

PONTIAC Southern Nationals 2023 !! !!

Wow – DAPA Members and volunteers pulled off a great 2023 PSN !

The PSN committee came together and with everyone's help, were able to provide attendees with a great show once again this year.

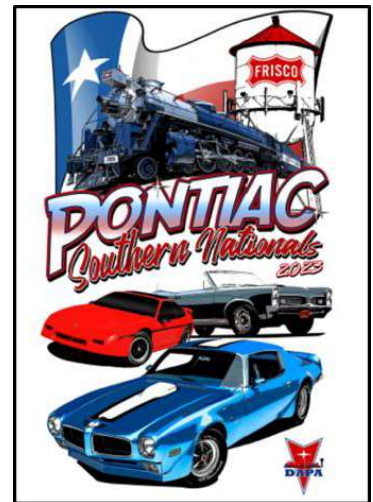
Our indoor venue – Frisco Flyers Event Center was again a great place to have a car show!

Many thanks to the Flyers staff and all of the DAPA volunteers who pitched in throughout the planning process and at the event.



The 2023 PSN - ALL PONTIAC show received a total of 109 registrations with 102 show cars on the floor. What a beautiful collection of PONTIACS in one place. The Pontiac brand is still going strong 14 years after ceasing production!

The independent judging staff inspected each vehicle for fit, finish & shine. A total of 63 Class Awards & 7 Specialty Awards were provided to winning participants.



PSN 2023 Guest Speaker: Dr. Martin Rinker

It is with great honor that we introduce you to Dr. Martin "Doc" Rinker. His passion for automobiles and the industry's history goes far beyond a hobby. His museum next door will attest to that!!

Background:

- Born and Raised in OH
- Resident of Texas since the 70s
- Graduate of Case Western Reserve
- Dentist by trade
- Founded Careington International and still runs it today
- Tech-based service company
- 550 employees
- Unbeatable in WW II and automobile history
- Personal collection of many 100s of vintage automobiles

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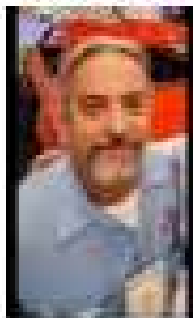
PSN 2023 Guest Speaker: David Mars

David Mars is the founder and owner of Texas Trans Ams located in South Fort Worth. His love for cars started at a young age. By age 12, he was building model cars and learning about real ones. At the age of 15, he went to the movie theater and watched *Smokey and the Bandit*. Of course, he was hooked; he went twice more after that. After each time seeing it, he stopped by the store and bought another model of the "Blackbird" Trans Am and built it.

Fast forward to 1992. He bought his first Trans Am—a black '78 with t-tops. David bought just to fix and sell. The more he drove it, the more he couldn't let it go. After buying several parts cars for what he needed, he started Texas Trans Ams in his driveway at home. After battling code enforcement for a few years, David decided to rent a building. Eventually code enforcement caused him problems there too, so he moved to the county and stayed at that location for 25 years.

Texas Trans Ams grew far bigger than David ever expected, as did his knowledge of the cars. In 2016, he flew to Taiwan and learned how to assemble a complete body shell from aftermarket parts. He made a deal and came back with a second business building body shells. He built 17 Firebird and Camaro bodies, two Mustang fastbacks, a Ford Bronco and 7 Chevy truck cabs.

Although he's done virtually every aspect of restoration and gained a vast amount of knowledge, David will never claim to know everything about these cars. David's attended or been part of shows that include the Trans Am Nationals, the STARS show in Florida, SEMA and the Pontiac Southern Nationals. David absolutely enjoys restoring these cars and sharing his knowledge with others!







Patriot Paws is a volunteer organization and is fully accredited as a 501c3.

DAPA member Kenyon Kerkove serves as our liaison to Patriot Paws.

For more information on volunteering opportunities, please visit:
www.patriotpaws.org.

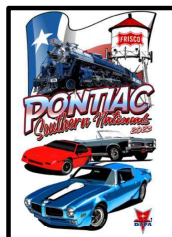
Patriot Paws – one of our designated charity for proceeds from this event, demonstrates some of the physical help they can provide to veterans when they return from service to our country.

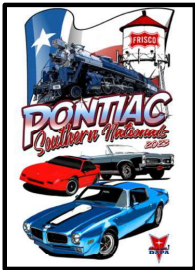
The mission of Patriot Paws is two-fold.

1. To train and provide service dogs to disabled American veterans with mobile disabilities in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence.
2. Provide emotional support for PTSD symptoms. Service dogs are trained to recognize and help with anxiety, depression, sleep disorders and difficulty with relationships.

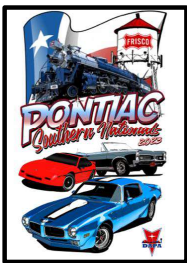
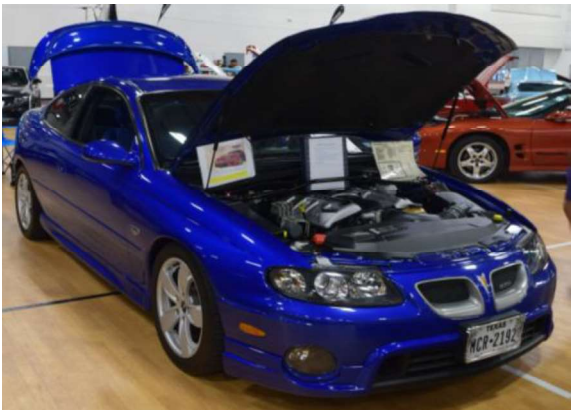
Service Dogs go through at least a year of intense training and each dog is carefully evaluated throughout the process, before deemed ready for assignment.

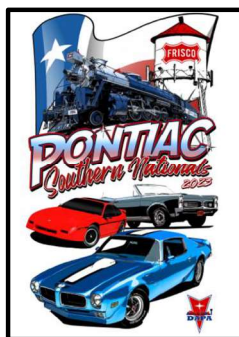




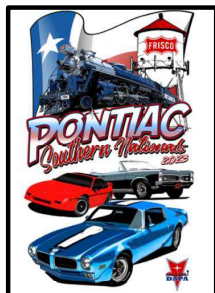


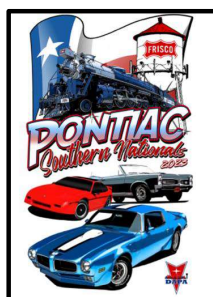


















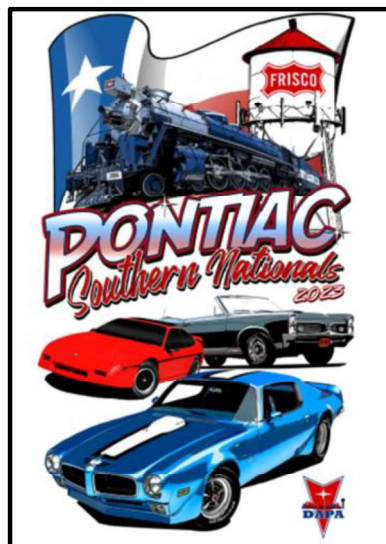
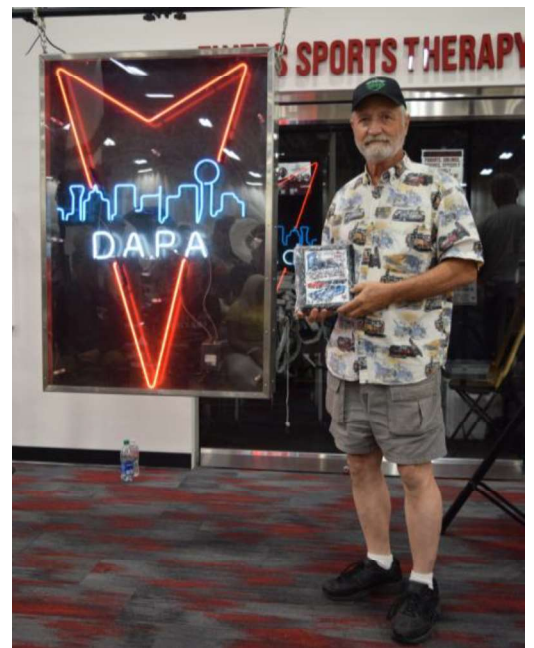
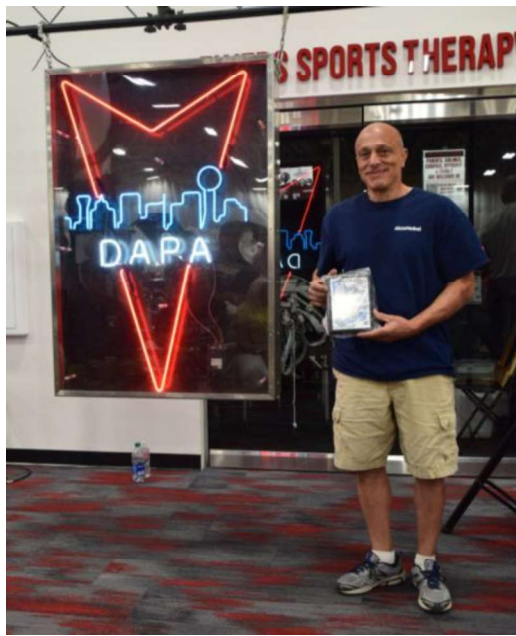


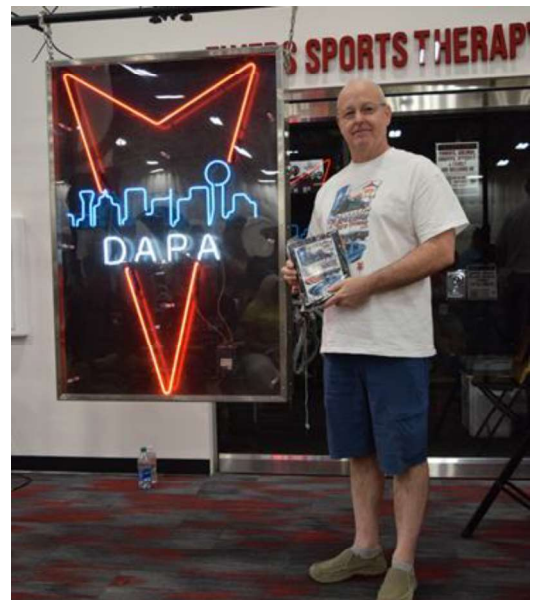
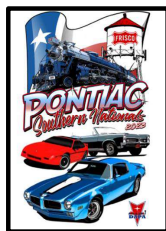
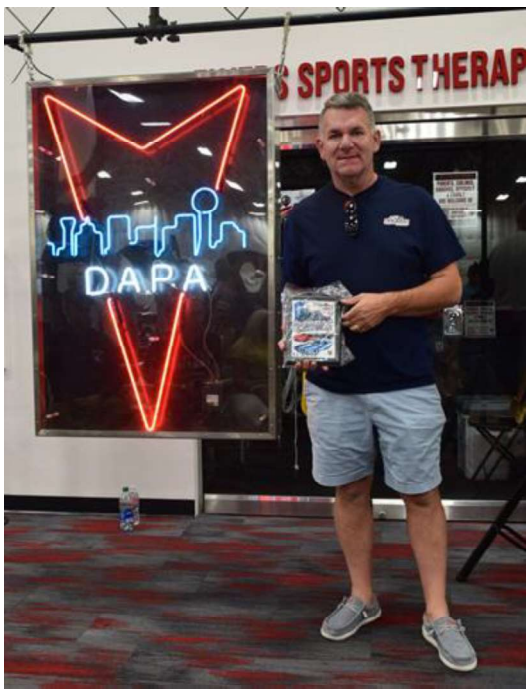


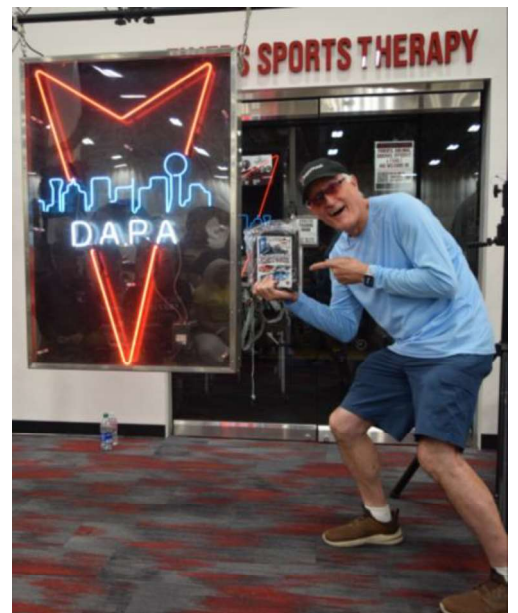
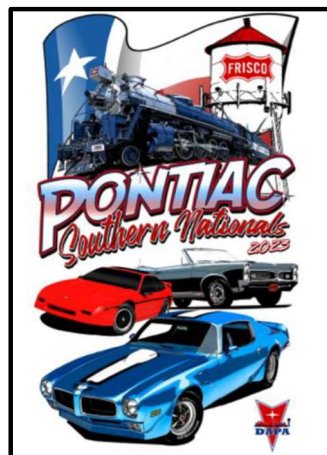
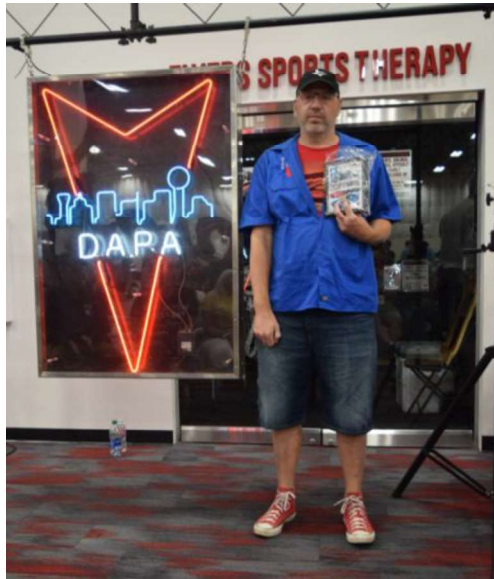
The North Texas Fiero club was out again in force. It's no surprise they won best club participation award!

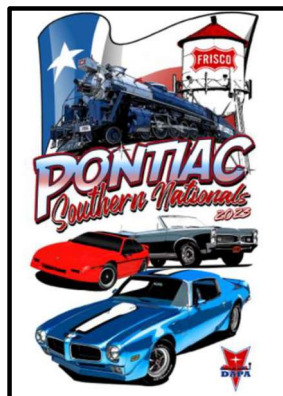
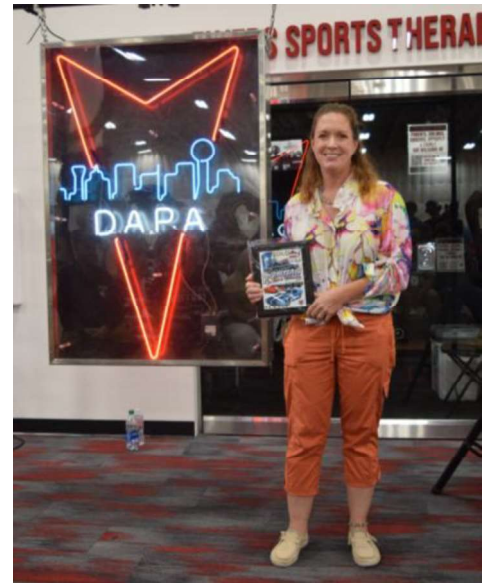


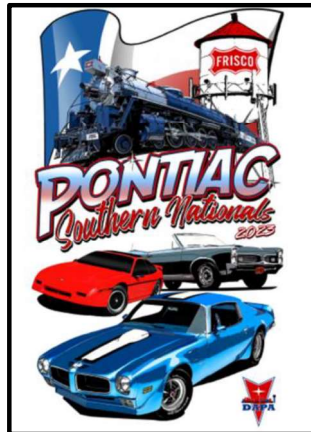
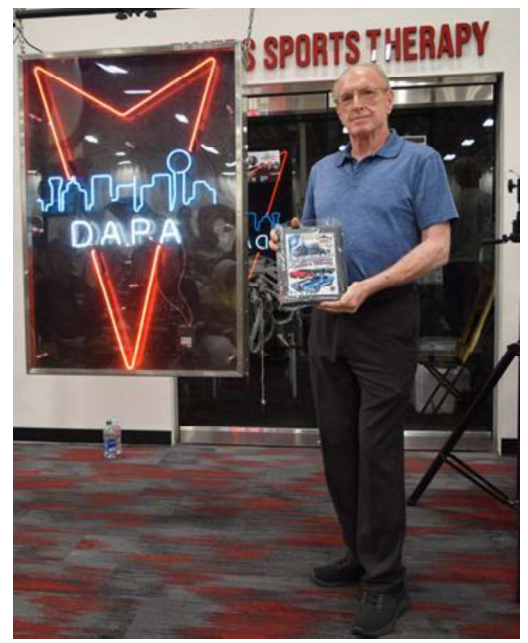
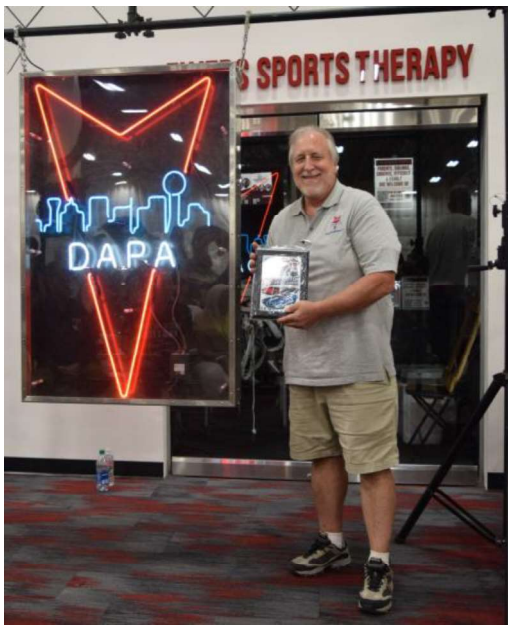








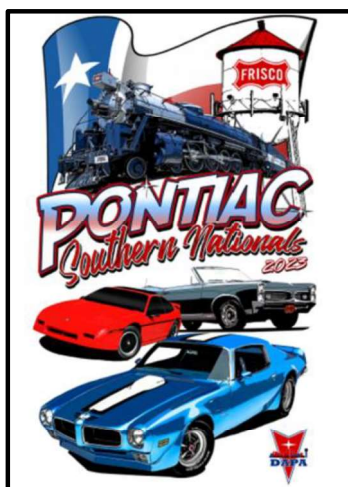






Specialty Awards:

- Sewell Best of Show - Late Model
- Sewell Best of Show – Early Model
- Best Engineered (Aubrey Parker Award)
- DAPA's Choice (Lee Green Award)
- Club Participation Award
- People's Choice
- Kid's Choice





2023 Bug Tussle Trek !!!

Once again, we had a hot and successful Bug Tussle. Starting in Farmersville with the early morning line-up we were welcomed by each of the towns we stopped in with over-the-top support – early openings, special treat-ments and local volunteers.

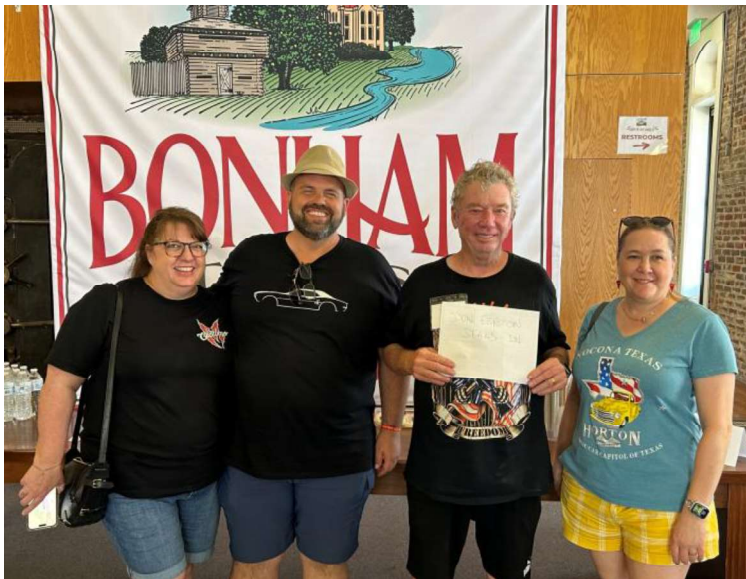
Due to the heat forecasted, we had a larger number of ‘moderns’ than normal, but hey, they are on the tour and having fun. We had police helping at each step of the way making sure that we got in and out as a group, and protecting our special parking at the Bonham courthouse. With nearly 70 cars, we had quite a lineup.

Ladonia this year definitely went over the top with hand cut and individually packaged watermelon, ice cold water and drinks and a special bag of goodies including moon pie. Locals came out to socialize and see the cars. The stop at Bug Tussle is famous with the usual enthusiastic cheer team hotter than ever this year and a great place to get a pic with the sign/store. Mercifully short in the already hot morning.



The tour arrived in Bonham at the courthouse where many did tours on their own. But we still had our special parking at the courthouse, local lookie-loos, and time for lunch. The local restaurants rolled out a welcome as best they can (not used to that many people at one time) and the visitor center offered AC space for eating, welcome bags and special treats. A special thank to Hank Crosby and his family for hooking the DAPA group up with Hickory BBQ on the Bonham square. The food was hand made the same way its been made at Hickory BBQ for 50 years.

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It was off to Paris where many washed the trail dust off with a frozen Pina Colada's. After time to cool off, it was off to Heritage Hall / Lamar County Historical Museum for dinner. After the taco dinner, it was back to the hospitality room where if by magic 6 gallons of frozen Pina Colada's simply disappeared.

There were many tall tails told that night, and the news that after 55 years of having the Bugtussle on the hottest day of the year was ending on this venture was music to nearly everyone's ears. For 2024 the Trek will be hosted on the last Saturday in SEPTEMBER, or 9/28/2024 for you digital types. So get ready to come back to the coolest Bugtussle trek in 56 years in 2024!



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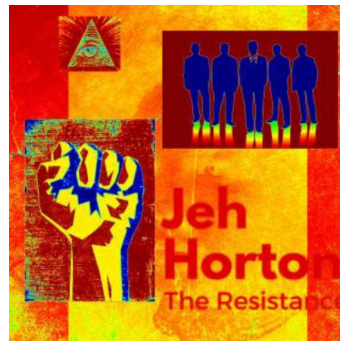
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