

Monthly Newsletter July '08

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What's in This Month

Topic: New Design of www.78ta.com

Tip: Survey... What tips would you like to see?

Spotlight: Spotlight of the Month July 1979 SE Trans Am

Spotlight: Phoenix Graphix

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New Design of www.78ta.com

Well, I have been using the same program to design the website for the last 8 years and decided it was time to do a total conversion of the website to a new platform. The old program had about reached its limits of technology and what I could do with it. I want to take the website to the next level and add more features and functions for a better experience and easy of navigation to you the user. Over the next couple of months, I will be changing and converting the old pages over to the new platform. It will be a slow process as there are almost 300 pages to the website currently and every one of them need to be converted over and re-written. So what does this mean to you the end user? Well, you won't need to do anything really. The entire old website will still be there and intact and the new site will be right along side of the old. As you can already see, some of the pages are in the new format and some of the pages are still in the old format. As

I convert the pages over, I will be changing the links to point to the new pages. After some time, all of the links and site will be the new platform and design. The old site will still be intact and there in conjunction with the new site. So, your bookmarks to old pages will still be able to get there, but will eventually need to be updated to the new links (which in most cases is as simple as changing the .htm to a .php at the end of the link). The pages will also be updated as well as converted. Some of the information on the pages was written quite a while ago, so as I am doing the conversion, I am also checking the pages for their correctness and relevance of information. There will also be quite a few new additions to the site with more information than you can imagine. There might be a few hic-ups here and there, but please bear with me as the end result will be a much better experience for you. Thank you for your continued support.

Coming Next Month:
What is my Trans Am Worth?

What tips would you like to see?

Well, I am about half way through the first year of the Monthly Newsletter and things have been going great. I have been posting tips about buying a car, maintaining a car, replacing some items and doing upgrades. Well, now is the time where you, the reader, come into play. I want to hear from you in regards to what you would like to see in the monthly newsletter. I am not running out of things to write about..... that is far from the case. What I want to know is what kind of information would you like to read about? What kind of topics do you want covered? What kind of restoration tips would you like to see? I have put up a "survey" page on my website located here: www.78ta.com/survey.php. Please take a moment to visit this page and give me your feedback and suggestion on what you would like to see. After all, this website and newsletter is geared towards you, the reader. So now is your chance to shape what you would like to see. I look forward to your responses.

What works best to keep that deep shine on your Trans Am?

Well, I have seen this topic come up time and time again in the Forum. I have seen a lot of members with suggestion and questions about what wax works best, what works best for taking swirls out of the paint, etc. Well, the simple answer is ... is..... well, to be honest, there is no simple answer. There are so many products out there on the market with waxes, and polishes, that to try and pick the best one is nearly impossible. Every one of them advertises that it is the best out there on the market. So, what do you do? Well, most places carry samples of their products and you can get a small amount for not a lot of money. So, my best advice is get some samples and do some trials. Find out what works best for YOU and YOUR car. Everyone out there has different experiences and different opinions, so it is best to get some samples and try it for yourself to find the right combination for you.



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Spotlight of the Month - 1979 Special Edition Trans Am of Tom Benvengi

I picked Maryland Bandit and his 1979 Special Edition Trans Am for spotlight of the month for July, not just for his car, but for what he does in the Trans Am Community. Lets start with his car..... Tom is currently the second owner of a 1979 Special Edition Trans Am. He purchased the car with a mere 51,000 original miles on it. The car was in great shape, but was showing signs of aging. But Tom did not stop there. After the purchase of the car, he has spent alot of time fixing, repairing, repainting, and just general care of the car. I bet he has come close to dismantling his entire car cleaning it and making sure everything is just right. He has replaced brake booster and master cylinders, repainted brackets and pullies, sent the carb out for total overhaul, detailed the engine, repainted trim and supports the list just goes on and on. All of this work has started to show.... not only in the pride he has in the car, but he has also pulled in a few trophies at car shows to show that his hard work is paying off. He is a part of this Forum here, but also a huge part and Moderator of TAC. He spends countless hours on the forums helping out other members with issues and also does alot of work on the side with different shows

that happen throughout the year. He has done alot with organizing all of the hospitality and security for the Trans Am Nationals and our stay at the Drury Inn. So, his dedication to the Community really stands out above the rest.

Check it out for yourself on my Forum.



Company Spotlight: Phoenix Graphix



Phoenix Graphix has been in business since 1985 supplying quality decals for your restoration projects. Phoenix carries Officially licensed GM decals covering. Classic Muscle cars like the Trans Am, Camaro, Rambler, Roadrunner, SuperBee, Charger, Mustangs, Coronet and so many more. Their help staff will assist you in selecting the right decal kit for any restoration project. Give them a call at 1-800-941-4550 or visit their website at www.phoenixgraphix.com

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1977 Shaker scoop for the Pontiac 400 Engine. It is correct for 1977 only because of the ridge down the center of the scoop. The scoop is uncut and comes with the drain tube and trim ring. \$150 plus shipping. Contact Brett at hitman@78ta.com



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