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### Welcome to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Trans Am Nationals!

The Trans Am Club of America, Dayton, Ohio Chapter is pleased you have chosen to join us on this very special occasion in celebration of the Pontiac Firebird. Did you know that as a T/A Nat's participant, you are contributing to one of the largest single make/model car shows in the world? Whether this is your 39<sup>th</sup> or first year in attendance, please utilize this booklet as your reference for the latest information pertaining to all events, policies and procedures for this year's show. Doing so will help maximize your enjoyment of the event while making things go more smoothly for everyone. Should you have any questions or need anything through the course of the weekend, please feel free to ask any of the show staff.

To make the most of your participation in this year's event, please plan on joining the special events listed on pages 10-12 of this program. Additionally, we are again proud to welcome the following special guests scheduled to attend our show:

- \* Pontiac Design (Studio II) Director **John Schinella** (Retired)
- \* Pontiac Designer **Bill Davis** (Retired)
- \* Pontiac Special Projects Chief and VSE founder **Herb Adams** (Retired)
- \* Matt Adams VSE proprietor **Matt Adams**
- \* GM Executive Chief Engineer **Brandon Vivian**
- \* Pontiac Marketing/SLP Executive **Reggie Harris** (Retired)
- \* PHS-Online founder and president **Jim Mattison**

These VIP's were directly involved in the creation, design, engineering, production, marketing, sales, racing, restoration and history of Firebird. Many of them are Firebird owners and participants in the show. They are all so appreciative of the care and effort put into the preservation and enjoyment of their products by enthusiasts and love walking the field looking at rows and rows of 'Birds. They are happy to share stories, hear yours, answer questions and sign autographs so please show them a warm welcome and let them know you're glad they're here!

*This program is your complete guide to the show. Please take a few moments of your time to read it as it contains important information intended to help you maximize enjoyment of the event. As the '79 Trans Am magazine ad says, "This is just the beginning. Turn the page..."*

## HOTELS/SHOWFIELD

- Holiday Inn guests may use the pool facilities for the duration of their stay, but we do ask parents to please be present in the pool areas when children are swimming.
- Golf carts are for show staff use only and we ask parents not to allow children to play on them or ride scooters on the show field. This is very much for their safety as cars are constantly moving in/out of the hotel lots.
- **Truck/Trailer parking is located ONLY at the Nutter Center this year.** Shuttle service and security will be provided.
- The show event schedule printed in this booklet will be displayed in the hotel lobby along with signs directing you to various locations where show functions are to be held.
- Security personnel and police officers will be patrolling the show grounds throughout the weekend with additional security added from 6:00 AM Friday through 6:00 PM Sunday. Please help them by securing valuables out of sight and keep your vehicles and trailers locked.
- Fairborn Police will be patrolling around the hotel area for the safety of participants and their property. Please drive responsibly on and around hotel property and while participating in show events.
- Burnouts, donuts, etc. done on show premises will result in your immediate dismissal from the show!
- A live DJ will play music and make important announcements throughout the weekend.
- The Holiday Inn will provide a car wash area for your convenience.
- The hotel restaurant will be open for breakfast/brunch and will be serving food outside during the afternoon/evening. Participants are welcome to bring their food inside to eat.
- **Glass bottles are not permitted in parking lots and all beverages must be either in plastic cups or cans.** Cans must be concealed in koozies.

*Autographs*



# Autographs



## REGISTRATION

- You likely received this booklet in Registration along with your window card, judging sheet, lanyards, etc. You MUST have your window card before going through Tech! Now is also an excellent time to **complete the top portion of your judging sheet**. Pre-registered cars will have a pre-printed sticker. Please display your credentials at all times.
- If you do not wish to have your car judged, please let the registration staff know and you will be issued a green “Display Only” window card.
- You may elect to participate in the non-judged Work In Progress/Driver Class. Your car will still need to be teched.
- A concours class is open to 1967-1992 Firebirds. Participation in concours is voluntary. There is an *additional* fee of \$75 (above the standard show registration fee) for concours participants - **Pre-registration only!**
- While you’re in Registration, be sure to check out the following:
  - **Silent auction items** – many of which are one-of-a-kind custom Firebird-themed goodies you will ONLY find here. Bid early and often as the money raised benefits A Special Wish Foundation, helping to make dreams come true for children with life-threatening illnesses.
  - There will also be a **50/50 drawing** held during the awards ceremony on Sunday. 50/50 tickets will be sold throughout the weekend so somebody will win some gas money for the trip home – might as well be YOU! The money raised through the 50/50 benefits A Special Wish Foundation.
  - A **live auction** will be held before the awards ceremony featuring many additional one-of-a-kind items. Auction items will be displayed in Registration for participants to see prior to Sunday’s live auction. All proceeds benefit A Special Wish Foundation.



## Saturday, 8/25 (Continued):

- **The 27th Annual Tipp City cruise-in** continues this year. **Please plan to arrive in Tipp no earlier than 4:00 p.m.** Main St. will become one way WESTBOUND at that time. Preregistration is available until 2:00 PM Saturday or you may register in Tipp City between 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. Cost to register is only \$10. Those using GPS should use **12 E. Main Street, Tipp City, OH 45371** as the destination address (this is the location of the registration tent). Awards given at 8:30 PM.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

- Although TACA Dayton strives to create an event for all to enjoy, things happen – some of which are beyond our control. Should you encounter a problem, you are encouraged to bring it to the direct attention of the Nationals show staff.
- If you are unable to discuss your issue with a show staff member during the event, you are encouraged to communicate your concern to the staff via email. The address is: [jerry@tacadcinc.com](mailto:jerry@tacadcinc.com)
- This is a hobby meant for fun, enjoyment and relaxation. It's fun to win, but it's a competition in which not everybody will take home a trophy. The point of the show is to connect with old friends and make new ones through the common interest we all share in our cars.
- The future of our hobby is dependent on future generations becoming involved in the restoration, care and enjoyment of classic cars. It is the hope and goal of the T/A Nationals Show Committee to maintain a family-friendly environment where Firebird enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds may gather in celebration of one of America's most iconic musclecars.
- The Trans Am Nationals wouldn't have existed for 39 years if not for our sponsors, vendors and participants. The fact that T/A Nat's participation has remained strong despite the reality that the last Firebird rolled off the assembly line 22 years ago is testament to the passion and dedication of Firebird owners and enthusiasts. We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for your continued patronage of the event. As long as the registrations keep coming in, there will be a Trans Am Nationals.
- Plan now! **2025 show dates are August 22nd - 24th, 2025**

## Saturday, 8/25 Seminars (Holiday Inn Ballroom):

- At **10:00 AM**, there will be a **judging seminar** for participants. Details regarding the judging process will be covered in addition to discussion on what judges will be looking for. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain insight to improve their chances of winning. *This seminar is very highly recommended for first-time participants.*
- At **11:00 AM**, PHS-Online founder and President **Jim Mattison** will share a history of Pontiac personnel and how their leadership impacted Pontiac products. Following his GM career, Jim organized and cataloged the VIN of every Pontiac vehicle produced from 1955-1986, making them available to owners and enthusiasts for a very modest cost. Jim's services are an extremely important part of documenting and authenticating your vintage Pontiac!
- At **12:00 Noon**, a very special seminar of GM Performance history will be presented in three parts: Past, present and future (1 hour each). This panel discussion, led by General Motors Executive Chief Engineer **Brandon Vivian**, will cover over 50 years of Pontiac performance and how Pontiac's spirit is still influencing GM performance models currently sitting in showrooms. Special Projects Engineer **Herb Adams**, Pontiac Studio II Design Chief **John Schinella** and Pontiac Designer **Bill Davis** will share their experience working on projects like Trans Am, SD-455, Fire Am and Silverbird.
- At **1:00 PM**, our panel will be joined by Pontiac Public Relations and SLP Director Of Marketing **Reggie Harris** to discuss outside vendors like Cars & Concepts, PAS and SLP who were contracted by Pontiac to offer even higher performance versions of Pontiac Performance models. This portion of the presentation offers a fascinating insight into how these innovative Pontiac programs became the template still followed by automakers today.
- At **2:00 PM**, our panel will address the rumor of Pontiac's return and discuss the future of performance models from General Motors, many with some surprising and very direct lineage to legendary Pontiac muscle. Pontiac may be gone, but there are still enthusiasts at GM creating cars they like to drive—here is your opportunity to hear about this effort straight from the source



This could be you!



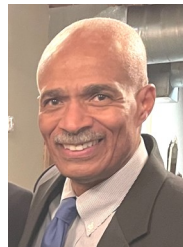
Jim Mattison



Herb Adams, John Schinella & Bill Davis



Brandon Vivian



Reggie Harris

## TECH LINE

- After completing registration, you'll need to have your car teched.
- Your car does **not** need to be cleaned before going through Tech.
- The purpose of Tech is to count modifications beyond stock and class cars based on the number and/or type of modifications counted.
- A list of class definitions may be found on page 5 of this program →
- Firebirds are as unique as their owners, please be patient and understand that the job of tech is simply to group like cars with like cars.
- Participants with factory experimental, prototype or promotional cars/options/accessories **MUST** be able to provide authentic documentation when requested by Tech Line staff.
- You will be assigned a class by the tech staff, please make sure your class is written on your window card and judging sheet.
- At this point, Nat's show parking staff will guide you to your class. **All registered show cars MUST be parked in their class on Saturday and Sunday.** No exceptions!
- Please do not add/delete parts or equipment on your car after you are classed and parked.
- If you feel you or a car in your class had been miss-classed, please bring it to the attention of the staff asap. Tech personnel will review protests on a case by case basis. Full cooperation of participants is greatly appreciated.
- Large displays, stuffed animals, trophies, etc. positioned around the cars are strongly discouraged due to space constraints. Follow a less-is-more approach and let the *car be the star*. Mirrors positioned to show undercarriages and tents/pop-ups are NOT allowed.
- Please be careful and courteous to your fellow participants when spraying waxes and protectants - especially if it's windy!
- No grills or cooking will be permitted on the show field.
- All show vehicles **MUST** be driven onto the show field under their own power. Tow vehicles & trailers must be parked at the Nutter Center.
- A 2024 T/A Nat's decal will be placed on your windshield to identify you as a participant and allow entry to the show grounds.
- You may come & go as you please, but you must have your window card and windshield sticker to gain access to the show field. Please leave your window card in your windshield at all times while on the show field.
- Please be courteous to our show Security staff. They are working around the clock throughout the weekend to keep you and your property safe.
- Please do not move cones and barricades. They are there to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering show space.



**2024 Trans Am Nationals Technical Inspection Sheet**

2024 Trans Am Nationals Technical Inspection Sheet				Official Use Only	
Car Number	Year	Color	Mileage	Tech	CLASS
Stock		No Modifications.			
A	67-69				
B	70-76	Allowed in the Stock Classes and not counted as Modifications:			
C	77-78	Any Stock appearing Mudflaps, Floor mats, door handle inserts, Stock appearing			
CC	79-81	replacement parts, valve stems, Stock hood scoops made functional, any Factory			
D	82-92	Wheels or options available that year, any aftermarket exhaust system (excluding Headers) with			
E	93-97	STOCK APPEARING tips, Parking Stickers, Permits, or Club Stickers.			
EE	98-02				
Modified		1 - 5 Modifications			
F-1	67-69				
F-2	70-76	1.			
F-3	77-78	2.			
F-4	79-81	3.			
G-1	82-92	4.			
G-2	93-97	5.			
G-3	98-99				
G-4	00-02				
Heavy Modified		6 - 10 Modifications			
H	67-81				
I-1	82-92	6.			
I-2	93-97	7.			
I-3	98-02	8.			
		9.			
		10.			
Custom		11 - 15 Modifications, OR ANY of the following :			
J	67-02				
		11. Mild Custom Paint,			
		12. Non-factory color for that model,			
		13. Radical upholstery changes,			
		14. Audio system with interior changes,			
		15. Mild non-stock appearing Bird or emblem.			
Heavy Custom		16 or more Modifications, OR ANY of the following :			
L-1	67-76				
L-2	77-81	16. Radical Paint, Birds, or Emblem,			
M-1	82-92	Any Body Modification, Blending in			
M-2	93-97	of seams, Rollcages of Any type,			
M-3	98-02	Engines not available on that model			
		in that year.			
Super Street		Any of the following Modifications: Aftermarket Blowers, Turbo's, Tunnel Ram,			
N	All Years	Nitrous oxide Systems, etc or Tubbed...			
Firehawks & Comp T/A					
P	All Years				
Special Edition					
SE-1	Stock All Years				
SE-2	Modified All Years				
X-1	Non-Factory Production All Years				
Work in Progress					
W					

**Trans Am Nationals Activities and Events**

- Drag Racing — Thursday, 8/22 — 5:00-10:00 PM**—Come out to Kil-Kare Raceway for their Street Legal Test & Tune Night and make a few passes, or grab a meal from their concession stand and cheer fellow participants on as they rip up the 1/4 mile. Admission is \$30 to race, \$10 for spectators. Racers need to wear long pants, t-shirt and closed-toe shoes. A helmet is required for 13.99 or faster E/T's.

**Kil-Kare Raceway, 1166 Dayton Xenia Rd. Xenia, OH 45385**



- Vendors** will be present **Friday, 8/23—Sunday, 8/25** selling parts and other auto-related items. Please make sure they are registered with the show (they will have a pink registration card). If you are *ordering* anything from a vendor, please make sure you have their contact information. Any issues with products or services must be resolved directly through the vendor.
- Cruise to Wandering Griffin—Friday, 8/23— 5:00-9:00 PM**—All Trans Am Nationals participants are invited to attend this event. This cruise is open to all Firebirds, live band, good food, special “East Bound and Down” lager (custom brewed for us), continuous viewing of *Smokey and the Bandit* and lots of fun!

- T/A Nationals Karaoke—Friday, 8/23—9:00 PM-1:00 AM**— Step up to the mic in the Wright Place (Cocktail lounge just off the Holiday Inn lobby) and show off your mad vocal skills, or at least cheer on others who do! Our show DJ will keep the tunes flowing until 1:00 a.m. so here’s your chance to Rock n’ Roll all nite, Hip Hop ‘till ‘ya drop or go full *Chicken Fried* Country!



Nationals Got Talent!

- Mini-Nats — Saturday, 8/24—Sunday, 8/25** Honey, I Shrunk The Trans Am Nationals! Stop in the Armstrong Room and check out hundreds of Firebird models, promos, die-casts and toys courtesy of your fellow participants. All participants are welcome to display items and there will be security provided throughout the weekend. It’s just like the T/A Nationals, only smaller!



Vern Cook’s Mini-Nat’s built for the Mini-Nats! How cool is that?

## ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

### Thursday, August 22nd

Drag Racing: 5:00PM - 10:00PM (Kil-Kare Raceway Park, Xenia, OH)

### Friday, August 23rd

Swap Meet: 10:00AM - 5:00PM (Center Park Blvd., Hill (west side) & rear of hotel)

Registration: 10:00AM - Noon / 12:30PM - 4:30PM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Tech Line: 10:30AM - Noon / 12:30PM - 5:00PM (West side of hotel)

Silent Auction: 10:00AM - Noon / 12:30PM - 4:00PM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Cruise: 5:00PM - 9:00PM (Wandering Griffin Brewery, Presidential Dr.)

Karaoke: 9:00PM - 1:00AM (Hotel Lobby Bar, "The Wright Place")

### Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Registration: 9:00AM - Noon / 1:30PM - 3:30PM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Tech Line: 9:00AM - Noon / 1:30PM - 4:00PM (West side of hotel)

Swap Meet: 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Center Park Blvd., Hill (west side) & rear of hotel)

Silent Auction: 9:00AM - Noon / 1:30PM - 3:30PM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Concours Judging: 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Concours Tents)

Mini-Nat's: 9:00AM - Noon / 1:30 - 2:30PM (Armstrong Room)

Show 'n' Shine: 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Judging Seminar: 10:00AM (Ballroom, for participants)

Judging: 10:00 AM - 3:30PM

Jim Mattison Seminar: 11:00AM (Ballroom)

Firebird History Seminar: Noon (Ballroom)

Fire-Am Seminar: 1:00 PM (Ballroom)

GM Performance Seminar: 2:00PM (Ballroom)

Tipp City Cruise: 5:00PM - 9:00PM (registration tent on Main St.)

### Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Registration: 8:00AM - 10:00AM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Swap Meet: 8:00AM - ?? (Center Park Blvd., Hill (west side) & rear of hotel)

Tech Line: 8:30AM - 10:30AM (West side of hotel)

Silent Auction: 8:00AM - 11:00AM (Kitty Hawk Room)

Show 'n' Shine: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Mini-Nat's: 9:00AM - 11:00AM (Armstrong Room)

Judging: 9:00AM - Noon

Live Auction: Noon (Ballroom)

Awards Presentation: 3:00PM approx. (Ballroom)



## 2024 Trans Am Nationals Class Definitions

Stock Changes allowed in stock classes are limited to the following:

- Any stock appearing floor mats, or door handle inserts
- Any stock appearing aftermarket shifter
- The stock hood scoop made functional (opened up)
- Any Firebird/Trans Am wheels from the same model year, or valve stems
- Any aftermarket exhaust system (excluding headers) with stock appearing tips
- Any Firebird/Trans Am factory option from the same model year
- Most aftermarket stereos that fit without dash modifications, cb's, telephones, or radar detectors.
- Any stock type body side moldings
- Any factory type aftermarket replacement parts
- Any stock appearing window tints
- Parking stickers, permits, and club stickers

No other visible changes will be allowed in any of the stock classes!

Modified: Allows 1 - 5 changes

Heavy Modified: Allows 6 - 10 changes

Custom: Allows 11 - 15 changes and/or:

- Any mild custom paint (including a non-factory available color)
- Any radical upholstery changes
- Any audio system that includes a major interior modification
- Any mild but non-stock appearing emblems or birds

Heavy Custom: Allows 16 or more changes, or any of the following:

- Any radical custom emblems, birds, or paint
- Any body modifications (blending in of seams, etc.)
- Any engine not available on that model year
- Any roll cages

Super Street: with any of the following equipment:

- Any aftermarket blower, turbo, tunnel ram, etc.
- Any nitrous oxide systems
- Tubbed

SE 1/SE 2: Limited & Special Edition T/A's Stock/Modified

Firehawk/Comp T/A: All F-Body Types, All Years

Non-Factory Production: Fitchbird, Fire-Am, Macho, MSE, TAS Bandit

Work In Progress/Driver: All Types, all years (non-judged class)

Concours: Any stock or modified 1967-1992 Firebird may enter

**JUDGING**

- Please consider attending the **participant judging seminar at 10:00 AM on Saturday** in the Holiday Inn Ballroom. There will be lots of information presented with plenty of opportunities to ask questions.
- **When your car is ready to be judged, please place your judging sheet on the left-hand side of your dashboard with the top portion completed (or pre-printed label applied (pre-registered ONLY)).**
- **You may have your car judged anytime between 10:00AM - 3:30PM Saturday and 9:00AM - Noon on Sunday.**
- Those wishing to participate in the Tipp City Show n’ Shine are strongly encouraged to have their judging sheets completed and on their dashboard as early as possible Saturday.
- Every effort will be made to complete Saturday judging. Please understand that our judges face many factors which cannot be controlled. Your patience is appreciated.
- Please listen carefully to the DJ for any announcements regarding judging, especially in case of rain where cars will need to be closed up during the judging process.
- Judges are not to touch participants’ cars without permission.
- The judges will place a sticker on your window card once your car is judged. The sticker simply indicates the car has been judged.
- **All cars in judged classes must be displayed both Saturday and Sunday, regardless of when they are judged, to be eligible for awards.** A second sticker will be applied to verify.
- If you need to leave prior to awards Sunday and/or cannot display your car both days, please let our judging staff know.
- The award presentation will begin at approximately 3:00 PM in the Holiday Inn Ballroom. Security will remain on show field.
- All decisions pertaining to awards are final.
- Participants may request a .pdf copy by emailing their **name, car number** and **class** to: [cheryl@tacadcinc.com](mailto:cheryl@tacadcinc.com) between **9/1/24** and **10/31/24**. **Do not post individual results on social media.**
- Any concerns/comments pertaining to the show/judging may also be sent to [jerry@tacadcinc.com](mailto:jerry@tacadcinc.com). ALL issues sent through email will be reviewed by show committee. Those posted on social media may not. If you have any issues, please send a personal message.



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**TRANS AM NATIONALS**  
**2024 JUDGING SHEET**

OWNER: _____	CAR#: _____	CLASS: _____
YEAR: _____	MODEL: _____	
COLOR: _____	STATE: _____	MILES: _____

**INTERIOR** (Max. 5 points each)

_____	SEATS
_____	CARPET/FLOOR MATS/TRUNK
_____	DASH/DOOR PANELS/CONSOLE
_____	CLEANLINESS
_____	PRESENTATION

INTERIOR SUBTOTAL (25 Pts. Max): \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTERIOR** (Max. 5 points each)

_____	PAINT/DECALS
_____	SHEETMETAL/URETHANE/PLASTIC/CHROME
_____	WHEELS/TIRES
_____	CLEANLINESS
_____	PRESENTATION

EXTERIOR SUBTOTAL (25 Pts. Max): \_\_\_\_\_

**ENGINE COMPARTMENT** (Max. 5 points each)

_____	ENGINE/PAINT/ALUMINUM
_____	BELTS/HOSES/RUBBER/WIRING
_____	ACCESSORIES
_____	CLEANLINESS
_____	PRESENTATION

ENGINE SUBTOTAL (25 Pts. Max): \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL**

<b>OVERALL APPEARANCE:</b>	<b>(25 Pts. Max):</b> _____
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GRAND TOTAL (100 Pts. Max): \_\_\_\_\_