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ANNUAL GTO PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 14

RICHARD & NANCY WHALEY

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MINUTES OF GTOACO MEETING JULY 10.1996

Meeting was called to order by Prez, Jim Evans

Spring Show: Looks like the club made a good profit off of the Spring Show. Anyone wishing to know the Treasurers report or the profit can contact Richard Whaley or better yet come to a monthly meeting. Judging sheets were discussed. Seems that Steve Schaffer reversed his score on his class. On the judging sheets for leeks points range from 0-8. If there are no leeks you give the full 8 points. Steve did just the opposite but it did not effect the outcome of his class since he did it for each car. It was discussed that maybe the judging sheets should be gone over with any questions on the point range. Old Business: Jim is still looking for a spot to have a August Cruise In. Date and time was still not decided.

PICNIC: The Club picnic will be sometime in September. Time will and date will be announced later. We do know that it will be at Nancy and Richard Whaley. Construction done or not they will be the host!!!!!!!! New Business: Brian Collins from the Cincinnati club called JIM to see if anyone would be interested in taking there GTO to the Cincinnati Reds game on August 9th for the Beach Boys concert after the game. Bill Hartley will be taking his 1965 GTO convertible. Maybe one of the Beach Boys will be riding in it. They needed convertibles and were trying to get each year if possible. There will be about 75 other classic cars on the field during the concert. Sounds like alot of fun. Also on August 10-11 the Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk, Ohio are going on. Ron and Donna Landis are planning to attend. Anyone wanting to follow can call Ron or Donna at 614-852-1742. They are leaving Friday night at 5:30 from the west side of Columbus.

Meeting was adjourned.

UP COMING EVENTS

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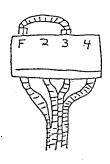
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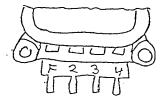
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now full fielded the alternator. If the system charges, the voltage regulator is bad. If it doesn't charge, then you have a bad alternator or a broken wire. With this basic trouble shooting Bud and I have been able to repair many problems using this approach. Also you mat not know it. but charging system output on very late model cars is frequently controlled by the engine computer. On the new L.H. series cars from Chrysler, they optimize the computer controlled charging function to achieve better idle quality, acceleration, and fuel economy. However, this is another story.

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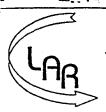
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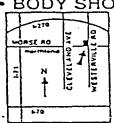
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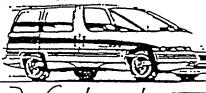
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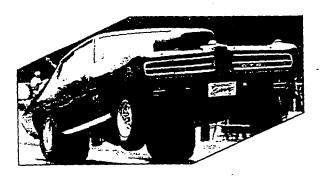
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DIAGNOSING STARTING & CHARGING SYSTEMS

by Steve Schaeffer

When diagnosing a starting or charging problem, even on a late model computer car, check the basics first. check the wiring connections, and battery before you condemn the alternator or starter.

You can perform a voltage drop test to check out a hard starting problem. Connect the voltmeter positive lead to the battery positive post. connect the negative lead to the batter post on the starter solenoid. Pull the coil wire out to disable the ignition and crank the engine over. You shouldn't lose more than 0.5 volts. If you do the battery cable or cables need to be replaced or they are too small.

"Remember, you must have a good ground to complete the circuit." Don't forget to install the ground wire from the back of the head to the firewall on your GTO. To check the ground circuit, connect the negative battery post. Disable the ignition and crank the engine. if the reading is 0.5 volts or more, clean and retighten ground connections or replace the battery ground cable. the starters ground circuit is through the engine block. Be sure the mounting surface is clean. Also on a GTO don't leave out the starter mounting brace. To check your charging system, again check the basics first. Is the fan belt loose? Is it glazed or slipping? Check all the wiring and battery cables and terminals. Clean any corrosion off the battery cables and terminals. Hook up your volt meter again. Put the positive and negative leads to the proper terminals on the battery. It should read 12.5 volts with the engine off. It should also read 14 to 14.5 volts with the engine running. To test the battery, turn the engine off and disable the ignition system. Crank the engine for 30 seconds. If the voltage doesn't drop below 9.6 volts, the battery is O.K.

Also a battery should have at least one cold cranking ampere for each cubic inch of displacement. This is a minimum spec. Get as high a C.C.A. rating as possible. A high compression GTO needs a strong battery for hot starts in the summer and for cold winter days.

If your charging system isn't putting out 14 to 14.5 volts with the engine running, then you need to locate the problem.

On the early GTO with a separate voltage regulator you disconnect the alternator wiring harness at the regulator. Then you hook up a jumper wire from the terminal marked "F" to the terminal marked "3" on the wiring harness connector. See a shop manual. Only for testing purposes you have

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G.T.O. CLASSIC WEEKEND

By Steve Schaeffer

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN - On Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st the Woodward G.T.O. Tigers put on the biggest G.T.O. show in America. Saturday they had the G.T.O. Super Cruise and when it was over they had a giant parking lot party at the Holiday Inn in Ann Arbor.

Sunday's show at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor was truly spectacular. There were 208 G.T.O. show cars registered, this doesn't count the 421 Royal Bobcat '62 Grand Prix or the 421 Super Duty '62 Catalina.

They also had over 35 venders in attendance. These pictures don't do this event justice.

There were award winning G.T.O.'s from all over the U.S. and Canada, I can't begin to describe them all! Many magazine quality cars were there, in fact the magazines "High Performance Pontiac", "Pontiac Enthusiast", "Muscle Car Review" and "The Legend" were all supposed to have reporters in attendance.

I was very impressed with the '66 G.T.O. race car of Scott Tiemann. Scott ownes Super Car Specialties, His all steel '66 G.T.O. runs 10.03 at almost 130 M.P.H., he is running a single 4 barrel .060 over 455 in the car right now. Not only does this car scream it is finished to show car standards. The new engine is based on a 400 block with a 4 1/2" stroke Moldex crank and Edelbrock heads. It will be a 497 cubic inch real Pontiac Engine!

Jim Mattison of "Pontiac Historical Services" put on a wonderful presentation. He showed all 22 G.T.O. television commercials, also an ad for the new '97 Grand Prix that hasn't appeared on TV yet. In addition he showed one of the very first TV commercials for a '51 Henry J. Also he showed footage of the '57 Pontiac Tri-Power Race Cars walking all over everyone at Dayton Beach. It was the start of something big!

It has just been discovered that the first '64 G.T.O.'s were built on September 25, 1963. They were Rag Tops, 20 of them, one for each of the then 20 Zone Officers. They were silver with black tops and interiors, 4 barrel, 4 speed with power steering, power brakes and power seats. Someone out there owns a very rare car. Jim was very personable, it was a pleasure to talk with him.

I don't know what the dates are for the 1997 G.T.O. Classic Weekend, but this is a must see event.



CALENDAR 96'

AUGUST 14, 1996

No August Meeting !



SEPT. 11, 1996

REGULAR MEETING DENNIS PONTIAC 7:00 D.M.

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