

My 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix
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I grew up in Pontiac, Illinois, a town on Route 66 where cars were everything and classic cars were everywhere. Fathers Day weekends were special with a 50s- 60s event, a large car show on Sunday, and a parade of cars through town after the show.

Originally, the town was not identified with the Pontiac brand, but later it opened a Pontiac Museum, which is still there today.

I owned several cars while in high school: A 1964 Ford Galaxie, a 1966 Chevy Impala SS, and a 1960 Mercury Comet. I got into Pontiacs after leaving the town to join the military in 1992.

We currently live in McLean and own a 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix Richard Petty Edition. We acquired the car after its original owner passed away. It was purchased new from a Pontiac dealer in Winchester VA. The car was delivered to Martinsville Speedway during a special occasion where Richard Petty autographed the passenger-side sun visor. The Richard Petty Edition was limited to 1000 total production. They made 333 in red, 333 in white and 334 in blue. Red, white and blue were the colors of Richard's sponsor, STP. Our car currently has 5,200 miles and is all original, including its red paint.

All cars were equipped with a 3.4L V6 engine producing 210 horsepower and were powered through the front wheels. The Richard Petty Edition were all supplied with color-matching cross lace wheels and body cladding. While my car has the automatic, a five-speed manual transmission was also available.

Our car won 11 awards this year (2018):

National Capital Area POCI Chapter Show (Hyattstown MD) - Best of Show Award

Sully Antique Car Show (Chantilly VA) - 1st Place (Stock/Original Class)

Susquehanna Valley GTO All Pontiac Show (Landisville PA) - 1st Place (Best in Class)

Indian Uprising All Pontiac Weekend (St Charles IL) - 1st Place

Keystone State Chapter POCI Fall Car Show (Lebanon PA) - 1st Place
and Beatrice Landis Memorial Award

Cars for the Cure Car Show (McLean VA) – Collectors Choice

Ridgely Car Show (Ridgely MD) – 2nd Place

Edgar Rohr Car Show (Manassas VA) – Top 50

26th Annual Good Ol' Days Car Show (Woodbridge VA) – Top 50

8th Annual Car Cruizin to Cure Cancer Show (Sterling VA) – 1st in Class

We also own a 2004 Pontiac GTO. Other Pontiacs I owned previously include a 1976 Bonneville, a 1990 Trans Am (Bandit II Edition), a 1995 Grand Am, a 2007 Solstice GXP convertible. A 2008 Solstice GXP convertible, and a 1999 Trans Am convertible. My wife's first car was a 1969 Pontiac Firebird.



Rick's 1992 car with only 5200 miles looks and is like new





The perfect and tasteful gray interior complements the red exterior very nicely



Generating 210 horsepower from 3.4 liters, the transverse V6 produces about one HP per cubic inch.