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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Right Stuff
- Proud Pontiac

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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

As I write this piece, our 2nd Annual Battle of the Brands cruise-in, our Summer Night 2 Cruise-In and our 32nd All Pontiac Indian Uprising are in the books! All our preparation and hard work wrapped up in a matter of a few weeks.

I want to thank Brian D'Amico for chairing, coordinating and putting on a great show for the Battle of the Brands! I want to thank Lonnie McLaughlin for co-chairing the Summer Night 2 Cruise-In with me! I want to thank Ron Cozzo for again chairing the All Pontiac Indian Uprising. Finally, if you came out and helped for any or all of these events, I want to personally thank you!

Without the help and coordination of the entire club, these events would never get off the ground. Sure we had issues with weather on the Summer Night 2, but the Battle of the Brands was a great success, doubling it's participants from last year!

I hope we can count on you all to help us out with these events next year and also with the upcoming Summit Custom and Hot Rod show in January.

This coming months marks the start of Autumn. The car season is winding down to it's conclusion. So don't waste any time and don't let those Great Ones you own sit in the garage! Get them out, drive them and

have some fun with us!

Coming up is our club picnic. Look for more news on this event in email, at the meeting and in the Paw Prints. This month the club will be caravanning to two neighboring clubs' shows in Akron and Lebanon.

Finally, the last big show of the year! Colo's Classic Car Show where we will help out again!

Enjoy this month's Paw Prints and I hope to see you soon at a meeting or event! On this month's cover is new member Ira Warfield's beautiful 05 GTO!

Have fun and stay safe!

—Kevin



Ira Warfield's 2005 GTO



GTOACO at The Right Stuff 2016



The GTOACO made a huge presence at the 2016 Goodguys and Arthritis Foundation Rev-Up party and cruise-in held at The Right Stuff in Westerville! 10 members and their cars were in attendance. Ron Cozzo's 64 got a Best of Show award while others got an award of excellence! It's great when the club gets out in force, enjoys the show and the company of each other! If you haven't gone out with us yet, try it! I promise that you'll love it!

Proud Pontiac by Steve Schaeffer

My '66 GTO is a barn find car. My brother, Michael, located it in a barn in Alexandria, Ohio. It was a rolling shell. But as verified by PHS, Pontiac Historical Services, it is a real Tri-Power 4 speed GTO. The car was completely disassembled, no drivetrain, and pieces and parts were scattered everywhere. It took my truck driver 3 trips to bring the car, the doghouse, and all the parts home. My foreman took one look at it and said, "It will never be on the street again." He was wrong.

I originally built a '70 Pontiac 455 H.O. 4 bolt main engine for it. I was running casting number 96 Pontiac heads with 2.11 intakes and 1.77 exhausts. I ran a complete Crane hydraulic flat tappet cam and kit. I also ran a Q-Jet carb on a stock Pontiac cast iron intake and Hooker Headers. The engine looked amazingly stock. At the drags people thought it was a 389.



I also built a M-20 wide ratio Muncie 4speed transmission for it. ABC Drivetrain in Lancaster, Ohio built a 3:31 12 bolt Posi rear end for the car. I also added South Side Machine Lift Bars and Air Lift air bags, along with gas shocks to the rear suspension.

I totally rebuilt the car from bumper to bumper in my home garage. Steering, suspension, electrical, fuel system, power disc brakes, with a vacuum canister, wheels and tires, etc. were all done at home. A few problems along the way were solved at B&J Garage in Lancaster, Ohio.

Rod at R&L Upholstery installed a complete parchment interior from Ames Performance Engineering. Young's Auto Body scuffed the dreadful faded orange paint that was on the car and put it in grey primer. That was after I came up with better doors, doghouse, deck lid and bumpers. A friend welded new metal into both quarters and repaired the rear wheel wells and the trunk floor.

I drove it to work and raced it at National Trail Raceway in Hebron, Ohio in primer for 5 years. On my first trip to National Trails they put me in street. When the car ran low 13's they threw me out. I had to get a scatter shield, drive shaft loop, blow up proof flywheel and clutch, and a Snell rated helmet before they let me race again. With the 3:31 gear I only go thru the traps at 4,200 RPM, but I can also cruise comfortably on the interstate.



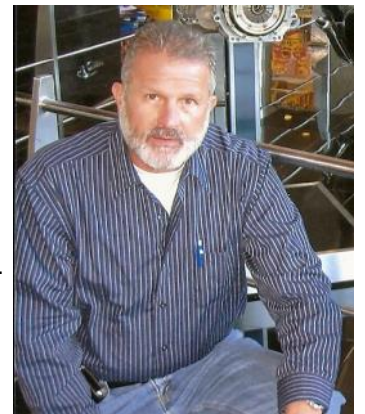
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After the car was painted a custom blue by Doug at River Valley Collision in Lancaster, Ohio I even drove it up to Detroit, Mich for the Dream Cruise several times. With a 3:31 gear you can cruise right with the traffic in the left lane on the interstates. With all the torque a Pontiac engine is famous for there is no lack of low end power. From 2,000 rpm to 6,000 rpm it will rip your head off.

I also had one of life's embarrassing moments racing my GTO. In 1995 the Popular Hot Rodding Nationals were held at National Trails. Naturally I had to race the GTO. I won all my rounds on Saturday and had to come back on Sunday for the finals. Of course I had to call all my buddies for Sunday's event. First round on Sunday I red lighted, I heard about it for years.

A couple of years ago I decided to build a fresh engine for the car. It had to be 100% pure Pontiac but with a modern touch. I built a 4 bolt main, Pontiac 421 engine with all the good stuff. I used a Pontiac Arma Steel crank, reconditioned Pontiac forged steel connecting rods, .030 over Pontiac 428 pistons, Comp Cam and kit, Edelbrock aluminum cylinder heads, Professional Products Crosswind intake, Edelbrock 750 carb, reworked Pontiac HEI distributor, Summit coated headers, Mellings 80 pound Super Duty oil pump, Double roller timing chain, etc. The end result is 511 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 558 foot pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Back in the 60's this would have been a killer race car, now it is a multi award winning street and show car. Over the years my Pontiacs have won drag racing trophies at Edgewater in Cleves, Ohio, Tri-State in Hamilton, Ohio, Kil Kare in Xenia, Ohio, National Trails in Hebron, Ohio, and Indianapolis Raceway Park. On the show circuit my Proud Pontiac has won awards at The GTO Nationals, The Ames Tri-Power Nationals, 1st place at The Indian Uprising in Columbus, Ohio, and several Best of Show awards at local shows, as well as many top 20- top 35 at local Car Shows and Cruise Ins.



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.*
- ◆ Our club will be co-hosting the Columbus Hot Rod and Custom Car Show in January 2017. Club members will be asked to help with this event. Look for more details here and at club meetings.
- ◆ 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!

- ◆ Bob Hoffman rejoins the club with his burgundy 67 GTO
- ◆ Ira Warfield of Columbus, OH with his black and beautiful 05 GTO

Meeting Minutes May 11, 2016



President Ron Cozzo called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Kevin Lands, Ron Cozzo, Kevin Russo, Dan Gregory, Austin Cozzo, Dwight Kilbarger, Rob Wilson, Bryan Steffee, Brent Barham, Jim Evans, Jim Lowry, Pam & Stan Farlow, Lonnie McLaughlin, Cody & Brenda Ferguson, Jeff Inskeep, Brad Blackburn, Mike Berichon, Ron & Donna Lands.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Shockley was absent from the meeting. Ron Cozzo gave the report. Brent Barham made the motion to approve the report 2nd by Kevin Russo.

GTO Nationals Seattle: Kevin Landis, Lonnie McLaughlin and Dan Gregory attended. Dan accepted the Tom Foster awards for his dad. He actually received the phone call from the GTOAA on Dan Sr.'s birthday. His acceptance speech is on the club website. Kevin Landis said there were a lot of nice drivers. His father-in-law received gold with his GTO. The club received a Bronze award and an excellence for the newsletter, social media and our website.

Big Walnut Grille & Jet's Pizza Battle of the Brands July 30th: What a great day! A HUGE thank you to Brian D'Amico. 146 cars. Good time by all. Tabulation and trophy presentation went better. Brain wasn't at the meeting so we will wake till next month and let him tell us about the show.

Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals August 5th-7th: Weather was nice. Congrats to Ron Cozzo for winning the Best GTO picked by the GTOAA. Ron also got 3rd place in his class. (huh? A bit inconsistent). Max Treier and Brian D'Amico also showed their cars. Ron not happy with their judging. Only took them 1 1/2 minutes to judge his car. Ron said there were about 600 cars including the display cars. Rob & Dwight found some good parts. Dan said he did well selling parts.

Cruise-In & August All Pontiac Show: Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st. At the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin. Kevin Russo informed us that we have booked more than our 20 rooms. Ron Cozzo had the trophies on hand for both days. Very Nice! Jeff Inskeep is making 200 dash plaques. Dash plaques are sponsored by DJ Auto Parts. Everything is ready. Lonnie is taking care of the band's needs. Kevin Russo has the lot mapped out. The club will be picking the top 30 cars on Saturday night. Need workers for both days. You don't need to work all day just a few hours. Please everyone step up and pitch in. This Sunday Dennis Auto will be running a full page add about our cruise-in and show and again the Friday before. So very thank full to our sponsor Dennis Automotive. There will be a club information table set up on Saturday night for the cruise. Club merchandise will be sold both days with a blowout sale on old items. Don't miss out!

Club Hats: Jeff Inskeep will have the hats at the cruise-in

Ohio Valley GTO Club Show Sept 11, 2016 Lebanon, Ohio: An e-mail will go out for time and meeting place.

Greater Ohio GTO Club Show Sept 18, 2016 Akron Ohio: An e-mail will also go out for time and meeting place

January 27, 28, 29 2017 Summit Racing Equipment Hot Rod & Custom Car Show: Cohosted by the GTOACO. There will be a club table, members will work the doors & help cars in and out.

Open Discussion: Club picnic. Stan Farlow reported that attendance has been down the past few years and suggested that we do a fall cruise/picnic. Everyone was in agreement that this would be fun. Rob Wilson and Stan are working on some places and will have an update at the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned: Brent Barham made motion to adjourn, Kevin Russo 2nd

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month
Dennis
Hyundia on
Morse Road.

ATT: MEMBERS!!!! ARE YOUR DUES DUE???????? ATT: MEMBERS!!!

DUES FOR SEPTEMBER—Rich Farrell, Bill Sigg.

DUES FOR AUGUST — Dan Bridenbaugh

DUES FOR JULY — Keith Stevens.

DUES FOR JUNE — Robert Burke, Brian D'Amico, Harry Mullins, Greg Butler

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



Meeting Agenda - September 14, 2016

- Treasurer's Report - Mike Shockley
- ◆ 2nd Annual Battle of the Brands , July 30th - Brian D'Amico
 - ◆ Sponsors response? Do it again? Schedule
- Cruise-In and All Pontiac Show, Aug 20th and Aug 21st
 - Comments / Improvements—Do the Cruise-In again?
- Ohio Valley GTO Club Show - Sept 11
 - Bill Delord Buick GMC, Lebanon, OH
- Greater Ohio GTO Club Show - Sept 18
 - Toth Buick GMC, Akron, OH
- GTOAA Regional, Pontiac, IL Sept 17 - 18
- Fall Cruise
- ◆ Summit Racing Equipment Hot Rod & Custom Car Show
 - ◆ January 27, 28, 29, 2017
- ◆ All Pontiac Swap Meet - March 18, 2017, Dennis Hyundai
- Open Discussion
- Motion for Adjournment

Calendar of Events

September 14, 2016

Regular Club Meeting 7pm @ Dennis Automotive 2900 Morse Rd Columbus, OH
5:30pm pre-meeting dinner @ Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill, 3939 Morse Crossing, Columbus, OH 43219

September 5, 2016

Happy Labor Day!

September 11, 2016

Ohio Valley GTO Association BOPC Car Show in Lebanon, OH (see flyer)
On The Rocks Fall Car and Bike Show Karric Square Dublin, OH

September 18, 2016

Greater Ohio GTO Association of America All Pontiac Show in Akron, OH (see flyer)

September 21, 2016

First Day of Autumn



SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>OVGTOA BOPC Show</i>	12	13	14 <i>Club Meeting 7pm@Dennis</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>GOGTOAA All Pontiac Show</i>	19	20	21 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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) for more information and options for taking delivery of your parts or visit their website at <http://djgtoparts.com/>. GTOACO members receive a discount!



- ◆ *I will rebuild your Muncie '64 to '74, or Borg Warner T-10, '57 to '65 or GM Super T-10, '75 to '81 4 speed transmission for \$375.00 including the following parts that are necessary to freshen up a worn, high mileage unit.*

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I also have new and used gears, cases, side covers, tail housings, etc. available.

Steve Schaeffer, Retired A.S.E. certified mechanic, Lancaster, 740-654-8959 or 740-215-0126.

I also build Ford Top Loaders '64-79 passenger car, overdrive and regular, as well as Chrysler A833 4 speeds. Parts on Ford and Chrysler transmissions are slightly higher.



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

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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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.



GTOAA Information

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*.

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Membership Application

Date: _____

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GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

GTO OWNERSHIP

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

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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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\$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.

CHECK / MO # _____

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make Check/Money order payable to GTOAA:

Mail signed Application to: GTOAA, PO BOX 455, Timnath, CO 80547

11th Annual Car Show



GMC

September 11, 2016

To be held at and sponsored by:

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Registration 9AM- Noon - Awards at 3PM

\$15 Registration Fee.

Awards Include Top 20,
Best of Show and various specialty awards

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT: Rotary Club International
& Shriners Hospital for Children of Cincinnati**

Show to be hosted by:
Ohio Valley GTO Association



For more info or questions visit www.ovgto.com
or Call Dave @ (513)617-6296 or Steve @ (937)902-4337



5th Annual



All Pontiac Car Show

September 18th 2016

Registration 9:00 am - Noon

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