



Paw Prints

NOVEMBER 1986

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is the last week to get your reservations in for our annual Christmas party. The date has been set for December 13th, 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport. This year a buffet is planned.

A cash bar will be poolside before dinner and available in the dining room during our party. Later in the evening those interested can adjourn to a club hospitality suite. The Holiday Inn also has made rooms that can sleep up to 4 people available at the price of \$52.00 a night. To get that rate you must identify yourself as a GTOACO member (614/237-6360). This should be a great chance for you out of towners to have a fun filled evening and meet other members of our club. We will also be installing our new club officers, raffling off door prizes, dancing and who knows maybe we might get a visit from jolly fat St. NICK. (anyone having a presidential size Santa Claus outfit please call 1-246-5145)

The cost will be a maximum of \$8.00 per person (plus cash bar drinks and cost of a room if desired). I say maximum because the club will pick up at least 50% of the \$16.00 charge depending upon how many people RSVP before Nov. 15. The actual cost will be announced in the Dec. Paw Prints. To RSVP call Jeff Inskeep 614/891-6679 evenings or 614/267-7543 days, or return the enclosed card to 598 Old Coach Road, Westerville, OH 43081. Do it now, your reservations must be in by Nov. 15!!!!

GUIDE TO MUSCLE CARS SPOTLIGHTS GTO'S

If you think back to July 1986 and remember seeing two guys running around the parking lot of the Marriott taking alot of photos it was probably Jim McGowan and his side kick Jeff Tann of Guide to Muscle Cars magazine. Well their interest in the GTO is evident in the December issue of the magazine. It features not only the 1986 nationals but has at least 5 other articles pertaining to GTOs. Jim's interest in GTOs stems from his restored 65 convertible that won 1st place in 64-67 convertible class at the 1986 GTOAA West Coast Meet. Next time you are at the newsstand check out this great publication.

CAR RALLY INFORMATION NEEDED

Any club member interested in helping with the Rally Class at the 1987 GTOAA Nationals in Columbus please contact Jeff Inskeep at 614/891-6679.

1987 CRUISE SCHEDULE

We are beginning to set up next years cruise and show schedule. If you attended a particular event that you think we should plan to go to as a club outing contact Richard Whaley at 837-4372.

GTO Association of Central Ohio 1986 Officers

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| President | Nick Anspach Box 265 Jackeontown, OH 43030 246-5145 |
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| Secretary | Leslie Blankenship 2763 Lear Road Upper Arlington, OH 43220 459-0352 |



NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1986

PLACE: Donato's Pizza Party room
1815 Brice Road
NW Corner of Brice Rd &
Livingston Ave.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Topics: Xmas Party
Spring Show
1987 Nationals

Come out for good fellowship,
pizza and beer.
(not necessarily in that order)

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The pounding beat of David Bowie and ZZ Top; the whirring beeping noises of video games -- are we in the right place for a GTO meeting? Yes indeed, these sounds reflect our new environment -- Donato's pizza parlor. Assembling for our 8 October 1986 meeting at Donato's on the east side, members of the GTOACO discovered that Donato's had given us our own private room downstairs (they know where to put rowdy people) equipped with a juke box and video game machines that immediately attracted the under-twelve crowd. The kids amused themselves with these electronic coin bandits, while the adults discussed more weighty matters such as which song to play next and how many quarters they had left. Fourteen members attended this meeting with our ever-popular prez Nick Anspach presiding.

The first items of Old Business were approval of the August Secretary's Notes and this month's Treasurer's Report delivered by Jeff Inskeep.

Christmas Party. Next, Lynn Inskeep was called upon to report on her Christmas party investigations. Lynn had made arrangements with the Holiday Inn at the airport for us to receive a nice buffet dinner for \$12.95 per person (the menu was published in last month's Paw Prints). The buffet dinner will commence at 8:00 p.m. on 13 December with a cash-bar preceding. The club is willing to pick up \$4.00 per person of the cost -- making the total \$8.95. Quite a deal! The GTOACO is also renting a Hospitality Suite at the Holiday Inn where the party can adjourn after the buffet. Anyone wishing to rent a room for the night should contact the Holiday Inn prior to 15 November. The rooms normally rent for \$76.00 per night, but they are offering us reduced rates of \$52.00. Lynn asked the club to vote their approval of these plans since she needed to give the Holiday Inn a deposit of \$200 as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.

Fall Show. Nick next announced that the Fall Show had been, in a word, "cancelled" due to the lack of time needed to put together a decent show.

By-Laws. Nick asked Jeff Inskeep to report on the progress of updating the by-laws, but Jeff declined, saying that while he had been working on them, he had nothing ready to report at this time.

New Jackets. Rob Wilson brought two sample jackets to the meeting that had been produced by the jacket vendor who stopped by with a presentation to our August meeting. He had executed our GTOACO logo on the back of two jackets -- one white and one red (the proper color) -- and they looked spectacular. Rob said the price of these jackets was around \$40.00 and asked anyone interested in ordering one to contact him.

We then moved on to New Business.

Honorary Memberships. Nick suggested that we bestow honorary GTOACO membership upon the GTOAA national officers -- Lars Grimsrud, GTOAA president; Bob Maher, GTOAA vice president and treasurer; and Gary Butcher, GTOAA chapter coordinator. This motion carried without dissent. Nick further suggested that a certificate of membership be drawn up for each of them.

Spring Show/Swap Meet. Nick asked whether we should have a show or a swap meet or both in the spring. After some discussion, the club members decided

that before we could evaluate this issue, we needed to secure a location that could accommodate these events. The parking lot at Hadocy Pontiac is too small to have a combination show and swap meet. Dave Gill Pontiac's parking lot would be big enough, but no one has contacted them to see if they'd be willing to host such an event. Nick appointed a committee of three to investigate this and other locations and report back to the club at the next meeting: Ed Garlitz, Rob Wilson, and Bill Barton.

Goat Parts for December Paw Prints. Jeff Inskeep announced that he wanted to dedicate the December issue of the Paw Prints as a parts-only issue. The idea motivating this is that we should sell our parts to other club members rather than total strangers -- keep them all in the family, so to speak. Besides, GTO parts make the best Christmas presents! "In order to make this issue a success," Jeff emphasized, "people need to advertise their parts. Neal Blankenship has been the only one so far to do so." Jeff urged everyone to type up their parts lists and give them to him. Jeff also appealed to us, once again, to give him some technical articles for the Paw Prints. He would publish more of these, if people would only contribute them to him. Sharing technical information should be one of the primary functions of the newsletter, and this has not materialized. Nick had a bright idea: why not have the club purchase a "project car" so we could take it apart and we'd be guaranteed "oodles of information for technical articles."

Become a GTOAA Member. Neal Blankenship stressed that it was important for all of us to join the national organization. He and Nick reiterated that the GTOAA monthly newsletter, The Legend, is an excellent source of technical articles, parts lists, upcoming events, and chapter news. Neal said, "I can't emphasize enough how important it is for us to support the national group as much as possible."

Meeting Sites. Nick asked if we liked our new environment. Most were happy with the private room at Donato's so we will return here again next month. They require a \$25 deposit or that amount in food purchases, but we had no problem meeting this financial stipulation this month, given the number of pizzas and subs ordered at this meeting. Everyone agreed that we would meet here again on 12 November.

Jeff Inskeep explained that next year's vice president would be in charge of finding meeting sites. This responsibility was beginning to weigh heavily upon him in addition to his many duties as editor of the Paw Prints.

New Roster. Jeff went on to say that we currently have 71 members in the club, and he was almost finished with a new club roster. Members must renew their memberships after 1 January 1987 for \$15.00 per year if they want to continue to receive the Paw Prints.

Cruises. Richard Whaley, Cruise Chairman, asked people to check each issue of the Paw Prints for the latest updated list of local cruises. He also reported on the show held in September at a park just outside of Huber Heights. Richard and Neal attended and were quite impressed. For a little show (150-200 cars), there were two GTO classes: one for 1964 to 1967 GTO's and another for the "banna boats." Donna Landis won first place in the latter class. Richard and Neal urged club members to consider supporting this show next year. It was agreed that next year we would attend as a club.

At this point, a discussion ensued over the fact that we should make more of an effort to attend shows as a club. The Dublin Arthritis Show is about the only show, besides the Nationals, where we attempted to go as a club. Rodger Knight spoke up saying "The point is to select shows that would be fun to attend, not just to take home hardware." Everyone agreed with this, in principle, and vowed to be better organized next year.

Nick and Neal also announced that Andy Syrkin won first place with his off-brand Chevy street rod at the Westerville show where Bill Barton also won second place with his goat.

Door Prize. Neal had brought a "GTO Parking Only" sign to the meeting in case anyone was interested in buying one from him. Jeff Inskeep moved that the club buy one to use as a door prize for the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominations. At this time, Nick opened the floor for nominations for next year's officers. The Nominating Committee of Neal, Ron Landis, and Kerry Parker offered their nominations:

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| President | -- Nick Anspach |
| Vice President | -- Donna Landis |
| Treasurer | -- Richard Whaley |
| Secretary | -- Leslie Blankenship |

Jeff will be enclosing ballots in next month's issue of the Paw Prints, and members will also have the option of voting for write-in candidates.

The Board of Directors' positions are up for re-election this fall. According to the by-laws, these three positions must be re-elected annually. Club members nominated Neal Blankenship, Jeff Inskeep, and Jeff Ruffer for the Board of Directors' ballot.

With nothing else to discuss, the meeting was adjourned until next month.

PARTS ARE PARTS

Especially when you can't find the part you are looking for. Then what do you do? You can try to buy the part advertised in Hemmings or the Legend, usually pay top dollar, that is if your the first to get through to the seller. Then of course the part is in California and the shipping really makes you wonder if it is all worth the trouble.

Well you go ahead with the deal, send your money and try to rationalize to your wife how you can justify the purchase.

You have now been looking for that UPS package every day for 3 weeks and finally the part arrives. Half afraid to open the box because of the possibility of a communication problem of what nice condition means, you open it. You can't believe your eyes, the part is perfect, better than you had hoped. Boy you can't wait til the next GTO meeting so you can show everyone your prize.

Its after your meeting and a crowd has gathered around the trunk of your car. Everyone is listening how great of a deal you got. A voice speaks up from the back of the crowd saying "Is that part hard to get, I've got two of those back at my garage". You then drive home wondering why that person hadn't advertised his parts or why you hadn't ran a want ad in the December Issue of the Paw Prints.

To you that item in your garage might be just a part but to another it could be a treasure.

I've been there,
Jeff Inskip

Next month's Paw Prints will be our annual Parts Issue don't hesitate in getting you sales or want ads in. There never is a charge for club members to run ads. For more info or if you have an ad call Jeff Inskip 891-6679.

BUILDING A GTO? We can help our monthly newsletter & parts listing is considered a long time leader for rare goodies and info. Send 2 stamps for sample issue. Also have our GTO HEAVEN video available featuring the 1985 GTOAA National Meet \$39.95 VHS or BETA format. Dennis Kirban-GTOs 1482 Sugarbottom Road Furlong, PA 18925.



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