



# Paw Prints

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Body Shop Horrors**
- **Member Spotlight**

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## Letter from the Editor

Well here we are at the close of another season. We have two bigger annual shows left as I write this piece. The Sunbury Country Cruise-In and Colo's Classic Car Show, which is now a two day event. Oddly enough, the Sunbury show is going to be right where we had our Saturday night cruise-in this year but with Kroger as the sponsor.

Our club is planning to help out in with the Colo's Classic Car Show event. Look for email details and details at our October meeting.

The club is also planning a fall cruise. We agreed on a date at the last meeting of October 24. Stan and Pam Farlow are planning where we go. The idea is to

meet somewhere on the north end to head out to a destination. Stan told a couple of us last night at Wholly Joe's last cruise-in for this season of the options for destinations he is considering. It will be a great time and a nice drive. If you haven't put your car away for the off season (I am not going to use that other word yet!) and the weather cooperates, please drive it! It would be great to have a caravan of GTOs driving the back roads like we did in the spring! I hope to have mine back from the paint and body shop and I will be looking to drive it!

We have begun our new sponsor search. We hope to have this wrapped up soon so we can begin planning the swap meet

and our show.

Finally, we are quickly approaching the Summit Hot Rod Show at the convention center in January. Because of all these things happening now, the club decided we need to have a December meeting. We usually take December off from club meetings but will not this year.

See all this and more in the pages of this month's edition.

Hope to see you soon at the October meeting or at the zoo! Until then have fun but be safe!

—Kevin



Bob Gribbon's 66 GTO



## Mike Berichon—Member Spotlight

Mike Berichon joined our club after meeting us at the Delaware Blast from the Past show. There Mike had his 66 Catalina Wagon that was the actual parts and service car for Dennis Pontiac back then. It's a very cool wagon with a 389 Tri-Power and headers installed by the dealership. Mike found the car in northeast Ohio in a barn, picked it up and put the ghost flames on it. Other than that it's original. Mike also purchased his father's 1955 Pontiac Starchief as a gift for his dad. Here is what Mike has to say about it and here are pictures of both cars. Mike even recreated the spilled milk shake he did when the car was new!

*The pictures are of the 1955 Pontiac Starchief Catalina that I bought at Mecum Auction on May 13 this year and gave to my Dad for Father's day. I also included a link to the Mecum/NBCSN feature they did on the story, which is epic. Everything you need to know is in that YouTube video.*

*Essentially...Dad's first new car he bought right after he got married...was a Firemist Gold/Ivory 1955 Pontiac Starchief Catalina. This was the first car me and my Dad shared together. I searched for a year and a half, finally finding the car at Mecum at their Indianapolis auction in mid-May this year. I headed out with my good friend Kevin, won the car at auction for \$25,000, fully serviced the car at my good friends Snappy's automotive in Delaware, and delivered it to my Pops on Father's day this year. It was an Epic event, as my Pops met his new Great-Granddaughter Kacie and received his long lost Poncho. His first words as my Son Matthew drove up the driveway in the car... "You're not doing this!". I replied... "Too late Pops, it's yours." He loves it.*

*Attached are pics: B/W photo of me and my sister Shelly circa 1960 with "The Car" at the end of our driveway, a pic of me, my son Matthew and my Pops "Hap" with the car in his driveway, a pic of my Pops looking "lovingly" at his new car, and a professional shot of the car.*

*Enjoy! Here is link to Mecum/NBCSN clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQsmUAYFGkY>*



# Mike Berichon's 1966 Catalina Wagon



## Body Shop Horrors—Steve Scheaffer

Over the years my GM Muscle Car collection has expanded to six cars. It includes, a '64 GTO, a factory 4 speed '64 Lemans H.O., two '66 GTO's, a '65 Cutlass convertible, and a numbers matching, bench seat, 4 speed, '66 Olds 442.

I have done most of the mechanical work myself in my home garages. I rebuild engines, transmissions, brakes, steering, suspensions, electrical, etc. I had my rear ends set up by ABC Drivetrain in Lancaster, but I always installed them at home.

When it came to the interiors, I even installed my own carpet and door trim panels, etc. I had the seats professionally recovered and installed them at home. Rod at R&L Upholstery did the work and installed the headliners.

This brings me to my current project car, the '66 Olds 442. After rebuilding it mechanically and driving it to Good Guys and part of the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, it was time to do the necessary body work and paint to bring it up to show car standards.

In the past I have used 3 different body shops here in Lancaster, Ohio. Two of them said they had more work than they could handle. The third body shop said they were not doing anymore restorations because they take too much time. I took the 442 to a fourth shop that had previously done a major insurance repair for me. This was in October of 2014.

The current owner said "If you are looking for winter storage this is the wrong shop to bring it to." I thought I hit a home run. I reasoned with a little luck, the car would be in paint by Christmas. I gladly paid half down.

The first month they really went to town on it. They took it down to the bare body shell on the frame. All the sheet metal was taken down to bare metal. Some preliminary body work was done and then they stopped working on it.



## Body Shop Horrors—Steve Scheaffer

The excuses started. We are swamped with deer hits. We had a major wind storm and have a lot of tree damaged cars to repair. It is winter and we can't keep up with the wreck damage. Suddenly it is spring 2015 and no progress. Finally in July I took the loose sheet metal to another shop that doesn't do insurance work with the owner of the first shops ok. The new shop was going to use the same PPG primer so there would not be any incompatibility. Of course there was still no progress on the body shell. Finally on August 5th of this year I had had enough and towed the car out of there. It is now at my friend's garage that does not do insurance work. By the time you read this everything should be in primer, blocked, and ready for paint.

To add insult to injury, the car wouldn't start to drive it out to the rollback. It seems that someone had liberated all the gasoline. We took it to the local Sunoco on the rollback and filled the tank.

After I primed the carb, it fired right up. Then I asked for a partial refund because the car was not even close to half done. Did you see any money? Neither did I.

The car will be going back to one of the shops that painted one of my GTO's to be painted in their state of the art paint booth, PPG base coat, clear-coat.

For future projects I would suggest you stay away from a shop that specializes in insurance work. I hate to say it but there appears to be a big difference between production work and show car work. You will really also need to check the shop's references. If a shop will not accept a credit card something is wrong.



# Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **NOTE FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY:** Attention club members! The secretary will no longer be mailing club dues notices. Instead, you will receive an email and members owing club dues will be listed in the meeting minutes in the Paw Prints.
- ◆ **Fall Club Cruise will be October 24, 2015.** Come to the October meeting for more information and look for email information.
- ◆ **Colo's Classic Car Show (The Zoo Show):** The club will help with this show. Please look for email details on meeting place and help needed. At least parking help and perhaps judging help. Kevin Russo will contact Jeff Inskeep for information and pass it along. **NOTE** this show happens **BEFORE** our October meeting.
- ◆ Our club is co-hosting the Columbus Hot Rod and Custom Car Show in **January 2016**. All club members willing and able to help with the show are asked to keep January 21-24 open. We have flyers the size of large index cards to pass out if you want to help spread the word.
- ◆ If you need to renew or are thinking of renewing your **GTOAA membership, please do so** to ensure our club remains a valid GTOAA chapter with all the benefits of that status. There is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line.



## Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Susan and David Dorsch

# Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015 Meeting

President Ron Cozzo called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were, Kevin Russo, Brent and Becky Barham, Ron Cozzo, Austin Cozzo, Jeff Frazier, Brenda and Cody Ferguson, Susan and David Dorsch, Joe Block, Mike Shockley, Lonnie and Lynn McLaughlin, Max Treier, Kevin Landis, Rob Wilson, Jim Lowry, Brian Steffee, Ed and Carolyn Slone and Bob Gribbon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Shockley gave the Treasurer's report. Minutes were approved.

**Club Sponsor Search:** Haydocy was informed after our show. The search for a new sponsor has started. The process we will follow is that letters will be sent to perspective sponsors. Those wishing to be considered will submit answers to our questions and a grid will demonstrate what each prospect will bring to our club. Those prospects are Couglin in London, Dan Tobin in Dublin, Bobby Layman in Columbus, Sandoval in Gahanna, and Dennis in Columbus. The entire club will participate in the selection process based on those responses. We wish to complete this process quickly so that we can begin planning our Swap and Show.

**Lincoln Highway POCI Chapter Show in Bucyrus:** This will be September 12. Anyone wishing to coordinate a cruise up to the show should send an email out. Meeting place will be the Big Lots (AKA the McDonalds on 23). Ron Cozzo cannot organize as he had hoped due to prior commitment.

**2015 Club Picnic:** Will again be graciously hosted by Pam and Stan Farlow. Starts at noon and anyone wishing to watch the Buckeyes game are welcome to stay to do so. Bring your car if weather permits for a great club picture! Bring a desert or side. This year the club will pay for the picnic to thank the members for all the hard work on both our cruise-in and our show!

**Lebanon BOPC Show:** September 20, 2015. This show is hosted by the OVGTO club. They brought 6-7 cars to our show this year so we would like to reciprocate. Ron Cozzo will lead the caravan down. Meeting place will be the Pilot at 42 and 70 in West Jefferson @ 8am. Members were asked to email Ron if they planned on going but couldn't commit at the meeting.

**Summit Racing Hot Rod Show:** No new information. Again, members are asked to keep that Thursday through Sunday open (January 21-24, 2016) to help out. We will have a table there and any club members wanting to put their cars into the show will be free of charge. Kevin Russo will organize those. If you wish to bring your car to this event, please contact him (krusso\_sp@hotmail.com).

**Colo's Classic Car Show:** Kevin Russo will reach out to Jeff Inskeep to see what help is needed. Parking cars will be in order but Jeff mentioned he might need judging help too this year. Look for email with details.

Meetings held the 2nd Wednesday each month at a different location. Look here for more info.

**Members who have dues due in September** - Rick Farrell, Stan Farlow, Calvin Ferguson, Bob Gribbon, Mark Jones, Bill Sigg

**Members who still have dues due in August:** Brent Barham, Joe Block Sr., Cody Ferguson, Tom Frazier, Lance Hudnell, Larry Reeb, Michael Vedra, Barry Wear, Mark Willis

**Members who still have dues due in July:** Frank Block, Geoffrey Ludwig, Phil McCool, David Price.

**Members who still have dues due in June:** Shawn Rinehart

Please mail dues to Donna Landis, 58 Arlington Ave., London Ohio 43140

More minutes on the next page.....



# Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015 Meeting

**Help Twila:** The club will put together a team to help Twila put Bill's interior back together near the start of October. An email will have details

**December Meeting:** The club decided to meet this December due to the new sponsor search and planning for the swap meet as well as the support needed to man the Summit Racing Hot Rod Show.

**Fall Club Cruise:** A fall club cruise will take place the weekend of October 24, 2015. More information will follow in email and at the October meeting.

***Next Meeting and Location: October 14, 2015 will be at KEMBA Financial Credit Union Headquarters at 555 Officenter Place Gahanna, OH.***

The Hickory House Restaruant is across the parking lot. Meet there at 5:30pm for dinner. The meeting will start at 7pm. Kevin will let folks in and direct to them to the meeting room.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Joe Block 2nd by Brenda Ferguson

Submitted by Kevin Russo for Donna Landis, Secretary

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the 2nd  
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each month at  
a different  
location. Look  
here for more  
info.*







## ***Meeting Agenda - October 14, 2015***

- Treasurer's Report - Mike Shockley
- Club Sponsor Search - Ron Cozzo
- Club Picnic, Sept. 19 - Recap
- OVGTO show in Lebanon, Sept. 20 - Recap
- Mac Tools Oct 10 cruise-in - Recap
- Columbus Zoo Oct. 11 show Recap
- Summit Racing Equipment Hot Rod  
and Custom Car Show Jan 22-24, 2016
- Open Discussion
- Motion for Adjournment

# Calendar of Events

October 14, 2015

**Regular meeting 7pm @ KEMBA Financial Credit Union HQ \*\*\*NOTE LOCATION\*\*\*  
555 Officenter Place Gahanna, OH 43230.**

If you want to meet for dinner at the Hickory House, across the parking lot, meet there at 5:30pm. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm.

October 10, 2015

**Colo's Classic Car Evening Car Show @ Mac Tools building in Westerville**  
4pm-9pm

October 11, 2015

**Colo's Classic Car Show @ The Columbus Zoo**

The club will help at least park for this who be there at 7:30am. Look for email for meet up and breakfast details

October 24, 2015

**Fall Club Cruise**

More details to follow in email and at the October meeting.

October 31, 2015

**Happy Halloween!**



## OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Colo's Classic Car Show Evening</i>
11 <i>Colo's Classic Car Show (@ Zoo)</i>	12	13	14 <i>Club Meeting 7pm@ KEMBA</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Fall Club Cruise</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b> 

# For Sale

- ◆ DJ GTO Parts! Now your one stop shopping place for used and NEW GTO parts. If you know the part number, great, otherwise just let them know what it is you need! See Dan Gregory Jr. (or call 614-563-0877 or email [info@djgtoparts.com](mailto:info@djgtoparts.com)) for more information and options for taking delivery of your parts or visit their website at <http://djgtoparts.com/>. GTOACO members receive a discount!



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*Send in your items for sale to your Paw Prints Newsletter Editor  
(pictures welcome).*

*Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!*



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SPOUSE'S NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR, COLOR AND STYLE OF GTO (s) OR PONTIAC (s) CURRENTLY OWNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:

WRITE A SHORT STORY ABOUT YOURSELF, FAMILY, OCCUPATION, HOBBIES AND HOW YOU GOT INTERESTED IN GTO'S. IF YOU HAVE ANY PICTURES OF YOUR CAR SEND THOSE ALSO. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN A COLUMN IN THE PAW PRINTS FEATURING MEMBERS. IT IS A GOOD WAY FOR US TO BECOME AQUATINTED WITH EACH OTHER.



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Your chapter is an affiliated chapter with the GTO Association of America. You can join the National GTO organization, the GTOAA & receive the Golden Quill Award Winning publication, *The Legend*.

To Join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org)



**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mem #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES:**

*\$35.00/year for members in the USA, \$40.00USD/year for Canadian members, and \$50.00USD/year for all other international members. \$5.00 for associate memberships in the same family name (includes membership card, decal, and membership listing). There is a \$2.00 bank processing fee for applications paid by credit card.*

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