



Paw Prints

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Blast from the Past
- Plain City
- 2010 Club Picnic

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A Letter from the Editor

Well folks, another month and there is so much to talk about.

First, let's plug (for the first of many times in this month's issue) the 2010 Club Picnic. Please look in this month's issue for details on this event.

Thanks to Pam and Stan Farlow for being our hosts! It will be a great time.

Next, I want to let you know about the accolades our club received at this year's GTOAA National Convention.

When I received this month's Legend, I paged through the coverage of the convention. I happened to stop at the page that called out Chapter Awards. Right there was

our beloved GTOACO receiving a Bronze Award for percentage of members that are also GTOAA members.

As I continued down the list of chapter awards, I came to the Chapter Newsletter Awards of Excellence and found the Paw Prints had received an Award of Excellence for clubs with 41—79 members! I was so happy to see this that I posted it on the website in the News Forum.

I want to personally thank everyone who has supported and help make this newsletter a quality deserving of this award. The names go on, but a few are: Steve Schaffer for his Tech Articles, Ron Cozzo for his help in taking

pictures and everything else he does for this newsletter and everyone who has contributed articles and pictures like Jeff Frazier, Bill Sigg, Stan and Pam Farlow and Lance Hudnell. If I missed anyone, I'm truly sorry, as I want to thank anyone who has helped make the Paw Prints what it is today.

Finally, I want to call your attention to the scanned in letter we received from Prevent Blindness thanking us for our contribution that we gave as a result of this year's show.

I hope to see many of you at the picnic and out and about before this season is a fond memory. In the meantime enjoy this month's issue.

—Kevin

August 2, 2010

Dear Donna + GTO Friends -

I'm travelling right now, but the staff called + told me about your generous gift. You'll get a formal letter from me when I return, but I wanted to say thanks to you + the

Club as soon as I heard the news. Please know that we are so proud of our partnership with you. Your generosity is vital in the fight to save

Sight. Sherry Williams
'64 GTO!

GTOACO at the 2010 Blast from the Past

When it the end of July hits Central Ohio, the annual Delaware Blast from the Past car show and cruise-in is on the minds of any car enthusiast! The city of Delaware closes a main north-south street and allows hundreds of beautiful cars park on the street and cruise up and down that main drag all day long. Or at least until the tons of people that come to see the show conjest the streets so badly that any car would over heat.

This year the weather was great with no rain in the forecast, but there is always bad with the good. This year was HOT. Hotter than... well, you get the picture. Regardless of the heat, a number of GTOACO members met at the Long John Silvers parking lot on 23 south of Delaware and cruised into town. Those showing their cars were: Ron Cozzo, Dan Gregory, Sean and Kim Rinehart, Bill Sigg, Brent Barham, Jeff Frazier, Jim Lowery and Kevin Russo. Our young recruit target, Joe Koban was also came in as we lined up our cars by year and established GTO Alley at another local car show.

Be sure to go visit the website and photo gallery to see all the pictures!

Congrats to Sean and Kim Rinehart as they took home a neat plaque!



GTOACO at the 2010 Plain City Rotary Cruise

We discovered the Plain City Rotary Cruise-In last year when Phil McCool talked about it in the club meeting. After a couple club members checked it out last year, we decided to show up in numbers this year; and boy did we. We met at the Plain City Der Dutchman at 7:30am to have breakfast and then headed into town. Our timing couldn't have been better as we pulled into town and the workers started closing the street. After I got my obsessive compulsive disorder impulse taken care of by ordering all our cars by year, we had a significant stretch of Main Street taken up by GTOs.

Many passers by recognized the significance of that many GTOs in a single place. Even the local Plain City newspaper devoted a significant amount of article space to our stretch of cars. Donna Landis and Phil McCool were quoted in it. Those who participated were: Donna Landis, Tom Sefrick, Stan and Pam Farlow, Phil McCool, Lonnie McLaughlin, Bill Sigg, Brent Barham, Jeff Frazier and Kevin Russo. Mike Shockley even showed up with a Buick GS borrowed from the folks at Jack Maxton.

Go to the website to see the pictures. None of our GTOs won, but we had a great spot and a great day!



Ride Control for your GTO

by Steve Schaeffer

When rebuilding your classic GTO, the engine, transmission and breaks usually receive the first attention. However, if you want your restored GTO to drive like new, the steering and suspension require restoration too.

For that new car feeling, as well as for safety and control, each piece must be rebuilt or replaced. In the front of the car this includes the steering gearbox, idler arm, center link and tie rod ends. Also the upper and lower control arm bushings and ball joints must also be replaced.

To tighten up the handling, consider an aftermarket front and rear sway bar. The front is larger in diameter than most factory bars. Most GTOs did not come from the factory with a rear sway bar, although all Oldsmobile 442s did.

Replace your original stabilizer bar bushings and sway bar links. You may want to upgrade to poly urethane parts that offer less bushing deflections. A quicker response time is provided by the firmer material.

These same design bushings, such as manufactured by Entergy Suspension, will also do wonders in the rear control arms on your GTO.

I have had very good luck with Southside Machine traction bars on the rear of my GTO. They do not hurt the ride but help the handling and traction at the drag strip immensely. Some manufacturers produce stock appearing rear control arms that will do the same thing.

Last but not least, follow up with a good set of gas shock absorbers.

Air Lift air bags in the rear coil springs also help in the traction department at the drag strip as well as in the load carrying department.

Some of us really do drive our cars to national events in other states. If you prefer to put aftermarket mag wheels on your pride and joy or even reproduction factory style wheels, Rally I or Rally II, measure your stock backspacing. All wheels are not created equal.

To measure backspacing, take a bare wheel and lay it face down (the face is the side with the valve stem). Then lay a yard stick across the back of the wheel. With a tape measure, measure from the bottom of the yardstick to the back of the center of the wheel where it bolts to the axle or drum.

14" x 7" Pontiac Rally IIs and 15" x 7" Pontiac Rally IIs measure 4 1/2". Be careful because many aftermarket wheels don't have enough backspacing. You don't want to rub on the body or to get cut.

Choose your tires carefully. Unless your GTO is going to only be shown and not driven, I would not even consider putting the old bias ply tires on it. Radial tires are the only way to go on a street driven car.

Look at the fine print on the side of the tire. The minimum government standard for tread wear is 100. Most tires are rated at 300 or above. Traction should be A or B. Temp should be "A" or "B" rather than "C" if possible. "C" is the minimum government standard. Additionally, an "S" speed rating allows for continuous use up to 130 mph.

If you choose your components wisely, you will be rewarded with a GTO that drive and handles better than new!

Steve Schaeffer is an ASE Certified Master Technician and a GTOACO member.

"...for that new car feeling, each suspension piece must be rebuilt or replaced..."

Parts For Sale or Wanted

- ◆ **WANTED: 1967 GTO Hardtop or post sedan. Original unrestored car with factory drive train, paint and interior. Prefer H.O. 4 speed, but will consider others (e.g. a restored base engine, automatic car).
Contact Andre Spanjol 1-440-647-6686 Mon-Fri 9am-2pm or please leave a message.**
- ◆ **Send in your wanted or for sale items. GTOACO members ads are free!**

Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **The club picnic will be September 25, 2010 at Pam and Stan Farlow's** (Thanks again Farlow's) @ 1pm. Please RSVP to Pam and Stan (skfarlow@aol.com or 614-879-9923). Club will provide meat and beverages. A club picture with cars will also be taken like last year. Come enjoy the day with the club. Fun for the entire family!
- ◆ At the GTO National Convention in Witchita, Kansas, the GTOACO received the Bronze Award for membership and your Paw Prints won Newsletter Award of Excellence! See page 26 of the Legend for the article.
- ◆ The club will make a choice at the September 8 meeting as to attend either the Bucyrus POCl show on September 11, 2010 or the Grace & Wheels show honoring our service men and women at AD Farrow's Harley Davidson on I-71 and SR 37. Look for email and website forum postings for details on meeting places and times. You can also send an email to Kevin Russo (krusso_sp@hotmail.com) if you want to attend.
- ◆ Condolences from the entire club to Jeff Inskip and his family on the passing of his mother and his step father.
- ◆ Don't forget to get signed up at our web site so you can get information on weekly cruise and car shows. You can also get an electronic copy of the Paw Prints all the way back to November 2008. *If you are an Internet Explorer user, update to version 8 to resolve a login issue where it looks as if you cannot login even after registering.*
- ◆ *Look in the Local Forum on the club web site for show listings. Kevin Russo regularly posts an update usually weekly.*

Welcome to Our New Members!

- ◆ *No new members this month.*

Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2010

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Kevin Landis, Kevin Russo, Brent Barham, Max Treier, Pam & Stan Farlow, Bill & Karen Sigg, Bill & Twila Hartley, Bill Kauffman, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Larry Reeb, Joe & Debbie Block, Jim Lowry, Ron Cozzo, Mike Shockley, Lance Hudnell, Donna Landis

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley gave the Treasurer's report. Jim gave the PNC Bank Report. He mailed two trophies out of this account. The cost of this is an expense to the club. Next year you will need to be present to receive your award or have someone pick it up for you.

Drag Day: September 18th, 2010. Lance stated that workers are needed starting at 8:30AM. All the sponsors have declined to give any money. All makes and models are welcomed. \$30.00 unlimited passes. Insurance is paid and the deposit is paid. Will need to have 100 cars to break even. Club cars are aloud one pass for free otherwise you will need to pay the \$30.00. Only thing left is good weather.

Club Picnic: September 25th, 2010 - 1:00PM at Pam & Stan Farlow. Same as always, bring covered dish, chairs and place settings. RSVP to Pam or Stan at 614-879-9923. Club will provide meat and beverages. Once again a club picture with the cars will be taken.

Delaware Show: 7 club cars made this event. 1st time ever the club had a winner. Congrats to Shawn Rinehart with his '66 GTO.

Plain City Show: 9 club cars plus Mike. No Pontiac winners but had a great time.

Norwalk Drags & Show: About 10 club members went over the three days. Congrats to Larry Reeb. Ron Cozzo said the show was bigger, a lot more vendors and quite a few race cars. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the event and should be even bigger.

St. Elizabeth Cruise: Meet at Jiffy Lube at 4:30PM off 161. This is a good cruise and Mike is not in charge so weather should be good.

Club cards: Kevin Russo suggested that we get cards made with the Clubs website so that when you see another Pontiac's you can place the card in there car or be able to hand them one. You can write you name and number on it. This could get some new members in the club. Kevin Landis will take care of getting them printing by his Lincoln buddy Tim. He should have them at the next meeting.

Swap Meet 2011: New month. March 20th will be at Haydocy unless things change with them.

GTOACO Summer Show 2011: There was much debate on what to do with the show next year. Should we have an all GM Show? Should we have it somewhere else? Have it later in the summer and have it on a Saturday not Sunday. Donna suggested we have a special meeting designated just for the local show. Everyone was in agreement. Anyone wishing to host this meeting or know of a good place to have it should contact Jim.

Condolences to Jeff Inskeep and his family on the passing of his step father and mother.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Lance Hudnell, 2nd by Kevin Russo

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

**Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month at
Haydocy
Automotive on
W. Broad St.
Columbus, OH**



Calendar of Events

September 8, 2010

Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:PM

Back to the old eating-place. To eat before the meeting be at Rooster's anytime after 5:00PM. Roosters is located in the parking lot in front of the strip mall across the street from Jeg's.

September 5 2010

Westerville Sertoma Show - Heritage Park in Westerville

September 11, 2010

Bucyrus POCI Show @ Haydocy Automotive in Bucyrus, OH

September 11, 2010

Mercy & Grace on Wheels - Car show to honoring our Service Men and Women @ AD Farrow Harley Davidson at I-71 and SR 37.

2010 Club Picnic @ the Farlow's 1pm. Club to provide and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert. RVSP to Stan and Pam Farlow at 614-879-9923. A Club Picture will be taken again like last year. Come have a great time with your fellow club members! Fun for the entire family!

SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Westerville Sertoma Show	6	7	8 Club Meeting— Haydocy 7:pm	9	10	11 - Bucyrus POCI show - AD Farrow for Military show
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Club Picnic @ The Farlow's 1pm
26	27	28	29	30		

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2010 GTOACO Club Picnic

When: Saturday, September 25, 2010 @ 1pm

Where: Pam and Stan Farlow 1810 Upper Valley Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162

RSVP: To the Farlows @ skfarlow@aol.com or 614-879-9923

What: The 2010 GTOACO Club Picnic. The club will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Pop-Up Canopies/Tents welcome to maximize the shade. Please bring your own chairs. Most importantly, please bring your GTO for this year's club picture. See last year's pictures below.

Pam and Stan have a great place for us to hang out, have some great food, good drink, great company and get a fabulous club picture. Please remember to RSVP as stated above.



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To Join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at

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Date: _____

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Name: _____

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GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

GTO OWNERSHIP

Year ____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

Year ____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

Year ____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

I agree that, if elected to membership, I will conform to all rules of the Association and conduct myself in the manner that promotes the goals and purposes of the Organization.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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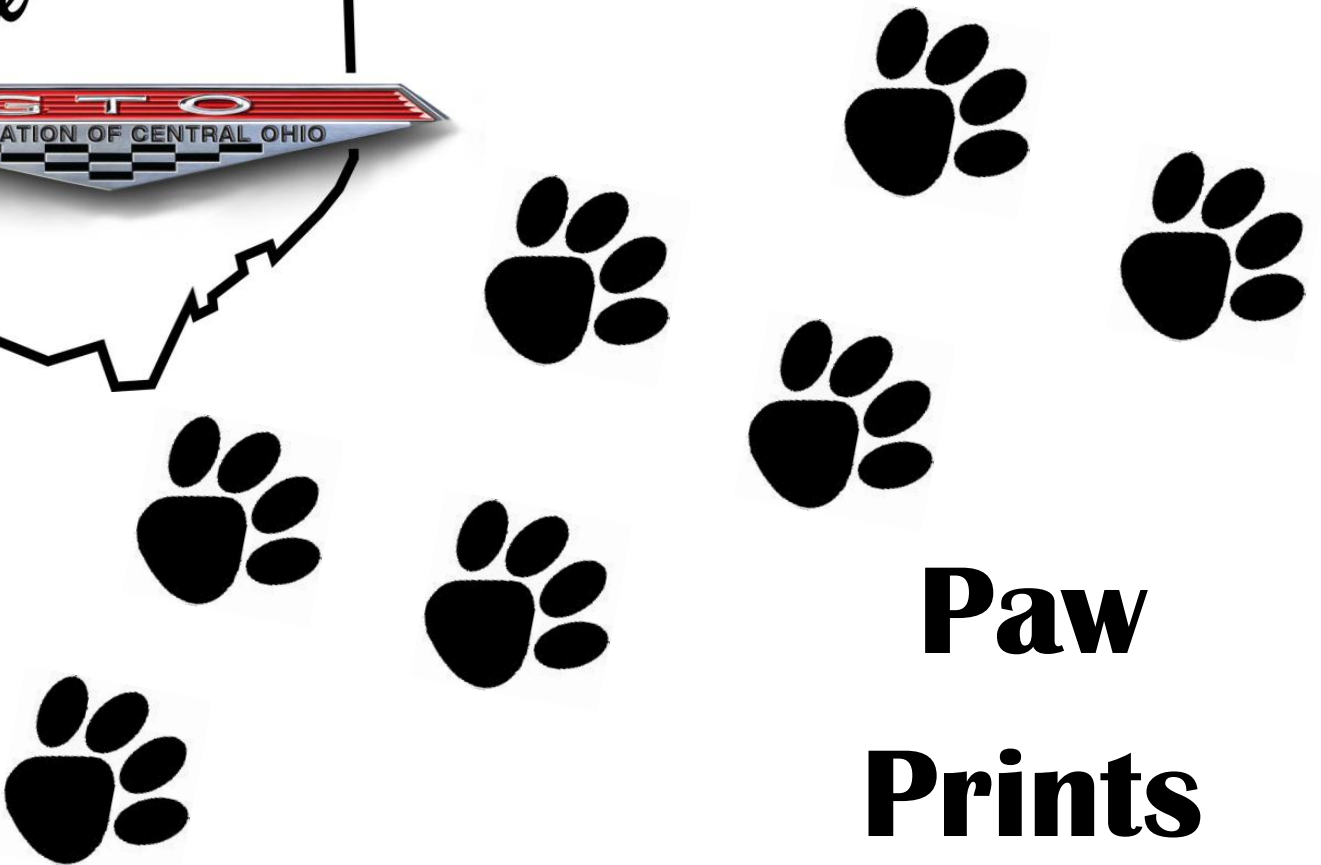
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