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A Letter from the Editor

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Proposed Changes; 2011 Uprising
- Member Spotlight
- 2010 Picnic

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Another season has come and gone. Many of us, well me at least, have put away our beloved GTOs for another winter.

Our club made it very clear to any central Ohio car guy that a local GTO club exists and has fun together! For me, that's what being part of a club is all about. Getting together with wonderful people, having a great time enjoying a common love of a piece of American history.

I hope you got out and had fun with us at least a couple times and hopefully you

will come out more next year.

There are a few things to highlight in this issue.

First, is our second Member Spotlight piece. This one features Kevin Landis. Enjoy the pictures and Kevin's awesome story. Thanks, Kevin, for writing this and thanks to Donna for all the pictures! I wonder who's going to volunteer to be next?

Second, is a highlight of our club picnic.

Lastly, and maybe most importantly, is a full page

of information from the special meeting held October 24th regarding the future of our annual show.

Please read it over. A lot of time and discussion was spent on this proposal and everyone involved feels like it's the best proposal for the purpose we set out to do. We will vote on it in the November meeting.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the fall colors in this month's issue to change things up a little. See most of you at the Club Meeting!

—Kevin



Member Spotlight on Kevin Landis by Kevin Landis

Kevin Landis has Pontiac in his blood. He's been our Vice President for as long as I can remember and is always willing to lend a hand with anyone's project, but especially Pontiac projects. Here is his spotlight; written by Kevin himself. Enjoy!

I guess you can say I was born into it...

Being brought up with a GTO in the driveway has always been normality in my life. My parents purchased their first GTO in 1984. While the first was a Vedoro green 69 hard top, several others followed lining our driveway. Soon after the formation of the GTOACO, I would acquire what would turn into my second family, with a countless number of moms and uncles. As a family we would spend several vacations and many weekends in a lawn chair at GTOAA National event. Remember at this time not many drove their cars. Being born on the 4th of July, I have celebrated about 10 of the last 28 birthdays with my GTOACO family, usually in a hotel parking lot surrounded by GTO's. I received my first GTO at the age of 6; a silver 72, 4speed with black interior. I can recall sitting in the passenger seat as Dad assured me that he was going to "hurt it"

Let the race begin: In 1999 I started what would be my first car build. It was a 26,000 mile 64 that had spent most of its life as a drag car. With a countless number of nights laying on the garage floor and re-doing things several times over, it was finally completed on April Fool's Day 2002. This was the start of a whirlwind over the next 8 years.

In 2003 I was given the opportunity to do my first frame off restoration; my Grandfathers 69 Judge. This was a great adventure as 3 generations spent many long hours together turning wrenches, and bringing the old goat back alive. With much surprise and the first time out, the Judge received silver at the 2004 GTO Nationals in Columbus. (continued on the next page)



Member Spotlight on Kevin Landis continued

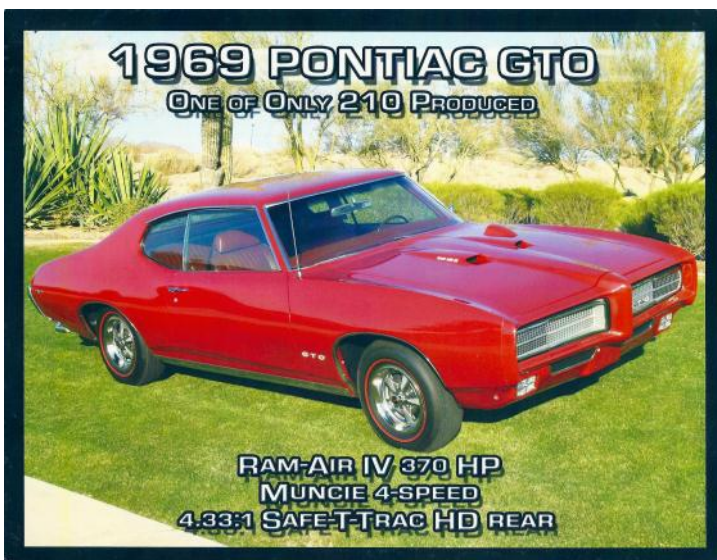
The one that got away: In 2005 I purchased what would be my favorite car that I never got to enjoy. I bought an original red/red 69 Ram Air IV 4 speed. This was a factory 1 of 1 built car, something I didn't know at time of purchase. I spent a very tiresome 7 months restoring every piece as close to factory as the budget would allow. Finishing at about 2:00 one morning.

The GTO family made the trip to the 2006 GTAA Nationals in Louisville, KY. While visiting a nearby parts store I decided to grab a for sale sign to "stir the pot" and perhaps bring a little excitement to the rain saturated event. Little did I know that less than an hour later my pride and joy would belong to someone else. With less than a mile on the odometer, my baby was gone.

Déjà vu: In the fall of 2008 I received a phone call from a friend in Indiana about a red on red 69 GTO 4 speed. "It's in your back yard-go look at it" Not being in the market, but having an uncontrollable curiosity, my dad and I made our way to the east side of Columbus. As we walk toward the garage I convince myself I didn't want to do another car. The current owner of the car was a man in his mid seventies. He stated, "I got it apart and can't figure out how to get it back together." As I walk around the car, everything I had told myself earlier left my brain. This was a chance to build my baby...again. A 69 red/red GTO 4-speed, with nothing less than a ram air IV on the stand in the corner. Knowing the potential and my in-ability to walk away, we made the guy an offer, much below asking price, but within my range. As I gave time for the man to digest I walked to my truck and brought back a picture of the one that got away. "This is why I want your car." In less than 10 minutes we had struck a deal. The next 9 months would again be spent restoring piece after part putting the GTO back together. It was finished in time for the 2009 Nationals in Dayton.

Unfortunately like all good things, they must come to an end. I had to sell my baby once again in October 2009 to offset the struggling economy and fund a new business adventure. At least this time we were able to put 1900 miles on the odometer, with a few of them a quarter mile at a time.

What's to come? I can honestly say a majority of my childhood memories contain many events and people who have surrounded the GTOACO in the past 25 years. We have experienced very tough times together but have built friendships that are unalterable. I look forward to many more great times together, and with any luck another GTO!



2011 GTOACO Club Picnic

Pam and Stan Farlow were again our gracious hosts for this year's club picnic. Again the weather was wonderful and Pam and Stan were great hosts and provided great food and fun!

We got another great club picture with 16 cars forming the Pontiac symbol in Pam and Stan's backyard. The picture on the Paw Prints cover this month is that picture. Another was taken with folks standing by their cars.

Seven club members from the north gathered at the new Kroger Market Place on north State Route 23 and caravanned across Delaware County to State Route 42 making their way down to Pam and Stan's.

Seeing 7 GTOs cruise through Plain City was great! Especially when the motorcycle club heading north on 42 couldn't help but stare at our caravan.

It was a great day with a lot of fun

and good conversation!

Thanks again to Pam and Stan!
We can't wait for next year!



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ See the full page minutes on the **SPECIAL CLUB MEETING** regarding the 2011 GTOACO Annual Show. Read it and prepare to vote in the November meeting.
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ If you need to renew or are thinking of renewing your **GTOAA membership**, *please do so ASAP* to ensure our club remains a valid GTOAA chapter with all the benefits of that status.
- ◆ Remember there will be a November meeting but there will be **NO MEETING** for in December.

Parts For Sale

- ◆ **Parts for Sale - Bob Burk 740-385-7077 Logan, Ohio**
 - 400 Short Block Code 1097 #500667 \$100.00
 - Valve Cover Pan \$15.00
 - New Gas Tank With Straps for 67-68 Camaro- Firebird \$125.00
 - 2 Turbo Trans. 67-68 \$75.00 Ea or both for \$125.00
 - Set of Heads #11 Small Valves Code E040 \$60.00
 - Intake # 9778816 Code D215 1966 \$35.00
- ◆ **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**

Welcome to Our New Members!

- ◆ *Dick Hatcher is the proud owner of a 1970 Red GTO Hardtop and a 1970 Silver Hardtop. You probably remember his car from the Zoo show. He lives at 221 Buerger Marysville Ohio 43040. Dick is retired. His wife's name is Arlene and they have 4 children.*

Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2010

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Ron & Donna Landis, Ron Cozzo, Pam & Stan Farlow, Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin, Brent Barham, Jim Lowry, Max Treier, Joe Block, Steve Schaeffer, Jeff Frazier, Larry Reeb, Bill & Karen Sigg, Kevin Russo, Doug Boyle, Kevin Landis, Shawn & Kim Rinehart.

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley was not there to give the Treasurer's report. Jim stated no change to the PNC account. Donna will deposit the dues she received plus the \$1,020.00 from Lance Hudnell from the day at the track into the PNC account and it can be transferred to the other account later.

Drag Day: September 18th, 2010. It was a beautiful day but the turn out was light. All the club members had a good time. The gentlemen in the blue roadster must have gone down the track 50 times. He was 73 years old and had the time of his life. He even ran in the event that night. As a club, we no longer wish to have this event.

GTOACO Show 2011 Meeting October 24th, 2010 – 1:00 @ Absolute Cleaning Solutions 3895 Business Park Dr., Columbus, Oh

Cruise at Dave & Busters 10/16/10: A lot of interest by the club. Meet at the Hilton at 9:45AM

Car show at AD Farrow on Sept. 12th: Three club members attended this one. Jim Evans, Jeff Frazier and Kevin Russo. All three said it was an interesting show and none stayed very long.

Club Picnic: Thanks to Pam and Stan Farlow for hosting the picnic. A total of 17 club cars were there for the annual photo. They would like to also thank Doug Boyle for the nice tire marks on the newly paved road.

Dans Car Show for the Veterans: October 17, 2010 at Chillicothe Veteran Hospital. Registration starts at 11:00AM. All proceeds go to the Veterans Hospital.

Winter Swap Meet: March 20th, 2011 at Haydocy

Pontiac, Buick, Olds, Cadillac Show Lebanon Ohio Sept 26th: Three club members made the trip to Lebanon. Pam & Stan Farlow, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Donna & Ron Landis. Donna & Ron received at top 25 award. This is a nice drive and a great show. It was the best turnout they have ever had.

Zoo Show: There were 23 GTO's and 17 club cars. Show had a total of 368 cars. Club members helped park cars until noon. They had three people judging. Congrats to Dick Hatcher (new member). It was a beautiful day.

Sunbury Show: Good breakfast, cold day. Congrats to Max Trier and Joe Bennett

Club Officers 2011: All members wish to have the same officers as this year. Motion was carried and passed. Same officers for 2011.

GTOACO Summer Show 2011: Reminder Special meeting Sunday October 24th, 2010, 1:00PM at. Address is 3895 Business Park Dr., Columbus, Oh

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Joe Block, 2nd by Lonnie McLaughlin

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

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



GTOACO 2011 Show Information; Vote coming!

As most of you should know a special meeting was held at 1:00pm Absolute Cleaning Solutions 3895 Business Park Dr., Columbus, OH (Kevin Landis' business). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the future of the GTOACO Annual Indian Uprising Show; most importantly, what and how to change it to make it more successful immediately and create something that could be built upon for future shows.

There will be a vote at the November meeting on the final proposal the group attending agreed upon. So please read this carefully and be prepared to vote and have questions answered. The November meeting will NOT be a place to make new proposals. That was the purpose of the special meeting.

The group that came to this special meeting were Donna Landis, Bill Sigg, Ron Cozzo, Doug and Toni Boyle, Shawn and Kim Rinehart, Lance Hudnell, Lonnie McLaughlin, Kevin Russo, and Kevin Landis.

There was a lot of discussion on some points and ideas. In the end, Kevin Landis proposed a two day all GM event at a Dublin hotel (the Tuttle Crossing Marriot). There would be a party the night before, special hotel room rates, concessions and a band. There would be no awards but just a gathering.

This proposal spawned a lot of new ideas. In the end, the group agreed that we want to do something to make our Pontiac show bigger and better by attracting new participants from as far as neighboring states. So with Kevin's proposal and this core value, this is the proposal that will be up for vote at the November meeting:

- ◆ We would hold a two events one leading into the other with registration fees for both days (exact pricing not discussed).
- ◆ We would hold a Friday Night Cruise-In open to all makes and models.
 - ◇ The Cruise-In would start in the evening and run late into the night.
 - ◇ We would hire a good, reasonably priced band for good entertainment.
 - ◇ We would allow the hotel to handle the food and drink (perhaps alcohol too) concessions.
 - ◇ We would have some types of cheaper awards for Favorites. There was a suggestion of breaking favorite awards into categories based on year ranges.
 - ◇ Any participant may reserve a room to spend the night, but encouraging Pontiac owners especially.
- ◆ We would then continue the weekend with our annual Indian Uprising Pontiac Show on Saturday.
 - ◇ But for Friday night participants that spend the night as well, we would have a pancake breakfast with the GTOACO Saturday morning.
 - ◇ We would hold our normal show. Perhaps making some tweaks to classes and awards.
- ◆ We would move the event to the Tuttle Crossing Marriot hotel. They gave Kevin some good information deals and was very easy to work with.
- ◆ We would market and advertise the show heavily (e.g. Radio, Newspapers, Smoke Signals, Legend, etc)
- ◆ We would also court local dealerships for sponsorship dollars.
- ◆ We would also visit clubs in neighboring states to solicit and encourage participation.

***A new Friday
Cruise-In that
leads into the
Indian
Uprising Show
at a new
location***

Again, the idea is to make some money, have a good time and help make our show bigger and better with the Friday event. Please come prepared with questions on this proposal but mainly to vote on it. We need to get things moving ASAP.

Calendar of Events

November 10, 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.

Remember NO MEETING in December!

November 25 2010

Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy the holiday with your family and friends!

NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Club Meeting; 7pm</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Happy Thanks- giving!</i>	26	27
28	29	30				

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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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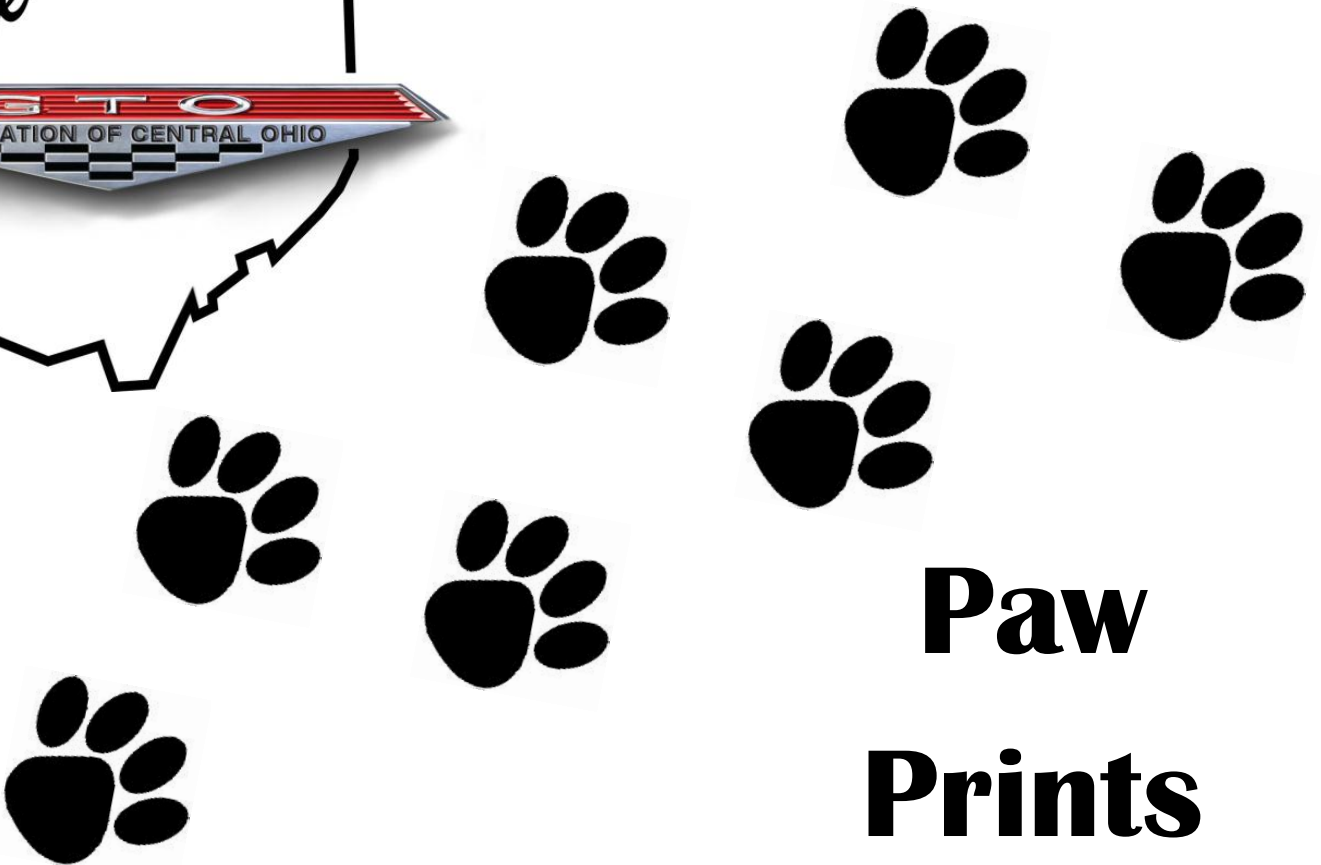
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