiday season is upon us. The profit from all sales will of course be placed in the general fund along with your annual dues. We are also working vigilantly on a MHFC calendar that will feature our local members. Details on this project can be found in a separate article within this newsletter.

In closing, I'm looking forward to our next meeting on November 2, 2008 where we will all have the opportunity to elect new officers to our club

As with any election, take the time to think about your candidates and what they might bring to the table. It's an absolute privilege to be associated with quality people such as yourself, and I'm looking forward to becoming even closer friends with all of you.

Regards,

Robert Probst

MHFC President



### A Note From The Vice President

With the busy year winding down, I've taken the opportunity to update the membership list and have removed quite a few names of inactive members.



The total count went from around 90 down to just over 60 club members.

I'm sure winter will be slow, but please encourage fellow Fiero owners to join us at a meeting or casual gathering.



Tammy - VP

### Meet The Secretary/Treasurer

First I would like to thank the Executive Committee for having the trust and confidence in me to appoint me to the position of interim Secretary/Treasurer of the club until elections, and the membership for unanimously ratifying that appointment.

I have set up an account with First Bank in the name of Mile High Fiero Club. Please note that the President and Vice-President also have a debit card for access to our First Bank account, and both have access to online banking. The account will be reconciled monthly, and a printed treasurer's report will be available at every business meeting.

I have also established an e-mail account with Google <u>milehighfieros@gmail.com</u>.

A PayPal account was also established using the above e-mail address, so the \$25 annual dues can be paid via PayPal or they may be surface mailed to: Mile High Fiero Club

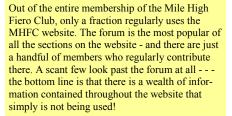
352 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Brighton CO 80601

Respectfully Submitted

George



# A NEW LOOK 🧐



The purpose of the constantly evolving Mile High Fiero Club website is to be the primary method for disseminating club information among members. It is also intended to be the "vault" containing such official documents as meeting minutes, the club Charter and By-Laws, and also newsletters.

But the website has several secondary uses. One can join MHFC through it. Also, there is a listing of the club officers (including contact info). The Events page lists upcoming events and meetings, and the Member's page contains profiles of members with pictures and description of their Fiero(s).

There are also pages that list sources for parts, club member owned businesses, and other Fiero clubs nationwide. The technical section provides access to comprehensive technical information to assist members with maintenance (The P22 Parts Catalog is included!).

Soon, there will be an on-line store where club jackets and clothing, mouse pads, and such PR items as coffee cups, pens, and decals will be available.

### THE MHFC WEBSITE

As mentioned earlier, the website is constantly evolving and it seems to have new information and a new look almost every time a member logs on. I strongly urge everyone to spend a few minutes checking the entire website out every so often (if for no other reason than to see what's new!). It might surprise you what all is there!



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# Summer 2008 Activities

Garden of the Gods -07/12



Tech Session and meeting - 08/10



Cripple Creek - 09/13



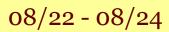
Golden Super Cruise (every month)





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# **GUNNISON 2008**





Caravan getting there - taking a break!



Friday Night Street Dance



Saturday's Show - the Fiero Class



Trophy Winners!



Breakfast Caravan to Crested Butte



Sunday Breakfast at Crested Butte

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### **CLUB OFFICERS**

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



WE'RE ON THE WEB!!
www.milehighfieros.com

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



# **Editors Corner**

### AND THE WINNER IS . . . . . . .

Congratulations to Tony Hubbs for winning 2009 membership dues for getting the most correct answers to the Fiero Trivia Contest published in the last issue. There were some questions that more than one answer could be found on the web, however the below listed answers were carefully researched and determined to be the most accurate.

- Hulki Aldikacti is considered the "Father of the Fiero". What country is he from? Turkey
- In 2007 what TV show featured the Fiero? "How I Met Your Mother" episode 39 entitled "Arrivaderci, Fiero" first airing on 02/26/2007
- How many 1990 prototype Fieros were made by GM? . 16 (just 2 were operational)
- What was the claimed (and EPA proven) mileage of the 1984 Fiero with the M17 transmission? 27mpg city & 42 Hwy

- In 1988 a GT had the lowest drag coefficiency of any American car. What was it?. .0365
- 6. What does the word "Fiero" mean in Italian?

  Proud
- 7. What was the base sticker price for the base Fiero Coupe for each of the five years of production?

1984 - \$7999

1985 - \$8495

1986 - \$8948

1987 - \$8299

1988 - \$8999

- What 3 distinctions did the Fiero Indianapolis pace car hold?
  - (a) First 4 cylinder car to pace the Indy 500 since 1927 (and the only one since).
  - (b) The only mid engine car to ever pace this classic race.
  - (c) It had the shortest wheelbase of any pace car until then or since.

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

Yes - Twice. It tied for "Car of the Year" in 1984, and was listed as one of the "Ten Best" in 1984 and 1988.

### PHOTO CONTEST

The Mile High Fiero Club is publishing a 2009 calendar featuring member's cars. There will be 13 different Fieros featured, and the backgrounds we are looking for should be something that accents the beauty of our state. E-mail submissions to milehighfieros@gmail.com or mail to:

Mile High Fieros Photo Contest 352 N.42nd Avenue Brighton, CO 80601

Judging will be by the Executive Committee, and all decisions will be final. The photo chosen .for the cover will be the winner of a years membership dues.

See the thread entitled "photo contest" in the MHFC forum in "Club Events and Announcements for further details.